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Exalted Ruler's Message

Dear Members,

As Elks we have all heard the eleventh hour toast. A line in that toast reads, "The Great Heart of Elkdom swells and throbs". I refer to this because at our April 4th meeting, the new officers were sworn in, individual awards were presented and the Butler Elks Lodge was throbbing. There seems to be a more positive atmosphere developing among membership. This attitude has been growing over the last couple of years. You can see it in the financial statement and you can see it with the amount of members participating in our activities. To the many well wishers all I can say is thank you, from all the Officers.

Attending the Installation and acting as Grand Lodge installers were many PER's. The list includes: **Lew Marra, Pat Brown, Joe Bailie, Dick Gardner, Rex Gibson, Jane Prokopchak, John Prokopchak, Judy Walliser, Wayne Walliser and Jon Campbell.** Thanks to all for a job well done.

PER **Jane Prokopchak** chose the following for her annual award winners. Elk Citizen of the Year, **Mike Franko**, Elk Member of the Year, **Sandy Burke**, Elk Officer of the Year, **Shirley Vernon**, Vendor of the Year, **Judy O'Donnell** of O'Donnell Distributor, Lodge Outstanding Service Recognition, **Perry Chepelsky**, Lodge Outstanding Service Recognition, **Judy Walliser**, Grand Lodge Outstanding Service Commendation, **Ruth Raybuck** and Grand Lodge Outstanding Service Commendation, **Dan Vernon.** Having worked closely with each of these Elks, I could not agree more with these choices. Congratulations to all.

Always keep in mind: *Elks Care, Elks Share.*

Fraternally yours, **Jay Frederick ER**

MAY AT A GLANCE...

Wednesday, May 2 nd - 7:00 PM	Lodge Meeting
	Nomination and Election of Replacement Trustee
Saturday, May 5 th - 9:00 AM	Road Cleanup
	Volunteers needed
Saturday, May 5 th - 3 to 7 PM	Cinco de Mayo
	Food, drinks, karaoke, fun!
Friday, May 11 th - 8:00 PM to Midnight	Karaoke w/Franco
Tuesday, May 15 th - 5:30 pm	Trustees Meeting
Wednesday, May 16 th - 7:00 PM	Lodge Meeting
	Initiation
Friday, May 25 th 8:00 PM to ???	May Birthday Bash
	Karaoke with George, Birthday Cake, food, and surprises
Sunday, May 27 th 3 to 7 PM	Memorial Weekend Music & Dance
	Music and Dancing with Jerry Johnston and Vanilla Soul Review
Monday, May 28 th - 8:00 PM	Lodge Closed
	Happy Memorial Day
Thursday, May 31 st - 8:00 PM	Members Night
	Join in as ER Jay hosts our members night
Friday, June 1 st - 8:00 PM	Epic Doo Woop Show
	Back by popular demand!
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

DAVE'S MONDAY MENU

May 7 th	Braised Steak, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Mixed Vegetables, Tossed Salad, Roll and Butter
May 14 th	Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Roll and Butter
May 21 st	Stuffed Pork Chop, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Succotash, Cole Slaw, Roll and Butter
May 28 th	NO MEALS! Happy Memorial Day!

*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!

LODGE CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY

Butler Elks Lodge #170 will be closed Memorial Day so that it's employees can spend the holiday with their friends and families.

CINCO de MAYO PARTY



On Saturday, May 5th, Butler Elks will celebrate Cinco de Mayo with tacos, nachos, Corona specials, margaritas, karaoke with George, and fun, fun, fun! Party starts at 3 pm with DJ George playing tunes and providing the karaoke music for the Fabulous Elks Singers (that would be you!) through 7 pm. Another don't-wanna-miss event at the Butler Elks!

KARAOKE NITE

Friday, Friday May 11th - 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!!!



MAY BIRTHDAY BASH

Friday, May 25th, we will have a birthday bash to celebrate May birthdays. Karaoke with George, snacks and birthday cake. Lift a glass to toast our May birthdays! All members are invited. If you haven't attended this monthly party, you are missing a great time!



DANCE and MUSIC with VANILLA SOUL

Join us Sunday, May 27th for a special afternoon of entertainment as we listen to the music of some of western PA's most talented musicians, our own **Jerry Johnston** and the Vanilla Soul Review.



Jerry and the gang will definitely entertain your "soul" and provide some beats to show off your dancing moves. Entertainment starts at 3 pm and continues through 7 pm. Don't miss it!

MEMBERS' NIGHT

Members' night will be on Thursday, May 31st at 7:00 PM. ER **Jay Frederick** will host the evening. Details are still being planned, but you can be guaranteed it will be a great night at the Butler Elks.

EPICS DOO-WOP SHOW

Back by popular demand! Friday, June 1st, starting at 8:00 PM, the Epics will return to Butler Elks. entertain you as they sing songs from the 50's and 60's. The show will be held in the bar area and a dance area will be cleared for those who want to cut the rug. Make your plans now for a great night of entertainment, no cover. Bring a friend.



PLCB RULES BRING CHANGES



Due to the changing Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board laws regarding the handing of our small games of chance income, it will be necessary once again to make sure we are in compliance with the new laws. As always, changes are sometimes hard to accept but with the harshness of the penalties, we have to insure we are in compliance. Please bear with us.

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

THANKS FOR VOLUNTEERING...

Elkdom is about volunteering. A special thanks goes out to the following members who helped make members night a huge success: **Cookie Cunningham, Shirley and Dan Vernon, Linda Wampler, Ruth Raybuck, Sandy Burke, Judy Walliser, and Cindy Skebe.** Great job done by all!

TRUSTEE POSITION OPEN

The election of **Jay Frederick** as our new ER has left an opening on our Trustee Board. If you are interested in becoming more involved in the Butler Elks, consider running as a trustee. Nominations and election will be held at our next regular meeting on May 2nd.

MAY MEETING NIGHTS

Wednesday, May 2nd - 7:00 PM

Nomination and Election of Replacement Trustee

Wednesday, May 16th - 7:00 PM

Initiation of New Members

PROPOSITIONS for MEMBERSHIP

Candidate

Larry F Priester, retired
Blaise A Hinterlang, steelworker

Proposer

Sim Hardy
Mark Smith

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Edith Marra **Bill Shultz** **Kasey Wilson**
Heather Sherge **Laura Shaffner** **Michelle Willetts**

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

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)

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 and new key cards are available at the bar.

Remember, membership renewals were due April 1st, so please pay as soon as possible so you can be eligible for our many activities.

Every member is important to our lodge. These members (as of April 24) may have forgotten to pay their dues. If you are their proposer or you know any of these members, please help us keep them "in the fold" by contacting them. Thanks.

Nicholas Angiolieri	Francine Graham	Darryl Master
Frank Ballina	Michael Graham	Craig Maxwell
Kelly Barnhart	Ralph Graham	Edward Nebel
Randall Barnhart	Dave Havrilesko	Bob Newcombe
Lawrence Barr	Arlene Hays	N Nilsson
Thomas Bell	Tiffany Hogan	Robert Nolan
Glenn Bollinger	Chris Hudson	Sharon Norris
Edith Byers	W V Huselton	Thaddeus Rajchel
Daniel Carey	Brock Janoski	Bill Scott
John Cuda	Lisa Johns	Justin Simons
Andrew Cygan	David Johnston	Bruce Staff
Joseph Davidson Jr	Michael Keefer	Joann Stevenson
Frank Davis	David Kiskadden	Ted Swartzlander
Sam Day	Robert Kowalski	Adam Timko
Lisa Diefenbach	Daniel Laidlaw	David Trainor
John English	Stephen Littlejohn	Grace Valunsky
Trina English	Edward Lucas	Arleen Varan
Michael Fabrizio	Patricia Lunsford	Gregory Weitzel
Patricia Goepfert	Geno Mariotti	Alan Zediker

ROAD CLEAN-UP DAY



Our semi-annual Road Clean-up Day is Saturday, May 5th. This is our 10th year of participation in this community service event. We will meet at Community Care Connections in Mount Chestnut at 9:00 am for coffee and donuts beforehand. Our area of responsibility is US Route 422 between Mt. Chestnut and PA Route 488. It takes about 2 hours of your time. Call me if you're available to help at 724-822-0996. The more, the merrier!! Working clothes and shoes are a good idea. Gloves and vests will be provided.

Wayne Walliser and **Dick Gardner**, Chairmen

POOL LEAGUE WRAP-UP

The winning team members were presented the traditional Championship shirts at the awards banquet on April 24. Congratulations to Dennis, Ron, Nick, Carol, and Aaron. Their team photo will soon hang on the "Wall of Fame" along with the champions of previous years. This is the 10th year that shirts have been awarded. See if you can recognize one of the players in the 2003 photo. He is still playing and trying to win his second shirt. Good luck next year, Skip. The top individual shooters for the season were: Level 1-Dennis Martin, Level 2-Mike Phillips, Level 3- Jim Schoeffel. Look for information about next season in the August Elks Tale. New players are welcome to join the league.

Ron Frenchak, Chairperson



Butler Elks Lodge #170 Awards
Mike Franko Citizen of the Year
Sandy Burke Elks of the Year
Shirley Vernon Officer of the Year



Butler Elks Lodge #170 Special Awards
Ruth Raybuck
Judy O'Donnell
Judy Walliser
Perry Chepelsky
Dan Vernon

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