



The  
**GAZ-ELK**

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### EXALTED RULER'S COMMENTS

First of all, I would like to apologize for the lateness of this issue of the Gazelk. Our able bodied Editor, Sid, was ready to go, but I wasn't. Time had slipped away before I realized it.

My wife, Mary Beth and I had a great time at the Grand Lodge Convention in Orlando. It was great to be a part of the festivities and take part in the meetings. Ohio's own Grand Exalted Ruler Jim Nicholson ran the meetings and finished up his term as GER. The new GER Michael Smith from Florida was installed on the last day of meetings. (He will be here in Ohio at the Fall Reunion in Columbus on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.) There were quite a number of resolutions proposed and voted on – the most controversial being a proposal allowing sales at the Bar and Grill during Lodge meetings and one which would access members \$10 over the next 5 years to fund remodeling at the Elks National Home in Virginia. Both were voted down, surprisingly. I also attended some meeting concerning the Elks National Foundation and some possible grant monies available for special projects. More to follow...

If you've been to the Lodge lately, you've seen the results of the Window Fund fundraising drive. The process of glazing, chalking and painting has begun. It really is beginning to look nice and again on behalf of the Window Fund Committee, the Home Association and the Officers, I wish to express a big THANK YOU to those who contributed to the Fund.

On August 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, the Fall State Reunion will take place in Columbus. This convention is highlighted by the students who were selected by the Elks National Foundation as Scholarship winners and a visit by the new Grand Exalted Ruler. It is open to all members of the Order, so if you have any interest in attending, please let me know.

If you haven't purchased your tickets to the Jim Baker Reverse Raffle, please do so soon. The Event takes place on the 28<sup>th</sup> of August and includes a Prime Rib Dinner as well as the chance to win \$2500 in Cash! The proceeds from the event go to the continual support of our lodge and facilities. Please help support YOUR LODGE by purchasing a ticket. Even if you can't be in attendance, you can win.

On September 23<sup>rd</sup>, the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler will be visiting Findlay Lodge #75. During this annual Inspection, he will look at our finances, inspect the facilities and watch the officers perform the Ritual. If you have any applications outstanding, please get them in as soon as possible so that they may be a part of this special night. Also, please plan on showing the Officers your support by being in Lodge that night. As a Past DDGER, I have observed other Lodges and the support they received. It is a small price to pay to invest an hour of your time to attend a lodge meeting. The Lodges which have an active membership are the ones who succeed.

Once again, this is YOUR LODGE. To ensure its success and survival, you need to use it. Please visit the Bar and Grill for one of their wonderful lunch specials or stop in and have dinner. Even if you only have time to stop in for a drink, your patronage is appreciated and needed.

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 Petrime .....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 Reimschusel.....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 Reimschusel.....3 Year  
Ryan Pessell.....3 Year

**From the Secretary's Pen**

A reminder, there will only be one meeting in Aug. on the 12<sup>th</sup>. If you have any NEW MEMBERS you wish to propose so that they may be initiated during the Deputy District Grand Exalted Ruler visit (Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>) they must get to me for reading at the Aug. meeting!

For those of you who pay dues in ½ year segments, second half statements will be mailed in Sept. Please be prompt in paying these statements.

At the Aug.12<sup>th</sup> meeting the following will be voted on:  
James D. Reed, affiliating from Fostoria #935  
Sharon K. Filak, affiliating from Bellefontaine #132

Remember it pay to attend Lodge, Tim Hummel lost \$25 at the July 8<sup>th</sup> meeting because he was not present at the drawing!

Bill Stalets

**"Lose your wealth and you've lost nothing. Lose your health and you've lost something. Lose your character and you've lost everything."**

**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 )

**JIM BAKER REVERSE RAFFLE**  
**August 28, 2010**

**TICKETS**  
**\$65 EACH**

**Grand Prize of \$2,500.00**

**Will be awarded when all 250 tickets are sold. If all tickets do not sell, the payout will be in proportion to number of tickets sold.**

**EACH TICKET THE NIGHT OF THE DRAWING WILL INCLUDE:**

**A Chance to win \$2,500 CASH GRAND PRIZE**  
**Prime Rib Dinner for 1 person**  
**Open Draft Beer Bar or Drink Tickets**  
**Roulette Wheel, Texas Hold'em, Blackjack**

**DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM**  
**DRAWING AT 7:30 PM**  
**Second Chance Drawing \$5.00**  
**Side Board Drawing's**

**MUST BE 18 YEARS OLD TO PURCHASE TICKETS**  
**MUST BE 21 YEARS OLD TO DRINK LIQUOR**  
**NEED NOT TO BE PRESENT TO WIN**  
**PROCEEDS TO FINDLAY ELK'S LODGE # 75**

**SEE BARTENDER OR ELKS MEMBERS FOR TICKET PURCHASE**

**\* All Prizes' over \$599 will be issued an IRS FORM 1999**



Fellow Lodge Members,

Included in the Gaz-Elk is the flyer for the Jim Baker Reverse Raffle. FYI - Last year's Jim Baker Raffle raised \$7,000 and that covered the Summer's LOSS for the Bar and Grill - THIS WAS HUGE IN HELPING OUR BOTTOM LINE. If it was not for the raffle, we would have had to transfer this amount from the fast depleting Lodge savings. Offsetting this Summer's annual loss with an event like this will ensure we have food service NEXT Summer. So far this year (April 1, - July 31 we have had to transfer \$3,000 from our depleting savings, now with July finished we need to transfer \$4,000 more from savings with a loss of \$2,600 in July and taxes due next week. As you can see, we need to have this raffle succeed. If not, a possibility of closing our lunch service next summer is very real. PLEASE HELP WITH THE SALES OF THE RAFFLE TICKETS. They are moving very slowly.

PLEASE buy a ticket and better yet sell some to your friends too. This event is open to the public so don't hesitate to ask your non-member friends and neighbors. We really need to sell all of the tickets this year so your efforts will not only be GREATLY APPRECIATED but will directly help our bottom line and YOUR Lodge. Tickets are available from select lodge members, officers and at the bar.

For the ticket price of \$65, you get a Prime Rib Dinner and drinks (open draft beer throughout the raffle or 3 well drink tickets). If you want extra drinks all well liquor, bottles and cans are only \$1. Not a bad deal at all !!!!

The lodge really needs your participation by purchasing a ticket and maybe selling a few. Contrary to popular belief our lodge is not out of the woods financially. With a lot of help we have begun to turn the corner since the flood but if we stagnate we will still fail. If we are to survive as a Lodge we will need help and participation plain and simple. PLEASE be part of the solution."

Jim Kreiling

### 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@att.net](mailto:johnsidorski@att.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:	Egg Salad sand. w/fruit cup & side salad	\$4.95
Tue:	Meatloaf sandwich w/ff	\$4.95
Wed:	Pork cutlet w/tater tots	\$4.95
Thu:	Coney Dog w/season fries & slaw	\$4.95
Fri:	Fish sandwich w/ff	\$4.95

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

4 <sup>th</sup>	Taco bar	\$6.50
11 <sup>th</sup>	Liver & Onions w/mashed & slaw	\$6.95
18 <sup>th</sup>	Swiss Steak w/mashed & gravy	\$6.95
25 <sup>th</sup>	Brats & Kraut w/mashed & side salad	\$6.95

**Add Small trip to any meal \$2.25**

**Special kids menu every Wednesday night**

### ***Friday Night Specials***

6 <sup>th</sup>	Steak w/potato & trip	\$12.95
13 <sup>th</sup>	Baby Back Ribs w/trip	Full slab \$13.95 Half slab \$10.95
20 <sup>th</sup>	Steak w/potato & trip	\$12.95
27 <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

### ***Friday Drink Specials***

6 <sup>th</sup>	Bay Breeze \$3.00	13 <sup>th</sup>	Grasshopper \$3.00
20 <sup>th</sup>	Blue Margarita \$3.00	27 <sup>th</sup>	Lg. Hurricane \$6.50

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**SUBMISSION DEADLINE is 22<sup>nd</sup> 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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<b>AUGUST 2010</b>						
<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<b>1</b> Home Association 7:00 Building closed	<b>2</b> Ladies Bridge 1:00p.m	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Euchre Tourny 7:30 Golf League	<b>5</b> House Committee 8:00	<b>6</b> Steak Night	<b>7</b> Queen of Hearts 9:30
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