



THE ELKS TALE



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Exalted Ruler's Message

Dear Members,

On Thursday June 14th we had our annual Flag Day presentation. What a great experience! **Will Guiteau** did a wonderful job in his narration of the history and progression of the Flag from the original thirteen colonies to the present. Great job Will. In conjunction with the Flag Day ceremony **PER Judy Walliser** presented our annual scholarship winners their checks and **PER Jane Prokopchak** presented our Americanism award winner. If you watch enough news broadcasts you may think that there is little hope for our nation's future. However, had you attended the presentations and seen and talked to the award winners you might just change your mind. From my conversations with them, these young people are intelligent, focused, have very high ideals, lofty goals and are mature beyond their years.

Also, on Saturday June 16th we had our annual "MoJo" golf tournament. A good time was had by all. Ninety nine golfers participated and enjoyed a beautiful summer day at Oakview Golf Club, after which we were treated to a steak dinner at the Elks. Head chef, **Al Moon**, outdid himself and to his credit, was able to make it home in time to get his "jammies" on by seven o'clock.

Thank you to all who worked tirelessly to make these events possible. A special "thank you" to **Cookie Cunningham** for the many hours and headaches she endured to make the "MoJo" a success.

Don't forget we're still looking for volunteers for the Elks Picnic. It is scheduled for August 25th. If you haven't donated any time to an Elks function recently, this would be a tremendous opportunity to do so.

Fraternally, Jay Frederick

JULY AT A GLANCE...

- Wednesday, July 4th..... **No Lodge Meeting**
Meeting moved to July 11th
- Tuesday, July 10th - 5:30 pm..... **Trustees Meeting**
- Wednesday, July 11th - 7:00 PM..... **Lodge Meeting**
- Friday, July 13th - 8:00 PM to Midnight**Karaoke w/Franco**
- Thursday, July 26th - 8:00 PM**Members Night**
Join in as ER Jay hosts our members night
- Friday, July 27th 8:00 PM to ???.....**June Birthday Bash**
Karaoke with George, Birthday Cake, food, and surprises
- Saturday, August 25th**Annual Family Picnic**
volunteers needed!!!
- 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**

MEMBERS' NIGHT

Members' night will be on Thursday, July 26th 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.

DAVE'S MONDAY MENU

- July 2nd** Fried Chicken, Potato Wedges, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Rolls/butter
- July 9th** Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Mixed Vegetables, Tossed Salad, Rolls/butter
- July 16th** Stuffed Pork Chop, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Succotash, Cole Slaw, Rolls & Butter
- July 23rd** Lasagna./Meat Sauce, Tossed Salad Bread Stick
- July 30th** Roast Beef Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Rolls/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. Great fellowship, great food!

KARAOKE NITE

Friday, July 13th - Karaoke by **Karaoke with Franco** (8:00 PM - Midnight) Hear Linda sing her famous Friday the 13th song – Superstition or Black Cat on a Fence.



JULY BIRTHDAY BASH

Friday, July 27nd, we will have a birthday bash to celebrate July birthdays. Karaoke with George, snacks and birthday cake. If you have a July birthday come on down. All members are invited. Great time guaranteed!

BINGO EVERY WEDNESDAY

Come on down to the Butler Elks on Wednesday mornings. Enjoy coffee, juice and donuts along with many surprises. Early Birds – 9:30 AM. Only at the Butler Elks. New players welcome. 4 Early Birds, 10 regular games, Magic Number game, Big-E game, Jackpot coverall, horse race game and a good time with fun people.



Wayne Walliser, Chairman

AUGUST SUMMER EVENT

Saturday, 08-25-12 **Elk's Member & Family Picnic**

Mark your calendars for our Butler Lodge's most popular event. Fun activities are scheduled for all ages. Pop will be provided for the kids and "everybody's favorite" for the adults to wet their lips, too! Please remember to bring in a prize of some sort (old gym sox, last year's unwanted Christmas gift, whatever floats your boat) - wrapped up for the popular White Elephant Auction to benefit our Elks charities.

The committee is searching for volunteers to help with set-up, cooking, running activities and clean-up. If everyone would give a little time, everyone can enjoy the day. Watch for more details in the August Elks Tale and on the Elks TV at the lodge.

JULY FOOD DRIVE

Butler Elks are designating July as "Feed the Needy" Month. We always think about the needy at the holidays and open our pocketbooks to help them during the winter months. But food banks provide much needed service of feeding the unfortunates in our community 52 weeks a year.

ER **Jay Frederick** is asking each benevolent member to bring in a can of food or drop a dollar in the jar at the door each time you stop in the Lodge during the month of July.

We have also designated \$500.00 from our ENF Gratitude Grant for this worthy cause. Elks Care! Elks Share!

JULY MEETING DATE CHANGED

Wednesday, July 11th - 7:00 PM

Changed from July 4th

As per Grand Lodge Statutes if a regular Lodge meeting falls on a Holiday the meeting may be changed to the following week. We have been notified by DDGER **John Hudson** that dispensation to change has been granted. The July 4th meeting has been rescheduled for Wednesday, July 11th at 7:00 PM. There will be only one meeting in July. At this meeting we will have the official visit from **Pat Liersaph**, DSVP, with a message from State President **Kevin Brouse** and the hearing of the suspension appeal by Member **Susan Canney** along with regular business.

PROPOSITIONS for MEMBERSHIP

Candidate

Christopher Bellis, Teacher

Proposer

James Bellis

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Ron Willison

Zachary Smith

Sean Farnham

James Murray

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



To Our Absent Members

PETER A. BARTOLI

Born September 11, 1923 Died June 15, 2012- age 88
Life Member - 58 years

BUTLER ELKS OFFICERS

2012-2013

Exalted Ruler	Jay Frederick
Leading Knight	William "Scott" Snow
Loyal Knight	Cindy Skebe, PER
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

LIVING PAST EXALTED RULERS

Albert M. Lauffer	Harold L McKindree
Donald O. Oesterling	Allan I. (Bud) Daum
Lewis C. Marra	Jon W. Campbell
Thomas T. Braden	William P. Pickett
Thomas J. Jameson	Paul Mitchell
Joseph T. Bailie	Robert E. Boice
Fred J. Graff	Richard L. Gardner
Charles G. Cranmer	Rex L. Gibson
Dale Swidzinski	Terry Braden
John R. Prokopchak	*Joseph Pennesi
Wayne L. Walliser	Michael McGraw
Ryan E. Miller	Cynthia Skebe
Jane E. Prokopchak	Judy Walliser
Patrick Brown	**Joseph Logue
*Joe Pennesi is a member of	Fredericksburg, VA Elks.
**Butler Member Joseph Logue was ER of another Lodge	

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

ER Jay Frederick has appointed the following members to chair the committees of the Butler Elks Lodge #170

Accident Prevention -	Dick Gardner, PER
Americanism -	Jane Prokopchak, PER
Business Practices -	Dan Vernon
Drug Awareness -	Rita Pennington
Government Relations -	John Prokopchak, PDD
Home Services -	James C. Bowley
	Mary Provance-Bowley
Hoop Shoot -	Ron Frenchak
Legacy Trust -	Dick Gardner, PER
Lodge Activities -	Shirley Vernon
Membership -	John Prokopchak, PDD
Memorial -	Judy Walliser, PER
National Foundation -	Dan Vernon
	John Prokopchak, PDD
National Home	Donald Oesterling, PSP
Public Relations -	Dan Vernon
Ritualistic -	John Prokopchak, PDD
Scholarship -	Judy Walliser, PER
Soccer Shoot -	Aaron Wampler
State Association -	Jane Prokopchak, PER
Training Officer -	Jay Frederick, ER
Veterans' Service -	Lou Gacek
Youth Activities -	John Prokopchak, PDD

AUGUST IS GOLD BLUE & RED MONTH

Our Home Services fund raising committee will be starting our annual Gold, Blue and Red Fund Drive on August 1st. (Gold Club - donation of \$50.00 or more, Blue Club - donation of \$25.00 to \$49.00, Red Club - donation of \$10.00 to \$24.00). As you are aware this is our major fund raising program that supports the Home Service Nurses.

Look for your letter from **J.C. and Mary Bowley**, Co-chairs of this great cause in next month's Elks Tale.

GRAND LODGE CONVENTION

Delegates to the 148th Grand Lodge Session in Austin, Texas, on July 1-5, 2012, will be asked to vote on whether to approve a shortened version of the Ritual to open and close regular Local Lodge meetings.

Revised Opening: 1 minute, 30 seconds Present: 15 minutes

The shortened form Ritual shall be optional with a By-Law change of the Local Lodge.) (The Esquire shall examine the members' membership cards at the door(s) of the Lodge.) (The Altar shall be pre-arranged by the Esquire as prescribed in the general instructions.) (The Exalted Ruler assumes his/her station and by sound of the gavel calls the Lodge meeting to order. There upon, the light is turned on the Star.)

Revised Closing: 55 seconds Present: 5-1/2 minutes

DELETE:

1. Remarks and charge of Inner Guard
2. Closing remarks of Exalted Ruler
3. Hailing sign
4. Remarks of Esteemed Lecturing Knight
5. Remarks of Esteemed Loyal Knight
6. Remarks of Esteemed Leading Knight
7. Remarks of Esquire
8. Removing emblems from the altar by the Esquire
9. Singing "God Bless America"

Revised: 15-20 minutes Present: 45-50 minutes

{INITIATION) (Any Local Lodge desiring to do so may utilize the services of a drill team to be composed of Members of the Local Lodge or of another Lodge. (Prior to the beginning of the ceremony of Initiation, the Secretary shall require each candidate pay the balance of the Initiation fee and dues for the current period.)

(Obligation remains the same but the Knights' and Esquire's charges are shortened.

(Prior to the beginning of the ceremony of Initiation, the Lodge Esquire shall bring in the Candidate(s) and line them in front of the Altar. All Lodge Officers shall be at their respective stations.)(Smoking is positively prohibited during Initiation.)

Full details are posted on the Butler Elks bulletin board

CONGRATULATIONS...

...and cudos to Carl Littlejohn, Butler Elks member, who will be inducted into the U.S. Army Rangers Hall of Fame at Fort Bentor on July 12th. Carl is a Vietnam War veteran and retired Butler JROTC instructor.

...to Dwight Crowe on a "hole-in-one" at Oak Tree Golf Club.



Scholarship winners and Americanism Essay winner pose with proud Exalted Ruler Jay. Over 80 people attended to see a wonderful Flag Day ceremony.



Pictured is Elks Americanism Essay contest Lodge and District winner and second in the State, Katie Faulk. Included in the picture taken at the Flag Day ceremony are Grandparents of Katie, John and Jane Prokopchak. Also included are ER Jay and Josh Taylor, co-chair of the Americanism Committee.