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Exalted Ruler's Message

Dear Members,

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.

Fraternally yours, Jay Frederick, ER

AUGUST AT A GLANCE...

- Wednesday, August 1st - 7:00 PM Lodge Meeting
.. Initiation of New Members
- Tuesday, August 21st - 5:30 pm Trustees Meeting
- Friday, August 10th - 8:00 PM to Midnight.....Karaoke w/Franco
- Wednesday, August 15th No Lodge Meeting
- Friday, August 24th - 8:00 PM to ???.....June Birthday Bash
Karaoke with George, Birthday Cake, food, and surprises
- Saturday, August 25thAnnual Family Picnic
volunteers needed!!!
- Thursday, August 30th - 8:00 PMMembers Night
Join in as ER Jay hosts our members night
- Friday, August 31st - 8:00 PMThe Epics Doo-Woop
Back by popular demand!
- Monday, September 3rd - Labor DayLodge Closed
- Friday, September 7th - 2:00 PMMember Honor Celebration
Honoring our life members of 50 years or more
- 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, August 30th 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

- August 6th Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy,
Mixed Vegetables, Tossed Salad, Rolls/butter
- August 13th Braised Steak, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy,
Corn Cole Slaw, Rolls/butter
- August 20th Stuffed Pork Chop, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy,
Succotash, Cole Slaw, Rolls & Butter
- August 27th 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, August 10th- Karaoke by Franco 8:00 PM - Midnight. Stop in and hear the famous Elks singers belt out their favorite tunes. More singers always welcome!



AUGUST BIRTHDAY BASH

Friday, August 24th, we will have a birthday bash to celebrate August birthdays. Karaoke with George, snacks and birthday cake. All members are invited so come on down even if you don't have an August.



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

EPICS DOO-WOP SHOW

Back by popular demand! Friday, August 31st, starting at 8:00 PM, the Epics will return to Butler Elks to entertain you as they sing songs from the 50's and 60's.

According to Dick Gardner, there are 2 full moons in August. The second one falls at the end of August and it is called the "blue moon". Perhaps the Epics will sing that DooWop favorite. Can you guess what it is?

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.

SUMMER FAMILY PICNIC

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.

Picnic Times:

- 2:00 PM – start
- 3:00 PM – Children's games
- 4:00 PM – Bingo
- 5:00 PM – Eat
- 6:30 PM – Home Services White Elephant Auction
- 9:00 PM – Saturday Nite Bingo

The committee can still use more 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 on the Elks TV at the lodge.

GOOD EATS AT THE ELKS...

Hot Dogs 2 / \$1 on Wednesdays. Hot pretzels and pizza anytime. Also, every Friday afternoon is Friday Munchies. Usually some kind of snacks are available during entertainment and after meetings. And always the best food for the money in town... Monday meals every Monday at 6. Join your friends at the Butler Elks.

MEETING NIGHTS

Wednesday, August 1st - 7:00 PM

Initiation of New Members

Wednesday, September 5th - 7:00 PM

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, September 19th - 7:00 PM

Initiation of New Members - DDGER Official Visit

PROPOSITIONS for MEMBERSHIP

Candidate	Proposer
Daryl Doss , AK Steel	Sim Hardy
Robert Gerstner , Retired	Sim Hardy
Mike Biggs , Automation Controls	Robert Hancheck
Jackie Slater , Retired	Nancy Hancheck
Jon Bowen , Armstrong	Robert Hancheck
Kathy Danielson – reinstatement	

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

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

CONVENTION REPORT

The Grand Lodge Elks' Convention is history. I had the great honor of representing Butler #170 in Austin, Texas. I attended all meetings and voted as the Lodge membership directed. It was a great convention with Austin being a great venue. The town had much to offer, the hotel was very nice and the meetings were very interesting and informative. I had the pleasure of spending some time with the new Grand Exalted Ruler and his wife, Venita. They seemed to be wonderful people and a fine selection as our President and First Lady.



GER-elect Tom Brazier and his wife Venita enjoy the celebration on Monday.

The new Grand Exalted Ruler is Thomas S. Brazier. Thomas was initiated into Santa Cruz, CA Lodge #824 in 1989 and within a few days took the position of Lodge Esquire, progressing through the chairs rapidly and serving as Exalted Ruler in 1993-1994. Tom attended Loyola Law School in Los Angeles from 1969-1972 and practiced law for many years. His wife and partner, Venita, is a Past Exalted Ruler of Monterey, California Elks Lodge #1285. They have two children, Scott Brazier and Randi Jenkins, and three grandchildren, Patrick, Alice, and Harrison.

All in all, it was one of the best conventions I have attended. Changes were made and one of which was changing the Ritual to a shortened version approved by Grand Lodge. Butler must change their by-laws if we want to do this. I have posted all changes on the Lodge bulletin board. If you would like a copy, let me know or go on line to elks.org.

Thank you again for letting me represent Butler #170 and let everyone know what a great Lodge we are.

Jane Prokopchak, PER

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 1st.

Dick Gardner, PER, By-laws Committee Chairman

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 enclosed in this Elks Tale.

FOOD DRIVE EXTENDED

Butler Elks has extended its "Feed the Needy" food drive through August 25th. 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. We have also designated \$500.00 from our ENF Gratitude Grant for this worthy cause. Elks Care! Elks Share!

MONDAY NITE POOL LEAGUE

An informational meeting to discuss the upcoming



Monday Night Pool League will be held in the Lodge meeting room at 7:30 p.m., on August 13. All Lodge members interested in joining the league are urged to attend. The sign-up sheet will be available that night and will be posted in the pool table area until September 10. Look for further details in the September Elks Tale. See you on the 13th.

Commissioners: **Carol Shawgo** and **Ron**

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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



are updated weekly to keep give you "up-to-the-minute" info about our lodge and its activities. Birthdays and anniversaries are obtained from our records. If you didn't send your update back with your dues, the information we have on you may be wrong or missing. Let the Lodge Secretary know and we will to correct them for future postings.

PA ELKS OFFICIAL VISITS BUTLER



On July 11th Butler Lodge was honored with the visit of DSVP **Pat Liersaph** who presented the message from State President **Kevin Brouse**. Pat also read a letter from Grand Lodge asking **ER Jay Frederick** to present Treasurer **Dan Vernon** with a Leadership pin for outstanding work as chairman of the ENF committee. Butler #170 was over their expected per capita thanks to Dan and all members who contributed to Elks National Foundation.