



The
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EXALTED RULER'S COMMENTS

I am going to keep it short this month so we have plenty of space to fit all the information we have to share in this month's Gaz-Elk. I want to encourage all our members, if you haven't already, come up and see all the changes to the Lodge. The new lounge has been open for three months now and the feedback has been great and sales are up. Also, the ballroom is being transformed thanks to the hard work of many of our members who have unselfishly volunteered their time to make it happen.

Over the past ten months of my tenure as Exalted Ruler, I've seen the enthusiasm mount among many of our members and this enthusiasm has manifested itself in a spirit of volunteerism and giving. Many members, far too many to acknowledge individually, have come forward and offered their time and treasures to make our Lodge a better place.

There is still much to do and we will need a lot of help. There are many ways to help: volunteer to help with a renovation project, or tend bar, donate to our Home Association so we can continue the upkeep and maintenance of our stately building, or even just come down and grab some food and drink in the lounge. Also, with all the improvements being made now is the great time to sponsor a new member in our Lodge. Bring a prospective member down and show them the new lounge, the ballroom, and tell them about all the great things we as an organization do.

I've said it many times before but a Lodge is only as strong as its members, and from what I've seen from our members over the last ten months, I am optimistic about the future of BPOE #75.

Fraternally,

Matt Klein

February 1th is Super Bowl Sunday

Come down to your Lodge and watch the Super Bowl on February 1st. We'll have the Big Game on all the televisions. There isn't a bad seat in the house. Get some great food and drinks at great prices and watch the Pittsburgh Steelers, led by Findlay's own Ben Roethlisberger, take on the Arizona Cardinals.

VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER

Saturday February 14th we will be having a Valentine's Dinner from 5:30pm to 8:00pm featuring an 8oz filet mignon with twice baked potato, vegetable, roll, salad bar and dessert. Reservations are requested so please call ahead and make your reservations today.

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Lodge #75

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Matt KleinExalted Ruler
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Walt Saum, P.E.R. ... Esteemed Loyal Knight
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Ron Gallaher.....Treasurer
George Gabel.....Secretary
Jeff Jensen.....Esquire
Rich Palmer.....Chaplain
Ron Wolford.....Inner Guard
Richard McCamey.....Tiler

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Thomas Fitzpatrick, P.E.R..... 2 Year
Gary Petrime3 Year

HOME ASSOCIATION

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

HOME ASSOCIATION TRUSTEES

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
Ted Hawk.....2 Year

From the Secretary's Pen

It is now the month of February which means there are only two months remaining in the Lodge year. This will be a busy time for your secretary. Dues notices need to be ready to mail by the end of the month. If you have had a change of address, please let me know so our records can be updated.

According to the Elks National Magazine, we have several members that cannot be located. They are Douglas M. Brown, Michael A. Chandler, Al B. Daugherty, Ronald T. Drebert, Dane M. Haydel, Robert M. Mauger, Jr., Desmond L. May, James I. Moon, Robert A. Oler, Robert L. Russell, Ryan S. Schade, Fredrick G. Smith, Richard J. Stacy, and Paul D. Williams. If you have a current address for any of these members, please let me know.

At the January 8th meeting, applications for reinstatement were read for Mark Dysinger and Gene Davis. We also read membership applications for Bo Moser proposed by Gary Petrime, Brad Jackson proposed by Jim Kreiling, Jack Bender proposed by Parminder Sandhu, Jason R. Bame proposed by Gary Petrime and Carl R. Bradley proposed by Maurice Fiocca. Raymond H. Bushong has requested Life Membership status.

Remember, it can pay to attend lodge as we have a drawing at every meeting. Loser of the \$100.00 drawing on January 8th was Thomas J. Stokes, and loser of the \$50.00 drawing was Ralph Tabor.

SPECIAL THANKS

I want to thank our Lodge Esquire, Jeff Jenson, and all the volunteers who painted the ballroom over the holidays. They did a wonderful job and the room looks fantastic. Many members, and several of their spouses, jumped in and got the job done in just a little over a week's time. A Lodge is only as strong as its members, and with members like those that sacrificed their time to get the ballroom painted, BPOE #75 is getting stronger all the time.

Also, the floor in the ballroom has also been refinished. The room truly looks fabulous now. If you haven't seen the transformation yet, please get up and check it out.

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.

**COME LISTEN TO THE
BAND!!!!**

Live music returns to the Elks Lounge!
The Classic Rock & Roll band



Will be our guests on
Saturday, February 28 (8 - 11 pm)

Come join us and bring a friend
Great music, great dinks and great fun!

Greetings from the Home Association. A lot has happened since my last note. The operations in the lounge area are in full swing. Several items are still on the to-do list but the feedback has been great. The big news lately is the ballroom. Jeff Jensen has led a paint crew and the results just have to be seen. The floor was refinished last week and with the new paint job, it looks fabulous. Our new grill for the kitchen will be installed by the time this gets printed. We will now be able to serve more people faster and offer more consistent food from our grill. This will help us to service the increasingly popular Friday Steak Nights. We have also recently purchased equipment for the lounge that lets us offer a wide variety of appetizers and sandwiches. These are now available 7 days a week so stop down any time and enjoy food and beverage.

From my vantage point one word really sums up the progress we have made and it will make our lodge last forever. MEMBERS. We have members that volunteer. We have members that donate funds. We have members that lead groups like the poker and pool leagues. We have members that use the lodge and support our functions. We are seeing an increase in all these areas and that is fantastic. We are kicking off a membership drive in the near future and if each member gets just one friend to join...well, I can't even imagine how good that would be for us. Increased membership in 2009 means the Elk's Club continues to exist as we know and love it today.

I want to mention a few members and groups who have made contributions above and beyond. Maurice Fiocca, Eric Hurst, Jim Kreiling, and Randy Bradley have contributed the money to purchase the new grill and Randy donated his part even before he became a member on Jan 22nd.

John Snyder and the pool group are having tournaments on Sundays. Not only does it bring in new members and guests that spend their money in our lounge, some of the fees from these tournaments go towards the maintenance and upkeep of the pool tables. Jerry Tripp and John are currently recovering the tables which will bring in even more new members and guests.

Gary Petrine and the poker group have been running 50/50 drawings for quite some time and have already paid for the ceiling repairs in the lodge room, maintenance on the kitchen vent system, and a new sump pump to help avoid future water issues. They have graciously offered to pay for the refinishing of the ballroom floor. That means that the current cost of the ballroom with donated paint, volunteers, and donated floor refinishing is under \$200 which we spent for some miscellaneous items.

Tod Houk, Larry Kresser, Pat McCaffrey, Jim McMaster, Walt Saum, Scott Miles and others spend countless hours volunteering anywhere from helping staff during busy times to fixing the plumbing to shoveling the walks. I haven't been very good about keeping an accurate list of all the people that have helped and there are many. You all know who you are and that our lodge as a whole is eternally grateful.

The work is never done. The Home Association will be printing a list of to-do items in future Gaz-Elks. Pumping, electrical, cleaning, painting, window washing, sewing curtains, and did I mention cleaning and much more are all on the 2009 schedule. Anything anyone can do to help would be great and of course your donations are welcome as well.

Thanks for the great support in 2008 and if we can keep the momentum in 2009 our lodge can not help but prosper.

Sincerely,

Andy Rutledge

BPOE #75 Home Association President

FEBRUARY FOOD SERVICE

RESERVATIONS 419-422-2442

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

Lunch Specials

Mon:	Tuna Melt on rye w/swiss cheese, mac salad and chips	\$4.95
Tues:	Taco Salad	\$5.00
Weds:	Coney Dog w/cheese & onions w/seasoned fries	\$4.75
Thurs:	Cincinnati Chili w/garlic bread & trip to salad bar \$5.25 (full order) \$4.25 (1/2)	
Fri:	shrimp and clam basket w/fries & slaw	\$5.25

Wednesday Night Specials

4 th :	Taco Bar	\$5.95
11 th	½ lb Mushroom & Swiss Burger w/fries & slaw	\$6.00
18 th	Taco Bar	\$5.95
25 th	BBQ Bacon & Cheddar Chicken Sandwich w/seasoned fries & mac salad	\$6.00

(add a trip to the salad bar on any Weds Night special for only \$1.75)

We'll be having STEAK NIGHTS on February 6th and 20th
14oz steak w/potato and salad bar

On the 27th we'll be featuring a Steak & Shrimp Dinner (or just Shrimp if you like)

PRIME RIB DINNER Friday February 13th you get a 14oz or 10oz prime rib w/potato and trip to the salad bar.

**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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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1	2 Ladies Bridge 1:00p.m.	3 Texas Hold'em Tourney 6:30p.m.	4	5	6 STEAK NIGHT	7
8	9 Ladies Bridge 1:00p.m. Hoop Shoot@ Uoff	10 Texas Hold'em Tourney 6:30p.m.	11	12 LODGE MEETING 8:00	13 Prime Rib Dinner	14 Valentine's Day Dinner
15	16 Ladies Bridge 1:00p.m.	17 Texas Hold'em Tourney 6:30p.m.	18	19 House Committee 7:00p.m. Trustee Meeting	20 STEAK NIGHT	21
22	23 Ladies Bridge 1:00p.m.	24 Texas Hold'em Tourney 6:30p.m.	25	26 LODGE MEETING 8:00	27 STEAK & SHRIMP DINNER	28 One Way Out Band Night
1 SUPER BOWL	22 Ladies Bridge 1:00p.m.	3 Texas Hold'em Tourney 6:30p.m.	4	5	6 STEAK NIGHT	7