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Exalted Ruler's Message

Dear Members,

Like so many of our Members, I am also a member of many other organizations. It seems as if people are constantly asking for charitable donations. This leads to having to make decisions on who to support this month and who can wait until next month. I mention this because I attended the PA Elks Convention this past week at Seven Springs Resort and again was overwhelmed by Our Home Service Program. If you are not aware of what this program provides here are a few highlights. There are twenty two nurses who provide home health care across our state to families with severely handicapped family members. The Home Services Program provides not only the nurses pay, but each nurse also requires an automobile and other requisite needs.

At the convention I had the honor of representing the Butler Members and making our final Home Service donation for the year. Each year we are asked to reach our Per Capita goal of \$10. This year Our Lodge of 676 Members donated a total of \$8495.99 for a per capita average of \$12.57. The total donated by the statewide Elks was in excess of \$501,000, all of which goes into keeping the wonderful program in operation.

Please keep this in mind when you receive our requests for donations for the Home Services Program. It is essential that we maintain this program and all the good it does.

We are planning our annual Elks Family Picnic and would like to have some volunteers step forward to serve on the committee. So far, new member Michele Digiaco, daughter of long time member Tom Digiaco, has offered to take care of the kids activities. Also Frank Malinski has offered to treat us to a pig roast. Please let any officer know if you'd like to help.

Thanks to the Elks Pool League for the generous donation. I'd also like to thank the following volunteers that make our Lodge such a great place. Road clean-up: Mike Wilczynski, Dick Gardner, Chris Walliser, Perry Chepelski, Darrell Pacoe, Wayne Walliser and Bob And Jean Fowler. Members Night and Karaoke: Linda and Aaron Wampler, Julie Wilczynski, Cookie Cunningham, Shirley Vernon, Sandy Burke, Perry Chepelsky, Ruth Raybuck, Nancy Goas and Josh Taylor. Jim Russell for donating Pirate tickets for Members Nite. Also, Jane Pro, Judy W., Nancy Goas and Ruth Raybuck for Monday dinners. A special thanks to Dan Vernon and our Trustees for all they do behind the scenes to make our Lodge a great place. I would also like to recognize our bar staff for all their efforts to keep us fed and hydrated: Melissa Sherman, Sandy Burke, Dan Panei and Cindi Skebe. Many thanks to all.

Fraternally, Jay

JUNE AT A GLANCE...

- Friday, June 1st - 8:00 PM..... **Epic Doo Wop Show**
Back by popular demand!
- Wednesday, June 6th - 7:00 PM..... **Lodge Meeting**
Regular Meeting
- Friday, June 8th - 8:00 PM to Midnight..... **Karaoke w/Franco**
- Tuesday, June 12th - 6:30 PM..... **Veterans Patient Bingo Party**
at VA Center, New Castle Rd.
- Thursday, June 14th - 7 PM..... **Flag Day Ceremony**
Also, Scholarship and Americanism Presentations
- Saturday, June 16th - 9 AM..... **3rd Annual MoJo Golf Outing**
Elks Golf outing in Memory of Mary Jo DeMatties
- Tuesday, June 19th - 5:30 pm..... **Trustees Meeting**
- Wednesday, June 20th - 7:00 PM..... **Lodge Meeting**
Initiation
- Friday, June 22nd 8:00 PM to ???..... **June Birthday Bash**
Karaoke with George, Birthday Cake, food, and surprises
- Sunday, June 24th - 1:30 PM..... **West District Meeting**
at Cranberry Elks
- Thursday, June 28th - 8:00 PM..... **Members Night**
Join in as ER Jay hosts our 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 and Evening Entertainment**
- Saturdays at 9:00 PM..... **Speedy Bingo**
- Sundays..... **NASCAR**

DAVE'S MONDAY MENU

- June 4th Braised Steak, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Mixed Vegetables, Tossed Salad, Roll and Butter
- June 11th Baked Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Roll and Butter
- June 18th Stuffed Pork Chop, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Succotash, Cole Slaw, Roll and Butter
- June 25th Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, 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. Great fellowship, great food!

EPICS DOO-WOP SHOW



Back by popular demand! Friday, June 1st, starting at 8:00 PM, the Epics will return to Butler Elks. entertain you as they sing songs from the 50's and 60's. 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.

KARAOKE NITE

Friday, June 8th - Karaoke by **Karaoke with Franco** (8:00 PM - Midnight) Sing your favorite song, or just come and listen and enjoy the local entertainers. New singers always welcome!!!



JUNE BIRTHDAY BASH

Friday, June 22nd, we will have a birthday bash to celebrate June birthdays. Karaoke with George, snacks and birthday cake. Lift a glass to toast our June birthdays! All members are invited. Great time guaranteed!

MEMBERS' NIGHT

Members' night will be on Thursday, June 28th 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.

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

THANKS FOR VOLUNTEERING...

Elkdom is about volunteering. A special thanks goes out to the members **Cookie Cunningham** and **Ruth Raybuck** who served a banquet for the Esquire Club. The Esquires collected money and Cookie and Ruth donated the money to our Home Service Program. Thanks Cookie, Ruth and the Esquire Club.

Also, thank you to **Jay Frederick** and **Shirley Vernon** for spending the time and energy power-washing the deck and sidewalks.

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. We have changed the Lucky # game to reward the players more.



Wayne Walliser, Chairman

JUNE MEETING NIGHTS

Wednesday, June 6th - 7:00 PM

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, June 20th - 7:00 PM

Initiation of New Members

PROPOSITIONS for MEMBERSHIP

Candidate

Proposer

James H. Murray

Sim Hardy

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Larry Priester

Blaise Hinterlang

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



To Our Absent Members

FRANK "SID" HEYL

Born September 26, 1921- Died May 5, 2012- age 90
Life Member - 57 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

SCHOLARSHIPS ANNOUNCED

The Local Scholarship recipients listed below with the school they attend will each receive \$500 scholarships.

- **Allyson Olkowski, Karns City High School**
- **Chelsea Moser, Knoch High School**
- **Shannon Waldenmyer, Butler High School**
- **Abbey Turner, Butler High School**
- **Jordan Rodgers, Butler High School**
- **Olivia Swiergol, Butler High School**
- **Brittany McCord, Slippery Rock High School**
- **Kyle Hinchberger, Slippery Rock High School**
- **Michael Stutz, Slippery Rock High School**
- **Alexander Protivnak, St. Joseph High School**

The scholarships will be formally given at the Flag Day Ceremony on June 14th at 7 p.m. at the Lodge. We encourage all members to attend and honor these students along with other award winners who will be introduced that evening. We had only 15 applications this year, but all were very qualified and the decisions were very difficult. I really appreciated **Jane Prokopchak** PER and the committee for all their help. I would like to thank Elk members for supporting this cause and making all this possible for these students. **Judy Walliser**, Scholarship Chairperson

WEST DISTRICT MEETING

The 339th meeting of the West District will be held on Sunday, June 24th at the Cranberry Lodge. Officers meeting at 1:30 PM and regular meeting at 2:30 PM with installation of West District 2012-2013 officers. All members are encouraged to attend.

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 and new key cards are available at the bar.

Remember, membership renewals were due April 1st, so please pay as soon as possible so you can be eligible for our many activities.

Every member is important to our lodge. These 38 members (as of May 21) may have forgotten to pay their dues. If you are their proposer or you know any of these members, please help us keep them "in the fold" by contacting them. Thanks.

Nicholas Angiolieri
Lawrence Barr
Thomas Bell
Glenn Bollinger
Edith Byers
Daniel Carey
John Cuda
Andrew Cygan
Joseph Davidson Jr
Sam Day
Lisa Diefenbach
John English
Patricia Goepfert

Michael Graham
Dave Havrilesko
Arlene Hays
Chris Hudson
W V Huselton
Brock Janoski
David Johnston
David Kiskadden
Robert Kowalski
Stephen Littlejohn
Edward Lucas
Geno Mariotti
Darryl Master

Edward Nebel
Bob Newcombe
Erik Nilsson
Robert Nolan
Sharon Norris
Thaddeus Rajchel
Justin Simons
Joann Stevenson
Adam Timko
David Trainor
Grace Valunsky
Arleen Varan

PA CONVENTION REPORT

Well, the 106th PA Elks Convention is history. Several Butler members attended and also attended the "march" for Home Services. Pennsylvania Elks raised over \$501,000 for our program.

PER **Jane Prokopchak** nominated PDD **Terry Liersaph** for Vice President of our fraternal organization. Terry is a member of Cranberry Lodge. PER Jane also presented the Americanism Essay Contest winners with their awards. Both kids were from Bloomsburg Lodge and they read their essays and received a standing ovation.

Butler received numerous awards including a certificate for raising over \$4.50 per capita for ENF, Lodge Activities 1st place, Lodge Bulletin 2nd place and participation awards for our many programs.

Kevin Brouse of Bloomsburg Lodge #436 was installed as State President. He will be a good one and supports our Elk values and programs. ER Jay presented our Home Services donation of over \$8,000. He also attended about a 2 hour seminar on LCB rules and regulations. It was a good time socializing with other members throughout the state and sharing the problems and solutions.



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3rd Annual
MoJo Golf Outing

In Memory of Mary Jo DeMatteis

Saturday, June 16, 2012
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