



# THE ELKS TALE



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## Exalted Ruler's Message

Dear Members,

*In writing this, my final ER message, many feelings emerge. I am sad to be leaving after being so involved with our Butler Elks. But I am also glad to leave my duties to such a great core of Officers and Staff.*

*Congratulations to all and I feel everything will continue on the upscale with new ER Jay Frederick and all involved working with him. To the members – may your continued support of Jay help him to attain his goals as you did mine. Thanks (a big one) to all who helped in attaining goals of the Lodge and the Club. I thank also all the Members who graciously donated their time and expertise. If you haven't noticed ( how could you not ) the Club room has been cleaned, painted, floors stripped and waxed, chairs cleaned, new ceiling tiles installed and the filters in the air cleaners replaced after many years of neglect. This took the effort and skills of many, consumed many donated hours and aching bone, and they "ain't done yet". Thanks to all – the place looks great!*

*We are gaining members and our charitable work continues. As I wind up my many years serving the Butler Elks #170 as an Officer and Exalted Ruler I have decided to step down and enjoy my membership without the great responsibility of being an Officer. I have complete confidence in Jay Frederick, a second generation ER. His father was Exalted Ruler exactly 60 years ago. Jay has stood behind me and he stepped up to serve Butler when others choose not to do so.*

*We are very strong with our finances in better shape than they have been for very many years. We are taking in new members and they are becoming involved, the next year's slate of Officers looks wonderful. Also, we are having fun and the bar is finally making money. I will continue to serve Butler however and whenever needed. I love the Elks and all it stands for and have always served to the best of my ability. I can't understand how people would try to ruin such a fine organization with rumors and innuendos (I still hear them and they hurt). Don't be such a person. Support your new Officers just as you supported me. Butler cannot afford to let the Butler Elks close. Our youth, veterans, those in need, local organizations, physically disabled would suffer.*

*I turn over the responsibilities knowing I did my best and am rewarded with a good feeling about the Butler Elks, truly the Best People On Earth. Thanks to all members who have said to me, "Good job, Jane". That makes it all worth while!*

*Fraternally, Jane Prokopchak - ER, PER*

## MARCH HAPPENINGS

- Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 PM..... Lodge Meeting  
Initiation
- Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 PM to Midnight.....Karaoke w/Franco
- Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 PM..... Wii Bowling
- Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 PM..... DooWop Nite  
Entertainment and Dancing with the Epics
- Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> 3 to 7 PM ..... Harry Pepper St Patrick's Day Party  
A party you won't want to miss! Music with Ralph Picek
- Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> - 7:00 PM..... Lodge Meeting
- Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> 8:00 PM to ???.....March Birthday Bash  
Karaoke with George, Birthday Cake, food, and surprises
- Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup> - 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

**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 APRIL...

- Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 PM ..... Lodge Meeting  
Installation of Officers
- Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 PM .....Members Night  
Join in as ER Jay hosts his first members night

## MEMBERS' NIGHT

Members' night will be on Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM. Topic of conversation – gardening (veggies and flowers) with tips from Ron Frenchak (not pool - gardening) and the Bucco's ( not Jeff – the Pirates).

## DAVE'S MONDAY MENU

- March 5<sup>th</sup> Braised Steak, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Roll and Butter
- March 12<sup>th</sup> Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Mixed Vegetables, Tossed Salad, Roll and Butter
- March 19<sup>th</sup> Stuffed Pork Chop, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Succotash, Cole Slaw, Roll and Butter
- March 26<sup>th</sup> 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 and a chance to see some great pool matches.*



## KARAOKE NITE

Friday, Friday March 9<sup>th</sup> - 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!!!

## MARCH BIRTHDAY BASH

Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will have a birthday bash to celebrate March birthdays. Karaoke with George, snacks and birthday cake. Lift a glass to toast our March birthdays! All members are invited. If you haven't attended this monthly party, you are missing a great time!



## DOO-WOP NITE at the ELKS

Back by popular demand! On Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, starting at 8:00 PM, we will have Epics to entertain with their own style of karaoke. The Epics will put on a show for your listening (and dancing) pleasure. They sing songs from the 50's and 60's. The show will be held in the bar area since that's where most people want to be. A dance area will be cleared in the bar area. Make your plans now for a great night of entertainment, no cover. Bring a friend.



## HAPPY ST PATRICK'S DAY

**COME ONE!!!! COME ALL!!!!** to our Annual Harry Pepper St. Patrick's Day Party on Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> in the Grille Room. Party starts at 3 PM and food served at 4 PM. Great Irish food. The music will begin around 4 PM with Ralph Pincek. He has all the Irish songs to sing along and other songs. Bring an hors d' oeuvre to share with everyone. We will have drink specials, too (green beer). Fun for everyone!! Be sure and wear your Irish green. We all can be Irish for the day! Prizes for best Irish outfits. sing-a-long with the "Irish" singers, Irish food and Irish fun. Remember - buy, sell and return your Home Service tickets, as the winners will be drawn at this party.



This is also the day for drawing the winning number for the \$100 bonus for the paid up Members. Last winner was Pamela Johnson. This was drawn as promised at the February 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**"ELKS CARE, ELKS SHARE"**

## MARCH MEETING NIGHTS

**Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 PM**

*Initiation and Regular Meeting*

**Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> - 7:00 PM**

*Regular Meeting*

## PROPOSITIONS for MEMBERSHIP

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Proposer</u>
Edith Marra	Louis Marra
Brock Janoski	Linda Wampler
Julie Wilczynski	Michael Wilczynski
Zachery J. E. Smith	Teresa English
Gary Martin	Chris Collins
Georgia Border	Dennis Border

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

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

<b>Darrell Pacoe</b>	<b>Robert Kunkle</b>
<b>Randall Beltrami</b>	<b>Ronald McClelland</b>
<b>James Bowley</b>	<b>Mary Provance-Bowley</b>
<b>William Ridenour</b>	

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



## To Our Absent Members

### Robert Harvey

Born 7/1/27 - Died 12/16/2012 - age 84  
Life Member - 55 years

### Leroy Slupe

Born 7/27/1915 - Died 2/7/2012 - age 96  
Life Member - 69 years

### Earle Stoops

Born 4/27/28 - Died 2/10/2012 - age 83  
Life Member - 55 years

### George A Snyder

Born 8/3/1921 - Died 2/24/2012 - age 90  
Life Member - 59 years

## 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

## 2012-2013 DUES NOTICES & INFO

With the January Elks Tale we sent each member 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, military service, Elks service and special notices on our Elks TV at the lodge.

## PAY YOUR DUES, WIN \$100.00

Our trustees have added an incentive to get dues paid before members become delinquent on April 1, 2012. On Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at our lodge meeting we drew one name from all who have paid to that date and Pam Johnson won \$100.00. On March 17, 2012 at our "Harry Pepper" St. Patrick's Day Party we will draw another name for \$100.00 for all who have paid their membership. There's still time to get those dues paid to be entered into the drawing!

## MEMBERSHIP CARD MAILING

All paid memberships for the year 2012-2013 will receive their new membership cards with your mailing of the March Elks Tale. All paid who checked "Pick-up card at lodge" box on their information card can get their card at the Bar after February 29th. Also remember to keep your green lodge access card until March 31st. The new purple cards will give you access to the lodge starting April 1st.

## BINGO FUN EVERY WEDNESDAY

Come on down to the Butler Elks on Wednesday mornings to play bingo. Free coffee, juice and donuts along with many surprises. Early Birds – 9:30 AM.



If you are interested in helping out on the Bingo Committee, come on down, try it. Bring a player with you. Many of our local charities benefit from proceeds of this Bingo. Big payouts every week... try your luck!

## SCHOLARSHIPS

### Most Valuable Student National Scholarships

All of our scholars who were sent to the District Judging were sent on for State Judging. Let's hope we have some National winners from Butler County.

### Local Scholarships

Applications for Butler Elks Scholarships are in the guidance offices of five high schools in our county; Butler Senior High, Karns City Senior High, Slippery Rock Senior High, Knoch Senior High, and Moniteau Senior High. Seniors in high school are eligible for these scholarships. We also have applications at the bar for students who do not attend the above schools, but who still can apply for these scholarships. Encourage your children or grandchildren or other relatives to apply. We have \$5,000 budgeted for Butler Elks Scholarships which are due at our Lodge by May 1, 2012. If you have any questions call me at 724-822-0997.

**Judy Walliser**, Scholarship Chairman

## 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. If you don't see your anniversary or birthday on the screen, just let the Lodge Secretary.

## ST PATRICKS HOME SERVICES TICKETS

As a tradition every year we support our Pennsylvania Special Charity Home Services Project with our annual raffle. Enclosed in today's mailing are 10 tickets for this wonderful project. If you sell all 10 green tickets, you are eligible for an additional drawing (white ticket.) The winners will be drawn at our annual Harry Pepper St. Patrick's Day Party held on Saturday, March 17, 2012. The Butler Elks and our Home Services clients thank you in advance for your support.

## DISTRICT HOOP SHOOT



Butler Elks didn't have a District winner in the Hoop Shoot this year. Ian McCarrier made 22/25 and finished second (the winner made 24/25) and Grant Metzger came in second also. It was a good shoot and thanks to Chairman **Ken Miller** from Coraopolis for his efforts.

## INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Wednesday, April 4th - 7:00 PM. Installation of Officers and "Meet the Officers" is planned at about 7:30 during the new business part of the regular meeting. Guests will be allowed to attend this part of the meeting. Social will be before and after the meeting. Come on down and support your new officers.



Butler Elks and Elks National Home resident Don Oesterling presents a blanket to a resident at Elks National Home in Bedford, VA.

Butler Elks embroidered and donated 25 blankets for all the residents of the Special Care Wing. Thank you to **Shirley Vernon** for embroidering the blankets!

*Elks Care, Elks Share!*