



# THE ELKS TALE



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## Exalted Ruler's Message

Dear Members,

The Pennsylvania State Elks Convention is being held at Seven Springs Resort on May 16 thru 19. It will be my pleasure to represent the Butler Elks on that weekend. I will be presenting the final check for our contribution to the Home Service Program. Each year we (PA Elks) raise \$500,000 to \$600,000 to keep our 25 nurses funded for the upcoming year. There is no overstating the amount of good these nurses do or how much their help means to families in need of their services. This brings me to my "Thank You" to **J.C. Bowley** and his wife, **Dr. Mary Provence Bowley**. They have co-chaired the Butler Home Services Program for the past three years and done an outstanding job. Each year Butler has made or exceeded its per-capita donation and I think this year we will exceed our goal by a very significant amount.

There was an excellent turnout for the St. Patrick's Day party and I have been told, a good time was had by all. **Ralph Pincek** is an Elk favorite and continues to do a great job for us. A huge "Thank You" goes out to: **Liz and Bob Rakarich, Cookie Cunningham, Sandy Burke and Perry Chepelsky, John Prokopchak and J.C. and Mary Bowley**. Remember, when you attend a function at the Elks, someone is making it happen. Planning, purchasing, preparation and clean-up are all parts of any event or activity that is offered at the Elks.

Awards were presented at the first meeting in April. It was my pleasure to present the following; **Josh Taylor, Elk of the Year, Perry Chepelsky, Officer of the Year, Nancy Goas, Citizen of the Year, Jane Prokopchak and Judy Walliser, Outstanding Service Commendation Awards**. They are outstanding Elks and truly the heart and sole of Elkdom. A "Vendor of the Year Award" was presented to First Niagara Bank for their terrific customer service.

Fraternally Yours,  
**Jay Frederick, ER**

## MAY AT A GLANCE...

Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> - 7:00 PM ..... Lodge Meeting  
Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>- 6 PM to ??? .....Juke Box Fridays  
Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 AM ..... Adopt-A-Highway Road Clean-up  
Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> - 3 PM to 7 PM ..... Cinco de Mayo w/ Bad Benny  
Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 PM to Midnight ..... Karaoke w/Franco  
Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> - 5:30 pm ..... Trustees Meeting  
May 15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> ..... PA State Convention  
Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 PM ..... Lodge Meeting  
Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> - 8 PM to 11 PM ..... Rudy, Janet & Company  
Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> - 8 PM ..... May Karaoke Birthday Bash  
Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> - 2 PM to 9 PM ..... Open Memorial Day  
Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 PM ..... Members Night  
Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> - 8 PM to 11 PM ..Vocalists Lori & Frank Russo  
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 8:00 PM in the Lodge Room .....Speedy Bingo

## NEW SATURDAY & SUNDAY HOURS

The Butler Elks will open at 2 PM on Saturdays and Sundays in May and throughout the Summer until Steelers Pre-season games start in late August.

## DAVE'S MONDAY MENU

May 6<sup>th</sup> Lasagna, Bread Sticks, Tossed Salad  
May 13<sup>th</sup> Stuffed Pork Chop, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Succotash, Cole Slaw, Roll and Butter  
May 20<sup>th</sup> Braised Steak, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Roll and Butter  
May 27<sup>nd</sup> NO MEALS - Memorial Day  
June 3<sup>rd</sup> Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Carrots, Cole Slaw, Roll and 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.

## MEETING NIGHTS

**Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> - 7:00 PM**

Initiation of New Members

**Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 PM**

Regular Meeting

## LODGE OF SORROW

*The Places that have known them, Shall know them no more;  
But their virtues are written upon the tablets of love and memory,  
To our absent members...*

**Paul Cowin**

Born 08/06/1925, Died 03/23/2013, Member for 49 years

## PROPOSITIONS for MEMBERSHIP

Candidate

Proposer

**Nathan Walowen**, laborer

**Dennis Martin**

**Karen Marie Myers**, retired

**Bonnie Jardin**

**Mary Kay Fleeger**, admin. ass't

**Keith Bell**

**Dennis Rickard**, reinstatement

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

Check the Elks TV Announcements for up-to-date Propositions for Membership.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Donna Walters George Presco**

**Colby Nicholas Bob Fowler**

**Bill Longstreth Christie Rudolph**

**Tamili Smith**, Transfer Dimit

**Bob Nolan, N. Eric Nilsson**, reinstated

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

## BUTLER ELKS NEW OFFICERS 2013-2014

Exalted Ruler ..... Jay Frederick, PER

Leading Knight ..... William "Scott" Snow

Loyal Knight ..... Hap Nicholas III

Lecturing Knight ..... Sherie Snow

Secretary ..... John Prokopchak, PER, PDD

Treasurer ..... Dan Vernon

Chaplain ..... Cookie Cunningham

Inner Guard ..... Jane Prokopchak, PER

Tiler ..... Sandy Burke

Esquire ..... Judy Walliser, PER

Organist ..... Wayne Walliser, PER

Trustees ..... Dick Gardner, PER,

Ruth Raybuck, Perry Chepelsky, Aaron Wampler, Jim Murray

## 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 cards and new key cards are available at the bar.

Remember, members are considered delinquent after April 1<sup>st</sup>, so please pay as soon as possible so you can be eligible for our many activities and save us the time and expense of an additional notice.

## DEADLINE FOR NEXT ELKS TALE MAY 20

All committees can email material to Secretary John Prokopchak at johnpro@zoominternet.net

## SPECIAL NEEDS TICKETS

We've enclosed the popular "Special Needs" drawing tickets with this Elks Tale mailing. You can pick up extra tickets at the Elks. This ticket pays out winner every day in the month of June. They are \$5 each. If you do not want a ticket, you do not have to buy one. Please return any unsold tickets to the club. Thanks for your help in this fund raiser which is fun and really has helped in the past for "special needs". Thanks to **Dan and Keith Laidlaw, Laidlaw Agency** for sharing the cost of the ticket printing. Daily winner's checks will be mailed every Friday.

## ELKDOM IMPACTS A FAMILY

Thank You - 49 year member **Paul Cowin** told his daughter make sure she pays his Elks' dues. I received the check and the day I was in the process of sending his membership card, we found out **Paul Cowin** had passed away. I contacted his daughter Teresa to see where I should send back his dues payment. Theresa said she had fond memories of the Elks and said let's be true Elks and use Paul's dues money for the Butler Elks as needed. I mentioned we needed a new outside flag and she tearfully said it would be an honor to purchase the flag in honor of her father, so we did. **Paul Cowin** was a loyal Elk and we thank his family for the donation. Secretary John.

## PA STATE CONVENTION

May 15th-19th. 15th and 16th will be State Officers and Trustees/Advisory Board. Friday official opening, reports, meetings, 2:30 PM 11th Hour Toast contest, nominations and voting of Officers, President celebration, and 8PM Memorial Service,. Saturday reports continue, Home Service march at 1:30 PM. In the evening we have the GER banquet and installation of Officers.



## ROAD CLEAN-UP DAY

Our semi-annual Road Clean-up Day is Saturday, May 4th. This is our 11th 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

## 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

## POOL LEAGUE WRAP-UP

The 2012-2013 Monday Night Pool League awards banquet was held on April 16. Team and Individual Prizes were awarded, along with the traditional Championship Shirts. Congratulations to **Carol Shawgo, Ron Willison, Nick Parison, John Prokopchak, Ron Frenchak**, and Captain **Carl Christofano**. Their team won each half by only one match. Their team photo will soon hang on the "Wall of Fame" along with the winners of the past ten years. Top Individual Shooters for the year were: Level 1--Dennis Martin; Level 2--Dave Stehle; and Level 3--Carol Shawgo. Congratulations to all of this year's players for a great season!!!



Look for information about next season in the August Elks Tale. New players are welcome to join the League.

**Ron Frenchak and Carol Shawgo**, Commissioners

# ENTERTAINMENT

at the Butler Elks

## Cinco de Mayo Celebration

Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> - 3 to 7 PM

Tacos, Nachos, Corona specials, Margaritas, and Fun, Fun, Fun!!!  
Latin Music by our own **Bad Benny!!!**

## Karaoke with Franco

Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>  
8 PM to Midnight

You don't have to be a star...  
Just sing whatever your heart desires!  
Come out and join the fun!

## Western PA's Best Trio Rudy, Janet & Shay

Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>  
8 PM to 11 PM  
in the Bar area  
for Your Dancing  
and Listening Pleasure

## MAY BIRTHDAY KARAOKE PARTY

Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> - 8 pm

Come Celebrate all the Elks May Birthdays  
Featuring the Fabulous Butler Elks Singers!  
Join the gang as we bellow out the old tunes  
and the latest tracks with DJ George!

Special drinks, cake  
and surprises for the evening!

## MEMBERS NIGHT

Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>

The fun begins at 8:00.

Join ER Jay Frederick as he hosts  
Members Night. All members are invited.  
You can bet on great time  
at the Butler Elks!!!

## Jazz Vocalists and Songwriter Lori & Frank Russo

Performing "Live"  
Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>  
8 PM to 11 PM  
in the Bar area  
for Your Dancing  
and Listening Pleasure