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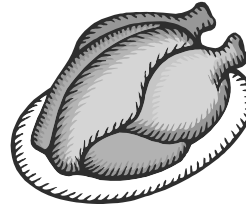
UPCOMING DINNER

Friday, September 21, 2007



5:30 p.m. Cocktails

6:30 p.m. Dinner



Salad, Game Hen Dinner with Wild Rice, Vegetable, Dessert (provided by Amy Jacobsen) and Ice Cream.

- Exalted Ruler Terry Edwards
Leading Knight Jeff Sneller
Loyal Knight John Brooks
Lecturing Knight Amy Jacobsen
Esquire Doug Rienks
Inner Guard Russ Earnest
Tiler Sam R. Carter
Secretary Jerry Wilson
Treasurer Duane Vanderbeck
Chaplain Randy King
Trustees P.E.R. Sonny Lane (1 yr), P.E.R. John Aman (2 yr), P.E.R. Virgil Wieting (3 yr), Gary Aksamit (4 yr), Larry Bratt (5 yr)

Tentative Dinner Schedule

- October: Oktoberfest in honor of Bud Dietrich,
November: Spaghetti Feed by the Veterans Committee,
December: Phil Stettingers Fried Chicken Dinner,
January: Chili and Chicken Soup Fest, and
February: a dinner cooked and served by the P.E.R.'s...

More details in upcoming EOGs. Please note that at our dinners - children under 12 eat for free. We need sponsors for some of these dinners. If you would like to sponsor or co-sponsor a dinner, please contact John Aman. Thank you!

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!

NEWS for Elk-O-Gram

Deadline Reminder:

Remember the 20th of the September 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:

Where has the summer gone? School is starting and school crossing lights are flashing. September brings a busy month for the Lodge as Leading Knight, Jeff Sneller and myself will be returning from the Nebraska State Elks Association Fall Conference August 24 -26 in North Platte, NE. We will be attending various workshops centered on making our Lodge even better. Also attending will be our Grand Exalted Ruler, F. Louis Sulsberger, visiting with our State President (our own Charles Meisinger) and his officers.

The Elks Soccer Shoot will be held Saturday, September 8, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Wright Field with Esquire Doug Reinks in charge. We need 10 to 11 volunteers to help.

Also this month brings Nebraska Football with four (4) home games. Leading Knight, Jeff Sneller is in charge and he needs 5 volunteers per game to assist the DOES in operating the 2 concession stands. These are both important activities for our Lodge and we need your help. Call the Lodge at 402-421-6363 and volunteer now and enjoy the comradeship of your fellow Elks.

I had the distinct pleasure August 19th of filling in for our Chaplin, Randy King, at an Eagle Scout ceremony at the First United Methodist Church in Waverly for Brandon Karas of Troop 76 and presenting him with the flag of our country. What an honor as Brandon, his Scout Master and many in attendance thanked Lodge #80 for taking time to be a part of their ceremony. Their church has sponsored fifty-two (52) Eagle Scouts since 1965 and placed their names on a plaque in the church. Yes! Working together we can help our youth be better, but only by you helping in the Elk youth programs do you feel the self satisfaction.

Thanks also to Jerry Gorton for sponsoring the Hog Roast and to his crew that assisted.

"Help US - Help Others!"

Fraternally, Terry Edwards, E.R.

SECRETARY'S CORNER

This is one of those interesting dilemmas; as you read this message I will have returned from my West Coast driving trip, but I am composing and writing it as I travel through Washington and Oregon. To make it simple, let me just say that I had a great time and it is good to be back, however my bags can easily be packed real quick if another fun trip just happens to come along! ☺

It is hard to think about September when summer isn't even over, but Fall and Nebraska football season are officially here. Not to be slighted, but the Club and Lodge are back in full swing as well, with daily lunches being served, dinner events, (didn't I mention food more than once?), and of course the "ever popular" lodge meetings held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday's of each month. I use the words "ever popular" to get a smile, but if you haven't been to one lately, they are really enjoyable and fun to go to. Yes, there is a serious side, but there is much fun and joviality; plus the officers are starting to really practice hard getting ready for the ritualistic competition this next Spring. Come to a meeting and cheer them along!

As a reminder, when I am not traveling (Ha, Ha), I am usually in the office at least two days a week, usually at lunch time; stop in and say hello.

As indicated in the last Elk-O-Gram, delinquent notices were sent out and a 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 was 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.

And last, but not least, "My goal is to be the best, and I can only do that with your help", please if you have any questions or comments of how I can better serve you, please contact me.

My phone 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





GREENSBURG FUND RAISER

Russ Earnest was born in Lincoln, NE and has lived here for 39 years. He married Saundra on July 18, 1992 and they have a daughter, Ashley Russ became an Elk in 2006 and is the Inner Guard at our lodge meetings. The reason Russ became an Elk was to help in the youth activities.



He looks forward to the Soccer Shoot, Hoop Shoot and the celebration of our 100th Annual Christmas Party.

State President, Charles Meisinger and Kathy hosted a fund raiser for the Greensburg tornado victims on June 9th. 27 were present, representing Lodges from Lincoln, Omaha, Hastings, York, Grand Island, Norfolk and Fairbury. They gathered to enjoy burgers and hot dogs and everything that goes with them, plus desserts, all provided by the State President and his wife. Those present also generously participated in a raffle, with all those funds going to the project, since the raffle gifts were likewise donated by Chuck and Kathy.

Overall, more than 50 Elks, spouses and guests contributed to this fund raiser which netted \$1196 for the small Kansas town that was almost completely destroyed by a tornado on May 4.

Thanks to all Elks 80 members who have contributed in some manner to this worthwhile cause.

Getting to know your Officers...

Sam Carter was born in Lincoln, NE and has lived here for 72 years. He and his wife were married on February 8, 1974 and they have 3 children and 5 grandchildren.



Sam became an Elk in 1984 and has served as our Tiler for 4 years. The reason he joined the Elks was his interest in help with youth activities.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! September Birthdays

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|----|------------------------|----|------------------|
| 1 | D D Singleton | 18 | Merl Hesser |
| 3 | Wayne Ruliffson | 19 | Paul Douglas |
| 4 | Doug Rienks | 20 | Shawn Rand |
| 5 | James Gordon | 21 | Wayne Schmidt |
| | Ronald Wachter | 22 | James Chestney |
| 6 | John Hoppe, Jr. | | Scott Jurgens |
| 7 | Gary Pohlmann | | Jil Pfeifer |
| | Dr. Kazimirs Stivirins | 23 | David Harrison |
| 12 | Jerome MCCabe | | John MCGreer III |
| | Larry Pickering | | Larry Schwindt |
| 13 | Richard Logan | 25 | Marlin Kelley |
| 16 | Jerry Weber | 27 | Jack Irwin |
| 17 | Rolland Dudley | 30 | Lon Hoppel |

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Every situation, properly perceived, becomes an opportunity.

~Helen Schucman/William Thetford

LINCOLN MIDGET FOOTBALL
by Chris Turner

“This year the Elks program has seen a near record number of players. After last years success, we have seen our number of players increase from 130 last year, to over 150 this year. The rise in players will mean the addition of another team, totaling seven (7) in all within the Elks Program.

This year the Elks Program is practicing at Dawes Middle School, 52nd and Colfax Streets, due to Northeast High School being under constructions. The Goodyear Company was also kind enough to let the program use their fields which sit directly adjacent to Dawes.

Also, adding to this year’s coaching staff is two returning former Athletic Director’s of the program, Matt Honke and Clayton Tomjack. These two coaches have a combined experience with the program of over 20 years.

As the season just is starting to kickoff, we are eagerly preparing for the 2007 season’s first game, which will take place Sunday September 2. The program invites all the Lodge members to attend.”



LINCOLN MIDGET FOOTBALL SCHEDULE
Runza Sports Complex
(2nd & South Streets)

		Team A	Team B	Team C
Week 1	9/2	3:30 PM vs. Executive Club	4:45 PM vs. Executive Club	1:00 PM vs. Executive Club
Week 2	9/9	4:45 PM vs. Union Bank	1:00 PM vs. Union Bank	2:15 PM vs. Union Bank
Week 3	9/16	4:45 PM vs. Firefighters	1:00 PM vs. Firefighters	2:15 PM vs. Firefighters
Week 4	9/23	1:00 PM vs. Runza	2:15 PM vs. Runza	3:30 PM vs. Runza
Week 5	9/30	1:00 PM vs. Leon's Food	2:15 PM vs. Leon's Food	3:30 PM vs. Leon's Food
Week 6	10/7	3:30 PM vs. Police	4:45 PM vs. Police	1:00 PM vs. Police
Week 7	10/14	2:15 PM vs. Assurity Life	3:30 PM vs. Assurity Life	4:45 PM vs. Assurity Life
Rainout 1	10/21	Dates only used if needed.		
Rainout 2	10/28			

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

- Doug Kurtzer , died August 5, 2007.



Sickness and Distress:

- Richard Blomgren had surgery.

Proposition for Membership:

- Steve Leach is proposed for membership by Sam Carter. Steve is married to Sam’s niece;
- Mark Valenti is proposed for membership by John Aman. Mark is Bud Dietrich’s grandson.

Members Voted and Approved: None to report.

Members Initiated-8/15/2007: None to report.

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

- **August 15:** meeting was at \$120. Larry Benac was the name drawn, he was not present and did not win. Raffle winner Duane Vanderbeek.

August’s hidden membership number was member, P.E.R. John Aman, 15449.

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

- **September:** Midget Football, schedule on page 4.
- **September 8:** Soccer Shoot, 10:00 AM—2 PM @ Wright Field, Field #2.
- **September 21:** Cornish Game Hen Dinner; more details on page 1.
- **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 call Cheri at the office 402-421-6363.

GENERAL NEWS

- 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.
- **Remember your red penny banks**, lets get them filled and turned back in for donation. There are plenty more in the office, if needed. **Our goal for ENF is \$4.25 this year.** Remember that we get nearly \$2 back in benefits for every \$1 donation.
- **Our sympathy** goes to the family and friends of Nancy Jensen, Jack's wife, who died 8/7/07.
- Successful attendance for **Jerry Gorton's Hog Roast Dinner.** No one went away hungry. Thank you to all those who helped with preparation, and clean-up.



- If you want to **volunteer at the Cornhusker football concessions**, please contact Jeff Sneller. It's a lot of fun and a way to help the DOES fundraiser.
- Vi Berst has assembled **care packets for the Veterans**, way to go Vi. Elks midget football league this year. (See article and schedule on page 4.) We are underwriting a Star City Sports ad in an upcoming issue.
- **Christmas Party will be December 16, 1-3 PM** at Pershing Event Center. Sacking party the Friday, December 15, with an Afterglow Party at the Club afterwards. Volunteer needed: If you'd like to help with the Christmas Party, contact John Brooks.
- Sonny Lane, Board of Trustees Chair, reports that the Charitable Trust Fund met and decided to increase the amounts of all the scholarships.
- With the addition of the Bud Dietrich scholarship, we now offer **17 scholarships**. It was decided that money from the scholarships not awarded be added to the scholarships principle, thereby growing them...
- The 2008 Americanism theme is "**What is an American?**" That promises to be the subject of some really interesting essays.
- Drug Awareness Committee donated about 600 packets to the schools...Way to go!
- **The Ritual Team** are gearing up for the competition. There are a couple slots available if you would like to participate, contact any Officer, Steve Wirth or Rich Todd.
- **It was approved** to sell the excess gaming equipment, and our old bingo equipment...If you know of a anyone that would put them to use, please contact an Officer.
- **It was approved** that the VFW will install a cabinet in the card room for their use. They enjoy Beer N Burger on their meeting nights. Be sure to thank the VFW and the Legion for their support of Lodge. It is good to see the place full of smiling people.
- **Thank You's** were read, including ones from Hillcrest Country Club for sponsoring the Junior Golf Program, Berean Church for our sponsorship in the Men N Restoration Car Show, from Bud Dietrich's family for the nice floral arrangement at the funeral and the attendance of so many Lodge members.





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SEPTEMBER EVENTS

- 9/5** Lodge #80 @ 7:30 p.m.
- 9/8** Soccer Shoot @ 10-2:00 p.m.
Wright Field (Folsoms & Pioneers
Streets) Field #2
- 9/9** Lodge Rented
- 9/10** DOES #4 @ 7:00 p.m.
- 9/11** Beer & Burger @ 5:30 p.m.
American Legion @ 7:00 p.m.
- 9/13** Pitch (Cards): Food @ 6:00 p.m.
& Cards @ 6:30 p.m. /Lodge Room
VFW @ 7:00 p.m. /Card Room
- 9/18** Lodge Rented
- 9/19** Board of Trustees @ 6:30 p.m.
Lodge #80 @ 7:30 p.m.
- 9/20** American Legion @
- 9/25** Beer & Burger @ 6:00 p.m.

SEE PAGE 6 for Midget Football Schedule.

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