



The
GAZ-ELK

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EXALTED RULER'S COMMENTS

It's September, my fellow Elks! This is my favorite time of the year. The football season gets into high gear, the leaves begin to change, and school starts for our children once again.

I enjoyed the Ohio Elks Fall Reunion August 21-23. It was nice to see the ERs and State Officers that I met in Portland, OR, at Grand Lodge in July and to continue to grow our relationships. The Grand Exalted Ruler, James Nicholson, gave a great speech during the Business Meeting, reminding us of his term's slogan, "Elks Make a Difference".

How do we Findlay Elks make a difference? Well, one way that immediately comes to mind is our involvement in the Honor Flight program. In case you do not know, Honor Flight is an operation that provides our World War II veterans an opportunity to see their memorial in Washington, DC, before they pass away. Our National Veterans Service Coordinator, Doak Decker, has worked tirelessly with the Northwest Ohio chapter of Honor Flight to raise funds for and awareness of the program.

In the course of the fund-raising, Doak saw the need to get a flight specifically for the WWII veterans here in Hancock County. With help from events held at our Lodge and support from other fraternal orders in the area, such as the VFW, AmVets, and the Moose, it is my pleasure to announce that we as a community are now able to sponsor an Honor Flight for Hancock County in October!!!

Doak deserves a lot of credit for his persistence and diligence in this effort. We are now looking for Guardians, individuals who escort the veterans on the trip. If you have any interest in serving as a Guardian, please contact Doak, and he will get you the information.

Another way that we Findlay Elks make a difference is the Jim Baker Reverse Raffle that took place on August 29. Jim Baker was diagnosed with terminal cancer a few months back, and Jim Kreiling stepped up to the plate to provide a way to honor the memory of a member who has given so much to the Lodge he loves as well as to continue to give to the Lodge. The Reverse Raffle revived a tradition from the past with a reinvigorated look and feel. The attendees enjoyed the evening, and the Raffle raised funds that the Lodge will need as we go through the rest of the Lodge Year. Oh, and I am sure that the "ER Surprise" from the event will be put to good use...

There are so many other ways we as Findlay Elks make a difference: brotherly love to our fellow members and their guests; our community activities (Hoop Shoot, Soccer Shoot, Chili Cook-off, Student of the Month and Year, etc.); our charitable giving to the Elks National Foundation, Cerebral Palsy, etc.; our scholarships to deserving students. I am just naming a few!

So, when you are talking about the Elks with your family, friends, and coworkers, and they ask, "What do the Elks do?" I would say, "What **don't** we do?"

Be faithful to your obligation every day in every way, and enjoy the start of the autumn!

Fraternally,
Shawn Craft

**BENEVOLENT &
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ELKS
Lodge #75**

OFFICERS 2009-2010

Shawn Craft.....Exalted Ruler
Chris Hammond PER.... Leading Knight
Walt Saum PER..... Loyal Knight
Pete Reynolds..... Lecturing Knight
Pat McCaffrey.....Treasurer
Bill Stalets PER.....Secretary
Jeff Jensen.....Esquire
Rich Palmer.....Chaplain
John Sidorski.....Inner Guard
Duane Duffield PER.....Tiler

TRUSTEES

Thomas Fitzpatrick PER..... 1 Year
Gary Petrime2 Year
Ken Bahler.....3 Year
Jim Kreiling.....4 Year
Matt Klein PER.....5 Year

HOME ASSOCIATION

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

HOME ASSOCIATION TRUSTEES

Scott Wunderlich.....1 Year
Rich Palmer.....1 Year
Jeff Jenson.....1 Year
Andy Rutledge.....2 Year
Brian Logsdan.....2 Year
Tod Houk.....2 Year
Steve Johnson.....3 Year
Jayme Kresser.....3 Year
Mike Smith.....3 Year

From the Secretary's Pen

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, to the 522 members who have paid their 2009-10 dues. (also to those who have communicated an issue with their dues) We still have 22 members who have not communicated with this office regarding their 2009-10 dues. **REMEMBER, the Exalted Ruler** set a goal to have everything done by **Labor Day!** At the Aug. 13th meeting the following action was taken. Jim Mc Master was elected to an **Honorary Life Membership**. (Congratulations Jim) Jeff Pugh, Lindsay Bilgili, Fred Wolford, Donald Stansloski, Don Blankenship and Takeo Inthavong were elected into membership pending indoctrination and initiation.

Applications Received:

<i>Tyler Riley</i>	<i>Findlay, OH</i>	<i>Unemployed</i>	<i>proposed by Andy Riley</i>
<i>Andy Beach</i>	<i>Findlay, OH</i>	<i>UPS</i>	<i>proposed by Andy Riley</i>
<i>Jeremy Haase</i>	<i>Findlay, OH</i>	<i>Austin Powder Co.</i>	<i>proposed by Andy Riley</i>
<i>Jeff Sines</i>	<i>Findlay, OH</i>	<i>Premier Plus</i>	<i>proposed by Scott</i>
<i>Wunderlich</i>			
<i>Beth Diller</i>	<i>Findlay, OH</i>	<i>Findlay Implement</i>	<i>proposed by Ron Gallaher</i>

*The OE Assoc. sent a letter indicating the OE News will no longer be printed, but will be published on the web. This is to save money in printing and postage. On the bulletin board are other announcements regarding a Poker Run sponsored by the Van Wert Lodge (see Gary Petrime regarding transportation) and a PER golf tournament sponsored by the Kenton Lodge. (see me if interested, needs one PER per four man team) The Lodge meeting was recessed for the Home Assoc. The Home Assoc. presented and passed various amendments to their by-laws. Tom Fitzpatrick was installed as Deputy District Grand Exalted Ruler (DDGER) for the Northwest District of Ohio at the GL convention. **CONGRATULATIONS TOM!** Remember, it pays to attend Lodge! Loser of \$65 at this meeting was Randy Bradley. Finally, dues notices for those who paid for 1/2 year have been mailed for the 2nd half of this Lodge year. Please get them in a timely manner! Thank you in advance!*

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 is 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. We have a lot to offer.

POKER RUN

The Van Wert Elks 1197 would like to invite your lodge to participate in the first Poker run on September 12th, 2009. Profits will go to Cerebral Palsy. **The donation will be given in the name of the Northwest District.** We will need some help from each lodge who wishes to participate.

The fee for the event will be \$20.00 for the driver and \$10.00 for the rider. Cars and motorcycle are both welcomed. We will ask each entrant to visit a minimum of 5 lodges. You can visit all lodges that participate and receive a card for each one. The last lodge you must stop at is the Van Wert Lodge. This is where you will pay the fee and receive your cards. We plan on having a DJ for dancing, food and many other events. We will update those lodges who wish to participate with information as we get it.

If you have any questions please contact: Jim Russell, 419-203-3792 or E-Mail temco@bright.net. Our contact Dave Keipper, 419-203-2972 or e-mail dKeipper@amt-corp.com.

RESOLUTION 20009-17

Proposal to amend Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of the Order:

The above section reads in relevant part as follows:

.... A State Association may establish and maintain under such terms and conditions as may be provided by Grand Lodge Statutes and State Association By-Laws, and may incorporate under the laws of its State, one or more charitable, educational or philanthropic projects.

The proposed amendment would read as follows:

.... A Lodge or State Association may establish and maintain under such terms and conditions as may be provided by Grand Lodge Statutes and Lodge or State Association By-Laws, and may incorporate under the laws of its State, one or more charitable, educational or philanthropic projects. A Lodge corporation formed under this Article shall comply with the provisions of Section 16.030 unless otherwise required by the laws of the State where incorporated.

This Resolution is proposed by the Committee on Judiciary.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Resolution is to allow a Lodge to incorporate its charitable projects.

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY:

The Committee on Judiciary finds that the adoption of this Resolution would not violate the Constitution or Laws of the Order.

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

Findlay Elks #75 Veterans Committee is proud to foster Delta Company 3-101st Airborne Screaming Eagles. There are 156 soldiers, including four females. Elk members and their families can support our foster unit by donating items that are listed on the bulletin board in the lounge. The list is not all inclusive. If you have any questions about possible donations see me in the lounge or email me (see Email address below).

Each month we will ship all donations to our foster unit. The shipping schedule is as follows:

9/18, 10/16, 11/13, 12/11, 1/22 *if unit is still deployed

Josh Palmer
Vice Chairman
Elks #75 Veterans Committee
TROJAN140@YAHOO.COM

VETERANS COMMITTEE

We will be hosting the University of Findlay Basketball coach's in Mid October. Money raised for this event will go to the Veterans committee for future functions held at our Lodge. Thanksgiving and /or Christmas dinner for the Battle of the Bulge group.

Honor Flight Guardians update.. We have the medical personnel needed. We now need 5 people who are willing to be guardians. This should get us to the 18 needed.

Again, Thanks you for your support.
Doak Decker

ELKS ENTERTAINMENT CALANDER

Regular Events

- **Mon** Pool League
- **Mon** Monday Night NFL Football (begins Sep14)
- **Tue** Poker Tourney (every Tuesday)
- **Wed** Family Nights (every Wednesday)
- **Thu** Members Night (2nd & 4th Thursdays)
- **Sun** NFL Football (Begins Sep 13)

Lounge Events

- **Fri 11** Euchre Party (8-10 pm);
- **Sat 12** Saturday Breakfasts begin (Cartoons/Movie for the kids)
- **Fri 18** Live music (tentative)
- **Fri 25** Dinner & Movie in Lounge
- **Sat 12** Elks District Poker Run (ends @ Van Wert Lodge)

Ballroom Event

- **Sat 19** Downtown Assoc/Arts Partnership Beer Tasting (Ballroom)

Other Sports Events: Pre-Game

- **Fri 4** FHS Football Pre-game dinner (v. Toledo St Francis)
- **Sat 12** U of F Football Pre-game breakfast (game @ 12:00)
- **Fri 18** FHS Football Pre-game dinner (v. Cincinnati Moeller)
- **Sat 26** U of F Football Pre-game breakfast (game @ 12:00)

Other Sports Events: On TV

- **Sat 5** Ohio St. v. Navy (12:00 pm)
- **Thu 10** Opening Day NFL (Steelers v. Titans)
- **Fri 11** Toledo v. Colorado (8:00 pm)
- **Sat 12** Michigan v Notre Dame (2:30 pm)
- **Sat 12** Ohio State v. USC (7:00 pm)
- **Sun 13** Opening Sunday of NFL Season
- **Sat** College Football
- **Sun** NFL Football

New Weekly Drawing

In addition to our Weekly, Spouse and Daily drawings we have added "The Queen of Hearts" weekly drawing.

Drawing is held every Saturday Night at 10:00pm. Pot is growing rapidly. Tickets can be purchased in the lounge for \$1, 5/\$3 or 10/\$5. It pays to play. Stop down at the lodge for game details.

SATURDAY BREAKFAST

We will be bringing breakfast back to the lounge on Saturday's only starting Sep. 12 from 9:00am till 2:00pm. Come on down and enjoy a warm breakfast from our new menu.

FREE REFILLS

Due to popular demand we have change the refill policy in the lounge. All fountain pop, lemonade and iced tea will be priced at \$1.75 (with unlimited refills). Can pop is still available for \$1.00.

Get R Done

We have **544** Lodge members. **522** members have paid their 2009-10 Dues. **22** members have not. **Are you one?** We want you back. You can pay your dues at the bar. We accept cash, check or credit card.

GET YOUR GAZ-ELK ONLINE

Save our Lodge the expense of printing and mailing our newsletter. Just go to www.FindlayElks.org and read the Gaz-Elk online, or pick up a copy in the Lounge. Just let me know that you don't want us to waste the money to mail it to you by sending me an **email** and I will remove you from the list. Every dollar we save will help pay for improvements to the Lodge. My email address is johnsidorski@earthlink.net

MONTHLY FOOD SERVICE

RESERVATIONS 419-422-2442

Food service will consist of regular menu items during hours listed and the following specials:

Lunch Specials

Mon:	Sloppy Joes w/seasoned fries	\$4.25
Tue:	Breaded Veal w/French fries	\$4.50
Wed:	Burger (1/3lb.) w/chili cheese fries	\$4.95
Thu:	Cinci Chili w/garlic toast & trip	\$5.55
Fri:	Chicken Tender wrap w/chips	\$4.25

Wednesday Night Specials

2 nd	Beef & Noodles w/mashed & veggie	\$6.50
9 th	Spaghetti & Meatballs w/garlic toast	\$5.50
16 th	Taco Bar	\$6.50
23 th	Liver & Onions w/mashed & veggie	\$6.95
30 th	Taco Bar	\$6.50

Add Small trip to any meal \$2.25
Special kids menu every Wednesday night

Friday Night Specials

4 th	Steak Night w/potato & trip	\$12.95
11 th	Steak Night w/ potato & trip	\$8.95
18 th	Seafood Platter	\$12.95
25 th	Steak Night w/potato & trip	\$12.95

Happy Hour 4-6 Draft and well specials
Drink specials during Dinner Hours on Fri nights

FOOD SERVICE HOURS:

Lunch (Mon-Fri) 11:00 - 1:00
Dinner (Wed. & Fri. only) 5:30 - 8:30
Saturday Breakfast 9:00am-2:00pm

Appetizer menu available every Evening

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SUBMISSION DEADLINE is 22nd of the MONTH

THURSDAY NIGHT CLUB

The Thursday Night Club is beginning its 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 Jim McMaster or Walt Saum any time or just stop by any Thursday night to join.

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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 Texas Hold'em Tourney 6:30p.m.	2 Kid's Movie 6:30 Golf Banquet	3 House Committee 7:00	4 Steak Night	5 Queen of Hearts 10:00
6	7 Labor Day LODGE CLOSED	8 Texas Hold'em Tourney 6:30p.m.	9 Kid's Movie 6:30	10 LODGE MEETING 8:00	11 Steak Night	12 Queen of Hearts 10:00
13 Home Association 7:00	14 Ladies Bridge 1:00p.m	15 Texas Hold'em Tourney 6:30p.m.	16 Kid's Movie 6:30	17 House Committee 7:00	18 Seafood Platter	19 Queen of Hearts 10:00
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