



The  
**GAZ-ELK**

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Findlay, Ohio

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**EXALTED RULER'S COMMENTS**

June is already upon us! The lodge year seems to fly by! I need to begin by thanking all those who helped us host the Northwest District Meeting this past month. Carol Allen, Laura Allen, Wendy Hughes, Kim Petrime, Jim and Bev McMaster, and Ken Bahler all stepped up and donated their time over the weekend. There were many others who assisted as well and my intention is not forget anyone; so thank you all! Dave Gray also volunteered to run the District Golf Outing for us and a beautiful day was had by all at Sycamore Springs. Thanks Dave!

On June 8<sup>th</sup>, the annual 25 year club banquet will be held. This banquet is for those who have been a member of our lodge for more than 25 years. Currently, almost 50% of our membership belongs to this club. We all owe a debt of gratitude to our longtime members who have paved the way and supported our lodge over the years. Make plans on being present if you can. I look forward to seeing you there!

On the 10<sup>th</sup> of June, we will be observing Flag Day. Officially, Flag Day is June 14<sup>th</sup>, but since we have no lodge meeting that day, we are electing to have it on the 10<sup>th</sup>. For those of you who may not know this, the BPOE was instrumental in the adoption of Flag Day as an official holiday. Our Order celebrated this day long before our government recognized it. Make sure to be there for this informative, patriotic evening.

The Window Fund campaign deadline was extended to June 11<sup>th</sup>. If you wish to assist at all in helping to preserve of Historic Home, this is an important worthwhile way to do so. The funds will be used for refurbishing the windows and will assist in extending their life and lowering our heating and cooling costs (the caulking is gone in many windows!). In addition to helping preserve the building, you may also win a dinner prepared by Carol Allen if your "group" wins. See the information posted downstairs for details. Please consider a donation today!

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At the second meeting of the month, June 24<sup>th</sup>, we will hold an initiation and we will be recognizing our scholarship recipients. BPOE # 75 has awarded \$7300 in scholarships to area youth. These students and their parents will be invited to lodge for special recognition. In addition to our local winners, we have one state winner of the Elks National Foundation Scholarship and a winner of the ENF Legacy Scholarship. These winners will also be present. This is why we ask you to contribute to the ENF – it helps our area youth as well as others across the nation! Please show your appreciation for all the hard work that the students have put forth and wish them well in their college education.

Remember, during the months of July and August we only meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month. Summer Break!

Our next initiation will be in September. It will coincide with our annual District Deputy Inspection. Now is the time to get those applications in and get your friends and neighbors to join the lodge. The officers are at their finest during our inspection, so your candidates will receive an impressive rendition of the ritual and they will also be a part of the DDGER Class – an honor for sure. Voting on new member applications will take place in August for the September class and remember we only have one meeting that month.

Finally, please utilize our building as much as possible this summer. Our financial wellbeing is based on two things – membership and the bar & grill at least breaking even. Especially during the summer months, our facility is under used. We still need to turn the lights on and keep it cool, so make the most of our efforts by bringing the family down for dinner or by taking a colleague to lunch. We have gone to great lengths to improve food service and quality. Your patronage is vital.

Once again, thanks for allowing me the opportunity to serve you, the members of BPOE #75. I look forward to the opportunity to work with all of you and have a very successful year.

Chris Hammond

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ELKS  
Lodge #75**

**OFFICERS 2010-2011**

Chris Hammond PER..... Exalted Ruler  
Jeff Jenson.....Leading Knight  
Pete Reynolds ..... Loyal Knight  
John Sidorski.....Lecturing Knight  
Pat McCaffrey.....Treasurer  
Bill Stalets PER.....Secretary  
James McMaster.PER.....Esquire  
Rich Palmer.....Chaplain  
Wendy Hughes.....Inner Guard  
Richard McCamey.....Tiler

**TRUSTEES**

Gary Petrim .....1 Year  
Ken Bahler.....2 Year  
Jim Kreiling.....3 Year  
Matt Klein PER.....4 Year  
Thomas Fitzpatrick PER..... 5 Year

**HOME ASSOCIATION**

Andy Rutledge.....President  
Scott Wunderlich .....Vice President  
Jason Reinschussel....Secretary/Treasurer

**HOME ASSOCIATION TRUSTEES**

Andy Rutledge.....1 Year  
Brian Logsdon.....1Year  
Tod Houk.....1 Year  
Paul Heilman.....2 Year  
Jayme Kresser.....2 Year  
Mike Smith.....2 Year  
Scott Wunderlich.....3 Year  
Jason Reinschussel.....3 Year  
Ryan Pessell.....3 Year

**From the Secretary's Pen**

Summer is here! The Elks Golf League is in full swing! If you have not participated to date, you can still enjoy the League with you Brother Elks. Come out and tee off between noon and 5:00pm on Wednesdays. Someone is sure to be around to play with.

Second dues notices have been mailed. There are still 59 members who have not paid their 2010-11 dues. Please get them in ASAP. The Lodge has already paid your Grand Lodge fees.

At the May 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Students of the Year were recognized. Dr. May from the University of Findlay was the guest speaker. There were 13 students and 36 guests present. ER Hammond commented that the Art Walk ended in the Ballroom of the Lodge and was a Great success.

The scholarship committee recommended the awarding of \$7,300 in scholarships Doug LaPlant proposed for membership James C. Smithey, who lives in Findlay and is a Machinist. Neil Parsons supported the re-instatement application of Michelle Borgia.

The Bar and Grill required a loan of \$3,700 to meet expenses. It was approved.

PER Craft recognized the following individuals for their contributions during the 2009-10 Lodge Year.

**ELK of the Year** – Doak Decker, **Officer of the Year** – Jim Kreiling and **GER Outstanding Service Award** - John “Sid” Sidorski.

Remember it pays to attend Lodge! Randy Bradley lost \$40 for non-attendance!

**To our absent Members:**

C. E. Edgington Jr. passed away 12/02/2009  
James N. Stall passed away 02/28/2010  
Roger L. Basinger passed away 04/27/2010

Bill Stalets

**25 YEAR CLUB**

The Annual 25 Year Club meeting will be held on June 8, 2009. Dinner and drinks will be served. If you have not received your invitation, please call the club to make your reservations

**FLAG DAY OBSERVANCE**

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**Attention Golfers**

Men's golf league starts Wednesday, May 5. Please call for tee times. They are available between 12 Noon and 4:45PM Please come out to Sycamore Springs and join us for golf and occasional refreshment days. We would like for you to join us.

Larry Hoover, Golf League Chairman

## 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. 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 who has contributed. Note some have donated money to more than one group.

Officers and PER's: Contributed so far: Jeff Jenson, Robert Drake, Tom Drake, Matt Klein, Paul Schlecher, John Meyers, Andy Rutledge, Sid, Shawn Craft, Jim McMaster, Pete Reynolds, Paul Heilman and Chris Hammond. (68.75% of goal)

Thursday Nite Club: Contributed so far: Keith Mohr, Matt Klein, Maurice Fiocca, Eric Hurst, Burt Kelly, Andy Rutledge, Jim Kennedy, Roy Schwinn, Chuck Clapper, Pat McCaffrey, Francis Stilipec and Mark Kirk (19.04% of goal)

25 year club William Rowe, George Bjorling, David Slough, Don Hardesty, RJ Rinebolt, George Milligan, Roy Schwinn, Ted Winkeljohn, Bob Rudesill, Dale Carty, Roger Core and Jerry Quinlan. (19.6% of goal)

Card players: Jeff Fenimore, Shawn Craft, Jerry Tripp and an \$88 donation from many. (20.5% of goal)

Pool players: Paul Woessner, Scott Wunderlich and Jerry Tripp (10.83% of goal)

Volunteers: Stan Doty, Grant Russel, Sid, and \$136 from multiple donors. (28.1% of goal)

There was also a \$20 totally anonymous gift and a \$164 donation from the Designer Group Spa and Salon.

Thanks to all who have donated and a last plea to those who haven't to please donate. The windows absolutely must be repaired this summer and whatever cost isn't raised with this fund-raiser, will have to be obtained from the Trustees, which of course makes the club's money tighter. If you don't belong to one of these groups, please donate anyway!! The overall goal will need help from all members.

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

### Euchre at the Elks

When: Wednesday Evenings - Play begins at 7:30 with estimated end time of 9:30

What: Turn-up Euchre Where: Findlay Elks Card Room (popcorn machine room)

Cost: \$3 for members and immediate family ( \$5 for non-members )



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### 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:	ER Burger w/fries	\$4.95
Tue:	Turkey Wrap w/side salad	\$4.95
Wed:	Meatloaf Manhattan	\$4.95
Thu:	Cinci Chili w/garlic toast	\$4.95
Fri:	Shrimp & fries	\$4.95

### *Wednesday Night Specials*

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Meatloaf w/choice & salad	\$7.50
9 <sup>th</sup>	Taco bar	\$6.50
16 <sup>th</sup>	Liver & Onions	\$6.95
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Veal Parm. Sandwich w/ff & salad	\$6.50
30 <sup>th</sup>	Taco bar	\$6.50

Add Small trip to any meal \$2.25

Special kids menu every Wednesday night

### *Friday Night Specials*

4 <sup>th</sup>	Steak w/potato & trip	\$12.95
11 <sup>th</sup>	Baby Back Ribs w/trip	\$13.95
	Full slab	\$10.95
18 <sup>th</sup>	Steak w/potato & trip	\$12.95
	25 <sup>th</sup> Prime Rib	\$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

Appetizer menu available every Evening

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**SUBMISSION DEADLINE is 22<sup>nd</sup> of the MONTH**

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