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UPCOMING DINNER:

AMERICAN RIB FEST

Saturday, July 14, 2007

5:30 p.m. Dinner

The Lodge will be serving a dinner of **baby back ribs** (dry rubbed and barbequed to tender and succulent), **corn on the cob** (half-ears simmered in saltwater and cream), **potato salad**, **cole slaw** and **apple pie ala mode**. This is a sponsored dinner by Trustee Gary Aksmit who has underwritten the entire affair.



The dinner will also feature a raffle with a number of great prizes from an American flag, wine, beer (six pack), to "Forever Tickets" (admission to another dinner) and other great items.

This is a celebration of America! So bring a ball and glove for a little Pitch 'n' Catch and there will be some badminton available. This should be an afternoon event beginning around 1:30 p.m. Dinner will be served from 5:30 p.m. until we run out of ribs or around 7ish.



Fly your American Flags and wear your yellow ribbons to show your support of our great nation!



If you are celebrating the 4th of July in Lincoln, NE this year, you may want to visit the website: <http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/mayor/cic/july4/2007/> for more information regarding event in our city.

Appox. Time Event

- 9:00 to 10:00 p.m. Lincoln's Symphony Orchestra Concert (B107.3 and KLIN 1400AM pre-fireworks broadcast)
- 10:00 to 10:22 p.m. **UNCLE SAM JAM!** Fireworks display by Zambelli Internationale, sponsored by Pepsi-Cola; music by Lincoln's Symphony Orchestra; broadcast live on your favorite Broadcast House radio station - B107.3, Froggy 98.1, 105.3 Linc FM and 1400 KLIN

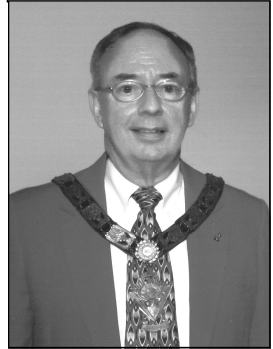
The Faults of our Members, we write upon the sand - Their Virtues upon the tablets of Love and Memory



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Exalted Ruler, Terry Edwards



Dear Elks and DOES:

With summer here, everyone is busy going on vacations, mowing the yard and just grilling outside. What a wonderful time of the year as Independence Day approaches and families get together and celebrate.

Don't forget the Elks Lodge if the weather is too hot and it's lunch time. Go to the Lodge and enjoy the lunch specials and some fellowship with your fellow Elks.

Also this time of the year are graduation ceremonies for high school and college graduates. With the children gone from home, many parents now have more free time and would like to join an organization like ours in order to help the our youth. If you know someone in a similar situation ask them about joining our great Elks organization or call me and I will visit with them about all our wonderful youth activities.

We are still initiating new members every month. As we celebrated Flag Day, June 14, it was great to have some VFW and American Legion members in attendance. Thank you to all that participated to honor the flag of our country.

Looking forward to attending the Grand Lodge Convention in Charlotte, NC starting July 8th to hear and see more about our great Elks organization and learn what we can do to further excel in our Lodge.

HELP US HELP OTHERS!

Fraternally,
Terry Edwards, E.R.

SECRETARY'S CORNER

July, summer is here and in full swing; this is a great time of the year for picnics, being outside, fire-works, and of course Elks Lodge/Club activities. I am back from my 4-week trip along the East coast; it was a great time, but it is always a good feeling to be home. There is only one bad thing about being away, and that is all the catch up work you have to do when you return.

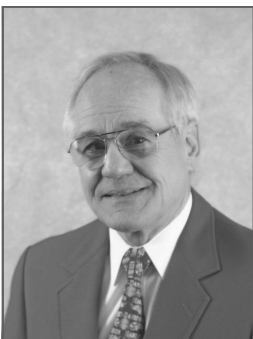
Of interest, there is only one lodge meeting in July on the 18th, but the other activities such as dinners, beer and burger, etc. are still on-going. As I said in the last Elk-O-Gram, the Elks Club and Lodge are really starting to become the place to be, there seems to be something going on every week. Please stop by for lunch; every week now I have been meeting someone new.

Thanks to all of you that have paid your dues. For those who have not, I will be sending out delinquent notices this month, with a delinquent list to be published in August. The dues are a "Best Value", only \$7 per month (\$85 annually). Seven dollars (\$7) is cheaper than lunch at a fast food place, and it is money well invested. A strong membership is essential for the Lodge to continue.

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. My telephone number is 402-328-2956 and my email is secylodge80@windstream.net . See you all around the lodge.

Sincerely,

Jerry Wilson
Secretary, Lincoln Elks Lodge 80





Amy Jacobsen was born in St. Paul, NE and has lived in Lincoln from 1989 to 1993. She moved back in to Lincoln in 1996. (She lived for 4 years in Gretna from about 1999-2003, but has worked in Lincoln since 1996). Amy has one daughter named Eben, who is 6 years old.

In May of this year Amy became an Elk and was elected to serve as Lecturing Knight.

One reason she became an Elk because John Aman invited her to become one. Another reason was that she was looking for a service organization to join.

"I am a Deputy Lancaster County Attorney so my job is in public service, but I wanted to do something more for the community. My job requires me to act when something bad happens. I want to be more pro-active and do something good that will stop bad things from happening in our little town," says Amy.

This year she is looking forward to EVERYTHING. That's the only way to live.

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR OFFICERS...

Doug Reinks was born in Jackson, MI and later in life married Linda on July 22, 1989. Doug and Linda have lived in Lincoln for 7 years and have 2 children: Alexis (age 10) and Nicholas (age 5).

In the year 2004, Doug became an Elk and has served as the following: Lecturing Knight 2005, and Esquire 2006, 2007.

He became an Elk to volunteer and help with youth activities.

He is looking forward to working with the new officers. "I think we have a very dedicated group that wants to improve the Lodge in many ways," says Doug.



"I would like to invite all Elks to attend a Lodge meeting. As an officer it is always nice to see members at Lodge. I have enjoyed the people I have gotten to know through the Elks and respect the values that the organization is built on."

FLAG DAY CEREMONY

written by Sam Carter & Randy King

The Flag Day event was held at 7:00 p.m., June 14th at the Lodge. We had about fifteen (15) members in attendance, as well as a dozen or more Legion members. Also in attendance was the assistance of ten (10) Boy Scouts from Troop 64 in Hickman and Troop 49 in Lincoln, along with Assistant Scoutmaster Ken Collins from Troop 64. Nine (9) of the Scouts acted as Flag Bearers, each bringing in a flag to music provided by Wauneta Peterson

Our Lodge Officers did a fine oratory, the ceremony was very moving. Sam Carter and Vi Berst distributed Flag pins to all in attendance on behalf of the Veteran's Committee.



Cookies and punch were served after the ceremony, thanks to Vivan Edwards and others who worked to prepare and serve.

Our State Elks Association President Charles Meisinger and his wife, Kathy were present.

Many positive comments were heard about the impressiveness in honoring our Flag!

"The annual Elk's Flag Day Ceremony was superbly done. The American Legion said their club has never honored Flag Day in such a ceremonial way, and they thought the Elk's program was very inspiring. There were even a few tears shed, they said, but they were proud tears."

Scholarship Awards article amendment from the June 2007 issue of the Elk-O-Gram:

Troy Hansen was presented the Vincent R. Collura Scholarship and he is the nephew of Roxy Thomas and the son of Greg Hansen. Troy was listed on page 6 but was not mentioned in this article in regards to the listing of the children of Elk members receiving scholarships.



Memories of Alex “Bud” Dietrich

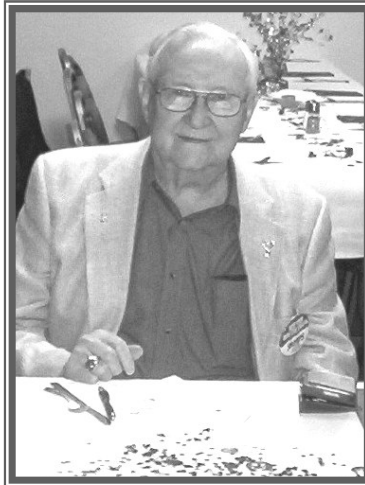
written by Wes Durst, a friend and Brother Elk

It is difficult to even recall all of the contributions brother “Bud”, on of the greatest Elks to ever be a part of the Lincoln Elks Lodge.

I first met Bud when I became the Chaplain for the Lodge; this must have been about 1980. I would often see this gentleman toiling away doing something for the Lodge. I soon learned that his name was “BUD”. Bud was the member who did the most of the repair and maintenance for the old Lodge on South 70th Street. He trimmed the hedges and trees, mowed the grass, maintained the parking lot, repaired the pool and water system for the pool, helped paint the pool, checked the water purity and level daily, figured out how to slow the water loss from the pool which was a very great expense to the Lodge, touched up the paint where needed and helped to maintain the interior. At one point I kept track of the time Bud spent and determined that he was paid slightly more than one dollar an hour for his work.

Frequently, when the workday was over Bud and I would sit down and review the day’s activities and what was still to be accomplished in the next days. Whenever there was an extra task added by one of the officers you could bet that Bud would be there.

Bud never had a desire to be the chair officer but he served many times as a Trustee for the Lodge #80. In about 1988 there was a concern that our lodge would go into insolvency. Bud and I were two of the five Trustees for the Lodge at the time. The other three resigned, as they did not want to be associated with the possible bankruptcy filings. That left Bud and me with quite a number of bills to contend with and only each other to lean on. We were the Trustees for several months and somehow or another held things together until other Trustees were appointed to help. I recall Gay Blank and Harry Hoffman joining us in the Fall of that year.



Soon after this we started to search for land and later built a new lodge, and here again Bud was one of our silent leaders. He reviewed the proposals, and once a proposal and site were selected, he and Gay Blank began a fundraiser for funds to build our present Lodge. We had planned for the payoff to be many years in the future but with the leadership of Bud and the pledged contributions he helped secure, the Lodge Mortgage Burning Ceremony was held only a year after we moved into our new Lodge.

Our building contract was for the shell, plumbing, heating and air, and electricity; the finishing of the building was left for the members. And again there was Bud pitching in with the other members who finished the Lodge. Rollie Schesher and Bud laid the quarry tile in the kitchen, and he also helped with the wood floor on the dance floor. And he assisted Bud Lehl laying the carpet.

Once the lodge was completed Bud and Curly Schwindt sold tickets for every Lodge function and event. He personally started Oktoberfest while we were still in the old Lodge. He prepared the sausage himself and with the assistance of his committee, prepared the entire meal. This has been a continued event at our Lodge with other members helping to ensure the great get together at “Oktoberfest”.

I can only give praises for the man who held Elkdom in such high regard and devoted so much time and energy to the Lodge. Yes at times he was not pleased with the way something was handled but he never withdrew his support. We would have to look far and wide to find another Elk who would work as hard and be as dedicated and loyal as Bud Dietrich. We have certainly lost a pillar of strength from our lodge. He was and is one of our greatest members and will most certainly be missed by everyone who had the privilege of being a friend and brother of Alex “Bud” Dietrich.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF... BUD DIETRICH

written by Rich Todd

Lincoln Lodge #80 lost one of its most Loyal and Faithful members on June 3, 2007.

Bud Dietrich, a 57 year member, passed away on that date.

Bud was most known by the members as the provider of the OKTOBERFEST dinner.

For many, many years he made his own home-made sausage and roast pork and Kraut. Over the years thousands have partaken and enjoyed.

He was known, also, for his calling list of members for each Lodge dinner. It was difficult for anyone to say "No" when, in that folksy manner he asked "Can I put you down for some tickets?"

It was not as well known but he also served as Lodge Trustee for 10 years and while the Lodge was on 70th he took care of all the outside maintenance.

A more dedicated Elk member will never be found and the Lodge will miss him greatly.

The recent passing of Vern Walker the provider of the Chili and Chicken Noodle soup supper for many years and two years ago of "Curly" Schwindt, a faithful caller of members for dinner tickets among other Lodge responsibilities over the years, leaves a big void in our fall dinner schedule and a complete loss of our calling team. Another reminder that the torch must be passed to younger, active members if we are to continue our traditions.

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

- Alexander "Bud" Dietrich died June 3, 2007; and
Clark McCabe died June 16, 2007.

Sickness and Distress:

- Doug Kurtzer had a lung removed, still in hospital; and
Richard Blomgren is in Tabitha.

Proposition for Membership:

- James Baruth proposed by Terry Edwards
Phil Maddern, transfer from Topeka, KS
Ken Krupicka, reinstatement

Members Voted and Approved:

- Gordon Templeton, Transfer Demit from Bismarck-Mandan, ND
Dale Anderson, Application for Reinstatement

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

- June 6: meeting was at \$65. J. R. Spellman was the name drawn, he was not present and did not win.
June 20: meeting was at \$84. Richard Blomgren was the name drawn, he was not present and did not win.

June's hidden membership number was member, Ken Geisler, 15670.

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

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!
Email your news articles to EOG.Lodge80@gmail.com or call Randy @ 402-450-0978 or Aimée @ 402-304-7764.

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NOW FOR THE QUICKIES...

Elks Members: Wes Durst and Gaylord Becker were seen at the St. Marks Church Show 'n Shine with their Kaisers. Wes had the hood of that Manhattan raised showing off that monster Chrysler V-8 he shoe-horned in there, and Gaylord was looking pretty proud driving that yellow Darrin...Randy King's son Allen was seen with his '76 El Camino Super Sport...a couple of Roger Pickering's cars were seen too, a Pontiac Executive among them...
(where were you Roger?)

UPCOMING EVENTS

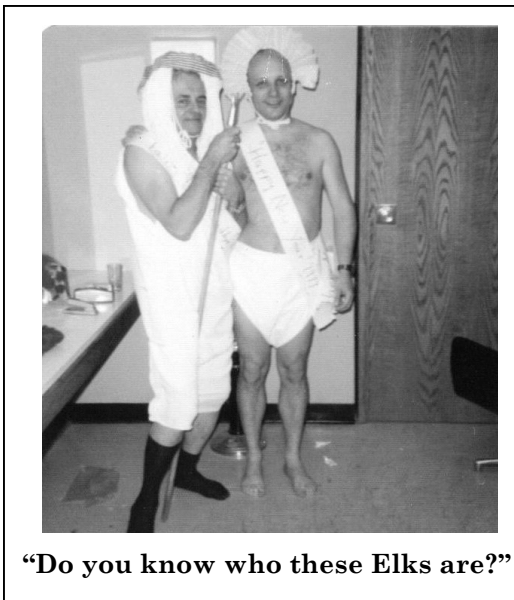
- **Friday, June 29** is the date for the 2nd Annual Elks Lodge 80 Golf Clinic, contact Sonny Lane for more details ★
- **Saturday, July 14: American Rib Fest** begins at 1:30 p.m. Invite your family and friends cost is \$10 per person. Call the Lodge 421-6363 for tickets. Bring a ball and glove for a little Pitch 'n' Catch. See front page of EOG for menu ★
- The Nebraska Elks State Golf Tournament will be **July 28-29** in Ogallala, 4 person scramble, individual, and a nice dinner Saturday night, see Sonny Lane for details ★
- **October 6** is the Cozad Ritual clinic, please consider being part of our Ritual Team...all it takes is a little time and practice, the camaraderie and good times far outweighs the effort ★

HOUSE COMMITTEE NEWS

- We need **dinner sponsors**, contact John Aman 402-475-7500 to see how you can help, or just call Cheri at the office 402-421-6363 ★
- We need **Volunteers** to take up the calling of others for **dinner tickets** ★
- **Thanks to ... Scott Schrage** for his work in the restrooms; and **Paulette Gerkin** for her interim cleaning during our search for a permanent cleaning company ★
- **Rainbow Cleaning** will be providing our cleaning services. They are bonded and insured ★
- Switching of security systems. We are now using **NECO security system**. They are locally owned, less expensive and staffed directly ★
- **Our Club/Lounge is open again** Monday through Saturday, come say "Hello" to Kris, who is working Monday through Wednesday's ★

GENERAL NEWS

- **Amy Jacobsen** was installed by Rich Todd as Lecturing Knight, please congratulate her when you see her ★
- **It was voted** to support the Lincoln Symphony children's program after a representative shared with us their mission ★
- Vi Berst and Sam Carter report they will have thirteen (13) **Veteran's birthdays in June** to celebrate ★



"Do you know who these Elks are?"



- **Soccer Shoot** is coming up in late August/ Early September, please give Doug Rienks a call if you would like to volunteer a few hours and help with this event. Interest is already building in the Hoop Shoot ★
- **“Bud Dietrich Scholarship”**... Trustee Sonny Lane requests some matching funds be given on behalf of Bud Dietrich, along with monies received from his Memorial Fund to create this scholarship and Jeff Sneller suggests that the yearly Oktoberfest be dedicated to Bud Dietrich’s memory, and funds raised from that event go towards the “Bud Dietrich Scholarship” ★
- Malcolm school has inquired about utilizing the **“Kids on the Block”** program ★
- **Thank You letters** were received and read from scholarship recipients ★
- **Chuck and Kathy Meisinger** sponsored a cookout event at their cabin, proceeds going to the National Effort to help the people of Greensburg Kansas, after the tornado leveled their town ★
- A motion was made to replace **our dilapidated phone system**, ABLE communications will move forward on that ★
- Trustee Sonny Lane reports we have requests from 6 area High Schools for funding for FFA, DECA, FBLA and other youth programs. These are not funded by School Tax dollars ★
- **The American Legion** has been renting our Lodge for use for their meetings for the last 3 months as a trial run. They have decided they like it here and want to continue working with us...a big “Thank You” to the Elks Members who have helped them feel welcome ★
- 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 402-421-6363 ★
- **Remember your red penny banks**, lets get them filled and turned back in for donation. There are plenty more in the office if needed ★
- Vi Berst offered his **“Thanks”** to the Lodge on behalf of his grandson who received a scholarship ★
- **Our Lodge Bowling League** gives a big “Thanks” to the Lodge for it’s continued sponsorship, one of the oldest continuous leagues in town ★
- **Thank you to P.E.R. John Aman** who was able to donate a considerable amount of camping equipment from Bear Track outfitters, to various Scouting Groups in town, via the Lodge...*Elks Care, Elks Share* ★
- **Thank You to John Aman**, House Committee Chair for your legwork on the upgrade of the phone system and transferring our security system to a new company. This is good stewardship of our Lodge resources ★
- **Thank you Scott Schrage!** When you see Scott thank him and his wife for their efforts installing new lights, and restroom equipment in our Lodge...Way to go Scott! ★
- **A Thank You note** was read for sponsoring the Pius X girls soccer dinner and awards ★



2 Gary L Aksamit	14 Carroll R Burns
3 Kenneth Wellman	15 Jason L Huenink
6 Sterling “Scott” Harwick	17 Duane L Vanderbeek
O E Kingery, Jr.	18 R. Bruce Campbell
8 William Mangold	19 James A. Reeves
9 Stephen Miller	21 Linda Denkinger
10 Lupe Damian	Earl Stewart
Jeff Sneller	24 Wade A. Graft
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JULY EVENTS

NOTE: 7/3 & 7/4 Lodge Closed

- 7/4** Independence Day
NO ELKS MEETING
- 7/6** Lodge Rented
- 7/7** Lodge Rented
- 7/10** Beer and Burgers @ 6:00 p.m.
American Legion @ 7:00 p.m.
- 7/12** VFW @ 7:00 p.m.
- 7/14** Games @ 1:30 p.m.
Dinner @ 5:30 p.m.
- 7/17** American Legion @ 7:00 p.m.
- 7/18** Board of Trustees @ 6:30 p.m.
Elks Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.
- 7/19** American Legion @ 7:00 p.m.
- 7/24** Beer and Burgers @ 6:00 p.m.
- 7/28** Lodge Rented

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