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**GAZ-ELK**

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***EXALTED RULER'S COMMENTS***

I would like to conclude the reminder of our Mission Statement. One last time, I reprint it here for reference:

To inculcate the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity; to recognize a belief in God; to promote the welfare and to enhance the happiness of its Members; to quicken the spirit of American patriotism; to cultivate good fellowship; to perpetuate itself as a fraternal organization, and to provide for its government, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America will serve the people and communities through benevolent programs, demonstrating that Elks Care and Elks Share.

This month, I want to concentrate on the phrases, "to perpetuate itself as a fraternal organization" and "to provide for its government".

Over the past nine months, we here at BPOE #75 have continued to rebuild our membership and to restore our Lodge building. Every single member of our Lodge has a responsibility to assist in the perpetuation of BPOE #75, and many of us have fulfilled this duty admirably.

Where would we be without the members and spouses who have, just in the past nine months: provided great entertainment events; served as volunteer bartenders; painted the second floor hallway and grand staircase; repaired and refurbished the Wisner Room; started the Queen of Hearts game; given wonderful Indoctrination ceremonies; donated to provide a new grill for the Kitchen; cleaned the floors and equipment in the Kitchen; led the contribution charge on Honor Flight; served as Guardians for our WWII veterans on the Hancock County Honor Flight on October 14; decorated the building for Christmas; and agreed to serve as Officers, Lodge Trustees, Home Association Trustees, and the Club, Bar, and Kitchen Managers?

We also know that we cannot rest on our laurels, because perpetuation means a constant, continual process. There are still lots of projects to complete in the restoration of our building. There are still efficiencies to gain in the operation of our Bar & Grill. And there is always a need for new and reinstated members.

We are honored to host the Northwest District Meeting the weekend of January 30-31. Let's show our brothers and sisters throughout the District how well we perform as a Lodge!

The local Hoop Shoot occurs on January 4, and the District Hoop Shoot is just a couple of weeks later. Our local and District Hoop Shoot Coordinator, Bill Spraw, always needs volunteers, so please give your time and talents at the Koehler Center this month.

Finally, I know that some members are already planning on how best to serve the Lodge as an Officer or a Trustee next year (2010-11). Nominations for elected Officers will occur at the Lodge Meeting on February 11. We continue to provide for its government by serving as Officers and Trustees, so if you have an inclination to be a Lodge Leader, be ready to step up and to serve!

Enjoy this January as we begin the new year of 2010, and continue to love and to serve YOUR BPOE #75!

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 Petrim.....2 Year  
Ken Bahler.....3 Year  
Jim Kreiling.....4 Year  
Matt Klein PER.....5 Year

**HOME ASSOCIATION**

Andy Rutledge.....President  
Scott Wunderlich.....Vice 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 Logsdon.....2 Year  
Tod Houk.....2 Year  
OPEN.....3 Year  
Jayme Kresser.....3 Year  
Mike Smith.....3 Year

**From the Secretary's Pen**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

The New Year is here already. My how time flies when you are having fun! A concern though is that we still have ten members who owe dues from the beginning of the Lodge year. They will be dropped from the rolls as of March 31<sup>st</sup> if they do not pay per GL statute 14.160. They are:

Frank Anast	Gregory Gilbert	Douglas Bolmer	Dale Gillespie
David Cornwell	Daniel Harmon	Stephan Cramer	Laura Leopold
Roger Davis	Ridhard Tidd		

You can help by contacting any of the above that you know and encourage them to get their dues up to date!

At the Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Lodge Tom Romaker was voted into re-instatement.

Remember it pays to attend Lodge, a drawing for \$95 was held and Charles Delk was not present to claim his prize. Bills were ordered paid in the amount of \$6,733.45 and receipts of the session were \$6,108.

The following have been proposed for membership:

Linda L. Young	Innisbrook Dr., Findlay	Nurse Practitioner	by Jeremy Haase
Roger Domke	Lone Tree Dr., Findlay	Marathon	by Eric Hurst
Edward Strahm	Grenview Dr., Findlay	Owner-Massage School	by Scott Wunderlich
Michael Wienn	CR 24, Jenera	(Not Listed)	by Bo Moser

(To be read in Lodge – Jan. 14, 2010)

Lauren A. Wunderlich	Lesa, Findlay	Student	by Scott Wunderlich
Adam Lonsway	West Ave., Findlay	Cooper Tire	by Dan Scherf
Pierre Duplessis	Selby St., Findlay	Systems Analyst	by Carol Allen

Hope to see you all in Lodge on the 14<sup>th</sup> of January.

**Bill Stalets**

**HAVE YOU SPONSORED A NEW MEMBER THIS YEAR?**

If so, then the Exalted Ruler wants to reward you by paying for your meal on January 29, 2010!

**THAT'S RIGHT...ALL SPONSORS EAT DINNER ON 1/29/2010 AT THE ER'S EXPENSE!!!**

Take advantage of this one-time offer as part of the District Meeting festivities that weekend!

Again, the offer is good for dinnertime (5:30-8:30 PM) on 1/29/2010 for all sponsors of members initiated anytime **between 4/1/2009 and 1/28/2010.**

Questions? See your ER or Lodge Secretary!

ENJOY A MEAL ON ME! -- Shawn Craft, Exalted Ruler of Findlay Lodge #75

**POOL TOURNAMENT**

Sunday our great weekly pool tournaments will be returning. Play will start about 1pm, doors open at noon. Tournaments will be run as APA handicapped and there is a \$10 entry fee with 100% payback. Tournament is open to all members and guests. If you wish to play and do not have an APA hdcp. one will be assigned. The tourney will be limited to 24 players, so get there early. We'll also be having a break and run. If you have questions please feel free to call John Snyder at (419) 957-3039

# BUCKEYE CALANDERS

The Buckeye Calendars are now available in the Lounge. They cost \$20 each with \$5 staying with our Lodge to support our activities. Remember, the last four digits of the calendar number are eligible for the daily pick 4 drawing. That means you could wind \$50 a day, \$100 on the weekends and \$500 on holidays. Buy your calendar now while there is still a supply available!

## Notes from the Home Association

Projects are continuing. The Wisner Room is in its final stages and the new TVs have been mounted. The painting of the upper and lower stairwells is in full swing and should be completed by the end of the month.

Paul Heilman has been temporarily appointed to fill a recently vacated seat on the Home Association. Paul has spent many hours as one of the painters that repainted the first floor. There will be nominations to permanently fill the position held at the first lodge meeting in December. We will accept further nominations and vote on the open position at the first lodge meeting in January.

Andy Rutledge

## DECEMBER STUDENT'S OF THE MONTH

Arcadia	Samantha Heaston, Anthony Elchert	Arlington	Matt Merchant, Evan Hill
Cory-Rawson	David Hector, Rachel Reichley	Findlay	Leah Horne, Elliott Murray, Xiaodi Hu
Liberty Benton	Zach Miller, Seth Butler	Mc Comb	no students this month
Van Buren	Tia Gilkerson, Jason Tropf	Vanlue	Kaylee Ruckstuhl, Andrew Hendricks

## 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.

## QUEEN OF HEARTS

A group of 9 Elks members have picked the envelope that contained the Queen of Hearts and took home \$8898.00. Our next contest was started on 12/26 with just over \$3000.00.

The winners of the first contest are as follows.

Jim Kreiling, Eric Hurst, Andy Riley, Neil Parsons  
Roger Toumazos, Jim Palmer, Maurice Fiocca  
Parminder Sandhu, Randy Bradley and Cheezy Hashbarger

## SATURDAY BREAKFAST

Breakfast is back in the lounge on Saturday mornings from 9:00am till 2:00pm. Come on down and enjoy a warm breakfast from our new menu, featuring Biscuits & Gravy for only \$4.00 (full order) or \$2.25 (half order).

## SATURDAY BRUNCH

The Lounge is bringing back our brunch buffet. The next brunch is on Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am – 2:00pm. Enjoy our new brunch buffet on the first Saturday of the month for only \$6.50.

## Get R Done

We have **564** Lodge members. **554** members have paid their 2009-10 Dues. **10** 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](http://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](mailto:johnsidorski@earthlink.net)

## 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.

## 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:	Chicken Salad Sand. w/fries	\$4.50
Tue:	Italian Sub w/seasoned fries	\$4.75
Wed:	Taco Salad	\$4.75
Thu:	Cinci Chili w/garlic toast	full \$5.25 half \$4.25
Fri:	Fish Sand. w/fries	\$4.50

### Wednesday Night Specials

6 <sup>th</sup>	Taco bar	\$6.50
13 <sup>th</sup>	Liver & Onions w/mashed	\$6.95
20 <sup>th</sup>	Taco bar	\$6.50
27 <sup>th</sup>	½ lb. ER Burger w/fries	\$5.50

Add Small trip to any meal \$2.25

Special kids menu every Wednesday night

### Friday Night Specials

8 <sup>th</sup>	Steak Night w/potato & trip	\$12.95
15 <sup>th</sup>	8 pc. Butterfly Shrimp	\$9.95
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Steak Night w/ potato & trip	\$12.95
29 <sup>th</sup>	Steak Night w/ potato & trip	\$12.95

### Happy Hour

M-F 4pm-6pm. Draft and Well discounts

### 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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<b>JANUARY 2010</b>						
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					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>  Queen of Hearts 10:00
<b>3</b>  Home Association 7:00	<b>4</b>  Ladies Bridge 1:00p.m	<b>5</b>  Texas Hold'em Tourney 6:30p.m.	<b>6</b> Kid's Movie 6:30	<b>7</b>  House Committee 8:00	<b>8</b>  Steak Night	<b>9</b>  Queen of Hearts 10:00
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