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EXALTED RULER'S COMMENTS

March is here and, hopefully sooner rather than later, spring will be upon us. Along with the warmer temperatures comes a new Lodge Year. As my year as Exalter Ruler comes to an end I want to thank each and everyone one of our members for making this past year a year of progress for BPOE #75.

Great strides have been made to perpetuate the existence of our Lodge for years to come. The lounge is back together and it is better than before. Our grand ballroom has been restored and will again be the destination of choice for receptions and events in our area. All of these improvements have helped to breed a feeling of optimism among our members and this optimism has manifested itself in the countless hours of volunteer service given by many of our members to repair, restore and maintain our great Lodge building. This optimism has also lead to an influx of membership and reinstatement applications over the past several months.

I fully believe that our Lodge is on the right path. And while much progress has been made, there is still plenty to do and the momentum we've created over the last year must be maintained. We can't sit idly by now thinking that because we've fixed up the lounge, or painted the ballroom, that our problems are solved. We must continue to address the ongoing maintenance and repair needed for our building, and we must continue to grow our ranks.

Increasing our membership rolls is something that is imperative for the continued life of our Lodge. However, I feel that with the improvements made to the lounge, the increase in activities and entertainment at the Lodge, and all the great charitable work we do, the job of convincing people to join us is not a hard one. We have a lot to offer a prospective member, so please make it a personal goal this coming year to recruit at least one new member for our Lodge.

Again, I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve as Exalted Ruler for the past year. I am excited for the future of our Lodge. Under the leadership of the incoming Exalted Ruler, Shawn Craft, I am confident the progress we've made in the past year is just the beginning of many more good things to come for BPOE #75.

Fraternally,

Matt Klein

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Lodge #75

OFFICERS 2008-2009

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

TRUSTEES

Chuck Wilson.....1 Year
Ken Bahler.....4 Year
Jim Kreiling.....5 Year
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
Tod Houk.....3 Year

From the Secretary's Pen

One month remaining in the current Lodge year. Dues statements are now being prepared and, if everything goes according to plan, you should have your statement by now. As an added note, I will not be repeating as Secretary next year.

There is a lot of activity at the Lodge. In February, we participated in the American Cancer Society Chili Cook-off at the University of Findlay, taking third place. We also have received 190 essays in the Americanism Essay Contest. One of our local Hoop Shoot winners qualified at the District Hoop Shoot.

At the January 22 Lodge meeting, we initiated into membership Joe Seibeneck, Mark Gazarek, James Pauley III, Tim Hassan, and Tom Roach. If you see these new members in the Club Rooms, be sure to welcome them. Also at this meeting, we conducted a Lodge of Sorrow for John R. DeHaven, who passed away on January 12. We offer our condolences to his family.

At the February 12 meeting, we voted into membership, pending initiation, Jeffery D. Stewart, Richard A. Abraham, Brad Jackson, Jack Bender, Carl R. Bradley, and Bo Moser. We have applications on hand for Monte Sampson, Ted Bibler, Robert A. Skaggs, Chris Chilcote, Lynn R. Child, Jason Reimschusel, Joe Gomez, Carol J. Allen, Janice L. Jackson, and Kirk Fennell. In addition, we have reinstatement applications for Jim Foreman, Thomas Ross, Steve Hutson, and Ted Bibler.

Also at the February 12 meeting, Jeff Whitman presented a check to Exalted Ruler Klein from the Findlay Kiwanis Club. This is to be used for the building remodeling. Lecturing Knight P.E.R. Jim McMaster present the E. R. a plaque for our third place finish in the Chili Cook-off.

Remember, it can pay to attend lodge as we have a drawing at every meeting. Loser of the \$100.00 drawing on January 22nd was Dale Gillespie, and loser of the \$55.00 drawing was Paul Schlencher. At the February 12th meeting, E.R. Matt Klein won \$100.00. Loser of the 60.00 drawing was Robert Miller.



Students of the Month
for February, 2009



Jeff Whitman presenting a check from
Kiwanis to BPOE#75



P.E.R. Jim McMaster presenting the
Chili Cookoff plaque to
E.R. Matt Klein

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.

MARCH MADNESS IN THE LOUNGE

For the college hoops fan, March really only means one thing: March Madness! You'll be able to catch all the great conference tournaments and the big NCAA tournament in your lounge all in high-definition. Make sure you catch all the action done in the lounge.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner & Party

Don't miss the St. Patrick's Day celebration in the lounge on March 17th. We'll be having a traditional corned beef & cabbage dinner and plenty o'green beer at Happy Hour prices all day until 9pm. Put on the green and come down to the lounge.

City BBQ will be back on Friday March 27th for its fantastic lunch buffet in the ballroom. Mark your calendars and bring your friends, family and co-workers along. The buffet is \$9 and portion of the proceeds will go to helping the ongoing improvements at the Lodge.

MARCH FOOD SERVICE RESERVATIONS 419-422-2442

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

Lunch Specials

Mon:	Turkey wrap w/chips and applesauce	\$4.95
Tues:	Breaded Pork Sandwich w/seasoned fries	\$4.75
Weds:	Chicken Tender Salad	\$5.00
Thurs:	Meatloaf Manhattan w/mashed potatoes and gravy	\$5.25
Fri:	Fish sandwich w/fries & slaw	\$5.25

Wednesday Night Specials

4 th :	Pasta Bar w/salad bar	\$6.95
11 th :	Philly CheeseSteak w/fries	\$6.95
18 th :	Taco Bar	\$5.95
25 th :	Chicken Wing basket w/ fries	\$5.95

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

We'll be having STEAK NIGHTS on Fridays during March PLUS WE'LL HAVE SEAFOOD SPECIALS EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT DURING LENT!

**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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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 STEAK NIGHT	14	
15	16 Ladies Bridge 1:00p.m.	17 Texas Hold'em Tourney 6:30p.m. St. Patrick's Day in the Lounge	18	19 House Committee 7:00p.m. Trustee Meeting	20 STEAK NIGHT	21	
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