



The  
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### ***EXALTED RULER'S COMMENTS***

Welcome to April! With the warmer temperatures, spring truly is on its way. With the new spring comes a new core of officers for the Lodge. It is my honor and privilege to serve BPOE #75 as your Exalted Ruler for 2009-10.

PER Matt Klein's reign in 2008-09 was a positive turning point for our Lodge. We now have a new and improved Lounge and a restored Grand Ballroom. A spirit of volunteerism is coursing through the brotherhood, with members sacrificing their time, money, and materials to do what is needed to improve the Lodge for everyone. And if you have been in the past few Lodge meetings, you know that we are receiving applications for membership and reinstatement in the tens.

However, the Lodge is at a critical juncture this year. If we maintain our momentum by continuing to gain new and returning members and by improving our facilities, then we will continue to grow and to prosper as a Lodge. If we do not, though, then we will lapse back into a situation where survival is a question rather than a quest. YOU as a member are able to contribute to the continued renewal of the Lodge by offering your time, giving donations, sponsoring new members, or bringing back lapsed members.

Here are my goals for this Lodge Year:

- 1) Increase membership in our Lodge by at least 10% during the Year.

To support this goal, the Lodge will be having a Membership Drive starting the last week of April and continuing throughout the Lodge Year. The Sponsor with the most new Members at the end of the Lodge Year will enjoy a Friday night at the Lodge on me. And look for special incentives throughout the Year...

Imagine where The Lodge would be if each member brought in just ONE new member...

- 2) Move the Bar & Grill to a self-sustaining state.

With the volunteer help and the changes made to the Bar & Grill in the past year, we are seeing improving balance sheets each month. To support this goal, the House Committee, in conjunction with the Entertainment Committee and Great Events Catering, will provide at least one event each month for the members, fully book the Grand Ballroom to increase revenue, and do what is prudent and necessary to control costs.

- 3) Give at least \$15 per capita to the Elks National Foundation.

We as a Lodge are very charitable, giving at nearly a \$10 per capita rate to the Elks National Foundation. Even in these challenging economic times, we exemplify the motto: Elks Care, Elks Share. I challenge our members to open our hearts even more this year to become an elite giving Lodge. Our Leading Knight, PDDGER Chris Hammond, is our Elks National Foundation Committee Chair.

These are aggressive goals, but with the membership working together as a team, I am confident that we will be able to attain all three and to continue the positive momentum towards a more vibrant and engaged Brotherhood here at BPOE #75.

Enjoy the spring, be charitable to all mankind, and see you at the Lodge!

Fraternally,

Shawn Craft

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OFFICERS 2008-2009

Matt Klein .....Exalted Ruler  
Shawn Craft .....Esteemed 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 Petrime .....3 Year

**HOME ASSOCIATION**

Andy Rutledge.....President  
Scott Wunderlich .....Vice 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 Logsden.....3 Year  
Rich Palmer.....2 Year  
Jeff Jenson.....2 Year  
Tod Houk.....3 Year

*From the Secretary's Pen*

As a new Lodge year starts and new Officers assume their duties, I would like to take this opportunity to thank George Gable for his fine work as secretary the past two years. George, your time and effort in keeping the records accurate and your attention to the details of the job are much appreciated!

As we enter the new Lodge Year, I hope you are diligent in getting your 2009-10 due paid in a timely fashion. The lifeblood of the Lodge depends on it's membership. Your dues and volunteerism is what will keep us going.

I look forward to working with Shawn and the other officers this Lodge year. I hope we can continue the enthusiasm that has emerged from PER Klein and his fellow officers year. Great job guys! It's nice to see increased activity in the Lodge at noon, on Fridays for dinner at the St. Patrick's dinner and so forth. Pool is showing a "renewed" vitality in the Lodge, Congrats to those who are spearheading that effort. Other activities are forthcoming, get involved and be a part of the solution.

FYI, as Lodge Secretary, I will plan to be in the office on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 1pm until 2pm, should you need any information from me. Or you can contact me at [bstalets@hotmail.com](mailto:bstalets@hotmail.com) or by phone at 419-420-9909 or cell at 419-957-5400 to make arrangements to meet at other times.

Bill Stalets, Secretary

*HOME ASSOCIATION TRUSTEE OPENINGS*

There will be 3 trustee openings on the Home Association for the 09-10 Lodge year. Nominations will be taken at the first Lodge meeting in April and the vote will take place the last Lodge meeting of April. Please consider getting involved to help guide and grow our Lodge!

**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.

Spring is here and with it the return of our National Pastime. Be sure to catch all the great Major League Baseball action down in the Lounge. We'll have plenty of games in high definition each and every night throughout the season. So come on down to the Lounge and play ball!

### **BPOE #75 at the Leisure Living Show**

Be sure to stop out at the Leisure Living Show at The Cube April 3-5 and swing by the BPOE #75 table. We'll be sharing a table with our friends Findlay Kiwanis to try the spread the word about all the great things happening at our Lodge. So if you're at the Show swing by and say "hi."

### *Queen of Hearts*

Make sure to register each and every week for the Queen of Hearts drawing that takes place every Saturday night at 10pm. It's your chance to win some serious cash. It's easy and it's fun, but you can't win if you don't play, so stop up each week and register in the Lounge.

### ***Seafood Buffet***

Friday April 3rd in the Lounge  
Starting at 5:30pm - supplies may be limited so make sure to get there early. Featuring beer battered shrimp, crab cakes, tilapia, pollock, salmon, scallops, calamari rings, clams and hushpuppies. \$17.95 per person.  
Make sure to mark your calendars for this one.

### **APRIL FOOD SERVICE** **RESERVATIONS 419-422-2442**

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

#### ***Lunch Specials***

Mon:	Chicken salad melt w/cottage cheese	\$5.25
Tues:	Texas T w/chips & macaroni salad	\$4.25
Weds:	BBQ Rib sandwich w/seasoned fries	\$4.95
Thurs:	Cincinnati Chili w/salad & garlic bread	
	Full	\$5.25
	1/2	\$4.25
Fri:	Shrimp Basket w/Fries & Slaw	\$5.25

#### ***Wednesday Night Specials***

1 <sup>st</sup>	Taco Bar	\$5.95
8 <sup>th</sup>	Meat Loaf Dinner w/mashed potatoes & corn	\$6.95
15 <sup>th</sup>	Taco Bar	\$5.95
22 <sup>th</sup>	Texas T w/Fries & Potato Salad	\$5.95
29 <sup>th</sup>	Sausage, sauerkraut & Mashed Potatoes	\$6.95

April Friday Night Specials:

3<sup>rd</sup> Seafood Buffet  
10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> Steak Night & Seafood Specials  
(add a trip to the salad bar on any Weds Night special for only \$1.75)

**Salad Bar now open on Friday nights**  
**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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