

*The Faults of our Brothers,  
we write upon the Sand —*

*Their Virtues upon the  
tablets of Love and Memory*

ELK-  -GRAM

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LINCOLN, NEBRASKA      JULY, 1980

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MAY 1980 INITIATION CLASS

Thirty new Brothers were Initiated into Lincoln Elks Lodge No. 80. We in Elkdom Welcome our New Brothers



# EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

By Charles Kruse

At the Nebraska State Elks Convention, Lincoln Ritual Team placed 2nd. Competition was very keen this year. The top ritual team was Kearney Lodge # 894 who will represent NE in the National Contact held at Grand Lodge in New Orleans, Louisiana. I am indeed proud of the Lincoln Lodge Officers in placing 2nd in the State Ritual Contest.

Congratulations to PER Jack Jensen for winning the Nebraska Elks Association George B. Klein Ritualistic Coach Award. Brother Jack all Lincoln Lodge Officers are truly happy for You and are very proud having You as one of our Ritual Coaches.

I would like to congratulate PER Don Andersen for leading our Lodge to a first place winner in "Youth Activities" from the NE State Association for the year 1979-1980. This is for Lodges in 1000 to 2000 category.

Newly appointed Nebraska East District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler is PER Ed Stokes of Falls City Lodge # 963. Congratulations to You Brother Ed.

Congratulations are in order for PER Gaylord Blanc, of Lincoln Lodge No. 80 for being elected to a five year term as Trustee of the Nebraska Elks Association.


Remember to set aside Sunday July, 13. The Elks Lodge No. 80 Annual Picnic. This year it will be held at the Elks Club, 1700 South 70th St., Lincoln, NE. Games, races, swimming and lots of activities. Fried Chicken will be on the Menu. Fun - Fun for all ages.

Why not patronize the Elks Club Room basement Bar. It is open each evening during summer months till 10:00 P.M. Club Room Bar hours are 10:30 A.M. till 10:00 P.M.

Swimming Pool to be open for all Elk Members and family on Sunday July, 13th and Saturday August, 16th. Come and join our Brothers in a fun day of swimming.

LU-All night which was held on June, 28th was another Elks function sell out, A huge success. "Thanks" to Chairmen Marj. & Mel Hansen and their committee consisting of: Betty & Robert Dankleff, Barbara Dennis, Larry & Bev Doty, Lavern & Alex Filbert, Bill & Marjorie Franklin, Virginia & Tom French, Donna & Ralph Giebelhaus, Al Kauffman, Karen & Harold Kelly, Jean & Jerry Sundberg, Dorothy & Dick Prai and all of the Elk Clowns. A lovely and fun evening. A super job very well done.

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Fraternally and sincerely,

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## STATE ELKS GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 1980 State Golf Tournament will be at Scottsbluff on Sat. and Sun. Aug. 9 and 10 at the Riverview Golf Course. Charge is \$31.95. This includes: golf, dinner and a dance, \$15.00 goes for prize money. (Carts not included but available.) Call Secretary's office for further details.

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### I'M THE GUY

I'm the guy who asked to join the Elks. I'm the guy who stood up in front of all of you and promised to be loyal and faithful. I'm the guy who came to your meetings and no one paid any attention to. I tried several times to be friendly with some of the fellows, but they all had their own buddies they talk to and sit next to. I hoped very much that somebody would have asked me to take part in a fundraising project or something, but no one saw my hand when I volunteered.

I missed a few meetings after joining because I was sick and couldn't get there. No one asked me at the next meeting where I had been. I guess it didn't matter very much to the others whether I was there or not. The next meeting I decided to stay home and watch TV. The following meeting I attended, no one asked me where I was when the last meeting was held.

You might say I'm a good guy, a good family man, a man who holds a responsible job, loves his community and his country. You know who else I am? I'm the guy who never came back.

It amuses me when I think back on how the Exalted Ruler and several Elks members were discussing why the Lodge was losing members. It amuses me now to think that they spend so much time looking for new members when I was there all the time. All they needed to do was to make me feel needed, wanted, and welcome.

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Elks Coed softball team.

Elks 7	Pickels	5	)
Elks 9	Koed Klobbers	10	) Class "C"
Elks 21	Maplewood	1	)
Elks 23	Mizzfits	9	) Class "B"

June 22	4:45 P.M.	Mahoney #3
29	8:30 P.M.	Holmes North
July 6	9:45 P.M.	Muny #1

Elks No. 80 Coed team coached by Chaplain Steve Wirth.



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ELKS LODGE NO. 80 BUSINESS MANAGER

Recently announced by the Board of Trustee's the appointment of Howard W. Spahnle as Elks Business Manager. Brother Howard certainly is not a new comer to members of Lodge No. 80. Howard and his lovely wife Jeannie live at 3800 Mohawk, Lincoln, NE. Brother Howard was initiated into Hastings Lodge # 159 on Febr 28, 1936, then transferred into Lincoln Lodge Oct 1, 1947. Howard served as Exalted Ruler 1966-1967, was a Trustee in 1967-68-69 & 70. Was our Lodge Secretary 1971-72-73-74. Made an Honorary Life Member May 15, 1974. Brother Howard is retired from Lincoln Telephone & Telegraph Company. Brother Howard WELCOME aboard.

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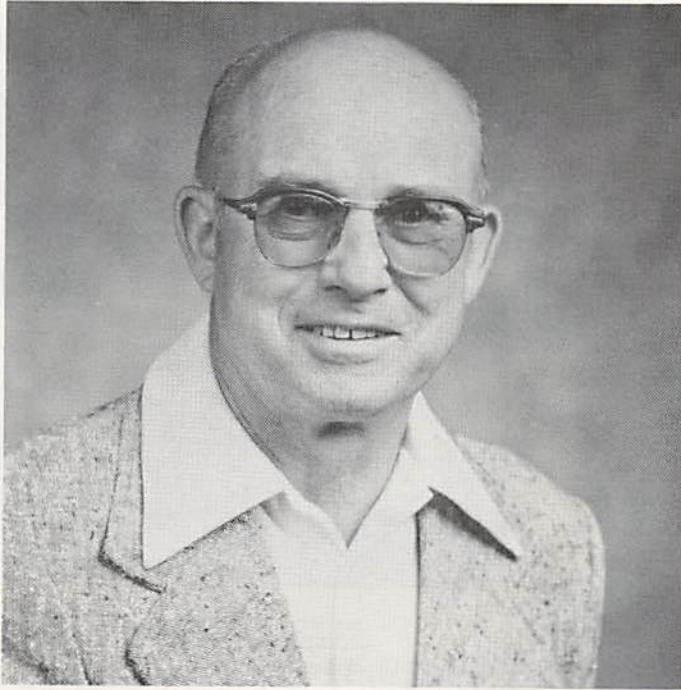


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JULY "ELK OF THE MONTH"

Villis (Vi) L. Berst

This months "Elk of the Month" honors go to Brother Villis L. Berst. Born in Friend, NE, April 3, 1920

Brother Vi and his wife, Helen live at 1545 South 48th St., Lincoln, NE. Brother Vi and his wife Helen have two children, Chuck Berst and Mrs Jim (Connie) Baruth both of Lincoln, NE. Brother Vi has been employed by Big "A" Auto Parts, 1955 "O" Street, Lincoln, NE for thirty three years. Brother Vi has been very active in Elkdom assisting in the Veterans Service Commission, Stags, Elks Children Christmas Party, Football Saturdays, Food before Lodge Night and many other committee's. Brother Vi has been a member of Lincoln Lodge No. 80 for twenty two years.

The Elk-O-Gram Staff joins the Lodge Officers and all members in extending the CONGRATULATIONS.

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TEEN - OF - THE - MONTH

On June 4th, Kitty McKee and Andy Sipple of Irving Jr. High School were recognized as "Teens of the Month". Both received from the Elks Lodge No. 80 a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond as a token of our gratitude and respect as "Teens of the Month".

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ELKS NO. 80 BOWLING

Next season the Elks Bowling League will be bowling at Plaza Bowl, Tuesday nights at 9:00 P.M. Bernie Kossek was elected League President and Mark Hegg was elected Secretary/Treasurer. We will have 35 nights of bowling and the cost will be \$4.00 per night.

LAST YEAR'S LEAGUE STANDINGS.

Place	Team Name	1st High Team	3-games	Pepsi Cola	2810
1	Sommer Laundry	2nd "	"	Sommer Laundry	2727
2	G.E.C.U.	3rd "	"	Bob's Husky	2724
3	Pepsi Cola	1st High Ind.	3-games	Ken Williamson	644
4	Bob's Husky	2nd "	"	Al Giesick	635
5	Kaar Service	3rd "	"	Chas. Meisinger	633
6	Bee Jay Plb & Htg	1st High Team Game		Bob's Husky	1027
7	House of Lettering	2nd "	"	Bee Jay Plb & Htg	966
8	F. D. Wilson Sales	3rd "	"	House of Lettering	964
		1st High Ind Game		Ken Williamson	267
		2nd "	"	Gerald Reger	254
		3rd "	"	Chas. Meisinger	253

Brother Austin Goth was awarded the first Elks League Sportsmanship award at the League Banquet. Below is a copy of the letter Brother Goth wrote after receiving this greatly deserved award:

"You may be assured that your thoughtful kindness demonstrated at the Elks 80 Lodge Tuesday night May 13, 1980, will long be remembered and treasured by this recipient of the beautiful plaque featuring sportsmanship. Its my conviction that all of the Brothers in our Elks bowling league qualify in so many ways for top ratings in sportsmanship. Please accept my sincere appreciation for the time and money contributed by all who participated in this heartwarming observance. Fraternally Austin G. Goth"

What could not be put on the plaque, but was a basic reason for starting this award, is how grateful we all are for Brother Goth's constant encouragement. He never stopped being supportive or full of praise. Brother Goth, we hope your attitude is contagious.



ELKS SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR

Brother Austin Goth was honored as Elks Sportsman of the year at the Elks Annual Bowling Banquet. E.R. Kruse presents award to Brother Goth.



PGER George B. Klein presents Ne. Elks Association George B. Klein Ritualistic Coach Award to PER Jack Jensen.

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PROPOSITIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

FOR INITIATION (to be balloted upon Sept. 3, 1980)

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Proposer</u>
Barton L. Green, 11	invest. broker	Wm. Woltemade
Richard A. Hayden	hosp. adm.	George Klein, GPER
Bob Colwell	teacher	Jim Rakers
Robert W. Lewis	sec/tres.	Don Andersen
Paul Brown	pres/gen'l mgr	Vincent Collura
Keith E. Hinton	sales rep.	Arvid Barth

By Reinstatement (to be balloted upon July 2, 1980)

Merritt E. James	Richard Prai	Paul W. Abels (RED)
John R. Hedge	Serge D. Boudreau	Wm. E. Hokanson
Emery W. Nelson		

## JOHNSON ELECTED NE ELKS ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

The NE State Elks Association 68th annual convention was held at Omaha Nebraska Lodge #39 on May 16th, 17th and 18th, 1980. George L. Johnson, of Fairbury Lodge #1203 was elected and installed as the President of the Nebraska Elks on May 18th at the proceedings of the 68th annual convention for the term of 1980-1981. Other Officers elected and installed were: 1st Vice Pres. Gaylord Nielsen, Grand Island Lodge #604, 2nd Vice Pres. Ken Green, Scottsbluff Lodge #1367, 3rd Vice Pres. Arron Walter, Norfolk Lodge #653, Secretary Chester O. Marshall, Kearney Lodge #894, Treasurer Robert Burkley, Fairbury Lodge #1203. Twenty five Lodges were present with over 600 delegates and wives in attendance. George B. Klein, PGER our Grand Lodge sponsor gave a report from the Grand Lodge. Robert G. Pruitt, PGER of Atlanta Georgia was our special guest speaker at the banquet on Saturday night the 17th. The memorial service was conducted by the Officers of Nebraska City Lodge, on Sunday the 18th. Guest speaker for the service was LT. GOV. Roland A. Lueddtkke.

President George L. Johnson is Chairman of the Math and Science Department at Southeast Community College, Fairbury Campus. Johnson, an instructor at Fairbury's College since 1954, was elected third Vice President of the Nebraska Elks Association in 1977. He has been a member of Fairbury Lodge No. 1203 since 1955 and has held the following offices: Appointed Chaplain of Fairbury Lodge in 1964 and proceeded through the respective chairs. Exalted Ruler of Fairbury Lodge, 1970-1971. Lodge Treasurer, 1971-1973, State Chaplain, 1972-1973. Board of Trustees, Fairbury Lodge, 1973-1980. District Deputy to the Grand Exalted Ruler, 1975-1976.

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