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Exalted Ruler's Message

Happy New Year! What a December. It has been very busy at our Butler Elks. As you read the Tale, you will see the many activities. The rest of my term will also be busy, and I am glad that is so. I would like to personally thank all members who helped at the Children's Christmas Party, VA party, Tom and Jerry party, Memorial Service, Chili Cookoff, Bingo, birthday bash, etc. I have heard many compliments. Thanks again to all my volunteers who make my job easier. I have 3 months left as ER and I will continue to serve you, our members. Have a safe and happy New Year!

Fraternally, Jane Prokopchak - ER, PER

JANUARY HAPPENINGS

- Saturday, December 31st - 3 to 7 PM..... New Years Eve Party
- Sunday, January 1st - Noon to 8 PM Open New Years Day
Come on in and watch the Steelers play Cleveland! Kick-off 4:15
- Wednesday, January 4th - 7:00 PM..... Lodge Meeting
- Tuesday, January 10th, 3:30 PM..... Trustee Meeting
- Friday, January 13th - 8:00 PM to Midnight Karaoke w/Franco
- Wednesday, January 11th - 7:00 PM..... Wii Bowling
- Wednesday, January 18th - 7:00 PM..... Lodge Meeting
- Friday, January 27th 8:00 PM to ??? December Birthday Bash
Karaoke with George, Birthday Cake, food, and surprises
- Wednesday, January 25th - 7:00 PM..... Wii Bowling
- Thursday, January 26th - 8:00 PM..... Members Night
- Every Wednesday Morning 9:30 AM Bingo
- Every Monday from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM Monday Meals
- Every Friday..... Friday Munchies
- Saturdays at 9:00 PM Speedy Bingo
- Weekends..... Steelers Playoff Football

DAVE'S MONDAY MENU

- January 2nd No Meal - Happy New Year!
- January 9nd Braised Steak, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Mixed Vegetables, Cole Slaw, Roll and Butter
- January 16th Stuffed Pork Chop, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Succotash, Cole Slaw, Roll and Butter
- January 23rd Roast Beef, Parsley Potatoes, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Roll and Butter
- January 30th Baked Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Carrots, Cole Slaw, Roll and Butter

**All menus include desserts and coffee*

An **\$8.00** donation gets you a complete meal catered by Member **Dave Stehle** (Thompson's Country Market). Serving 6 till 7 PM.

KARAOKE NITE

Friday, January 13th - Karaoke by Franco: (8:00 PM - Midnight) Sing your favorite song, or just come and listen and enjoy the local entertainers. New singers always welcome!!!



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WEDNESDAY MORNING BINGO

Come on down to the Butler Elks on Wednesday mornings. Enjoy coffee, juice and donuts. Early Birds at 9:30 AM. Only at the Butler Elks. New players welcome. If you care to volunteer to help, it would be appreciated.



JANUARY BIRTHDAY BASH

Friday, January 27th, we will have a birthday bash to celebrate January birthdays. Karaoke with George, food and birthday cake. Lift a glass to toast our January birthdays! All members are invited. If you haven't attended this monthly party, you are missing a great time!



WEDNESDAY Wii BOWLING

Join us every other Wednesday opposite Lodge meeting nights for Wii bowling. Whether you've a "Wii Pro" or have never bowled, you'll fit in! First games start at 7 PM. Don't miss out on the fun!



POOL LEAGUE UPDATE

The First Half of the Monday Night Pool League was competitive all the way to the end. Three of the four teams were tied for first place going into the final week. **Carl Christofano, Mike Phillips, Larry Reges, Dave Zandier, and Dan Zarnick, Sr.** won four of their team's final five matches to capture the First Half Championship--Congratulations! Their team will play the Second Half winners in March for the season championship. Individual honors go to **Dennis Martin** who won 11 of 12 matches and to **Nick Parison, Mike Phillips, Dave Zandier, and Gary Zarnick** who each won 7 matches and were the only players above .500. As mentioned above it was a competitive half. The Second Half may be even more challenging. Rumors are circulating that the last place team has mandatory practices scheduled at an unknown pool room. BEWARE! The Second Half begins on January 2--- See you there.

Ron Frenchak, Chairperson

ENF AT 70% OF GOAL



Elks National Foundation

Thanks to all who contributed to the Elks National Foundation. So far **96** Members gave **\$2,346.00** to help us reach toward our goal of **\$3,300.00** for this Elks Year. And we're at 70% of the goal. There's still time for you to be added to this honorable role as a benevolent Elk supporting our charitable causes.

Dan Vernon, ENF chairperson

MEMBERS' NIGHT

Back to the regular schedule for members' night (the last Thursday of the month). Members' night will be Thursday, January 26th at 8:00 PM. As in the past we will feature specials and have some type of give - aways. Food, as always. Come on down, you will have fun.

COMING IN FEBRUARY...

- February 1st & 15th - Nomination and Election of Officers
- February 5th - Super Bowl Party,
- February 26th - West District Meeting at Butler Lodge, PER Night, Karaoke, Valentine's Day, Mystery Dinner Theater and more TBA.

BAKED GOODS NEEDED for MEALS

Butler Elks members are again supporting the Meals on Wheels in January by providing baked goods for this worthy cause. Please bring your baked goods to the Butler Elks, Saturday, January 7th. Ginger breads, angel food cake, cookies, breads of any kind, brownies, etc. NO NUTS OR ICING, PLEASE.

Thank you, **Ruth Raybuck** and **Nancy Goas**, chairpersons
"ELKS CARE, ELKS SHARE"

Your help needed...

Anyone with carpentry or painting skills or just plain volunteers to help with some much needed improvements for our Elks Lodge.



Please see ER Jane or any of our Trustees Jay, Dick, Shirley Perry or Ruth to volunteer.

Work will start in January.

Thanks in advance for helping to take care of your Lodge.

JANUARY MEETING NIGHTS

Wednesday, January 4th - 7:00 PM

Wednesday, January 18th - 7:00 PM

We will have two Elks Lodge meetings this month. The meetings are on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. The meeting on January 4th will be regular business and initiation of new members. The meeting on January 18th will be a regular business meeting. We also discuss many items of interest to our members and read communications (many thank you notes to the members of Butler #170). Plan on attending the January meetings.

PROPOSITIONS for MEMBERSHIP

Candidate	Proposer
Sam Courtney retired	Jay Frederick
Linda Wampler, Nurse	Aaron Wampler
Michael Wilczynski, System Analyst	Josh Taylor
Dennis E. Notareschi, Retired	Tom Smith
Darrell R. Pacoe, Excavating	Perry Chepelsky
Shana Stieler, Industrial Services	John Stiehler
Randy Montgomery, Construction	Kimberly Hughes
Gregory Weitzel, reinstatement	David Schmidt
Carol Cochenour, transfer from Cranberry Lodge	

If anyone knows of any reason why these candidates should not be considered for membership, please contact any Lodge Officer.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Butler Elks Initiated one new members in December.

Wyatt Webb

When you see him, please welcome them to our Lodge.

BUTLER ELKS OFFICERS 2011-2012

Exalted Ruler	Jane Prokopchak, PER
Leading Knight	Pat Brown, PER
Loyal Knight	William "Scott" Snow
Lecturing Knight	Rita Pennington Rehm
Secretary	John Prokopchak, PER, PDD
Treasurer	Dan Vernon
Chaplain	Cookie Cunningham
Inner Guard	Sherie Snow
Tiler	Patty Goepfert
Esquire	Judy Walliser, PER
Organist	Wayne Walliser, PER
Trustees	Jay Frederick, Ruth Raybuck, Dick Gardner, PER, Shirley Vernon, Perry Chepelsky

ELKS YOUTH HOOP SHOOT

The Annual Elks National Free Throw "Hoop Shoot" Foul Shooting Contest sponsored by the Elks Youth Committee will be held on Saturday, January 7, 2012 (Snow date, January 14th) at Center Township School Gymnasium. Girls and Boys who are ages 8 through 13 on April 1, 2012 are eligible to compete in this free throw contest. Registration begins at 10:30 am at the school with the Hoop Shoot beginning at 11:00 am thru 2:00 PM. Contestants can report anytime. (allow 30 - 45 minutes to participate) Scorers and rebounders volunteers are needed, so put on your sneakers and join us at Center Township School. Scorers, rebounders, etc. Those qualifying will then be invited to participate in the District Hoop Shoot which will be hosted this year by Coraopolis. Any questions, call **Ron Frenchak** (724-482-2663) or **John Prokopchak** (724-482-4501)

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Dec. 4, 2011 - Many showed up for this Service for our departed members. Thanks to **Judy Walliser** for chairing this program. Thanks to the officers. Also appreciation to **Dan Vernon** for preparing and reading the eulogies, **Ron Frenchak** for the flower service, and **Connie LeGrand** for singing.

DISTRICT VETERANS' CHRISTMAS

The 10 Lodges of the West District visited the VA Hospital bearing gifts of canteen books, playing cards, books, etc.



The group, Moonlighters, entertained and our own **Bill Scott** and **Patty Weiland** surprised and entertained the veterans as Mr. and Mrs. Santa. Our participating Elk members and guests walked around the auditorium shaking hands and wishing our Veterans a Merry Christmas. After the visit to the VA, a social gathering was held at the Butler Elks. We enjoyed Fraternalism and **Scott Snyder's** Sloppy Joes.

Wayne Walliser and **Dick Gardner** - Chairpersons

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Butler Elks Lodge Children's Christmas Party



How wonderful! Many volunteers to help, many kids and adults for the movie. Gifts and bags for those who attended were given out by Santa. Extra bags were donated to needy kids and. I thank everyone for helping me. I couldn't have done it without the help. I can't thank all in this column, but would like to thank

all who helped and **Bill Brown** (a.k.a. Mr. Claus), Thanks to the members who donated money and other items to enable us to have such a nice party for our kids. Wow! Sam's Club (**Dennis Tyra**) - Apples and oranges for all. **Rick and Joyce Titus**, candy canes. The names of the contributors are on the Christmas Plate Christmas tree on the side wall of the club. Thank you all! - **Jane Prokopchak**, Chairperson



2012-2013 DUES NOTICES & INFO

We've enclosed a special dues invoice statement with your lodge information as we have it, with an option to donate to our three major charities, and a pre-addressed envelope to return your renewal form and your check. Please take a few moments to review the information, make changes, and add anything that may be missing. The information from this form is used to post birthdays, anniversaries, and special information such as military service, Elks service and special notices on our Elks TV at the lodge.

PAY YOUR DUES, WIN \$100.00

For the second year in a row, our trustees have added an incentive to get dues paid before members become delinquent on April 1, 2011. On Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at our lodge meeting we will draw one name from all who have paid to that date and give out \$100.00. Then on March 17, 2011 at our "Harry Pepper" St. Patrick's Day Party we will draw another name for \$100.00 for all who have paid their membership. (Those that paid by February 15 have two chances to win!)



Dick Gardner, PER and Veterans' volunteer, welcome the Elks sponsored group Recreation to the Butler VA. Also pictured is Veteran **Abby Abraham**, survivor of the Bataan Death March and long time volunteer at the Butler VA, now a patient.

KEEP UPDATED ON ELKS TV



Check out the Big Screen TV at the Lodge for Birthdays, Anniversaries, and all Events that are provided for YOU, our fellow Elks. The messages give you "up-to-the-minute" info about our lodge and its activities. Birthdays and anniversaries are obtained from our records. If you don't see your anniversary or birthday on the screen, just let the Lodge Secretary know and we will to correct them for future postings.