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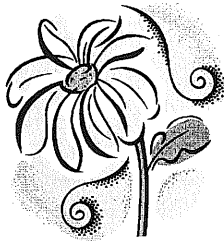
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Home of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Vincent R. Collura & Past Grand Exalted Ruler George B. Klein



SPRING CHICKEN DINNER

Saturday, April 14, 2007

5:30 p.m. Cocktails

6:30 p.m. Dinner

Roasted herbed chicken breast,
halved baked potato lightly seasoned
with garlic and oil,
broccoli florets w/ cheese sauce
Salad & Dessert (cake & ice cream)

\$10.00 per person
Business Casual



Installation of Officers

Lincoln Lodge #80

Benevolent and Protective Order
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cordially invites you

to attend the public installation of

Mr. Terry L. Edwards, Exalted Ruler

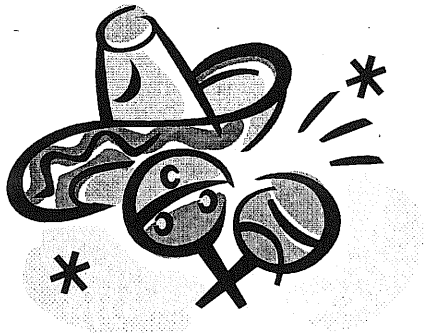
for the Fraternal Year 2007-2008

and his fellow officers

Wednesday, April 4, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

at the Elk Lodge.

Reception following installation.



Cinco DeMayo Saturday, May 5, 2007

5:30 p.m. Cocktails

6:30 p.m. Dinner



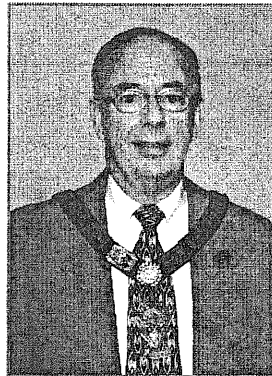
The Faults of our Members, we write upon the sand - Their Virtues upon the tablets of Love and Memory



Exalted Ruler, Terry Edwards

Dear Elks and Does:

It is a great honor and privilege to be installed as your Exalted Ruler for the 2007-2008 year. Assembled with me is a great cadre of officers dedicated to the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity.



We hope that you are able to attend the 119th installation of officers to be held Wednesday, April 4, 7:30 p.m. at the Lodge.

What a rich and proud heritage this Lodge has with two Past Grand Exalted Ruler's (Vince Colura and George Klein) and current Grand Secretary, Jack M. Jensen and District Deputy East, Rich Todd.

Charles Meisinger current 1st Vice President of the Nebraska Elk's Association will be installed as President at the 95th Annual State Convention April 27-29 in North Platte.

A notice will be posted in the Lodge and all members are invited to attend.

A big "thank you" to everyone past and present that has committed their time and resources to give us this proud heritage.

I look forward to meeting current and new members to see how you can help our lodge, community and young people do even better.

Please read the article "How is the Elks National Foundation Helping Nebraska?" on page 3.

Fraternally,
Terry Edwards, E.R.

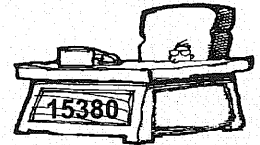
HELP NEEDED

Bar Associate: Looking for an individual to work part-time from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Wednesday. Responsibilities: supervise work schedules, manage food and beverage orders in the Club and provide assistance with lodge activities. For an application, contact Cheri @ 421.6363.

Cleaning Assistant: Part-time work cleaning the Elk Lodge. Flexible hours. Great job for semi-retired or retired individual. For an application, contact Cheri @ 421.6363.

SECRETARY'S CORNER

By the time you read this, April 1st will have arrived, which is the beginning of our Lodge year 2007-2008.



By now, you all should have your new Elks membership cards, provided that you have paid your dues.

If you do not have your new card; I understand that it is easy to let the payment of the dues slip past you, as this is a busy time of year getting income taxes ready, or the statement is at the bottom of your "to do list", daylight savings time, etc. For those of you that have paid, thank you very much.

As I have said before, this job is new to me and everyday is a catching up/new learning experience; not to mention that it has been a busy year so far for the Lodge, numerous dinners, veterans activities, scholarship submittals, the hoop shoot...Whew!

Being a part of all this, is reason enough to be an Elk. "My goal is to be the best, and I can only do that with your help", please if you have any questions or comments (good or bad), please contact me.

If you need to contact me, my home telephone number is (402) 328-2956 and my email address is secylodge80@windstream.net. See you all around the lodge.

Sincerely,
Jerry Wilson, Secretary

NEWS for Elk-O-Gram

Deadline Reminder:

Remember the 15th of the month is the EOG article deadline. Let's work together to get our EOG out on time!

Send your news articles to Randy King at EOG.Lodge80@gmail.com or call 402-450-0978.

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How is the Elks National Foundation Helping Nebraska?

ELK NATIONAL FOUNDATION UPDATE

When you give to the Elks National Foundation "ENF", you're doing more than funding the Elks National Drug Awareness and "Hoop Shoot" programs. You're doing more than supporting the Community Investments Program and providing Emergency Educational Grants to the children of deceased or totally disabled Elks. You're doing more than maintaining the Elks Veterans Memorial.

You're doing all that, and you're supporting Elkdom in your state.

During the 2005-06 Lodge year, the Elks of Nebraska donated \$37,477.23 to the Elks National Foundation. This year, the Foundation will give back the following:

State Charities Grant:	\$23, 720.00
Special Projects Grant:	\$29, 840.00
Bonus Grant:	\$ 6,280.00

These grants help fund your state's major charitable project, as well as other philanthropic projects. Portions of these grants will also support your state's Drug Awareness Program, "Hoop Shoot, Soccer Shoot and educational programs.

Most Valuable Student:	\$20,000.00
Legacy Award:	\$ 6,000.00

We will award a total of at least **five** "Most Valuable Student" scholarships to high school seniors from your state. In addition, we will award up to **six** Legacy Awards scholarships to children, grandchildren or stepchildren of Elks.

National Veterans Service Commission:	\$ 6,240.00
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These funds will help Veterans Service volunteers provide care and comfort to hospitalized and homeless veterans.

Grand Total:	\$ 92,080.00
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That is a ratio of \$2.46 for every dollar the Foundation received from your state last year.

From inception in 1928 through March 31, 2006, the Foundation has granted a total of \$2,920,125.72 to your state, compared with your state's total donations of \$1,667,454.57. That's a ratio of \$1.75 for every dollar the Foundation has received from your state.

The Foundation's past support includes:

- \$812,627.00** in State Charities Grants
- \$767,200.00** in "Most Valuable Student" Scholarships
- \$313,971.00** in Special Projects Grants
- \$512,265.89** in Emergency Educational Grants

For more information about the Elks National Foundation, contact your local chairperson or write to us at Elks National Foundation, 2750 N. Lakeview Ave., Chicago, IL 60614, enf@elks.org, www.elks.org/enf.



**Elks
National
Foundation**

The Time is Now for IRA Rollovers

You may have read about the new IRA rollover laws in *USA Today* or the *Wall Street Journal*. On August 17, 2006, President Bush signed into law the recently passed Pension Reform Bill. Among the charitable tax incentives included in the bill is an IRA rollover provision that allows individuals age 70 ½ and older to make charitable donations up to \$100,000 from an IRA, without having to count the donation as taxable income.

After a certain age, individuals are required to withdraw a minimum amount from their IRA each year, and they are taxed on this income. By making a rollover to your favorite charity instead, you can avoid this extra tax. You'll also feel secure in the knowledge that your gift will ensure the future of ENF programs serving students, families and veterans in Elks communities.

This new law is only in effect until December 31, 2007 so in order to get the maximum benefit for both years, it's important to act soon. Contact your financial advisor or our office with questions.

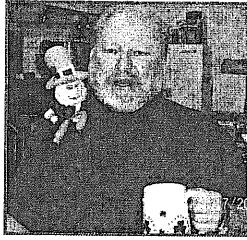


ST. PATTY'S DINNER

The St. Patty's dinner sponsored by Aman & Aman Attorneys at Law was a HUGE success.

Once again, John Aman presented a delicious corned beef brisket, tender cabbage parsley potatoes and buttered carrots.

Dessert was ice cream with a mini éclair with various toppings.



John Aman

Everyone had a wonderful time by eating, and socializing with their families and friends!

A special thanks to Charles Aman for decorating the Lodge; and also to Andre Aman, Anna Aman, John Brooks, Deborah Burns, Richard Bush, Aimee Dye-Stender, Jason Jirsa, Randy King, Mary Clare Liescheski, Amanda Ponder, Roxy Thomas, Stephen Wirth, Pat Wiseman, and Kim Wiseman for all their hard work in setting and cleaning up the kitchen, bar and lodge room.

A special thanks to Bud Dietrick for selling over sixty (60) tickets to family and friends.



Bud and Virginia Dietrick

We had a full house and hope that all our future dinners will be as successful!

Thank you to everyone for supporting our lodge!



Paul and Marlene Mussack, their daughter and grandchildren



Beer and Burgers and Americanism Night April 24th at 6:00 p.m.

This year we will be hosting our 2nd Annual Americanism Night. Vi Berst has a chauffeur lined up to bring Veterans to this event.

We will hear from ten (10) of our best and brightest youth who attend Irving Middle School. These fine young Americans will read their essays about Americanism following Beer and Burgers.

Each fifth grader will be awarded savings bonds.

Hunter's Safety Classes

The Lodge will be filled with the voices of excited Scouts, as approximately forty-five (45) youth will attend the Nebraska Game and Parks Hunter's Safety Course, sponsored by the Elks Lodge #80, in conjunction with the Cornhusker Council Boy Scouts.

Classes will be April 26 - 28. Thursday and Friday from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. and Saturday from 9:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Refreshments provided by Elks Members. Presenters will be Hunter's Safety Instructor Randy King, along with Instructor Mike Wurfele.

Adults who are planning a big game hunt outside Nebraska are also encouraged to attend, as you will need your Nebraska Hunter's Safety card for out of state big game permits (reciprocal).

Be a part of Gun Safety in your home by gaining a better understanding of sportsmanship and Hunter's Ethics. Parents and siblings are also encouraged to attend.

For those Scouts who wish to complete their Rifle Merit Badge, an opportunity will be provided on Sunday, April 29 in the afternoon at the Nebraska Game and Parks Rifle Range at the State Fairgrounds, near the Aquarium. Time to be announced.



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| 1 | Richard Cox | 13 | Don Edwards |
| | Ryan Rediger | 15 | Gilbert Healy |
| | James Searle | 16 | Brianna Bergholz |
| 2 | William Bray | | Thomas Roper |
| 3 | Vilis Berst | 17 | Milan Knezovich |
| | Jerry Gorton | | James Rakers |
| | Lawrence Shepard | 19 | Julius Goldberg |
| 4 | Richard Meyer | 20 | Thomas Odell |
| 5 | Brent Travis | | Theodore Paulson |
| 8 | Donald Leising | 21 | Paul Collicott |
| | Jack Stone | 22 | Dennis Smith |
| 9 | David Caudy | 23 | Robert Martin |
| 11 | Tamera Mowrey | 24 | Wesley Durst |
| | Roderick Price | | Neil Petersen |
| | Robert Wise | 26 | Gerald Maddox |
| 12 | Fritz Blatt | | Sanford Pollack |
| | Steve Noren | 27 | Larry Klein |
| | Scott Schrage | | Richard Todd |



Deaths: Robert Evans and William "Bill" Smejdir

Sickness and Distress: *Note the following.*

- Harold Harpster is home recovering from 3 stents (heart related) implanted;
- Marlin Kelley suffered a stroke, is at Madonna
- Kenny Watkins undergoing cancer treatment

Proposition for Membership:

- Candidate Amy G. Jacobsen proposed by John Aman

Transfers by Demit to Published:

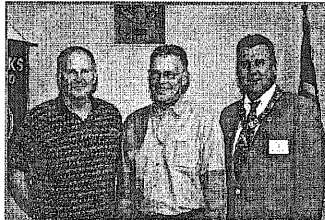
- Roger Hoy from Waterloo, IA Elks Lodge #290

Application for Reinstatement:

- Stanley Dinges (initiated 1961)

Members Initiated on March 21:

- David Townley proposed by Jerry Wilson and
- James Wood proposed by Gerald Miles



[Pictured with Sonny Lane.]

Membership Drawing: *You*

have to attend the meetings to win!

- **March 7** meeting was at \$36. Larry Schwindt was the name drawn, he was not in attendance, and did not win!
- **March 21** meeting was at \$44. Duane Vanderbeek was the name drawn, he was not present and did not win. Jim Dill won the raffle!!!

March hidden membership number was member, Rex Jensen: 01355.

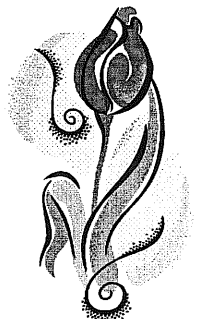
Remember: Find your hidden number and call the Lodge Office and get two free tickets to the next dinner event!

Pitch Tournament is back. Mark your calendar now for Thursday, April 20. Cocktails - 5:30; Dinner - 6:00; Pitch - 6:30! Sign up at the bar or call Lodge office 421-6363.

NOW FOR THE QUICKIES...

- Rumor has it that Harold Harpster went in for a check-up, found he needed stents in his heart, had them installed, and was home the next day checking on his new house being built. Amazing...

- A friendly reminder: If you are searching for a place to host an event, keep us in mind! To reserve space for your event, contact Cheri at the lodge office by calling 421-6363...
- We are searching for history of the Elks Lodge # 80. If you have or know of anyone that would be willing to share old publications of the Elk newsletters or other news items and/or photos, please contact Randy King at 450-0978 if you have any information...
- Parts have been ordered for our Popcorn machine, it will soon be back in action...
- The Fryolator is next on the list to be fixed...
- A big "thank you" to Larry Benac for donating an Oreck Sweeper to the Elk's Club on 4/23. Thank you Larry for caring and sharing!...
- You are invited to an Eagle Scout Flag presentation for Eric W. Schellpeper who is a member of Troop 25. Eric will receive his Eagle Award on Sunday, April 15 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Marks Church, 84th & Pioneer Blvd...
- Annual Scholarship Recognition Night will be at Southeast Community College (8800 O Street) on Monday, May 7 at 7:00 p.m. Please come and support this event...
- Grand Island Lodge is having their Officer Installation April 14 at 5:30 p.m., and you are invited to attend...
- We are looking into replacing the accordion wall between the Lodge Room and the Lounge with something more sound proof, contact Randy King at 450-0978 with your thoughts...
- Last months Elk-O-Gram folders were: Charles Aman, Cindy Lauterbach, Kitt Leftrich, Crystal and Dick Rung, Scott and Jody Schrage, Linda Trost, and Roger White...
- Beginning in April, we will be soliciting for advertisers in the Elk-O-Gram. Several sizes and prices available. If you are interested in advertising in the EOG please contact Randy King, 450-0978 or Aimee Dye-Stender, 304-7764 or eog.lodge80@gmail.com for pricing and package options...





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APRIL EVENTS

- 4/4 Installation and Reception of
New Officers @ 7:30 p.m.
- 4/10 Beer and Burgers @ 6:00 p.m.
American Legion
- 4/12 VFW @ 7:00 p.m.
- 4/14 Cocktails @ 5:30 p.m.
Spring Chicken Dinner @ 6:30 p.m.
- 4/15 Teen of the Month @ 2:00 p.m.
- 4/17 American Legion
- 4/18 Lodge Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.
- 4/19 American Legion
- 4/20 Cocktails @ 5:30 p.m.
Dinner @ 6:00 p.m.
Pitch @ 6:30 p.m.
- 4/23 Does Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
- 4/24 Beer and Burgers @ 6:00 p.m.
Americanism Essay Reading
- 4/26-28 Hunter Safety Mtgs
- 4/29 Teen of the Month @ 2:00 p.m.

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