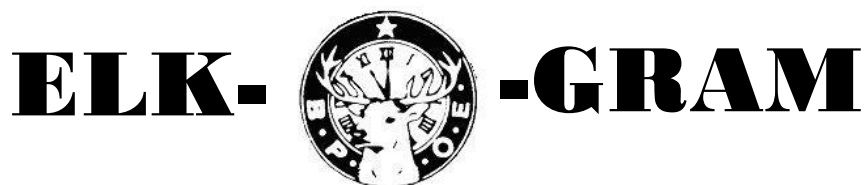


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Introducing 2007-2008 Officers

Exalted Ruler: Terry Edwards
Leading Knight: Jeff Sneller
Loyal Knight: John Brooks
Lecturing Knight: VACANT
Esquire: Doug Rienks
Inner Guard: Russ Earnest
Tiler: Sam Carter
Secretary: Jerry Wilson

Treasurer: Duane Vanderbeek
Chaplain: Randy King
Trustees: Sonny Lane
John Aman
Virgil Wieting
Gary Aksamit
Larry Bratt



A SPECIAL THANK YOU to all the existing 2006-2007 Officers:

Exalted Ruler: Jeff Sneller
Leading Knight: Terry Edwards
Loyal Knight: Betty Akin
Lecturing Knight: John Brooks
Esquire: Doug Rienks
Inner Guard: A.J Ellerbee
Tiler: Sam R. Carter

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Virgil Weiting

for all their dedicated hard work.

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:

Thanks to all that helped and attended our installation. It was a great show of support for your officers as we start our new year.

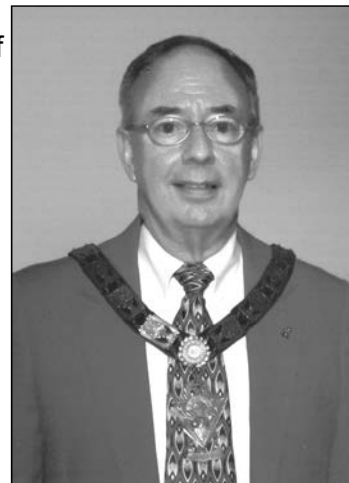
Dave Kirby has done an outstanding job with youth activities spending four (4) Sunday afternoons presenting Teen of the Month Awards to fifty-six (56) students representing twenty-eight (28) schools.

On May 5th, Dave Kirby will also be hosting the Youth Recognition Awards Ceremony at the Southeast Community College starting at 7:00 p.m. There he will award two hundred twenty-four (224) certificates to junior high students; also, awarding scholarships to nineteen (19) seniors.

You are all invited to attend to witness to accomplishments of our youth.

Also, congratulations to our new State President, Charles "Chuck" Meisinger as we attend the State Convention in North Platte.

We have one (1) chair open: Lecturing Knight. If anyone is interested in a rewarding and fulfilling experience contact me at 402-489-1039. Have a great May and see you at the Lodge! Remember its okay to invite someone to become an ELK!



Fraternally,
Terry Edwards, E.R.

SECRETARY'S CORNER

The new Lodge year 2007-2008 started off with a bang and the way it is going, it will finish with an even bigger bang.

Thanks to all of you that have paid your dues, for those 20% of you who have not, please make every effort to send in your payment. A strong membership is essential for the Lodge to continue with the many community programs and charitable activities that it does.

Of interest, the Lodge/Club is now "Wireless Internet" friendly; not that you want to bring your work or your computer with you, but it offers you the opportunity if you so desire. The use of the wireless network is for all Elks and is password protected; just ask to obtain the password.

Please note: For those needing to make contact with me after the middle of this month, I will be out of the office for several weeks. I will be checking in with Cheri in the office on a regular basis and checking emails if you are so inclined; so as to make my absence transparent to the Lodge.

As I have said; "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, Lincoln Elks Lodge 80





MEXICAN FIESTA DINNER
— CINCO DE MAYO —
5TH OF MAY



COCKTAILS 5:30PM DINNER 6:30PM

CHIPS & SALSA, TORTILLIA SOUP, JICAMA SALAD, ENCHILADAS, VERACRUZ CHICKEN, GAUCHO BEANS, MEXICAN RICE, & EMPANADAS WITH ICE CREAM

Officer of the Year

Congratulation to John Brooks, who was presented the 2006-2007 Officer of the Year Award at the St. Patty's dinner in March 2007.

John quietly dedicates a ton of time and effort to the Lodge and it's activities, from cooking Beer and Burger, to photographing events, sponsoring dinners, participating as an Officer, creating signage for the Lodge, etc.

Please thank him for all his efforts on our behalf.

It is Elks like this that make things happen...



Life Membership

On March 7, 2007, there were eight (8) members who have been regular membership was recognized and converted to a "Life Membership" status.

There names are as follows: Richard Blomgren, Bruce Campbell, Rolland Dudley, Milan Knezovich, Gene Obrecht, James Ray, Vernon Walker (6/24/1926 - 4/12/2007), and Robert Wise.

Members for 51 years qualify for the Life Membership.



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|---------------------|------------------------|
| 4 James M. Kirk | 21 Randy Strobe |
| 5 Jack Russell | Neil Stuthmann |
| 6 Jeff J. Treu | 22 Larry R. Bratt |
| 8 Walt W. Hays | Sonny Lane |
| Larry L. Schmutte | 23 Richard A. Carter |
| 10 Lawrence E. Wulf | 24 E. H. "Al" Kauffman |
| 14 Robert Dankleff | 25 Philip C. Sprague |
| Joseph L. Hanigan | 26 Darrell Martin |
| 20 Merril P. Allen | 29 Judson Douglas, III |
| | Marvin J. Goodding |



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.



NOW FOR THE QUICKIES...

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Cinco De Mayo Dinner**—Be sure to attend our dinner on May 5th, we need your support to make the dinner efforts worthwhile!
- **State Convention and Inauguration is April 28-29**, contact Rich Todd for further information...
- **Annual Scholarship Awards and Recognition Night**— Be sure to be at Southeast Community College Monday, May 7 at 7:00 p.m.
- **DOES Plant Fundraiser Sale**—May 12 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Elk’s parking lot. To pre-order your plants, please call Cheryl Pope at 488-0808 or Jan Wieting at 489-1089...

BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWS

- Doug Rienks is working on the possibility of the Elks underwriting the addition of two new soccer fields at Spirit Park...
- Board of Trustees reports that they are reviewing proposals for some new audio visual equipment. It is time to replace the 30+ year old projection TV in the Lodge Room...
- The Trustees also voted to give a cash donation to the State Association “Kids on the Block “ program...
- A cash gift to help our new incoming State Association President Charles Meisinger, the Lodge also voted a cash gift, and many individuals were getting their checkbooks out to support Chuck and Kathy Meisinger...
- Lodge Secretary reports that the new voucher system is in place, which will allow Trustees to review and approve bills before the Lodge...also, he has been quietly working to streamline office procedures...
- **HOperation Egg Hunt** was held at the Lincoln National Guard base. This was the 2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt for the children of military personnel serving overseas. Our Lodge donated \$2000 to the Nebraska National Guard families for other activities for the children for this coming

summer. Cold temperatures greeted the hunters but that did not stop the fun that was had by all. The Lincoln Elks Lodge donated fried chicken for the meal that was served after the hunt. Presenting the check to Major General Lempke was E.R. Terry Edwards and P.E.R. Sonny Lane and LT. Gov. Sheehy. ...



HOUSE COMMITTEE NEWS

- House Committee reports that they have been hard at it; repairing things that can be quickly done, and assessing the rest of the equipment in our Lodge...
- We need **dinner sponsors**, contact John Aman to see how you can help, or just call Cheri at the office...
- Good things are happening at our Lodge, new lights were installed in the Kitchen, the Fryolater is back in action, and our popcorn machine is once again popping, all due to the efforts of a few volunteers...think how much improvement



could be had if all of us pitched in a little...

- Jeff Sneller might be seen trimming bushes near our flagpole one of these days...
- Scott Schrage was looking for a ladder to fix some lights in the lounge...
- Charles Aman might be lurking about with a paintbrush in the Lodge Room...

GENERAL NEWS

- 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 newsletter or other news items, please contact Randy King if you have any information.
- A Thank You letter was read on the Lodge floor from one of our recent Life Membership recipients...
- Thank you to those other helped with folding and collating and labeling the EOG last month: Charles and Norma Kruse, Aimee Dye-Stender, John Brooks, Randy King, Terry Edwards, Jeff Sneller, Roger and Kay White and their son...
- ENF for the year ended at \$6.01, our goal was \$4. We started our new year off with a cash donation of \$200 to ENF, which many of you contributed to by buying a car badge, available in the Lounge. (There may be one or two left!)



- **Santa Cop Auction Program** — John Brooks will meet with representatives as there may be common ground with the Elks in this fine charity opportunity...
- The Ritual Team did a great job on Amy Jacobsen's initiation Wednesday night, sounds like they may be reforming for competition this fall...Ritual builds a great sense of teamwork and camaraderie.. and makes our Lodge look good...hats off to those willing to donate the time and effort to participate...
- **Eagle Scout Certificates** — Randy King and Rich Todd have been awarding certificates

and flags which have been flown over our Nation's Capitol to Eagle Scouts..

- A friendly reminder: If you are searching for a place to host an event, keep **Lincoln Elks Lodge** in mind! To reserve space for your event, contact Cheri at the lodge office by calling 421-6363...

Deaths: *We extend our sympathies to the families and friends of:*

- *Henry Heckman* died March 26, 2007.
- *Vernon Walker* died April 12, 2007.

Sickness and Distress: *Note the following.*

- *Cheri Amack*, office manager has been having problems with kidney stones and now has the cold/flu bug that has been going on.

Proposition for Membership:

- Candidate *Paulette Gerken* proposed by Randy King

New Members:

- *Roger Hoy* from Waterloo, IA Elks Lodge #290
- *Stanley Dinges*; (initiated 1961, dropped 1962)

Initiated on 4/18:

- *Amy G. Jacobsen* proposed by John Aman.



Membership Drawing: *You have to attend the meetings to win!*

- **April 4** meeting: No drawing.
- **April 18** meeting was at \$70. Harold Harpster was the name drawn, he was not present and did not win. Doug Reink won the \$15 raffle!!!

April hidden membership number was member, *Pat McCashland*, 15380.

Remember to find your hidden number? Call the Lodge Office and get two free tickets to the next dinner event!



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MAY EVENTS

- 5/2 Lodge Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.
- 5/4 Lodge Rented
- 5/5 Cocktails @ 5:30 p.m.
Cinco De Mayo Dinner @ 6:30 p.m.
- 5/7 Scholarship Awards
- 5/8 Beer and Burger @ 6:00 p.m.
American Legion @ 7:00 p.m.
- 5/10 VFW @ 7:00 p.m.
- 5/12 DOES-Plant Sale @ 8:00 -11:00 p.m.
- 5/14 DOES Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
- 5/15 American Legion @ 7:00 p.m.
- 5/16 Lodge Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.
- 5/17 American Legion @ 7:00 p.m.
- 5/19 Lodge Rented
- 5/22 Beer and Burger @ 6:00 p.m.



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