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GAZ-ELK

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EXALTED RULER'S COMMENTS

Wow, this first month of the new lodge year flew by quickly! Your new Officers and I jumped right into our new roles and held Initiation our first night. Twelve new members joined our ranks on the 8th of April. We also held the last "Student of the Month" program for the lodge year the same evening and acknowledged the hard work and dedication of a number of our area seniors. It was a very busy night!

The following week, Leading Knight Jeff Jenson, Esquire Jim McMaster, DDGER Tom Fitzpatrick and I represented Findlay Lodge # 75 at the State Convention in Columbus. The convention was very informative! We attended a number of different meetings dedicated to not only educating us, but also to enlighten us on what other lodges are doing throughout the state. These meetings are open to all Elk Members, so try an attend one in the future!

On the 22nd, we held an informational meeting in the Lodge Room to help educate the members on the many different committees serving the lodge and our community. There was a nice turn out and I believe all in attendance found it informative. Thanks to those of you who were there! If you missed the meeting and wish to get caught up, I do have hand-outs available. I'll leave them at the bar downstairs, or you can contact me and I'll get you a copy.

The Home Association held their annual lodge meeting and Ryan Pessel, Jason Reimsehusel and Scott Wunderlich were elected onto the Board for 3 year terms. Retiring from service was Jeff Jenson and Rich Palmer. Chairman Andy Rutledge thanked them for their service during the past 3 years and also took the time to acknowledge others who have supported the Lodge by donating time and funds over the last year. **On behalf of the whole membership, I would like to express great appreciation for ALL who have given of themselves in returning our beautiful home back to its former grandeur.** Without volunteers, our mission is impossible and all the success we have experienced over the past year would not have taken place. **THANK YOU!**

May begins with BPOE # 75 hosting the bluegrass band **Kentucky Border** live on the 1st in support of the Flag City Honor Flight. Scott Shaull and Steve Dyer will be the opening act. If you haven't caught the guys from Kentucky Border playing at one of our Lodge's Open Mic Nights, they are fabulous. It's going to be a great evening for a great cause.

On the 7th, the **Arts Partnership of Greater Hancock County** will be hosting an Art Walk in downtown Findlay. To wrap up the evening, the Arts Partnership will be hosting a comedian in our Ballroom.

On May 13th, we will hold our "Students of the Year" award program. Area seniors selected from our monthly honorees will be presented cash awards and be acknowledged for their achievements. This is a great event and your attendance would show great support to these very deserving scholars. We will also be presenting the "Elk of The Year" and other awards to members of our lodge who have given of themselves the same evening. Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate achievements.

On May 15th and 16th, our lodge will host the Northwest District Meeting. On Saturday, a golf outing will take place at Sycamore Springs. If you are a golfer, don't miss this chance to show the rest of the District your skills and bring home the trophy to Findlay! Dinner specials and entertainment will be in the lounge Saturday night and the meetings in the Lodge Room on Sunday. Breakfast will also be served Sunday, so bring the family!

The District Soccer Shoot Out will also be on the 15th, so Pat McCaffrey could use your help at Emery Adams field. It's a fun time watching the younger kids take there turn, so let Pat know if you can give an hour or two of your time.

Chris Hammond

THE WINDOW FUND-RAISER GETS EXTENDED TO JUNE 11

That's right, the window fund campaign has been extended to June 11. None of the groups have met their goal yet. I also understand a couple of the groups have an internal fund-raiser going on and they need some extra time. Additionally, many of you have told me you plan to get your check to me but you can't do it by the original deadline. For those of you who are ultra competitive and are concerned about extending the deadline, let's not lose sight of the main goal, to raise money to repair and restore the outside windows of our beautiful building. We also want to get a beer cooler for the downstairs storeroom if at all possible.

As you remember, the goal of this fund-raiser will be \$10,000. There will be competition among groups within our Lodge to put some fun into meeting our goal. To contribute, all you need to do is write a check to BPOE 75. Even \$10 is much appreciated. Write "fund-raiser" in the memo line of the check and leave it at the bar or mail it to the Lodge. Make sure to credit the appropriate group on the memo line. If you want to donate cash, be sure to leave the information needed on a note paper clipped to the donation. All donations will go in a cigar box behind the bar. The groups will be described below.

The winning group gets an extra fabulous extra yummy dinner prepared for them by Carol Allen and Rich Palmer. Carol's pot roast sandwich is a yummy staple of Tuesday night. To be eligible for the dinner you must be on the winning team and contribute at least \$40 towards the goal. Here are the groups and their individual goals. Note that ALL contributions go towards the overall goal. Numbers in parentheses are the approximate number of members in the group

Officers and PER's: (40). Goal \$1600
Thursday Nite Club: (130) Goal: \$5200
25 year club (100) Goal:\$4000
Card players (40) Goal:\$1600
Pool players (30) Goal:\$1200

If you don't belong to one of these groups, please donate anyway!! The overall goal will need help from all members. Since many members belong to more than one group, the sum of the group goals is higher than the overall goal. If you belong to more than one group, be sure to say on the memo line of the check which group you want your donation to be credited to.

We have done much to save our Lodge. Let's pull together one more time for the grand old lady at 601 S. Main St. You'll be glad you did!

Jeff Jenson
Chairman

BUCKEYE CALENDARS

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!

Golf Outing NORTHWEST DISTRICT Hosted by Findlay Lodge #75

Where: Sycamore Springs Golf Course, Arlington, Ohio. 11492 Township Rd 25

When: May 15, 2010 at 9:30 AM. **Please make reservations by MAY 10, 2010.**

Cost: \$45 per person. This includes 18 holes of golf, golf cart, prizes and dinner at the Findlay Elks Lodge.

Format: 4 man scramble. Shotgun start.

**CONTACT DAVE GRAY BY MAY 10TH FOR RESERVATIONS AT 419-348-0666 OR
EMAIL AT GrayAppraisal@aol.com**

Northwest District Meeting

Sunday May 16, 2010

Breakfast in the Lounge 8 - 11

District Meeting 12 - 2
Lunch to follow (free with registration)

Findlay Elks Soccer Shoot

The Findlay Elks Soccer shoot will be conducted May 15 at Emory Adams Park From 9am to 1pm and 6 to 7 pm for those playing out of town.

All greater Findlay area soccer kids are eligible to compete in this shoot on goal contest. Medals will be given to the first three places in each age and gender group. Winners will be eligible to compete in the District Elks Shoot June 19.

Elks volunteers are needed to Shag Balls, Register kids and run kids through the course(s). The groups are based on US Youth Soccer for Fall 2010 age groups - U8, U10, U12, U14.

Questions and/or information requests can be directed to Pat McCaffrey.

Pat can be contacted by phone at: 419 - 348 - 1999 and by email at: u6boysdirector@hancocksoccer.com

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:	Chicken Tender Salad	\$4.95
Tue:	Prime Rib Sandwich	\$4.95
Wed:	Tilapia Sandwich w/ O-rings	\$4.95
Thu:	Chicken Salad Sandwich w/ fries	\$4.95
Fri:	Reuben Sandwich w/ chips	\$4.95

Free Iced Tea with lunch during month of May

Wednesday Night Specials

5 th	Liver & Onions	\$6.95
12 th	Swiss Steak w/mashed	\$6.95
19 th	Taco bar	\$6.50
26 th	Burger Bar w/tater tots	\$6.95

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

Friday Night Specials

7 th	Steak w/potato & trip	\$12.95
14 th	Baby Back Ribs w/trip	Full slab \$13.95 Half slab \$10.95
21 st	Steak w/potato & trip	\$12.95
28 th	Baked Chicken	\$10.95

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

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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						1 Queen of Hearts 9:30 Bluegrass Band
2 Home Association 7:00 Building closed	3 Ladies Bridge 1:00p.m	4 Texas Hold'em Tourney 6:30p.m.	5 Dinner Special 5:30 – 8:30 Golf League	6 House Committee 8:00	7 Steak Night	8 Queen of Hearts 9:30 Arts Partners
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