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Exalted Ruler's Message

Dear Members,

Believe it or not, summer has come and is almost gone, fall is fast approaching. We've had our summer break and it's time to get refocused on our mission as Elks. The food drive is going well, if you haven't yet donated its not to late. Bring a can or more of food or drop a dollar in the donation jar at the door. This is the time of year that the food banks run low on supplies and each and every donation is truly appreciated.

Football season is almost here and there is no better place to watch the games than our Club. Five big screen TV's ensure that if your game is televised, you can see it at the Elks. Zelda Wilbert has offered us a CD entitled "The Chief". It is the Art Rooney story and we will be showing it in October prior to a Steeler game. Date and time to be announced.

Don't forget, September 7th at 2 pm we will be honoring our Elks of 50 or more years. Stop at the Club and say congratulations and lift a glass in their honor.

On Saturday, September 23rd we will be visited by District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, Walter (Butch) Wiczorek, Jr.

There will be a District Deputy Clinic offered and all officers are encouraged to attend. Come out and welcome Butch and the officers from the other West District Lodges and show them why Butler is the "Best in the West".

Fraternally yours, Jay Frederick, ER

NEW FALL GRILLE ROOM HOURS

The Butler Elks Lodge will open at noon on Saturdays and Sundays starting September 1st.

LABOR DAY HOURS

The Butler Elks Lodge will be open Labor Day, September 3rd from 2 PM to 9 PM.

DAVE'S MONDAY MENU

- September 3rd **LABOR DAY** - No Meals
- September 10th Braised Steak, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Cole Slaw, Rolls/butter
- September 17th Stuffed Pork Chop, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Veggies, Cole Slaw, Rolls & Butter
- September 24th Lasagna, Bread 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.

SEPTEMBER AT A GLANCE...

- Monday, September 3rd - Labor Day Lodge will be OPEN
- Wednesday, September 5th - 7:00 PM..... Lodge Meeting
Initiation of New Members
- Thursday, September 6th 8:00 PM..... PER Meeting
Reorganization of the PER Association
- Friday, September 7th - 2:00 PM..... Member Honor Celebration
Honoring our life members of 50 years or more
- Friday, September 14th - 8:00 PM to Midnight Karaoke w/Franco
- Monday, September 17th 7:30 PM Pool League Draft and Practice
- Tuesday, September 18th - 5:30 pm Trustees Meeting
- Wednesday, September 19th - 7:00 PM..... Lodge Meeting
DDGER Official Visit
- Sunday, September 23rd.... West District Meeting at Butler Lodge
District Deputy Clinic-12:30 PM, ER Meeting-1:30 PM, Regular Meeting-2:30 PM
- Monday, September 24th 7:30 PM Pool League
First Night of Competition
- Wednesday, September 26th - 7:00 PM..... Wii Bowling
Practice night and registration for league
- Thursday, September 27th - 8:00 PM Members Night
Join in as ER Jay hosts our members night
- Friday, September 28th - 8 PM to ? September Birthday Bash
Karaoke with George, Birthday Cake, food, and surprises
- Saturday, September 29th - 9:00 AM..... Road Clean-Up
- 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..... STEELERS SUNDAY

MEMBERS' NIGHT

Members' night will be on Thursday, September 27th 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.

SNOW BIRD WINTER ADRESSES

Make sure you let Lodge Secretary know of your winter address so you don't miss any mailings. Call Lodge Secretary John Prokopchak at 724-482-4501 or email at JohnPro@zoominternet.net with address and effective date.

KARAOKE NITE

Friday, September 14th - Karaoke by Franco 8:00 PM - Midnight. Stop in and hear the famous Elks singers belt out their favorite tunes. More singers always welcome!



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY BASH

Friday, September 28th, we will have a birthday bash to celebrate September birthdays. Karaoke with George, snacks and birthday cake. All members are invited so come on down even if you don't have an September.



MEETING NIGHTS

Wednesday, September 5th - 7:00 PM

Initiation of New Members

Wednesday, September 19th - 7:00 PM

DDGER Official Visit

BY-LAWS/HOUSE RULES REVIEW

Elks Grand Lodge Statutes require us to review and update our by-laws every 5 years. We are in our 5th year and it is suggested we start the review and comply with changes made by Grand Lodge, There local by-law and house rules changes are subject to Lodge vote and approval of the Judiciary Committee. House rules should be least restrictive but necessary.

If you have any suggestions for changes please put them in writing and submit them to the Secretary for consideration by the committee by September 8th.

Dick Gardner, PER, By-laws Committee Chairman

WEST DISTRICT MEETING

The 356th meeting of the West District will be held on Sunday, September 23rd at the **Butler Lodge**. This meeting will feature the official visit of our State President **Kevin Brouse**. **DDGER Walter Wieczorek** will be conducting his first District Deputy Clinic at 12:30 PM. The Exalted Rulers and Leading Knights will meet at 1:30 PM and the regular meeting follows at 2:30 PM. Refreshments will be served throughout the day. Committees' reports will be heard and the 10 Lodges of the West will discuss their strengths and weaknesses. All Elks are invited to attend this informative meeting. **Business casual attire is requested.** Hors' d'ourves are needed at 12:00 Noon. Let us know if you can bring them (724-482-4501) or call the Elks (724-287-4077)

PER ASSOCIATION REORGANIZES

We are reorganizing the **PER Association** to help with the Lodge. The first meeting will be **Thursday, September 6th at 8:00 PM**. All interested PERs are invited to discuss how we can support ER Jay in his efforts to keep Butler #170 "The Best in the West."



FALL CONVENTION IN CRANBERRY

The **Fall Convention** of the Pennsylvania Elks State Association will be held **October 11-14, 2012** at the **Marriott in Cranberry**. A full schedule of events, business sessions, and clinics in addition to free time to enjoy yourselves are on the agenda. There will also be committee progress reports, awards, and state committee meetings. Seminars being planned that we feel will be of interest to you.

In addition, we will be honored by the official visit of the Grand Exalted Ruler, the **Honorable Thomas Brazier** and his wife, **Venita**. This will be a great opportunity to meet him and to show him what the Elks of Pennsylvania are doing to carry out our mission of service. Information is posted at the Lodge or call **Secretary John** for more information (724-482-4501).

DRUG AWARENESS

Thanks go to **Rita Pennington-Rehm** for setting up the Butler Elks Drug Awareness display at the recent Brian Ellis Community Day. She and her committee (**Jane Prokopchak, Sherie Snow, and Scott Snow**) handed out drug awareness materials to about 200 parents, community members and kids. If we can help only one to stay away from drugs it is worth the effort. Elks Care – Elks Share. a "Beacon of Light" Rita also donated from the Elks a door prize of a \$15 gift card and a soccer ball.



PROPOSITIONS for MEMBERSHIP

Candidate	Proposer
Thomas Pringle , supervisor	John Pringle
Bill Schiebel , reinstatement	Rich Marchinoski
Cathy L. Lesney , retired	Bernie Klann
Wilde Paule , financial advisor	Chuck Bodeshiem

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Chris Bellis Daryl Doss Jon Bowen
Robert Gerstner Mike Biggs Jackie Slater

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



To Our Absent Members

*The Places that have known him,
Shall know him no more;*

*But his virtues are written upon the tablets of love and memory,
To our absent member...*

GLENN AHRENS

Born June 10, 1928 Died August 9, 2012- age 84
Life Member - 37 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

HONORING FIFTY YEAR PLUS

On Friday, September 7, at 2 pm, the Butler Elks will be honoring our Members who have attained the 50 year or longer anniversary as Loyal Elks. Many of these Members don't get into the Elks much anymore for various reasons. However, whether they are visible in the Lodge or not, Elks are "Never Forgotten, Never Forsaken." These are the Members who got the job done before us, many having held positions within the Lodge or acted as Trustees.

Our Membership stands at approximately 680 members. The number of 50 year and above Members is 68. Ten percent of our Membership has been with us for that extended period of time. What a testament to the Loyalty of our Brotherhood and the quality of the Members we attract.

While there will be no formal program, we will be offering a light lunch and an opportunity to renew acquaintances with these Brother Elks. We will also be awarding membership pins commensurate with their years of loyal devotion.

All Elks Members are invited to stop at the Club and renew our past friendships and forge new ones.

Jay Frederick, ER

GOLD, BLUE & RED MONTH A SUCCESS

Our Home Services fund raising committee designated August as Gold, Blue and Red Fund Drive Month. (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).

J.C. and Mary Bowley, Co-chairs of this great cause, are please to announce that we raised over **\$3,000.00** for this major fund raising program that supports the Home Service Nurses. Thank you for your generosity. If you missed giving, it's not too late. Just mail it to the Lodge Secretary.

FOOD DRIVE DONATION CONTINUES

Butler Elks has shown that "Elks Care! Elks Share!" through it's "Feed the Needy" food drive. 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.



During the months of July and August, ER **Jay Frederick** asked 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.

It's still not to late to contribute. We'll donate the goods and funds later in the month. We also designated \$500.00 from our ENF Gratitude Grant for this worthy cause. Elks Care! Elks Share!

PERPETUAL ACTION!

Have you ever thought about honoring or memorializing a special friend or family member? The PA Elks Legacy Trust Fund can do it forever. The earnings of this fund are used to support our State "Major Projects", Home Services Nurses' Program when donations are down or expenses are up. Just select the form of your choice and mail

**USE THIS SIMPLE PRINT-OUT TO START
OR CONTINUE YOUR LEGACY TRUST FUND PLEDGE
OR ONE TIME DONATION (Tax Deductable)**

Name: _____

Lodge: Butler Lodge #170

Address: _____

City, State & Zip Code: _____

Making a one time donation of: _____

or Pledge _____-\$100 @ \$20 x 5 years – Silver Pin

Making my donation in Memory of: _____

Making my donation in Honor of: _____

Make your check payable to 'Pennsylvania Elks Legacy Trust Fund, P.O. Box 1255, Somerset, PA 15501'
(form available at the Butler Elks)

Fraternally, Dick Gardner, Chairman



POOL LEAGUE STARTS

Put away your golf clubs and get out your cue stick! Opening night for the Monday Night Pool League is on September 24. The sign-up sheet for the league is posted on the bulletin board in the pool table area. September 10th is the last day to register. If you are unable to come into the Lodge to sign the sheet or if you have any questions, you may call **Ron Frenchak** (724 482-2663) or **Carol Shawgo** (724 285-7187).

New players are encouraged to join the league. You must be a member of Butler Lodge #170. Everyone is invited to witness the "draft" at 7:30 on September 17. The teams will be aligned using the pool pills. Opponents are matched up according to their skill level. It will be a fun evening and a great opportunity to get some practice before the real competition begins on September 24.

We will use the same format as last year. All games will be 8-Ball. The first player to win two games of the match will be awarded one point for their team. Individual game wins will also be recorded for each player and totaled for the end-of-season prizes.

WEDNESDAY WII BOWLING

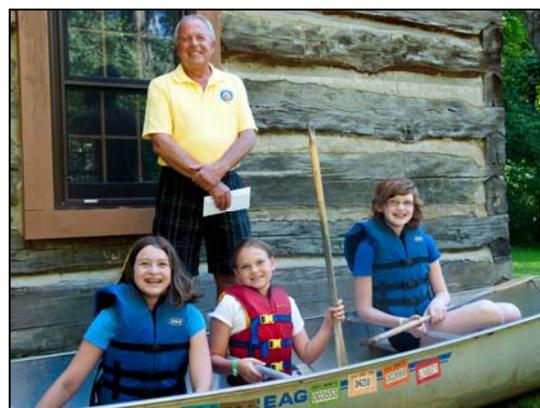
Join us every other Wednesday opposite Lodge meeting nights for Wii bowling. Whether you've a "Wii Pro" or have never bowled, you'll fit in! Practice night starts September 26th at 7 PM. Don't miss out on the fun!



ROAD CLEAN-UP SCHEDULED

Our semi-annual Road Clean-up Day is Saturday, September 29th. Meet at Community Care Connections in Mount Chestnut at 9:00 AM for coffee and donuts beforehand. We clean-up Rt. #422 between Mt. Chestnut and Route #488. It takes about 2 hours of your. Call me if you're available to help at 724-822-0996. The more, the merrier!! This activity is a joint venture with Community Care Connections who provide an office for our Home Services Nurse, Ricki Hood. Working clothes and shoes are a good idea. Gloves and vests will be provided.

Wayne Walliser and Dick Gardner, Chairpersons



Exalted Ruler Jay Frederick poses with Girl Scouts from Camp Redwing where he presented a check for \$500.00 to help purchase canoes and equipment. The donation was funded by our ENF Gratitude Grant.

ELKS ANNUAL PICNIC - Saturday, August 25th



Cookie, Shirley, Melissa and Mary help in kitchen



Richie checking out the corn after cooking it.



Bingo fun!



The great food spread!



Mark, Pat and Frank enjoy a beverage



Perry helping with the food



Sam, ER Jay, Arlene and Paul



Aaron, Josh and Frank man the grill



Scott and Cookie raise \$653 for Home Services with the White Elephant Auction

starting Saturday, September 1st

Open at Noon

New Saturday and Sunday Fall Hours

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