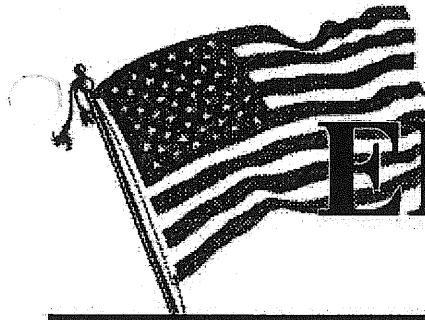


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Upcoming Dinners

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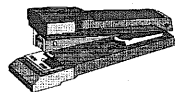
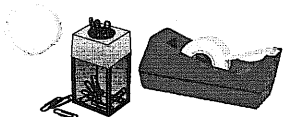
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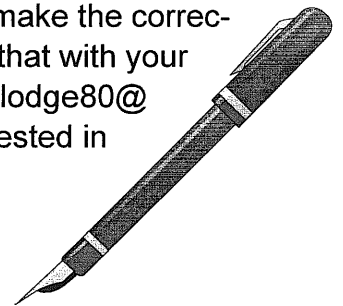


Secretary’s Corner:

Happy New Year, and it is hoped this year will be the best ever, and the start of new activities. Regarding the start of new activities, let me introduce myself. My name is Jerry Wilson and I am your new lodge secretary. My past experience at doing this job is only one month! I have been an Elk since 1980, was raised in Lincoln and moved away 37+ years ago after graduating from UNL, and just recently retired and moved back to Lincoln. So far, my primary focus in my new job has been to work on the current membership roster and mailing lists to ensure their accuracy. The Elk-O-Gram mailing this month will be the first trial run. You can help me out; if you know someone who is not receiving communications from the lodge, or if you are aware of address, telephone number changes, etc., please let me know so we can make the corrections and make contact with everyone. My goal is to be the best, and I can only do that with your help. If you need to contact me, my phone number is 328-2956 and my email is secylodge80@windstream.net I look forward to seeing you all around the lodge; and I will be interested in hearing any and all comments.



Sincerely,
Jerry Wilson
Secretary Lincoln Elks Lodge 80



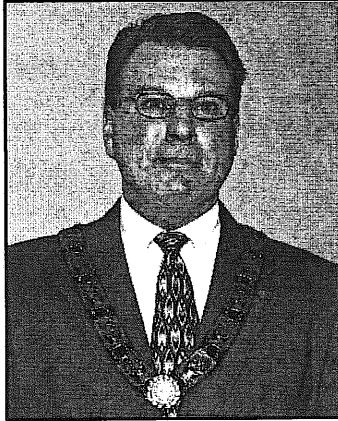
The Faults of our Members, we write upon the sand - Their Virtues upon the tablets of Love & Memory



Exalted Ruler, Jeff Sneller

Dear Members:

I want to wish you all a Happy New Year and may all your dreams, goals and wishes be fulfilled this year.



We just finished the 99th consecutive Children's Christmas Party and everyone who sees John Brooks needs to congratulate him on a stellar job of putting this together. There were some changes this year and change is hard, but what a great end result! Thanks John. The most important thing was the number of smiles on little children, so many were beaming when they left and when they received their candy bags it got even better. I don't remember ever receiving so many thanks from the adults either. We touched over 1800 people with this event; what a great Elks Care Elks Share message to the community. I can't wait for our 100th year!

I had several nice visits with people at our Christmas Party and one thing that kept coming up was that I have not been able to unite our Lodge members. They are correct and this is a major concern to me. We all must work together in order to be successful, we are only as strong as the weakest link. Let's strive to make a difference!

Enjoy the beauty of winter and know that in three months spring will be upon us!

Thanks for your support of the Lodge!

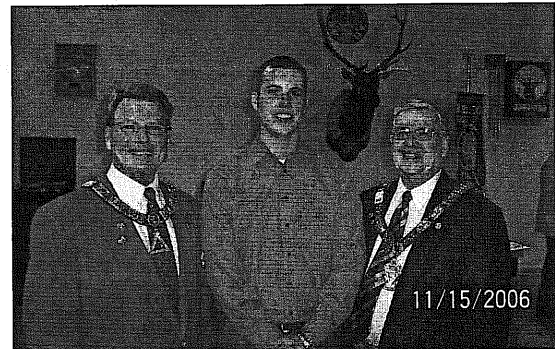
Jeff Sneller
Exalted Ruler

Pancake Feed!!

Get your tickets from Wes Durst to sell, call the Office for more information. Help support our scholarship funds...the Pancake Feed will be January 28, Sunday, 8 am to 2 pm, pancakes, sausage, juice, milk, coffee... Adults \$5, Kids 6-12 \$2.50, 5 and under free.

Scholarship Applications

are due January 12, have your son/grand-son/etc. see their school guidance counselor... Scholarship Applications for the new Lincoln Elks Lodge #80 Legacy scholarships are due January 31st...call Dave Kirby for more information, Jerry Wilson or Cheri in the Office has applications....



Chris Turner, our newest Elk Member, along with E.R. Jeff Sneller, and P.E.R. Rich Todd

John and John's

Pork-Out dinner was great fun, good food and good times were had by all. Many nice prizes

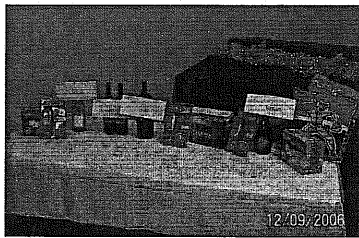
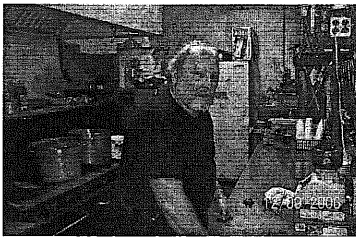




were raffled off, including some handmade pillows provided by Loyal Knight Betty Akin. The tables were festive; decorations and some of the raffle items were designed and implemented by Charles Aman. Great job, Charles! Dessert was great, including some tasty toppings provided by P.E.R.



Aman. John and Jason Jirsa (who has been flexing his culinary expertise as well) were busy dishing it out, Andre Aman was hard at it as well...a big "Thank You" to P.E.R. John Aman, and Lecturing Knight John Brooks for their cooking skills, family recipes, and donating all the food...events like this really help against our Lodge expenses....

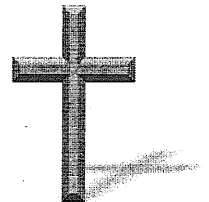


BIRTHDAYS

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|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Betty Akin | 17 Clarence Knosp |
| Thomas Lynch | 18 Sanford Nelson |
| 3 Doug Dessel | Sanford Steenson |
| 4 Charles Thone | 19 Terry Edwards |
| 6 John Brooks | 20 Robert Taylor |
| Roger White | 21 Dean Borgmann |
| 8 Roxanne Thomas | James Gray |
| 9 Jason Brooks | 22 John Robel, Jr. |
| Leo Hill | 24 Bob Clinkenbeard |
| 10 Gene Obrecht | Terry Hagan |
| 11 Allen Wasenius | 25 Ronald Cohn |
| 13 John Baker | 26 Larry Benac |
| Willis Harding | Harry Blum |
| M.E. Whitehead | 28 Raymond Plotts |
| 15 Tom Pallas | 31 Paige Zutavern |
| Ron Roggencamp | |

Deaths

Elks Lodge #80 wishes to extend its condolences to Chuck and Kathy Meisinger on the passing of Kathy's mother...please keep them both in your thoughts and prayers as they struggle through this difficult time.



Sickness and Distress

Jerry Crouch and Robert Dankleff at Eastmont Towers.

Please note:
Articles and items for the Elk-O-Gram

Send to Randy King at rdking@diodecom.net or call 450-0978. Remember the **15th** of the month is the deadline. Let's all work together to get our EOG out on time!

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Northwoods Beef Stew Dinner

PER John Aman will be preparing the hearty Northwoods Beef Stew, served over a lemon rice bed. It is a northern Minnesota recipe. Dinner includes salad, dessert and other fixin's... all for only \$7...The Lodge is a great place to be on a cold January night. Be there, bring your friends... Saturday January 13, cocktails at 5:30, serving at 6:30...

Dinner Sponsor's

We are in need of Elk's members who would like to sponsor and/or cook a dinner for 2007. We would like to host 2 dinners per month. We have 6-7 already spoken for. You certainly may cook if you like, gather your friends and take over the Kitchen. Our most urgent need is a sponsor for the dinner scheduled for Jan-27. If you are interested in participating, please give me a call. Paul Koehrsen (House Committee Chair (402) 525-3258

Let your voice be heard - House Committee

I am in need of 1-2 people to participate (volunteer) as a member of the house committee. Currently there are 4 members: (Myself) Paul Koehrsen, John Aman, John Brooks, Larry Benac. This is your opportunity to let your voice be heard. Everyone has their own idea about what is right or wrong with the Lodge or the Club. The committee needs people with new ideas and desires to make changes. We can make the Club a place that people want to visit, and Elks Lodge #80 an organization with which people are proud to be associated. I would like to make this a fun place. I need your help.

If you are interested in participating, please give me a call. Paul Koehrsen - House Committee Chair 525-3258

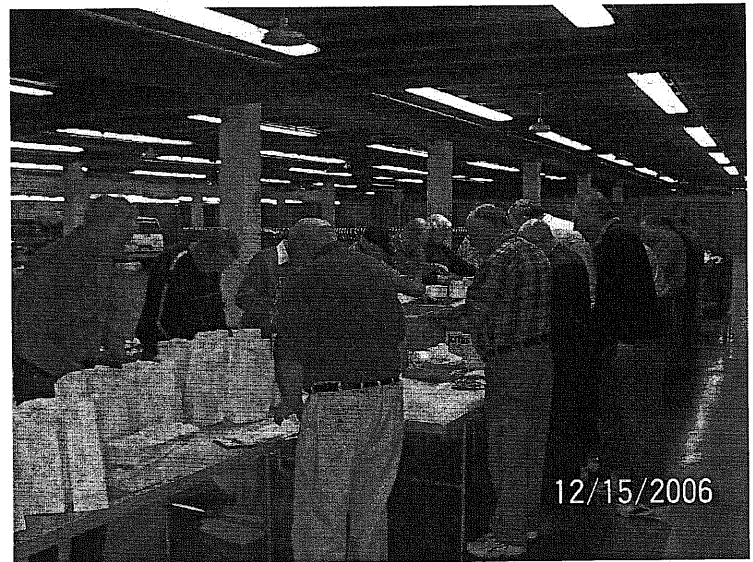
Bingo - Final Plea

Is anyone interested in having Bingo as part of the Lodge activities? This would be open to the general public. So ask your friends. Before we pursue this any further, we need your input. Call with your ideas:

Paul Koehrsen (House Committee Chair)
525-3258

Scott Schrage

was proposed by Roxie Thomas, he was voted in at the regular meeting December 6...Gerald Miles was proposed by Larry Schwindt, we will vote on him January 3....come to the meeting and vote, great way to start the New Year off right...



R & B's Meatloaf Dinner

January 27, cocktails 5:30, dinner 6:30, come and enjoy Randy and Betty's good home cookin' with a great meatloaf dinner, served with veggies and salad, dinner rolls and gravy... all for only \$8 each, all proceeds to benefit the Lodge...bring your friends and come hungry!"



Hoop Shoot

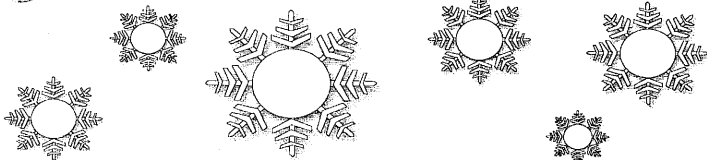
volunteer opportunity on Saturday Jan 6 , 10 am at the YMCA gym,....., please plan on being there to help... also the main Hoop Shoot is January 13, from 2-4 pm, call Doug Rienks at 328-0123 to volunteer or for more information...

Children's Christmas

Party candy sacking crew was very hard at in December 15th at Pershing, many gathered afterwards at the Lodge to assemble drug awareness packets, and have a cold one....Santa's little helpers got a treat (a free drink) for being such good sports! The Club Christmas Party was held later in the evening, with pulled pork and sauce courtesy of Skeeter Barnes, potluck munchies brought in by everyone, and a good time had by all.....

Elk-O-Gram comments

have been very positive on the new format and print quality...but like everything in life, you get what you pay for. And our costs have risen considerably for the EOG. So we have to make some hard decisions. Pare down the costs or cut the content/quality. One step we are taking is to fold, tab, and label the EOG ourselves, please call Randy at 450-0978 if you would like to help. The "folding parties" only take an hour, we do it at the club, it is great fun. Get me your e-mail address and I will put you on our list, or call me and I will make a note to call everyone with the date, I will give you a week notice.... this is a great chance (excuse) to come to the Club for an hour, meet old friends and make new ones, have a cold adult beverage and do something useful for you and your fellow Elks...



Lapsation

is still over 20 members...call on your inactive Elk friends and encourage them to renew, we rely on the dues monies to pay our bills...we just had to spend \$475 to repair a water leak, and are facing nearly \$300 in modifications to the Kitchen to comply with the Health Department regulations....

An Editorial from your Chaplain....

This story was related to me, I had to pass it on to you...

The other day, my nine year old son wanted to know why we were at war.

My husband looked at our son and then looked at me. My husband and I were both in the Army during the Gulf War and we would be honored to serve and defend our Country again today. I knew that my husband would give him a good explanation.

My husband thought for a few minutes and then told my son to go stand in our front living room window. He said, "Son, stand there and tell me what you see?"

"I see trees and cars and our neighbor's houses." he replied.

"OK, now I want you to pretend that our house and our yard is the United States of America and you are President Bush."...Our son giggled and said, "OK."

"Now son, I want you to look out the window and pretend that every house and yard on this block is a different country," my husband said...."OK Dad, I'm pretending."

"Now I want you to stand there and look out the window and pretend you see Saddam come out of his house with his wife, he has her by the hair and is hitting her. You see her bleeding and crying. He hits her in the face, he throws her on



the ground, then he starts kicking her to death. Their children run out and are afraid to stop him, they are screaming and crying, they are watching this but do nothing because they are kids and they are afraid of their father. You see all of this, son....what do you do?"

"Dad?"

"What do you do son?"

"I'd call the police, Dad."

"OK. Pretend that the police are the United Nations. They take your call. They listen to what you know and saw, but they refuse to help.

What do you do then son?"

"Dad..... but the police are supposed to help!" my son starts to whine.

"They don't want to, son, because they say that it is not their place or your place to get involved and that you should stay out of it," my husband says.

"But Dad...he killed her!!" my son exclaims.

"I know he did...but the police tell you to stay out of it. Now I want you to look out that window and pretend you see our neighbor who you're pretending is Saddam turn around and do the same thing to his children."

"And Daddy ... did he kill them too?"...."Yes son, he does. What do you do?"

"Well, if the police don't want to help, I will go and ask my next door neighbor to help me stop him," our son says.

"Son, our next door neighbor sees what is happening and refuses to get involved as well. He refuses to open the door and help you stop him," my husband says.

"But Dad, I NEED help!!! I can't stop him by myself!!"

"WHAT DO YOU DO SON?"

Our son starts to cry.

"OK, no one wants to help you. The man across the street saw you ask for help and saw that no one would help you stop him. He stands taller and puffs out his chest. Guess what he

does next son?"...."What Daddy?"

"He walks across the street to the old lady's house and breaks down her door and drags her out, steals all her stuff and sets her house on fire and then...he kills her. He turns around and sees you standing in the window and laughs at you. WHAT DO YOU DO NOW?"

"Daddy.."....."WHAT DO YOU DO?"

Our son is crying and he looks down and he whispers, "I'd close the blinds, Daddy."My husband looks at our son with tears in his eyes and asks him, "Why?"

"Because Daddy.....the police are supposed to help people who need them...and they won't help.... You always say that neighbors are

supposed to HELP neighbors, but they won't help either...they won't help me stop him...I'm afraid....I can't do it by myself Daddy....I can't

look out my window and just watch him do all these terrible things and..... and.....do

nothing... so....I'm just going to close the blinds.... so I can't see what he's doing.....and I'm going to pretend that it is not happening."

That's when I started to cry.

My husband looks at our nine year old son standing in the window, looking pitiful and ashamed at his answers to my husband's questions and he says..."Son"...."Yes, Daddy."

"Open the blinds because that man... he's at YOUR front door... "WHAT DO YOU DO?"

My son looks at his father, anger and defiance in his eyes. He balls up his little fists and looks his father square in the eyes, without hesitation he says: "I DEFEND MY FAMILY DAD!! I'M NOT GONNA LET HIM HURT MOMMY OR MY SISTER, DAD!!! I'M GONNA FIGHT HIM, DAD, I'M GONNA FIGHT HIM!!!!!"

I see a tear roll down my husband's cheek and he grabs our son to his chest and hugs him tight, and says... "It's too late to fight him, he's too strong and he's already at YOUR front door son.....you should have stopped him BEFORE



he killed his wife, and his children and the old lady across the way.
 You have to do what's right, even if you have to do it alone, before it's too late," my husband whispers. The scenario I just gave you is WHY we are at war with Iraq. When good men stand by and let evil happen, son....THAT is the greatest atrocity in the world. "YOU MUST NEVER BE AFRAID TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT EVEN IF YOU HAVE TO DO IT ALONE!"

**BE PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN! BE PROUD OF OUR TROOPS!! SUPPORT THEM!!!
 SUPPORT AMERICA SO THAT IN THE FUTURE OUR CHILDREN WILL NEVER HAVE TO CLOSE THEIR BLINDS..."**

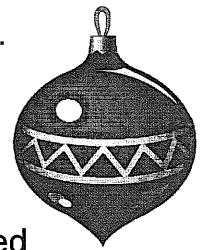
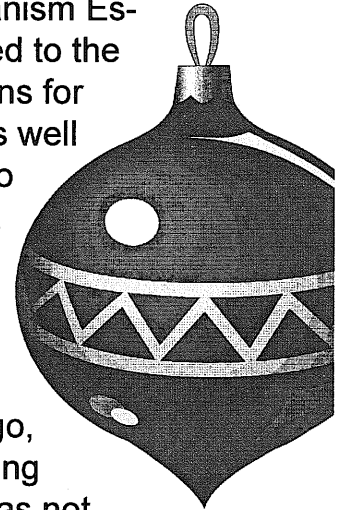


P.E.R. Steven Wirth, left, and P.E.R Rich Todd, right, with our newest Officers: Betty Akin, Loyal Knight, Harold Harpster, Trustee, right, and Jerry Wilson, Secretary, Left

Now for the Quickies...

Vi Berst reported that 13 Vets and spouses joined in with our Vets from the Lodge on the Beer and Burger on Nov 28, for a total of 35 or so who were honored for their service to our country...Sam Carter said Gramercy will publish photos from our Beer and Burger in their newsletter...suggestions were made to perhaps include a window decal in the new members packets for Elks....and discussion was had about metal badges for the bumpers of your

autos promoting your Elks Membership.... dues were waved for a couple of our members who have fallen on hard times....Sonny Lane reports that Americanism Essay information was mailed to the Director of Communications for Lincoln Public Schools, as well as the 5 or 6 teachers who turned in essays from last year....ENF donations are at \$4.36, over our goal of \$4 per member. We are now eligible for a \$300 grant from ENF....way to go, Elks!... Membership drawing was Roger Rocke, who was not present. He missed out on \$202..... you have to come to meetings to win...Just think what our Lodge would be like, if we each simply recruited one new member a year, and encouraged them to be involved in just 1 event, along with you...To those of you who have recruited new members... hats off to you, you have the vision it takes to keep us thriving...Hidden number for November was Russell Raybould....Elks Bylaw revisions were read and accepted at the December 6 meeting without revisions. House Rule changes were also read and were accepted with revisions....we will publish a revised set of House Rules and have them posted at the Club...come on in, have a cold one, read the new guidelines....We had a busy December, pictures from the Christmas Party will be in February's issue, since they occurred after our Dec 15th deadline.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January Calendar:
 Jan 3 Lodge meeting
 Jan 6 Hoop Shoot YMCA
 Jan 9 Beer and burger
 Jan 13 Hoop Shoot East High
 Jan 13 District Deputy Clinic
 Jan 13 Beef Stew Dinner
 Jan 17 Lodge Meeting
 Jan 23 Beer and Burger
 Jan 27 Dinner-TBA
 Jan 28 Annual Scholarship Pancake Feed

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