

# The Antlers

B e n e v o l e n t a n d P r o t e c t i v e O r d e r O f E l k s



### Lodge Members,

"The dogmas of the quiet past are inadequate to the stormy present. The occasion is piled high with difficulty, and we must rise with the occasion. As our case is new, so we must think anew and act anew. We must disenthrall ourselves."

Abraham Lincoln

We all have great memories of occasions or events from our past. Those memories are the very things that sustain us at times. Unfortunately, if we continue to dwell in the past, we are unable to see what might be right in front of us now. We miss opportunities to become involved in the present. We stifle our growth and limit the pleasures of the

p r e s e n t . Our club is currently in that situation. Yes the early years were amazing I am sure. Membership was at 1500 or more, with revenue being supplied by the members to maintain the club . That is not how things are in the present. Membership has dwindled to a mere 400 members. Expenses for the building have not changed, but increased with this ever changing economy. Revenue is down and we are having difficulty. We have a small percentage of members who support the club by attending functions, having a drink with friends or weekly dinners . The Order of Elks is an amazing organization that is able to touch so many lives. In the community we have been supplying dictionaries to third grade students in area schools. At our children's Christmas party we collected can goods for the food pantry. We offer a place for the Children's Dispensary to meet and have fun bowling. We visit with our Veterans in West Lafayette . All of these and the many

other things that we do as an organization have made my memories. I look forward to moving on and creating more of the same . This Elks Lodge offers an opportunity for members to take part in greatness! We need to change our thinking, move forward with our club. To accomplish this we need you and your ideas. Plan to attend The Town Hall Meeting on February 18<sup>th</sup>. This will be a positive meeting, looking for and exploring opportunities to enhance our Lodge & Club. Share your ideas on how we can continue to make a difference in the community, in each other and in our club. "There are risks and costs to a program of action. But they are far less than the long-range risks and costs of comfortable inaction . "

John F. Kennedy

*Luci Jordan*  
Exalted Ruler

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### *In Vain We Call...*

An Elk's Funeral service is available for any deceased Elk. For more information call the Elks office at 574-233-1139

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*Applications For New Membership*

*Notes from the Elk's Auxiliary*

**Board Meeting:**

Wednesday, February 3, 2009 10:30AM

**Luncheon:**

Wednesday, February 10, 2009 12:00PM

**Program:**

Barbara Brownell from Real Services  
Crime Prevention for Seniors

**Hostess:**

Mickie Becker 574-277-9137

Joanne Miller 574-256-9487

**Greeters:**

Mary Lou Walsh  
Mary Vaerwyck

**Next Bridge:**

February 25, 2010 11:30AM (at Honkers)

**Recent Bridge Winners; (No Report )**

Joanne Miller Publicity Chair



# Valentine's Dance

Friday, February 12, 2010

## Dinner Specials:

Smoked Prime Rib \$18.95

Steak & Lobster Tail \$29.95



Music By:

Eddie Knight

BE MY  
VALENTINE!

## Super Bowl Party

Sunday, February 7, 2010

In The Bar on Our Big Screens!!!

This will be a Pot Luck  
Event so bring your Favorite  
Dish for everyone to enjoy!

Starts 2 Hours Before  
Kick Off!!!

## Coming Soon...

To a ballroom near you...

Just when you thought it was safe to attend a  
dinner party...

Murder and Mayhem Returns to the  
South Bend Elks Lodge...

The Jolly Corks Present:

Death of a Doornail

Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre!

Who will live? Who will die? Who will get  
to go to Disneyland? Who's on First?

Find out in April...

# Family Bowling & Pizza

February 12th

&

February 26th

Family Bowling & Pizza

6 - 9 pm

Adults \$10.00, children under 12

\$5.00

# Club Trustees Needed!

We are looking for members who are interested in being a Club Trustee. If you are interested please let one of the Officers know. Or contact Rich Vereb P.E.R.

(574) 289-4857

## PER ANNOUNCEMENT PER

*Happy New Year to all the members from the Past Exalted Rulers. We hope you are off to a great start!*

Attention All PER'S

There will be a meeting on February 9th at 8:00PM to discuss and vote on projects for donations to your Lodge. Please plan to attend if at all possible, we need you. See you there.

Fran Weisenstein  
PER President

## Lodge Secretary

The Lodge Secretary's hours will no longer be set at a certain day and time until further notice.

If you need to contact the Lodge Secretary in an emergency please leave a message with the Club Secretary Rita at 574-233-1139

# Initiation Ritual Competition

South Bend Lodge will be hosting the annual District Initiation Ritual Competition. The competition will begin on Friday, March 5th and conclude on Saturday March 6th. We will have visiting members from most of the Lodges in our district. Come on down to cheer on your officers for this important tradition. We will be hosting the awards banquet which will take place on Saturday, March 6th, 2010.

Tickets will be \$20.00 per person.

Everyone is encouraged to join us!

Cocktails will be at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m.

We will have entertainment to dance to, and lots of good fellowship with the other Lodges in the district. Dinner will be a family style Buffet! Sunday, March 7th, we will be hosting the District Spring Meeting with a breakfast served at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will follow.

## Attention Members

Member attendance and participation at the club is extremely low. If we are to better serve you as a member we need to know what you are interested in.

What do you like that we are not doing?

What would you be interested in seeing?

What would you be interested in doing?

What changes do we need to make?

Several suggestions have been made to help save the club money.

1. Eliminate Friday night bands
2. Have a band play only once a month
3. Have a band play twice a month
4. Close the club on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday

If you have a suggestion, opinion or a solution please attend the

### TOWN HALL MEETING

February 18th, 2010

6:30 p.m.

## From the Exalted Ruler Club Guest

It is nice to see so many members inviting their friends to join them at the club. We hope you are encouraging them to join and enjoy the many benefits membership offers. If we are to keep this facility going, we need members. Also a point to remember; since this is a private club, we need to have all guest sign in the visitors book. This protects us should excise show up some night and begin asking for membership cards. **Your guest must sign in and you must sign in also.** Thanks for your cooperation.

**ALL GUEST MUST SIGN IN**

### Recycle News

Members, please continue to donate your aluminum cans to the club. Every little bit helps, keep up the good work. Thanks for your support!

### Lap Blankets for Veterans Hospital

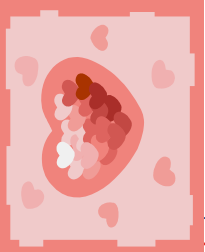

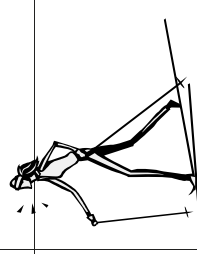
Please continue to bring yarn to the club so the ladies can continue to make the lap blankets for our Veterans. Remember so long as there are Veterans the Benevolent and Protective Order will not forget them. We once again received a thank you note from the Veterans home for our gifts which we recently took with us on our last visit

### New Monthly 50/50 Drawing

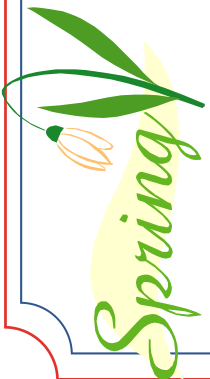
50/50 tickets will be sold every night and are available from any officer or the bartender. Tickets will \$ 1.00 each or 7 for \$5.00. Drawing to be held the last Saturday of every month

# February 2010

Please Make Reservations as the dining room fills early

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Club Closed Trustee Mtg. 5:30PM Lodge Mtg. 7:30PM	2 Beef Turnovers Chicken Paprikash BBQ Ribs Snapper Almandine	<b>Bingo Night</b> 3	4 Bangers & Mash	5 Steak Dianne Music By Ron Wiggins	6
7 Super Bowl Party	8 Club Closed	9 6 Oz Prime Rib Chic. Marco Polo Sicilian Pork Chop Fried Scallops	 10	11 Panfried Pork Chop	12 Valentine's Dance Smoked Prime Rib Mu- sic By Eddie Knight	13
14 Club Closed	15 Club Closed Trustee Mtg. 5:30PM Lodge Mtg. 7:30PM	16 Swiss Steak Chicken Caesar Country Style Ribs Butter crumb Cod Buttercrumb Cod	17	18 4 Oz. Filet Mignon	19 Lamb Wellington & A- Y-C-E Crab Legs Music By Sound Wave	20 Janet Shafer Performs At 8:00PM
21 Club Closed	22 Club Closed	23 BBQ Beef Tips Chicken Virginia City Chicken Shrimp Scampi	24	25 Pulled Pork Sand- wich	26 Home-style Buffet Music By Mike Vaszari	27
28 Club Closed						

# March 2010



Please Make Reservations as the dining room fills early

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Club Closed Trustec Mtg 5:30PM Lodge Mtg 7:30PM	2 Meatloaf Greek Chicken Salad BBQ Pork Chop	3	4 Fried Catfish	5 Prime Rib & Shrimp Initiation Ritual Competition	6 Initiation Ritual Competition & Dinner
7 District Spring Meeting Lodge Room 10:00a.m.	8 Club Closed	9 6 oz. Prime Rib Chicken Stir Fry Ham Steak Grilled Salmon	10 Elks USA	11 Spaghetti & Meatballs	12 A-Y-C-E Fried Cod Music by	13
14 Club Closed	15 Club Closed Trustec Mtg 5:30PM Lodge Mtg 7:30PM	16 4 oz. Filet Chicken Marsala Pork Stroganoff Fried Pollock	17 St. Patrick's Day Buffet	18 Broccoli & Cheese Quiche	19 Panfried Scallops Music by Sound Wave	20
21 Club Closed	22 Club Closed	23 Swiss Steak Chicken Picante Pork Loin Fried Smelt	24	25 Salisbury Steak	26 Grilled Swordfish Music by River Rats	27
28 Club Closed	29 Club Closed	30 Pot Roast Fried Chicken Ribs & Kraut Eggplant Parmesan	31 Elks Care And Help			

## Something New--50/50 Monthly Drawing--

Each and every year people we know, love and cherish as our friends are affected by Cancer.

As many of you might know, Cancer Research is the Elks Major Project for the State of Indiana. For years we at this Lodge have simply set aside money in our charitable donations to give to this cause and have done nothing else to help further. Money is tight for everyone including this club and our charitable donations are suffering.

What we have given every year is only \$200 dollars to Cancer Research.

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Section 14.260 of the Statutes of the B.P.O.E. states:

By an affirmative secret ballot of two-thirds of those present at a regular Lodge meeting, a Member in good standing may be elected to a Life Membership when he has:

Paid to a Lodge or Lodges required annual dues for a period of not less than thirty (30) years preceding his election, not less than the last ten (10) years must have been with the current Lodge, and he has attained the age of not less than sixty-five (65) or

Paid in advance an amount at least equal to the greater of six hundred (600) dollars or twenty-five (25) times the annual dues of the Lodge.

The Exalted Ruler shall set a date for election which is not later than the third regular meeting after the nomination.

All members shall be sent notice of the election at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting at which the vote shall be taken.

***These members have met the criteria as written above and will be voted upon on Monday, February 15, 2010: Donald L. Bathje, Norman S. Dales, Gerald W. Kozuch, Lamar Parsons, Phillip M. Slatt, and Donald Lee Ullery, PER.***

Joan Wesolowski  
Secretary  
South Bend Lodge 235

## Life Member Candidates

## Capital Building Fund

Additional donations have been received from the following members to the Capital Fund:

Marilyn Cooper in memory or the following:

Ameila Bartz

Carole Marten

Shirley Womer

Al Gross

Please remember to make your contribution to the Capital Fund.

We continue to need your support if we are to pay back the loan and continue club operations. Donations in the amount of \$38,476.88 have been made to the Capital Fund.

## Dance Lessons

Come Join Us For Dance Lessons on Tuesdays in the Ball Room. Lessons will start around 6:00PM. This will be for all levels of experience.

Individual Instruction \$10.00 PP...

## Big Thanks!

*Goes out to all who came to the Las Vegas Night and to those who volunteered to help! A good time was had by all.*

Lew Petrasovits & Mary Balint

# Upcoming Events

## Mark Your Calendars

February 7th, 2010 Super Bowl Pot Luck

February 12th, 2010 Valentine's Day Dinner

March 5th, 2010 District Ritual Competition

March 6th, 2010 Ritual Awards Banquet

March 17th, 2010 St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Mark these dates down and plan on joining in the fun!

## Support Your Club

## Elks Shirts For Sale

For months we have had special order shirts for this club. The shirts are being sold at cost + \$5.00 with the \$5.00 going to the capital fund.

Various styles, oxfords, polo's, sweatshirts and denim. Six different styles to choose from, a plethora of colors, styles for men and women.

We have hooded sweatshirts with or without a zipper. We now have a fleece jackets available.

A huge thanks to all those who have purchased a shirt.

A Letter from Scott A. Lewis— President  
Indiana Elks Association, Inc.  
Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

January 16, 2010

To All Members and Lodges of the Indiana Elks Association:

Every month I have asked you to please remember those less fortunate and do what you can to help those in need. Well, the time has come for you and your Lodge to shine.

On behalf of the Indian Elks Association, I am asking you to dig deep and donate what you can to help the people of Haiti. The death and devastation there is beyond belief, and now more than every, we need to remember the words Elks live by—**ELKS CARE-ELKS SHARE!**

It is very important that we all make sure that the funds we wish to donate, actually get to the people who we all wish to help, and not get buried in a bunch of red tape. This is where the Indiana Elks can help you.

I am asking our State Secretary Ed Dyer and our State Treasurer Roger Kraese to set up a Haitian Relief Fund to collect all donations. All monies will be sent to an organization of your choice...the Red Cross, the Salvation Army, the joint effort of the Clinton-Bush relief fund, etc., in your name or your Lodges Name.

We will do the diligent research and make sure that the money donated will go to only 'top notch' efforts.

Do the best you can and send funds collected to Roger Kraese. Indicate that this is for the Haiti Relief Fund. Also indicate any specific charity that you may wish your fund to be directed to.

I am also asking PSP Larry Shaver to put a link on our website for donations.

Scott Gates will also have this letter published in our "Under the Spreading Antlers" e-newsletter.

We want our Indiana Elks to do all they can to help those in need.

Some of you may have already given to the cause and that is fine. If this is the case, and you feel as though you want to donate to the effort privately...please do so. But still let Ed Dyer or Roger Kraese know of this so we can document everything that Indiana Elks are doing.

We will then inform Grand Lodge of our efforts.

Thank you in advance for anything you can do to help.

Fraternally,

*Scott A. Lewis*—

Indiana Elks Association

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# Friday Night's Menu!!!



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## St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Wednesday, March 17, 2010

Dinner will start at 6:00PM

### Menu:

Meatballs w/ Guinness Gravy, Colcannon, Baked Cod,  
Corned Beef & Cabbage, Steamed Potatoes & Car-  
rots And Chocolate Bailey's Cake for dessert.

\$9.95 Per Person plus tax and gratuity.

February 5, 2010

Steak Dianne \$17.95

February 12, 2010

Smoked Prime Rib \$18.95

February 19, 2010

Lamb Wellington \$18.95 &  
A-Y-C-E Crab Legs \$16.95

February 26, 2010

Home style Buffet \$8.95

March 5, 2010

Prime Rib & Shrimp \$18.95

March 12, 2010

A-Y-C-E Fried Cod \$10.95

March 19, 2010

Panfried Scallops \$17.95

March 26, 2010

Grilled Swordfish \$16.95

## facebook

The South Bend Elks Lodge #235 now has a facebook page! Just go to facebook.com, type in South Bend Elks 235 under search, and click on "become a fan" to see upcoming events, dinner specials, and other reminders on your facebook page. See you online!

<http://www.southbendelks.com>

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**February, 2010**

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**574-233-1139**

**OFFICE HOURS**

**MONDAY—FRIDAY**

**8:30 AM TO 4:30 PM**

**Club Hours**

**Sunday, Monday ~ Closed**

**Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday**

**4:00PM 'til 12:30AM**

**Saturday 5:00PM 'til 1:30AM**

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

**Please make Reservations  
it is Helpful In  
Scheduling Staff.**

**NOTICE**

**CHARGE PAYMENTS ARE DUE THE LAST DAY OF THE MONTH FOLLOWING THE MONTH OF CHARGE. IF PAYMENTS ARE NOT RECEIVED BY THIS DATE YOUR CHARGE PRIVILEGES MAY BE REVOKED. YOU WILL BE ASSESSED A LATE CHARGE ON YOUR BILL, AND YOUR NAME AND AMOUNT DELINQUENT MAY BE POSTED!**

*"If Everybody's thinking alike, Someone isn't thinking"*

*General George S. Patton*

