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GAZ-ELK

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EXALTED RULER'S COMMENTS

I hope this inaugural edition of the Gaz-Elk for 2009 finds you and your family well and that you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. With 2008 now in the history books, we can look ahead with excitement and optimism for 2009 at our Lodge. The new and improved lounge has gotten a great deal of positive feedback and the sales in the lounge have been strong. We are close to finishing off the rest of the renovations in the basement and should have those complete shortly after the first of the year. Also, we've had a group of volunteers with some free time on their hands over the holidays start repainting the ballroom.

We've come a long way in 2008 and that is because we have some great members who have sacrificed their time, treasure and talents to strengthen our Lodge. We still have plenty of work to do and it will continue in 2009. There are many ways you can help. You can volunteer your time and talents. Whether it's helping with the building renovations, volunteering to bartend, or deciding to run as an officer of the Lodge, every little bit helps. You can help out by donating money to our Home Association to help us as we improve our Lodge building. Most of all, you can help by using the Lodge and patronizing our bar & grill. We're trying to schedule a few more fun events to encourage participation and our Friday night Steak Nights have been hit. So please continue to help out our Lodge any way you can in the coming year and in many years to come.

Fraternally,

Matt Klein

February 1th is Super Bowl Sunday

We'll have THE big game on all the hi-def TVs in the lounge, plus we'll have great food and drink specials. Don't miss the mother of all parties for the mother of all games!

Upcoming Events

We'll be having a few great events this February. We'll be having a wine tasting dinner around Valentine's Day. Details are being finalized and we'll post them in the lounge and send out emails as they become available (if you're not on our email list and want to be, just email mklein@fshlaw.net and Matt will get you on the list). Also, we'll be having a beer tasting. This one is also being finalized, so we'll keep you posted on that one as well.

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Matt KleinExalted Ruler
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Knight
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Knight
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Rich Palmer.....Chaplain
Ron Wolford.....Inner Guard
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Ken Bahler.....4 Year
Jim Kreiling.....5 Year
Thomas Fitzpatrick, P.E.R..... 2 Year
Gary Petrim3 Year

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Andy Rutledge.....President
Scott WunderlichVice President
Jeff Jenson.....Secretary/Treasurer

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Phil Lawson.....1 Year
Roy Schwinn.....1 Year
Burt Kelly.....1 Year
Andy Rutledge.....3 Year
Scott Wunderlich.....2 Year
Brian Logsdan.....3 Year
Rich Palmer.....2 Year
Jeff Jenson.....2 Year
Tod Houk.....3 Year

From the Secretary's Pen

I want to wish everyone a happy new year. It doesn't seem possible that another year has gone by. I also hope you all had a joyous Christmas.

At the December 5th meeting, we had four proposals for membership. They are Tim Hassan, proposed by Matt Klein; Troy M. Wiley, proposed by John Snyder, Stephan Johnson and Laura Leopold, proposed by Gary Petrim. Also at this meeting, we had a request for Reinstatement by Art Rivera.

On December 7th, we held our annual Memorial Service. It was attended by thirty members and guests. Seventeen names were added to the tablets. The guest speaker was Rev. Neil Norheim of the Parkview Christian Church and the organist was Matt Walike, Director of Music at First Presbyterian Church.

At the December 11th meeting, the members approved the reinstatement of Art Rivera. We welcome art back into the Lodge. We also had two propositions for membership, Tom Roach propos3d by Matt Klein and Richard A. Abraham proposed by Pete Reynolds. Also at this meeting, we had Students of the Month for December.

We now have thirteen candidates for initiation and another three applications to be read at the January 8th meeting. Exalted Ruler Matt Klein is planning on an initiation for the January 22nd meeting.

Remember, it can pay to attend lodge as we have a drawing at every meeting. Loser of the \$100.00 drawing on December 5th was Don Sink and loser of the \$40.00 drawing was Jim Bott. Loser of the \$100.00 drawing on December 11th was Dick Ebert and loser of the \$45.00 drawing was Dick Myers.

Hoop Shoot Information

Our Hoop Shoot Chairman William Spraw has scheduled this year's local Hoop Shoot contest for Monday January 5th at 7pm at the Koehler Center on the University of Findlay Campus. The District Hoop Shoot contest will then be held January 11th at 1pm in the Croy Gymnasium on the University of Findlay Campus. **We will be needing some volunteers to help out, so if you can, either or both days, show up about 30-45 minutes early and help us make this wonderful Elks community activity a success.** If you can't volunteer, please stop by any way and support our local youth as they take part in this great contest.

**I WANT YOU
TO ASK A FRIEND TO BECOME AN ELK!**

Now is the perfect time to ask a friend, a family member or co-worker to become a member of our Lodge. We've made some great improvements to our lounge making it a comfortable atmosphere with inexpensive food and drink, not to mention plenty of great high-definition televisions for your viewing enjoyment. Plus, we still do a lot of great things for our community. Whether it be our Student of the Month Program, Hoop Shoot, Soccer Shoot, or Americanism essay contest, we continue to show our community that Elks Care, Elks Share. So come on, make it a New Year's resolution to sponsor just 1 new member in our Lodge. We have a lot to offer.

SPECIAL THANKS

To all our members and their guests that made this year's Christmas Dinner such a success. We had over 170 members and guests attend the dinner back on December 19th. A great time was had by all. Thanks for your support of the Lodge.

A special thanks also to our staff that did a fabulous job in preparing and serving a delicious meal. Great job, guys and gals!

I'd be remiss if I didn't also thank PER Tom Davis and his band, The Mistletones, for providing free entertainment in the lounge that evening. Thanks gentlemen, and we hope to have you back at the Lodge soon.



Congratulations to our December Students of the Month. Please come to Lodge Meetings and support this very important aspect of our Lodge!

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE

GET YOUR GAZ-ELK ONLINE

Save our Lodge the expense of printing and mailing our newsletter to you. Just go to www.FindlayElks.org and read the Gaz-Elk online. Or, print a copy to keep. But, please let an officer know that you don't want us to waste the money to mail it to you any more.

JANUARY FOOD SERVICE RESERVATIONS 419-422-2442

Food service for the month of January, 2009 will consist of regular menu items during hours as listed and the following specials:

Lunch Specials

Mon:	BLT wrap w/cottage cheese & chips	\$4.95
Tues:	Grilled turkey & swiss w/onion rings	\$5.95
Weds:	BBQ rib sandwich w/seasoned fries	\$5.00
Thurs:	Meatloaf Manhattan w/mashed potatoes & gravy	\$5.25
Fri:	Fish sandwich w/fries & slaw	\$5.00

Wednesday Night Specials

7 th :	Taco Bar	\$5.95
14 th	Meatloaf dinner w/mashed potatoes, corn & roll (add a trip to the salad bar for \$1.75)	\$6.95
21 st	Taco Bar	\$5.95
28 th	Veal Parmesan sandwich w/fries & pasta salad	\$6.00

Friday Night Specials

Every Friday night in January is STEAK NIGHT!
14oz steak w/potato and salad bar for only \$11.95

Salad Bar now open on Fri night
Happy Hour 4-6 Draft and well specials
Drink specials during Dinner Hours on Fri nights

FOOD SERVICE HOURS:

Lunch (Mon-Fri), 11-1:00p.m. Saturday 11:00a.m.-2:00p.m.

No Food Service on Monday Evenings

Dinner (Wednesday & Friday only) 5:30-8:00p.m.

Lodge closed after 4:00p.m. on Mondays

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**SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR THE FEBRUARY
ISSUE IS JANUARY 20**

THURSDAY NIGHT CLUB

The Thursday Night Club is beginning it's new season and all members of BPOE #75 are invited to participate. You have a chance to win up to \$100 every Thursday night and also to enjoy a great Prime Rib dinner (w/drinks) absolutely free, as well as the chance to win a lot more money, at the annual Banquet next fall. Join now! See Mike Rose, Jim McMaster or Walt Saum any time or just stop by any Thursday night to join.

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4	5 Ladies Bridge 1:00p.m. Hoop Shoot@ Uoff	6 Texas Hold'em Tourney 6:30p.m.	7	8 LODGE MEETING 8:00	9 STEAK NIGHT	10	
11 District Hoop Shoot @ U of F	12 Ladies Bridge 1:00p.m.	13 Texas Hold'em Tourney 6:30p.m.	14	15 House Committee 7:00p.m. Trustee Meeting	16 STEAK NIGHT	17	
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