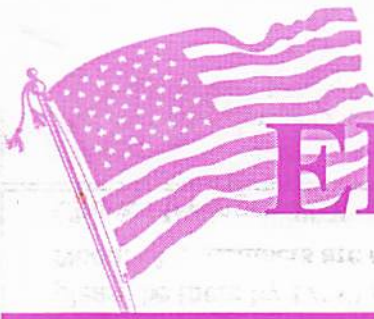


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LINCOLN LODGE NO. 80

Home of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Vincent R. Collura Nebraska Sponsor and Past Grand Exalted Ruler George B. Klein

Memorial Services

December 4, 2005, 2:00p.m. At the Lodge

The first Sunday in December is traditionally set aside in every Elks Lodge to commemorate the memory of our departed Elks Brothers. During this impressive service, a wreath is laid beside our altar in honor of each member who has been laid to rest this past year. The service is open to the public and we urge you to attend and to bring you family and friends. The service begins at 2:00 p.m. in the Lodge Room.



In Memoriam



*We shall meet, but we shall miss them,
There will be the vacant chair, But though we no more possess them,
Still our hearts their memory bear.
But a while ago we gathered, Friendship beaming in each eye,
Now the Golden cord is severed, They have passed to realms on high.*

Anthony M. Alesio	Warren B. Sommer	Glenn Otteman	Eugene L. Gerner	Robert B. Wilson	Alfred W. Kuper
Arthur W. Holcomb	Adam Schwindt	Roland G. Badberg	Dale W. Atkins	Vincent R. Collura	Richard J. Lee
Warren R. Hinze	Robert Peterson	Robert L. Murray	Leroy Butherus	Donald R. Nielsen	Charles P. Arnold

ELKS 98th ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Elk's Citywide Children's Christmas party will be at Pershing on December 18th. This will be our 98th citywide children's Christmas Party. We hope you have all received a letter asking for contributions and have replied generously. If we missed you, please do not let that prevent you from adding to the funds so we can throw one fantastic party this year!

The doors will be open at 1:00 and the programs will start at 2:00, so if you are able to help on Sunday, please be there by 12:30 p.m. The sacking party is Friday, December 16th in Pershing's basement at 12:00 Noon. All members are encouraged to join in both of these days for the fun and fulfillment.

Chuck Meisinger, PER (Chairman Christmas Party)

LODGE CHRISTMAS PARTY

The lodge Christmas Party will be on Friday, December 16 at 6:30pm. Please plan to bring some of your favorite snacks. Nolan will provide the music. A free will offering will be taken to cover the cost of the band.

The Faults of our Members, we write upon the Sand — Their Virtues upon the tablets of Love & Memory

Exalted Ruler, Sonny Lane

As you know, the Officers of Lincoln Lodge #80 have been practicing the Initiation Ritual almost weekly. We have made the commitment to see that Lincoln is represented in the State and National contest. Our coaches Rich Todd and Steve Wirth are equally committed to seeing that we accomplish our goals. If you have not been to a meeting for some time now would be the time as we are trying to initiate a new member each meeting. We initiated five new members at the last meeting. If you think the meetings are boring and nothing happens that you can do anything about, you are wrong. Everyone has a voice. Everyone has a say. You can make a difference. You took the Obligation. If you don't come to a Lodge meeting at least come to a ritual practice. We meet almost every Tuesday.

December is a busy month. December 4th at 2:00 will be our Memorial service. Please join us for this special occasion as we remember those that will come no more. December 11th at 2:00 is the annual Hoop Shoot at Lincoln East. We need as many volunteers as we can get. December 16th is the sacking party for the Children's Christmas party. Please meet in the basement of Pershing Auditorium a little before noon. The Club's Christmas Party will be that evening also. Please plan on bring an appetizer and plan on sharing it with others. We had lots of goodies last year. December 18th is the Children's Christmas Party. We were really short on help last year especially when it came time to give out the 1500 gift bags. December 25th is Christmas and we really need extra presents at the Lane house this year. Just kidding. I wanted to see if you were still reading.

The cash calendars that are circulating at the Lodge have a December date on them. Sales of the calendars have not been brisk so I am making the executive decision to not do the drawing in December but wait until January. We still have 200 calendars to sell so stop by the Lodge and pick some up. This is a fund raiser that the Lodge desperately needs. January has the same number of days as December so this should not be a problem. If it is a problem I will

Fraternally Yours,

Sonny

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Happy Birthday

2	JOHN GREVICH	12	BOBBY D. LIVINGSTON
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11	JOHN W. BENGSTON	29	HARLAN R. ZWIEBEL
11	LARRY A. KNAUB	31	TODD M. KERNS

Membership Drawings Names For November Meetings Wes Durst & Larry D. Ossenkop THE POT IS UP TO \$271.00



Pictured with ER Sonny Lane (on the right) are the members of the DDGER team that did the annual check on the operations of the lodge. From the left are Fran Scholtes, Don Gatzke, PER and Robert Howell, DDGER, PER.



Pictured above ER Sonny Lane, PER Steve Wurth with five new members (Dean Borgman, Travis Schmid Amanda Ponder, Ronald J. Murphy, Rick D. Johes) who were initiated at the Nov. 2nd meeting. A special thanks to John Aman, (PER) who sponsored all five members.

PROPOSITIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

**Audrey L. Sheppard Virlyn D. Sheppard
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REINSTATEMENT

**Daniel Boutot Donald Barth
Terry Beyer**

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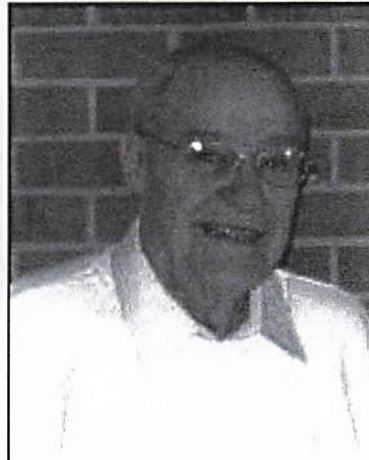
**Thanks to all the members, spouses
and guests whose support made the
Oktoberfest and the soup supper
such an enormous success!**

HOOP SHOOT

**December 11, 2005, 2:00pm
Lincoln East Gym**

**Please come 45 minutes before.
Call: Doug Rienks at 328-0123
if you have any questions.**

**The Lodge will be closed December 24, 25, & 26th
for the Christmas Holiday**



IN MEMORIUM

VINCENT R. COLLURA

Vincent R. Collura, Past Grand Exalted Ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and a life member of Lincoln Lodge #80, passed away on November 11, 2005. Funeral services were held on November 16 at The First Presbyterian Church with interment at Wyuka Cemetery. He is survived by his wife, Donna Lee, and their five children, eight grandchildren and one great grandchild.

PGER Collura's career in Elkdom spanned one-half a century. From initiation in 1954, to Exalted Ruler in '64, District Deputy in '66, State Trustee in '68, State President in '74 and Special Deputy to the Grand Exalted Ruler in '75, he progressed through local, state and Grand Lodge offices. After serving on the Americanism Committee and the board of Trustees for the Grand Lodge, he was elected to Elkdom's highest office in 1992. As Grand Exalted Ruler, he and Donna visited all 50 states. Since his year as GER, he served as Grand Lodge sponsor of all Lodges in Oklahoma, Kansas and Nebraska.

Vince started the Elks Eagle Scout American flag Ceremony which has become a national scouting tradition. As chairman of the Elks' fund raising for the restoration of the Statue of Liberty, he presented a check for \$1,500,000 to President Gerald R. Ford. These two Elks' projects and the many local civic and charitable activities that he participated in throughout his life exemplified his dedication to causes that bettered his community and his country.



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Calendar of Events

December 2005

4	Memorial Service 2:00pm
7	Lodge Meeting 7:30pm
11	Hoop Shoot 2:00pm
13	Beer & Burger
16	Sacking Party 12:00pm
16	Lodge Christmas Party 6:30pm
18	Children's Christmas Party 2:00pm
21	Lodge Meeting 7:30pm
24, 25, 26	Lodge Closed For Christmas
27	Beer & Burger

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