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LOOKING FOR A GOOD LUNCH?

**STOP BY THE LODGE CLUB
TO SEE WHAT IS COOKING
FROM 11:30 AM TO 1:30 PM**



Coffee is always hot at the Lodge!

Exalted Ruler
Terry Edwards
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Trustees
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P.E.R. John Aman (2 yr)
P.E.R. Virgil Wieting (3 yr)
Gary Aksamit (4 yr)
Larry Bratt (5 yr)

UPCOMING DINNER

HOG ROAST

Saturday, August 18, 2007

5:30 p.m. Cocktails

6:30 p.m. Dinner

The Lodge will be serving a dinner
that will included Hog Roast,
Baked Beans,
Potato Salad, Rolls and Butter,
and Watermelon



WE NEED YOU!!

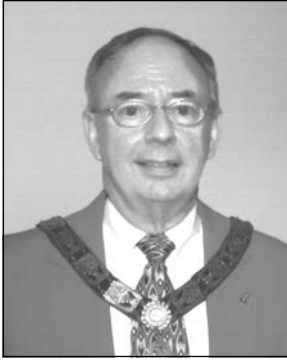
- We need **dinner sponsors**, contact John Aman 402-475-7500 to see how you can help, or just call Cheri at the office 402-421-6363 ★

NEWS for Elk-O-Gram

Deadline Reminder:

Remember the 20th 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.



Exalted Ruler, Terry Edwards

Dear Elks and DOES:

I attended the Elks Grand Lodge Convention in Charlotte, NC in July and wish you all could have been with me to hear the great projects your Elks Associates are doing for their communities across the country. There were 5,181 members and 2,320 spouse/guests in attendance for a total of 7,501. The Convention hall was packed.

Next year the convention will be held in Anaheim, CA July 6-10, 2008. It would be great if more members from our Lodge could attend as a summer vacation and experience what the Elks do across the USA.

Our new Grand Exalted Ruler for 2007-2008 is F. Louis Sulsberger from the Flora, Illinois Lodge #1659 and his lovely wife, Beth. His motto will be "Elks-United to serve others". I would say that it was very evident that his family and relatives are very involved in their Lodge. Also we were very honored to see our own Lodge member, Honorable Jack M. Jensen, installed as Grand Lodge Secretary.

The Elks National Foundation announced that they will disburse more than \$15.8 million during the 2007-2008 year. The money is used for State Elk Association Grants, Community Investments Programs, Scholarships, Drug Prevention, Youth Athletics, Veterans Service and the Elks Veterans Memorial Maintenance. We will inform you more about each of these programs in later issues.

Our congratulations to Ogallala Lodge #1760 for representing their Lodge and the State of Nebraska in taking third place in the Ritual completion with the final four teams across the country. Also their Inner Guard, Coach and Candidate were on the Western All American Ritual Team. We were very proud to have them represent Nebraska and appreciate their time and effort to achieve this honor.

Nebraska, again, submitted a resolution to allow 18 year olds to become members and it was defeated.

Also attending was Maggie Goltz, from Falls City Lodge #963, who won the 2007 Hoop Shot Getty Powell Award which was started in 1972 and only 56 have been awarded. She made 24 out of 25 free throws in the 8-9 year old division. Can you imagine how she felt speaking to probably 5,000 plus in the convention hall?

An announcement was made that a resolution had been passed where by the Lodges can fly the POW-MIA flag.

Hope you are enjoying the summer. Vivian and I want to thank you for the privilege to represent our Lodge and Nebraska at the Grand Convention along with the other Lodge and State officers.

"Help US - Help Others"

Fraternally,
Terry Edwards, E.R.





SECRETARY'S CORNER



"On the Road Again"... Those are familiar words; and yes, I am on the road again!

This time I am taking a driving trip of the West Coast, which will complete my full circle tour of the lower 48 states. As you are reading this Elk-O-Gram, I will probably be in Sturgis SD, or on my way through Wyoming or Montana.

I hope that you all are enjoying your summer as much as I have been. You are probably enjoying grilling out and the other outside activities of summer, but don't forget to stop by the Elks and see what is going on. I am usually in the office at least two days a week, usually at lunch time; stop in and say hello.

As a reminder, there is only one lodge meeting in August (15th), but the other activities such as dinners, beer and burger, etc. are still on-going. You can tell when good things are happening within an organization when "food" is always mentioned!

As I indicated in the last Elk-O-Gram, I sent out delinquent notices early last month; a big thank you to those who sent in their payments, I understand how things get misplaced or forgotten about. For those who have not yet paid, a past due/delinquent list will be posted in the lodge this month. Dues are a "Best Value", only \$7 per month (\$85 annually). A strong membership is essential for the Lodge to continue the many charitable activities that we provide.

Although I am traveling, I am in contact with Cheri in the office on a regular basis, and checking emails and voice messages; so as to make my absence transparent to the Lodge. You all are probably tired of hearing this, but "My goal is to be the best, and I can only do that with your help", 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



The only limits are, as always,
those of vision.
~ James Broughton

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| 1 | Ronnie L. Bouwens | 13 | John F. Aman |
| | Ronald F. Ueberrhein | | Jerry L. Wilson |
| 2 | Ward F. Hoppe | 16 | Arthur C. Berthold |
| 3 | Melvin E. Tucker | 17 | Allen Brauer |
| | John D. Vermaas | | Ben Powell |
| | Gary L. Weber | 18 | Arthur R. Bossard |
| 4 | Douglas Kurtzer | | Daniel Boutot |
| | Robert E. White | 19 | Paul Peterson |
| | Burton J. Young | 20 | Marlin G. Anderson |
| 5 | Roger M. Hoy | | Virgil Wieting |
| 7 | Roland A. Schessler | | Robert Wittstruck |
| 8 | Otis W. Cave, Jr. | 21 | Paul Mussack |
| | Joseph Silverman | 23 | Dennis Byars |
| 9 | Edward Herstein | | Stephen F. Wirth |
| 11 | Larry D. Schenkel | 24 | Terry T. Beyer |
| | John S. Weers | 27 | Rik Devney |
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Deaths: *None to report.*

Sickness and Distress:

- *Doug Kurtzer* is home; and
- *Richard Blomgren* is in Tabitha.

Proposition for Membership: *None to report.*

Members Voted and Approved:

- *James Baruth* proposed by Terry Edwards
- *Phil Maddern*, transfer demit from Topeka, KS
- *Ken Krupicka*, reinstatement
- *Alan Goslee*, proposed by Jeff Sneller

Members Initiated: July 18, 2007:

- *James Baruth* proposed by Terry Edwards
James resides in Holland, NE and has worked as a switchman conductor for 32 years. He's been married for 30 years come this September and they have 3 boys in college.
- *Alan Goslee* proposed by Jeff Sneller
Alan resides in Eagle, NE. He and his wife have been married for 20 years. Alan is a retired teacher from Southeast Community College.
- *Ryan Hall* proposed by Jerry Wilson
Ryan grew up in Tennessee. He graduated seminary in Chicago, IL. Since June 1st, he has been ministering at St. Mark's Church on Campus.



Left to Right:
Jeff Sneller,
Vi Berst,
James Baruth,
Ryan Hall,
Alan Goslee
and
Terry Edwards

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

- **July** : meeting was at \$84. *Kenny Watkins* was the name drawn, he was not present and did not win.

July's hidden membership number was member, *Jerry Weber*, 15678.

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

NOW FOR THE QUICKIES...


UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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** ★
- Again a big "Thank You" to Gary Aksamit for his generosity in sponsoring the dinner AND all the prizes...won't you step up and help sponsor and/or cook a dinner? It is very rewarding and great fun...just call John Aman or Randy King, let them know you could help with the Hog Roast on August 18th, then come have fun! 🍖

GENERAL NEWS

- **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 ★ 
- 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**, let's get them filled and turned back in for donation. There are plenty more in the office if needed ★

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- Sure was good to see Doug Kurtzer and everyone else who attended the Rib Dinner on Saturday, July 14th. Jason Jirsa was seen working his magic in the kitchen, John Aman was flying about the grille and ovens, Larry Bratt was everywhere at once, and you should have seen Amy Jacobsen with a meat cleaver and a kettle of ear corn....the pie alamode was a nice touch, and the raffle gifts were wonderful. ✍



- Midget Football will be starting up soon, they will have a website that will put in a plug for us, watch for more details ✍
- **House Committee** has been hard at it, our new phone system is up and running, sink was repaired in the kitchen, our alarm system has been switched to NECO, and we have estimates to replace all the ceiling tiles in the Lodge, Club, Card Room and Kitchen. Now to get help cleaning the metal frames that holds the tiles. Thank you to Jim Wood for volunteering to investigate pricing and materials for this project. ✍
- Please let P.E.R. John Aman or Chaplain Randy King know if you are willing to help with the process of giving our Lodge a fresher look by replacing tiles and cleaning the ceiling and are able to work on a ladder. ✍
- John Brooks spoke about the Elks donation to the Lincoln symphony; they are so pleased we are supporting them. ✍
- A motion was made suggesting that the Club/Bar be closed half an hour before a special service ceremony at the Lodge, i.e., Flag Day celebration, Memorial Service, etc. ✍
- **Tabitha needs volunteers for the Meals on Wheels delivery;** this is a great way to volunteer as little as 45 minutes a month, in the name of the Elks. See Terry Edwards for more details. ✍



- Our Ritual Team will be practicing for competitions soon, please see an Officer if you want to participate, it is great fun and camaraderie. ✍
- Terry Edwards reported that while he was at the National, Ogallala Lodge took 3rd place in the Nation. 1st was the Lodge from Sturgis, MI, and 2nd was a Lodge from Carlesbad, NM. We were well represented by the Ogallala team; they won several individual honors as well. ✍
- A Thank You letter was read from National on our positive membership growth last year, lets all recruit just one new member this year. We could effectively double our Lodge size, think of the impact that would have. ✍
- A congratulatory letter was read from National on our Lodge giving in excess of \$5000 to ENF, remember, Elks Care, Elks Share ✍
- Our goal for 2007 is \$4.91 a member, and we are already at \$2 per. So fill up those penny banks, chip in \$5 here and there, do what you can to make our goal. Remember, when we hit our ENF goal, we get roughly double our money back for youth activities....✍
- A Thank You was read from Andre Aman, wife of P.E.R. John Aman, for the bouquet sent in the Lodges name at the funeral of her father. ✍
- Several other Thank You's were read from Scholarship, Savings Bond, and Teen of the Month recipients...your gifts and caring do make an impact ✍



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AUGUST EVENTS

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| 7 | Beer and Burgers @ 6:00 p.m. |
| 9 | VFW @ 7:00 p.m. |
| 14 | American Legion @ 7:00 p.m. |
| 15 | Board of Trustees @ 6:30 p.m.
Elks Lodge 80 Meeting @ 7:30 p.m. |
| 16 | American Legion @ 7:00 p.m. |
| 18 | Cocktails @ 5:30 p.m.
Hog Roast Dinner @ 6:30 p.m. |
| 21 | Beer and Burgers @ 6:00 p.m. |
| 25 | Lodge Rented |

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