Exalted Ruler's Message

Thank You for allowing me to serve as your Exalted Ruler for the Lodge year 2013-2014. I will try to live up to your trust.

I was reading a book about the San Francisco earthquake and fire of 1906,"San Francisco is Burning" by Dennis Leary, and it got me to thinking about what kind of person would run into a burning building to save a stranger.

The earthquake was estimated to have done only about 3% of the damage, the resulting fire destroyed 500 square blocks of the largest city west of the Mississippi. This four-day cataclysm killed over 3,000 people and the fire was the most deadly man-made disaster until September 11, 2001. Man-made? Yes! The fire was ultimately blamed on lack of preparation. Though San Francisco had had 8 earthquakes in its recorded history before '06, the 45 second shaker of April 18 was the worst. The city had built cisterns for fire-fighting but allowed them to fall into disrepair. Water mains broken by the shaking failed and dynamiting by untrained soldiers spread the fire rather than control it.

During the 18 months of hearings following the conflagration many stories of heroism were related and the decade that followed the city was rebuilt to high standards of construction and training to become one of the most beautiful and admired cities in the world.

Northern Ohio is not subject to earthquakes but a tornado or bad storm could wreak havoc on our quiet community. Make a plan in the...
unlikely event you and your family would be displaced. Where are your important documents, photos and such? What steps would you take? Think about it.

In the meantime, if you’re driving somewhere and an ambulance or other first-responder’s vehicle approaches pull over and give them room - and say a little prayer for the people inside.

Steve Heineman

ELKS LADIES
Plush green frogs with boxes of Andes chocolate mints sitting in front of them, along with chocolate kisses and M&Ms were on the tables. The frogs and Andes mints were won by several ladies at the end of the evening.

President Anita Moneghan led the group in the Pledge, Chaplain Elaine Roth gave the prayer. Vice President Mary Ann Voisard introduced the guest speaker, Cheryl Bodi who is a Sales Counselor/Admissions Coordinator at The Vineyard on Catawba.

The Vineyard has condos, apartments and assisted living for people 55 years and older. Cheryl had a unique way of describing the numerous services offered to the residents. In her presentation, Cheryl would use words associated with kinds of candy, popcorn, cheese and crackers as well as wine. When she did so, the ladies were given samples of the items to put into a bag given to them. When the program was over, the members went home with a bag full of goodies.

During the business meeting, members voted to help purchase a new PA system for the Lodge. A nominating committee will have a slate of officers ready for the April meeting. Another committee will go over the By Laws. Thanks to committee chairman Elaine Roth and her committee members for the delicious refreshments.

The program for April 9th will be Life Connection of Ohio: Myths and Truths about Organ Donation. Jamie Adams will be the speaker.

We hope we have a good turnout for the meeting. Our officers for 2013-14 will be elected.

Sincerely, Mary Lou Zibert

APRIL’S BIZARRE AND UNIQUE CELEBRATIONS
National Poetry Month National Pecan Month
National Humor Month National Welding Month
Stress Awareness Month Lawn and Garden Month
International Guitar Month
Keep America Beautiful Month
Sexual Assault Awareness Month
Records and Information Management Month

APRIL FOOLS DAY - APRIL 1ST
EARTH DAY - APRIL 22ND
UPCOMING EVENTS

Elks Lodge Meetings
Tuesday, April 2nd and 16th - 7:30 P.M.

Elks Ladies Meeting
Tuesday, April 9th - 7:00 P.M.

Ohio Elks Association Convention
April 12th-13th-14th

Elks Golf League
Monday, April 29 - 4:00 P.M.

200 Club
Every Wednesday - 7:30 P.M.

Thursday Night Drawing
Every Thursday - 7:00 P.M.

Queen of Hearts
Every Friday - 8:00 P.M.

Saturday Night Bunch
Every Saturday - 7:00 P.M.

Deadline for Hornblower Articles for the Next Issue - 20th of the month

Attention - New Meeting Time
The general revision to our By-Laws has been approved by the Grand Lodge Judiciary Committee. With this approval, Lodge meetings will now start at 7:30 PM.
Please Welcome the Following New Member
Dennis Robinson by Transfer Dimit from Maumee #1850

Propositions for Membership
Cindy Bealer proposed by Sylvia Hudec
Charles Hanni proposed by John Cooper
Victoria Hanni proposed by John Cooper
Marilyn Sheits proposed by Sylvia Hudec
John Dally by Transfer Demit from Bellfountain #132
Dave Heredos by Transfer Dimit from Elyria #4655
Steve Wemerskirch by Transfer Dimit from Findlay #75

On Friday, March 8th, we had our annual Cerebral Palsy spaghetti dinner. I'm happy to report that it was a tremendous success. Volunteering on the committee were ER Michelle, Karen, PER George, PER Norm, Loyal Knight Earl, Leading Knight Steve, PER Ted, Jill, Russ, Maryann, Steve, Eva, Judy, Anita, Becky, Kathy, Eddie, Vickie, Rich, and Pat. These members did an outstanding job of making the sauce the day before, making sure that the 110 dinners were delivered to the tables, removing the dishes from the tables, washing the dishes, keeping the salad bar full, getting the desserts, and catering to the every need of the members and their guests. Thank you Otto for donating the Tofts ice cream. The most heartening was the atmosphere of giving that filled the dining room that night, before making sure that the 110 dinners were delivered to the tables, removing the dishes from the tables, washing the dishes, keeping the salad bar full, getting the desserts, and catering to the every need of the members and their guests. Thank you everyone for attending the dinner and we can look forwarded to next year when we hope for even greater attendance.

Jack Howell, Chairman of Cerebral Palsy

In Memoriam
The following members no longer answers when their name is called:
Robert Jacobs
Born: September 16, 1937
Died: October 12, 2012
He was 75 years of age. Bob was initiated into our Lodge on June 21, 2010. He was a member for 3 years.

Gene Schneider
Born: April 14, 1920
Died: January 6, 2013
He was 92 years of age. Gene was initiated into our Lodge on March 4, 1958 and elected to Life Membership on September 16, 2003. He was a member for 56 years.

“We shall meet but we shall miss them, there will be the vacant chairs.”

ATTENTION CAMPERS
Our spring campout (June 19th-23rd) for this year has been moved from Bascom to Maumee Bay State Park.
We have 12 sites saved but more are available. Contact Steve Horn or me for registration forms. They must be filled out and given back to Steve or me to reserve a site in our area. Our sites are around a cul-de-sac and leading into it.

Jack Mortus is planning a golf outing during the campout. You can sign up at the Lodge or call Jack at 419-797-2710. It is open to members and guests.

Dave Sorg III
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**Ohio Elks Association Convention in Columbus**

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*This Monthly Planner is Refrigerator Friendly*
“So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them.”

Who is a veteran?
A veteran is someone who, at one point in their life, wrote a blank check, payable to the United State of America for the amount of:
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TRUSTEE NOTES

We are inching our way towards better weather. Let’s hope that April cooperates. The mortgage as of March 18th is $152,761.23. Again, it is the Officer’s priority to pay off the mortgage as soon as possible. With the mortgage paid off, a lot of funds would be freed up for major repairs, which will be coming up down the road. Again, if anyone has any ideas on how to reduce the mortgage, please get with one of the Trustees or Officers.

The Trustees and Heath, our Club Manager, are working to cut down expenses. We have renegotiated with Republic Waste to cut our trash bill in half. We are looking at other steps to cut costs but still maintain the present level of service.

By the time you get these notes, the chair rail and framing around the windows in the pit should be done. The Trustees are continuing to do maintenance around the Lodge and plan to get outside as soon as weather permits. We have set up the date of May 18th for the spring clean-up. The exact time will be announced later - it will probably start about 8:00 a.m. or 9:00 a.m. There will also be a free lunch for the workers. Please mark this date on your calendars. More on this subject later.

If anyone has any suggestions on anything, please get with one of the Trustees or Heath.

Have a good April and we will have more news next month.

The Trustees

Attention Elks Golfers

Spring is just a few weeks away and the Elks Golf League will soon be under way. The league will begin with a warm-up round and fun night on April 22nd with matches starting on April 29th. The league plays Monday evenings starting at 4:00 at the Oak Harbor Golf Club and runs through the month of September with the season-ending banquet at the Lodge on September 30th. Sign up for the league by contacting John Bredbeck at 419-734-4806 or email at jbredbeck@roadrunner.com. You must be signed up and your dues paid by no later than the warm-up round on April 22nd - no exceptions.

SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFAST BUFFET

This year the chairpersons for the Sunday Morning Breakfast Buffet are Judy and Willard Smith. The first Buffet will be May 19th as a benefit breakfast for Lynn Domokos, (daughter of Bob and Mary Lou Zibert), who has auto-immune disease. The price for this event is $10.00 for adults and $5.00 for children. Starting May 26th, the regular Sunday Morning Breakfast Buffet will be held each Sunday through September 28th at a cost of $8.00 for adults and $4.00 for children. Breakfast will be served from 8:00 a.m. - noon.

We need VOLUNTEERS to help at the breakfasts for this event to be successful. The breakfasts have earned a lot of money over the past several years which has helped to revitalize our Lodge and put a big dent in paying down our mortgage. Once again, the breakfast committee needs HELP! Anyone can help - there are plenty of jobs. It’s a very laid-back crew - we are extremely friendly people and helping out will give you a chance to meet other Lodge members. You can come as early as 6:00 a.m. and as late as 7:00 a.m. to help get set up. Cleanup usually takes until about 1:00 p.m. If you can give the committee and your Lodge a couple of Sundays it would definitely be appreciated. ER Steve, in keeping with the tradition set by PER’s George, Craig, and Michelle, has said that anyone who works can have a free breakfast just to say how grateful they are for your help. Call Judy or Willie at 419-341-0296 if you are interested in being on the committee or just show up at the back door on Sunday morning.

Elks National Foundation

For those of you that donated when you paid your dues, you will notice a sticker on your membership card. This is a thank you from the Elks National Foundation for supporting their programs. It also shows others you believe in the Elks National Foundation. Dave Sorg III

DID YOU KNOW…..?

Spring is here and the ticks will soon be showing up. A school nurse has shared what she believes is the best way to remove a tick off your pets or you. Try this—apply a glob of liquid soap to a cotton ball. Cover the tick with the soap-soaked cotton ball and swab it for 15-20 seconds. The Tick will come out on its own and be stuck to the cotton ball when you lift it away. This works in those places where it’s sometimes difficult to get to with tweezers.

TRUSTEE NOTES
Dues notices were mailed out on March 1st. Payment is due by April 1st. The Clubroom locks will be changed on that day. There is a $2 increase in the dues as the per capita fee we must pay the Grand Lodge has increased from $12 to $14 per member. With the dues notice is the opportunity to contribute towards the Elks National Foundation, Cerebral Palsy, and purchase Ohio Elks Charity Raffle Tickets. $5 for every $10 book of Ohio Elks Charity Tickets sold remains with our Lodge. Please remember, all contributions above the dues are optional and voluntary.

Ladies Key Cards are also available for the spouses and widows for $5. The dues notice contains the option of purchasing a key card for your wife. Any widows desiring a key card should drop $5 off at the Lodge for me. The widows Identification Cards and key cards will be mailed towards the end of March so they will arrive by April 1st. To all holders of Key Cards, please remember not to let anyone tailgate through the door with your Key Card unless you know that individual is a member or guest. If you don’t want to ask a person entering with you to see their membership card, please ask any officer or staff member to confirm that person’s identity.

For those who may be thinking about dropping their membership (i.e. receive an Absolute Dimit) or transferring, you need to notify me prior to April 1st. We are not permitted to issue a dimit unless you are a paid up member. Snowbirds. When you get back, please call the Lodge so we can change your address back to Ohio.

Please read - important mail and email information!
The Lodge spends about $2500 a year to print and mail this newsletter. We can email it to you for almost $0. If you would like to join over 250 other members who receive the Hornblower in Living Color by email, please send a regular letter or an email or see Chuck at the Lodge Office. The email address is secretary@portclintonelks.org

If you did sign up to receive it by mail or email and you didn’t get it, it is probably because 1) your mailbox is full (over quota), 2) we have the wrong address or email address, or 3) we incorrectly entered your address or email address. So, if you change your mailing address or your email address, please contact Chuck so the problem can be corrected. Snowbirds - please contact Chuck so he can change your address back to Ohio.

Hornblower humor - the haircut
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His father said he’d make a deal with his son. “You bring your grades up from a C to a B average, study your Bible a little, and get your hair cut. Then we’ll talk about the car.”
The boy thought about that for a moment, decided he’d settle for the offer, and they agreed on it.
After about 6 weeks his father said, “Son, you brought your grades up and I’ve observed that you have been studying your Bible, but I’m disappointed you haven’t had your hair cut.”
The boy said, “You know, Dad, I’ve been thinking about that, and I’ve noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair, and there’s even strong evidence that Jesus had long hair.”
The father replied, “Did you also notice they all walked everywhere they went?”

The 200 club is going strong! More prizes than ever and it’s lots of fun! Our goal is to become the 300 club. Numbers are still available come on - join and be a winner!

Clubroom Hours
Monday - 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Tuesday - Thursday - 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Friday/Saturday - 11:00 a.m. to Midnight
Sunday - 12:00 Noon to 8:00 p.m.

Dining Hours
Lunch Served: Tuesday - Saturday 11 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Dinner Hours: Wednesday/Thursday 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Dinner Hours: Friday/Saturday 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Food Available at the Bar after Kitchen Hours

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