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# **Upcoming Dinners**

R & B's Meatloaf Dinner Pancake Feed this Saturday, Jan 27 Sunday Jan 28th

Valentines Dinner February 10th

Jamaican Dinner February 24th



### **Secretary's Corner:**

Well, the year started off with a bang, or should I say a "snow storm"! I trust that you all weathered it well. Activities around the lodge have also been jumping; two Hoops Shoot events, a District Deputy Clinic, and five dinner activities, with many more scheduled for the upcoming months. As I indicated in last months Elk-O-Gram, I just started as Secretary (my second month), and I am new to this lodge. I hope to see you at these get-togethers so I can continue to meet everyone, not to mention the camaraderie that we experience being with other Elks. I have met many already, but there are a lot more to go. I would like to thank those of you who responded to my "request for help" in correcting addresses, telephone numbers, etc., which ensures the accuracy of the membership data. The last thing we want is a "stray Elk"! You all make me look good at doing this job! Some people say, "I need all the help I can get!" My goal is to be the best, and I can only do that with your help. I am open to any and all questions and comments.

As a reminder, the Elks Lodge year begins on April 1<sup>st</sup>, which is coincident with the annual dues statement. The dues statements will be mailed February 15<sup>th</sup>, and the payment of dues should be back prior to April. Your continued support and promptness will be much appreciated; I only hope that I can be as quick in responding back with your membership cards. If you need to contact me, my phone number is 328-2956 and my email is secylodge80@

dstream.net . See you all around the Lodge.

Sincerely,

Jerry Wilson

Secretary Lincoln Elks Lodge 80



## Exalted Ruler, Jeff Sneller

#### **Dear Members:**

It is hard to imagine that February is here and spring is just around the corner.

What would your thought process be, conversations and concerns evolve around if....



Gas was \$1.50 a gallon, the war in Iraq were over, the price of corn was \$5.20 a bushel, we had a national, state and local government that didn't over spend and over tax, people used common sense again and the people who committed serious crimes actually went to prison for the first offense? Would we as a nation have the intestinal fortitude to go after brutal dictators in other foreign lands who kill, rape, and starve their own people? Or would be content to sit back and watch from the side lines?

All of our lives, the nation, and the world will change in the next few months and certainly in the next year, some more radically than others. Are you thinking ahead and planning and anticipating those changes?..... and what they might look like for you? Food for thought; what are your thoughts?

I have had a couple of people ask me whose idea was it to do this or that on a few occasions lately. Decisions are not made by individuals in our Lodge. The Lodge (each and every member) has the opportunity to express ideas and suggestions on the floor of the Lodge meeting; this is discussed and then voted on by the members attending if a quorum is present. If you have issues or concerns with the direction the Lodge is going I would strongly suggest you attend the meetings. Presently on average only about 15 to 18 members attend, it's tough to have balance when so few participate. Also the nominations for new officers and trustees will be held in February, if you are interested in getting more involved this is your chance. Nominations will be on the first Wed. of the month and elections will be on the third Wed, of the month.

May He always guide us!

Jeff Sneller

Jeff Sneller Exalted Ruler

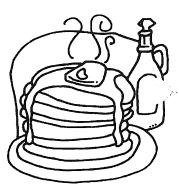


#### R & B's Meatloaf Dinner

Come enjoy an evening of fun and good food Saturday night. Randy & Betty will put together a great Meatloaf dinner, including rolls and salad, mashed potatoes and gravy, and dessert all for only \$8. This is a sponsored dinner, so all proceeds benefit the Lodge. Cocktails at 5:30, Dinner at 6:30, and you can buy tickets at the door!

#### Pancake Feed

to benefit the Elks Lodge #80 Scholarship Fund, Sunday Jan 28th, 8 am to 2 pm, Sausage, Pancakes, Juice, Milk, Coffee, great toppings and all you can eat for only \$5 Adults, \$2.50 children 6-12, kids 5 and under eat free! This supports the scholarship fund, please come and enjoy a flapjack...where's that Chef's Hat, Wes?





#### Snowed out?

Well, nearly, but not quite. John Aman's Northwoods Beef Stew dinner attracted a snow storm along with it. A few hardy souls came and enjoyed the hearty Northwoods Beef Stew recipe, over a bed of lemon rice, and John graciously agreed to do a repeat performance Saturday February 20. So those of you who held their tickets got to enjoy a tasty northern treat anyway, and another snowstorm! Many thanks to all those who braved the weather and supported this dinner; these gatherings underwrite our Lodge and provide a great opportunity to enjoy fellowship with your Brother and Sister Elks' and Does.....

#### St. Valentine's Day Dinner

Bring your Sweetheart (or come find one) and enjoy a great evening of romance. The St. Valentine's Day Dinner will be Saturday, February 10, cocktails at 5:30 and dinner at 6:30. On the menu is steak and potato, salad and dessert, and Champagne! Couples \$25, individuals \$15. Call Cheri in the Office, See P.E.R. John Aman or Bud Dietrich for tickets to this festive event!

### **Hoop Shoot**

Chairman Doug Rienks reports that the local qualifying clinic was held January 13, at Lincoln East High School, with about 50 youth participating. It started at 2:30 and was finished by 4 pm, everyone had a nice time and it went well. The District Shoot is January 27 (yes, this Saturday!) at the Calvert Rec Center, registration starts at 5pm, shoot starts at 5:30 and should be over by 6:30. You can come from the Rec Center to the Lodge to enjoy the Meatloaf Dinner, and review the Hoop Shoot activities. Doug needs volunteers, please call him at 430-6002 if you want to help...this is great fun, and the more the merrier...if you have never helped with an Elk's event,

is a great place to get your feet wet... Doug would also like to form a Committee for this event, so the duties can be split and run a little more smoothly. Time commitment is minimal, as is the effort. Won't you step up and help the kids?

#### **Jamaican Dinner**

THE BEST OF BOTH WORLDS: CARIBBEAN WITH A TOUCH OF CREOLE. The best of both worlds of spice are joined together in this dinner. The food was reintroduced to the Lodge last August at the 40th Wedding Anniversary of Paul & Louise

Koehrsen with a trip into the Jamaican s month, on Saturday, February 24th, PER John Aman and his crew are going to set sail with a fare of roasted Caribbean pork, Jamaican Jerk Chicken, New Orleans style beef brisket, and Rosta shrimp, accompanied by Creole garden rice, and rosemary buttered vegetables. And it wouldn't be dinner without a healthy salad and dessert, count on a full meal, as much or as little as you want.

Several Elks have requested that a vegetarian entrée be available at our dinners. This will be available upon PRIOR request, just tell your ticket seller, or call Cheri directly at the Lodge. Or, you can call John Aman at his office: 475-7500, and leave a message.

#### February is P.E.R. Month.

It's that time of the year again where we need to get the P.E.R.s together for a meeting and also organize the Ritual Team for initiation. If all goes well, we should have a candidate to initiate, since we read the name of a person at this past Wednesday night lodge meeting. February Initiation is during the Lodge meeting on the 21st.

We should have some type of dinner / meeting and invite all P.E.R.s if possible. Please contact Stephen Wirth at 464-8211 Ext 4459 for further information.



The Hidden number for January was 15355; Arthur Bossard...



#### Trustee's Report

We have been active in getting some updates done to the Lodge. A leak was discovered in the drain at the coffee maker in the Lodge Room. It has been repaired and arrangements have been made to get the carpets cleaned in that area. The Lounge and Card rooms are also going to get carpets cleaned. We replaced some water faucets that have been leaking and are having some work done in the kitchen so it complies with what the City Inspectors are wanting us to do. We are looking at replacing the emergency lights throughout the building to a more efficient system. If anyone would like to take this responsibility please call. We are working on the budget for next year and would like your input on what items you think are important and should be addressed. I am asking Committee Chairpersons to have their budget request to me before the second Lodge meeting in February. Last but not least...there was an article in the Legion Newspaper that was not correct. We have invited the Legion and they have accepted the invitation to rent the card room and the Lodge room for their meetings. While negotiating this deal, we told them what we had to offer. They misunderstood and assumed the Lodge was OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. We have sent them a letter to correct this and have asked them to retract that statement. One of their meetings would be after Beer and Burger so we did invite them to attend that if they wanted. We are not, and never will be, "Open to the Public". The Elk's Lodge is a members-only organization, and will stay so.

Sonny Lane

#### **Veterans Committee**

Members Vi Berst and Sam Carter made Birthday visits to Lancaster Manor, giving the December

birthday Veterans birthday cards and a two-dollar bill. Sam Carter writes, "Our oldest Veteran, Ed Muenchau, is shown here, celebrating his 97th birthday. He was so pleased to have some one remember him. I had to wipe the tears from his eyes. What a great pleasure it is to serve with Vi on this Committee."



"The day after the Elk's Childrens Christmas

Party, Veteran Committee Chairman Vi Berst and member Sam Carter made a visit to the outpatient department at the Veteran's Affairs Medical Center. We gave out 150 packages containing lotion, deck of cards, handkerchiefs, bars of soap, a pair of socks, shampoo and a comb. We also gave out 200 sacks of candy, left over from the Children's Christmas



Party. We had many Veterans wanting us to tell the Elk's "Thanks", for all they do for the Veteran's. These men and women are very appreciative of

being remembered by the Elk's."

Let us not be weary in doing good; for at the proper time, We will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good. - Galatians 6:9-10

...sure goes nicely with the principles of our Order, doesn't it? Inspired by our Lodge Secretary, Cheri Amak....tell her "Thanks"...



Congratulations

go out to our newest members Gerald Miles and Scott Schrage, they were initiated Wednesday January 17th. Scott is a welder for Burlington Northern, and Gerald can usually be found at Hollywood Bowl on Tuesday nights... be sure to greet them when you next see them...

**Membership Committee** 

is being formed, to encourage member recruitment and activity within our Lodge. As great as it is to bring in a new member, it is far better to bring him( or her) along to a few events with you, show them how much fun it is! This enables your new recruit to meet other Elks, have some fun and do good things...puts a positive image in their minds and plants the seeds for what good things they can do...Terry Edwards has agreed to Chair this Committee, and P.E.R. Sonny Lane, and P.E.R. John Aman volunteered to assist... we are grateful to the generous donation of time and talent that leaders like these offer...would you be willing to live our motto, "Elk's Care, Elk's Share"? Call Terry, John, or Sonny, and say "Sure, I can help..."

### Now for the Quickies...

Committee Chairmen, your annual reports are due, you need to compile your volunteer hours, monies spent, people involved and programs accomplished. Please get this information to P.E.R. Sonny Lane. Also you need to submit your proposals for next year's budget to Sonny Lane, ASAP....

Last month's attendance drawing was Dennis Byers, he was not there and did not win the \$231 pot... this month's attendance drawing was your Chaplain Randy King, he was there and did win the \$246 pot.... just goes to show that it pays to attend your Lodge Meetings....sooner or later your number will come up... Mine did!....

that they have ordered and received 4,000 styrofoam cups with our Elks logo imprinted on them, for use at the VA Hospital, way to go guys...keep spreading the word about the good work of the Elks....

Paul Koehrsen reports the Fire Inspection went well, and they recommended replacement of our Emergency battery backup lights with newer models, Paul is getting bids on that...he also reports that due to the underwhelming response on the Bingo idea, it is dead in the water....

District Deputy and P.E.R. Rich Todd expressed "Thanks" to the Lodge for the use of the Lodge Room for the District Deputies Clinic, held January 13<sup>th</sup>, and to P.E.R. John Aman for his help with lunch.....

The Pancake Feed is fast approaching, be sure to see Stephen Wirth or Wes Durst for your tickets. Remember, this is a fundraiser for the Elks Lodge #80 Scholarship Fund...this does so much good for so many college hopefuls...please attend, all you can eat, and the price is right...

Harold Harpster has resigned from his Trustee position, stating "Health concerns"...we Thank Harold for all he has contributed to the Lodge, and wish him well. We look forward to seeing him around the Lodge, and drawing on his wisdom....

Raffle winner was Esquire Doug Rienks, who donated his winnings to ENF, way to go Doug! Our ENF goal for this year was \$4 per member, we are at \$4.38 and counting....

the EOG folding parties have been great fun, won't you join us and donate a few minutes of time?...next one is tentatively scheduled for Feb. 21 @ 6 pm, just prior to Lodge Meeting. Come fold the EOG and stay for the Lodge Meeting, good excuse to join in the fun!..

Metal Auto Emblems have been selling like hotcakes, a few left at the Club, and for only \$10. They look great on your car, and the proceeds benefit the Lodge...



# 2006 Children's Christmas Party Donor List

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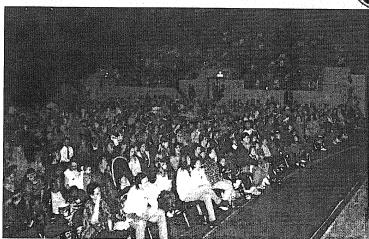
Everyone enjoyed the antics of Toby Kidd



The String Beans were a hit with the crowd



The Candy Sacking Crew for 2006



Over 1500 attended the 99th Annual Elk's Lodge #80 Free Children's Christmas Party at Pershing Auditorium

#### **Propositions for New Members**

Sterling Scott Harwick, proposed by Brent Travis... Richard Fitzsimmons, a transfer and Ken Geisler, proposed by Roger White. Thank You, Elks, for caring enough to share your Lodge with others...

### **Transfers by Demit**

Richard Fitzsimmons
Jacksonville, IL; Lodge #682
Wayne Weber
Scottsbluff, NE; Lodge #1367



Please note:

# Articles and items for the Elk-O-Gram

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

# BIRTHDAYS February

1 Todd Speidell

4 Samuel Carter, Jr.

5 Robert Evans

6 Ron Hoffman

10 Stephen Letts

12 Richard Lahr

13 William Springer

14 Robert Klein

14 Lyle Paul

15 Jesse Shields

16 Jack Crowley

17 Paul Burklund

22 Kenneth Watkins

23 Ralph Giebelhaus

25 Richard Bjorklund

26 Lewis Cooley

26 Robert Payne



#### **Sickness and Distress**

Bill Amen has had a stroke, and Henry Heckman is at Tabitha, Dan Mosier is recovering from bypass surgery. Be sure to keep your fellow Elks in your thoughts and prayers as they struggle with health issues. Jerry Crouch and Robert Dankleff at Eastmont Towers, Douglas Haggart at home, Wilbur Amen, stroke, at Tabitha, and Dan Mosier recovering from By-Pass surgery.

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