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Incoming Exalted Ruler's Message

Dear Members,

I am very humbled and honored by the opportunity that has been presented to me to represent you as Exalted Ruler. It was 60 years ago (1952) that my father was elected to the same position. Although he is not here to see it, I'm sure he is watching and hopefully very proud to see this take place. I do remember how exciting it was for the family to go to the Elks for Sunday dinners and Friday night fish. The Elks Club at that time was a social center with dining, dances, members nights and more. The men wore tuxedos to the meetings and going through the "chairs" was a four or five year commitment. Ladies were not allowed in the bar, and had to sit in a lounge area where the men were allowed to take them drinks. No women would dare try to go to the bar and attempt to buy her own. I only mention this to point out how some things have changed.

One thing that has not changed is the Elk's commitment to each other and to the community. "Elk's Care and Elk's Share" is more than just words, it is a life style. Last year the Butler Elks Lodge donated more than \$30,000 to local charities. I only hope to continue the tremendous work of Exalted Ruler Jane Prokopchak.

If you have not been in the club for a while, please stop and see the improvements that have been made recently. Tiled floors have been stripped, ceiling tiles replaced, walls painted, Lodge room painted, a storage area built to make the Lodge room more functional, and new overhead lights added. The smoke eaters in the bar have had charcoal replaced and we have been told the bar area does not have that stale smoke odor anymore.

I would like to take a minute to recognize the people who through their hard work and dedication made this possible. **John and Jane Prokopchak, Rich Marchinoski, Tom Smith, Tom Chuba, Dennis Notareschi, Shirley and Dan Vernon, Perry Chepelsky, Don Leslie, Larry Garvin, Dick Gardner, Ruth Raybuck, Cookie Cunningham, Jack Pizor, Wayne and Judy Walliser** and a very special thanks to new members who led the painting effort prior to transferring to Butler, **J.C. Bowley and Dr. Mary Provance Bowley.**

As this is still a work in progress, if you would like to help in any way please notify a Trustee. Keep in mind, "Elks Care and Elks Share".

Fraternally, **Jay Frederick, ER**

Outgoing Exalted Ruler Message



Dear Members,

I thought I wrote my last letter as your ER. However, installation of Officers for 2012 – 2013 will not take place until Wednesday, April 4th. I will be turning over my Office as ER to the capable hands of Jay Frederick.

I wish to thank the many, many members who thanked me for serving as ER and doing a good job. That is the best reward an ER can hear. I was tempted to quit many times but I saw good things ahead for the Butler Elks with so many members volunteering their ideas and help. We have made many changes, come down and see for yourself. We cannot advance without change. Grand Lodge has made many changes as Butler #170 has. At Grand Lodge not all members agree with their changes and some members at Butler are slow to accept our changes. But they were necessary to make us the best Lodge possible (other Lodges agree).

We lost a great veteran / volunteer in **Abie Abraham** last week. The January newsletter featured him along with our Elks sponsored singing group, Recreation and PER **Dick Gardner.** Elks remember our Vets. I could go on and on about the good things that Elks do but you all know this.

I sincerely want to thank my Officers and the members of Butler #170 for making my year great. We contributed over \$30,000 from our Lodge to the needs of the community, Vets, those with developmental issues, youth, scholarship, etc. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

The achievements of an organization are the results of the combined effort of each individual - Vince Lombardi

Optimism is essential to achievement and it is also the foundation of courage and true progress. - Nicholas Murray Butler

Fraternally, **Jane Prokopchak, PER**

APRIL HAPPENINGS

- Wednesday, April 4th - 7:00 PM Lodge Meeting
Installation of Officers
- Friday, April 13th - 8:00 PM to Midnight..... Karaoke w/Franco
- Sunday, April 15th - noon West District Meeting
at Rochester Lodge
- Wednesday, April 18th - 7:00 PM Lodge Meeting
Initiation
- Friday, April 20th - 8:00 PM Members Night
Join in as ER Jay hosts his first members night
- Friday, April 27th 8:00 PM to ???..... April Birthday Bash
Karaoke with George, Birthday Cake, food, and surprises
- Every Wednesday Morning 9:30 AM Bingo
- Every Monday from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM..... Monday Meals
- Every Friday.....Friday Munchies and Evening Entertainment
- Saturdays at 9:00 PM Speedy Bingo
- Sundays..... NASCAR

Check out our Elks TV for dates and details on our many events and any that are not finalized by date of publication

COMING IN MAY...

- May 16th - 20th PA State Convention
Call Lodge Secretary John Prokopchak for details

DAVE'S MONDAY MENU

- April 2nd** BBQ Boneless Country Ribs, Potato Wedges, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Roll and Butter
- April 9th** Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Corn, Cole Slaw, Roll and Butter
- April 16th** Braised Steak, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Mixed Vegetables, Cole Slaw, Roll and Butter
- April 23rd** Stuffed Pork Chop, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Succotash, Cole Slaw, Roll and Butter
- April 30th** Lasagna, Garlic Sticks, Tossed Salad

*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. Great fellowship, great food!



KARAOKE NITE

Friday, Friday April 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!!!

APRIL BIRTHDAY BASH

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



MEMBERS' NIGHT

Members' night will be on Friday, April 20th at 7:00 PM. New ER **Jay Frederick** will host his first Members Night. Details are still being planned, but you can be guaranteed it will be a great night at the Butler Elks.

BECOME A FACEBOOK FRIEND

Butler Elks is on Facebook. If you would like to be a friend, send a friend request to Butler Elks. That is our name on Facebook. Check it out for upcoming events.

Scott Snow, Chairperson

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Wednesday, April 4th - Installation of Officers and "Meet the Officers" is planned is about a 7:30 installation during the new business part of the regular meeting, there will be a social before and after. Guests will be allowed to attend this part of the meeting. Come on down and support your new officers. ER Jane will present her awards and several PERs will install the new Officers. Meeting will start at 7:00 PM.

APRIL MEETING NIGHTS

Wednesday, April 4th - 7:00 PM

Installation of Officers

Wednesday, April 18st - 7:00 PM

Initiation of New Members

PROPOSITIONS for MEMBERSHIP

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Proposer</u>
Ronald Willison, Jr.	Rex Gibson
Laura Shaffner	Mike Wilczynski
Bill Shultz	Mike Wilczynski
Heather Serge	Cindy Skebe
Kasey Wilson	Cindy Skebe
Joyce Titus reinstatement	Rick Titus

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Zachery J. E. Smith

Brock Janoski

Gary Martin

Julie Wilczynski

Georgia Border

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



To Our Absent Members

WAYNE CLEVELAND

Born April 8, 1924- Died March 14, 2012- age 87
Life Member - 45 years

BUTLER ELKS OFFICERS 2012-2013

Exalted Ruler.....	Jay Frederick
Leading Knight.....	William "Scott" Snow
Loyal Knight.....	Cindy Skebe
Lecturing Knight.....	Linda Wampler
Secretary.....	John Prokopchak, PER, PDD
Treasurer.....	Dan Vernon
Chaplain.....	Sherie Snow
Inner Guard.....	Cookie Cunningham
Tiler.....	Sandy Burke
Esquire.....	Judy Walliser, PER
Organist.....	Wayne Walliser, PER
Trustees.....	Dick Gardner, PER, Shirley Vernon, Perry Chepelsky, Aaron Wampler, Ruth Raybuck (appointed until election)

FROM THE SECRETARY

Dues are continuing to come in. I have processed the dues to date and have given out or mailed the new cards. If you haven't received one and have paid give me a call at 724-482-4501 or e-mail me at johnpro@zoominternet.net. I will check your status. If you haven't included your anniversary date or military status and want them included in our events board, you can e-mail them and I will update your profile. I have added hundreds this year but some of you did not send the info. I have been really busy entering and updating our 700 members.

John Prokopchak, Secretary

FORGET TO PAY YOUR DUES?

No problem! You can mail your dues payment to the Lodge Secretary, or just drop in to the Lodge. Membership cards and new key cards are available at the bar.

Remember, members are considered delinquent after April 1st, so please pay as soon as possible so you can be eligible for our many activities and save us the time and expense of an additional notice.

2012-13 NEW MEMBERSHIP CARDS

New membership cards for those who have paid are now available at the Lodge. Please remember to sign your cards.

The PURPLE Key cards will go into u Sunday, April 1, 2012.

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS UPDATE

This is a reminder that the deadline for our Local Scholarship applications is **May 1, 2012**. These awards are for high school seniors who are attending college in the fall. Applications should be available at local high school guidance offices or at the bar of Butler Elks. We really appreciate Elk family entrants. Applicants do not have to be from the Butler Area. Any questions, call (724)822-0997. I will be happy to help.

Judy Walliser, Scholarship Chairman

WEST DISTRICT MEETING

The 338th meeting of the West District will be held on Sunday, April 15th at the Rochester Lodge. A District Deputy clinic is planned 12:00 noon with John Hudson outlining the 2012 - 2013 Grand Lodge programs, 1:30 PM will be officers meeting and 2:30 PM regular meeting. Light snacks will be served throughout the day. All members are encouraged to attend.

ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

Thank you all for attending our annual St. Patrick's Day Party honoring our departed member and community leader **Harry Pepper**. Green beads, hats, and funny glasses helped us all get in the mood for fun. Everyone's Irish on St. Patrick's Day. Five members were picked as the "most Irish" attendees. There was a sea of green and all were in the mood for a party. We had a great turnout and thank all for bringing food and for returning your green tickets to support our state charity, Home Services. The green raffle tickets gained over \$1,700 for the nurses to continue providing services to families of disabled children and adults throughout the State including Butler County. "Pay Your Dues Early" incentive winner was new member **Gary Martin**, who won \$100.00.



Newly appointed Home Service co-chairs **Mary Provance-Bowley**, **J.C. Bowley** and ER **Jane** ran the drawing and got donations from the members for Home Services. The winner of the \$1,000 bond was member **George Frost** and the member drawing was won by **Evie Stephens**.

Thanks to our outgoing Home Services Chairs **Jay Frederick** and **Cookie Cunningham** for all their hard work to raise the funds for the Home Services Nurses to continue the program, and Secretary **John** and ER **Jane** for keeping track of the drawing tickets.

Manager **Sandy Burke** and **Cookie Cunningham** planned well for the evening, including green beer and plenty of great food, many of which was prepared and donated by the members. **Ralph Pincek** and his band entertained us with some lively Irish and other music, along with some Elk singers to add to the fun. Bartender **Melissa Sherman** worked very hard to quench our thirst and prepare special drinks. Wow!, **do** Elks Care and Share!!

POOL LEAGUE RESULTS

The winning team of each half competed for the League Championship on March 26. Congratulations to **Aaron Wampler**, **Carol Shawgo**, **Nick Parison**, **Ron Frenchak** and **Dennis Martin**. Their team won all five matches to earn the crown. The traditional championship shirts will be presented along with individual and team prizes at the banquet on Tuesday, April 24, at 7:00 p.m. All previous playoff winners are encouraged to wear their championship shirt to the banquet. (If it still fits!!!)



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