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UPCOMING DINNER

OKTOBERFEST

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19

COCKTAILS 5:30 PM

DINNER 6:30 PM

**SALAD, CHOPS,
BRATS, SOUR KRAUT,
GERMAN POTATO SALAD,
GREEN BEANS and DESSERT**



Cooking again this year will be our Loyal Knight, John Brooks. We need volunteers to set-up, decorate, serve and clean-up. More the hands in helping the quicker and easier the task!

Call John Brooks at 402.466.1144!

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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**

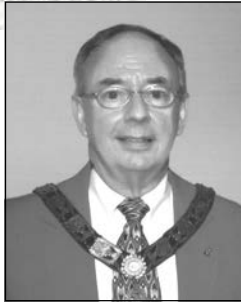
Coffee is always hot at the Lodge!



EXALTED RULER

Dear Elks and DOES:

Get onboard the Elk's train, as there is a lot of activity at the Lodge and we need passengers to help with the many activities we are involved with in keeping us on track. We also need new passengers at each stop to keep the train full, so be sure and ask your children, grand-children, neighbors, friends and acquaintances if they want to jump onboard to help their community become even better place to live.



Doug Reinks reports that 93 children participated in the Soccer Shoot held 9/8 and trophies will be awarded to the winners at Beer N Burgers on 9/25. Doug and the winners to Hastings for the State competition on 10/6. Thanks to Doug and all the volunteers that helped make this a success.

Jeff Sneller has been on the phone asking for volunteers to partner with the DOES working the concessions at the UNL football games. This is a fundraiser activity for both the DOES and the Elks Lodge so please say "yes" when called. Many thanks to those who have worked the September NE football games; also, those who will be helping during the October and November games.

John Aman and some of the house committee members have been doing fall cleaning in the store room and around the Lodge. Many thanks to those who helped in this cleaning project. Looks Great!

Ritual practice has started as Lodge Officers work to memorize their lines and motions to be the best we can be in competition and initiating new members.

Vivian and I attended the groundbreaking ceremony on 9/23 for the BPO DOES National Heritage Center to be built next to the Omaha Elks Lodge. This is a great honor for the 20 Drovers in Nebraska.

Mark your calendar for the Lodge meeting 10/17 as our guest will be Melvin Nesper, Eastern Nebraska Grand Lodge District Deputy. It would be great to have the Lodge room full of ELKS to greet him.

October is also Elks National Foundation month. Our Grand Exalted Ruler, F. Louis Sulsberger, has set a goal this year of \$4.25 per member which is very attainable. Your contributions are tax deductible and the principle stays in the Foundation with just the interest earnings being spent to better our communities for many years. See page 3 for information on

the Community Investments Program.

I had better throw some coal in the engine now to keep this train rolling down the track. See you at the next stop! Let's pickup some more passengers!

"Help Us - Help Others!"

Fraternally, Terry Edwards, Exalted Ruler

SECRETARY'S CORNER

Go ELKS; Rah, Rah, Rah! Seems only fitting to say that during "Go Big Red" football season. There is a lot to cheer about around the lodge and everything that is going on, you will not want to miss out on all of the activity; the officers are practicing for the ritual contest, we just completed the Soccer Shoot (thanks Doug Rienks for chairing that effort), midget football is happening, the storage room was cleaned out, and the lodge room was spruced up with paint, wall coverings, etc. (thanks John Aman for coordinating that effort); and let us not forget the normal on-going monthly dinners, daily lunches, and lodge meetings. A big thank you to all that have given of their time. If each member volunteered just 1+ hours a year, think of what more we could accomplish!



As indicated in the last Elk-O-Gram, delinquent notices were sent out and a thank you to those who sent in their payments. For those who have not yet paid, a past due/delinquent list was posted in the lodge this month. There is an effort underway to contact those who have not paid; the delinquent list will be published in the November Elk-O-Gram.

As I have said before, 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.

Of Note: The District Deputy will be making his annual visit October 17th, he will reviewing the business activities of the lodge, and attending a lodge meeting. If you only go to one lodge meeting a year, this should be the one. Hope to see you there.

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



EDITOR'S DESK

Special thank yous to the...

- September EOG folders: P.E.R. Rich Todd and Connie Moore, E.R. Terry Edwards, Virginia Dietrich, P.E.R. Charles and Norma Kruse, P.E.R. Chuck and Kathy Meisinger, Cynthia Tramel.
- Those who submit photos, articles and other news to be published. It takes more than one person...it takes a team to get our publication circulated to our members.
- Remember the **18th** of the October is the EOG article deadline. Let's work together to get our EOG out on time!



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

Sincerely, *Aimée Dye*, Publisher/Editor
Randy King, Managing Editor

Elks National Foundation Community Investment Program

Since 2005, the Elks National Foundation's Community Investments Program (CIP) has been investing directly in communities where Elks live and work. This year the CIP will invest up to \$900,000 in local Elk communities through Gratitude Grants, Promise Grants and Lodge Assistance Grants and now Impact Grants.

A GRATITUDE GRANT is...

- Our way of thanking Lodges for their generosity.
- A reimbursement grant of up to \$400.
- Available to all Lodges that meet the GER's Per-member goal of giving.
- Intended to support a worthy and charitable cause in the community, such as good baskets for needy families or dictionaries for school children.



Once your Lodge meets the GER's per-member goal for giving, the ENF Programs Department will notify you of your Gratitude Grants eligibility. To apply, you'll

complete and return the application to the ENF office in Chicago. Upon receipt and approval of your Lodge's application, you will receive a Final Report Form, which you must complete in order to receive reimbursement.

A PROMISE GRANT is...

- Intended to encourage and support Lodges working to build the character and competence of local youth. Examples include field trips, youth award ceremonies, after prom parties and much more!
- A reimbursement grant of up to \$400.
- Available annually to the first 250 Lodges that pledge to host a youth event.

A LODGE ASSISTANT GRANT is...

- Designed to help Lodges secure donation from local businesses for specific charitable projects.
- The Foundation's way of extending the benefits of our charitable status to the business and the Lodge.



If Local businesses are reluctant to support your Lodge because it is not considered a charitable organization under the qualifications of a 501(c) (3), the Lodge Assistance Grants can help!

An IMPACT GRANT is...

- Intended to address an identified unmet community need.
- Competitive, though all Lodges are eligible to apply. Only the highest-rated Lodges will receive an award of up to \$10,000 for a large-scale program developed and implemented by the Lodge.
- Required to have significant Elks involvement.
- An opportunity for your community to see the great things Elks do!

With the Impact Grant, instead of making a one-time donation to a soup kitchen, your Lodge can develop a project to feeding homebound seniors on a weekly basis.

For more information about CIP grants, please visit us online: www.elks.org/enf/community

Helping Lodges Build Stronger Communities

The photos in this article are from www.elks.org website.



Elks Midget Football

By Chris Turner

The Elks Midget Football Program is now preparing for the final games of the season. After six weeks of practice, and three games, here are the highlights: The Elks A Team remains undefeated after three games. The A Team's powerful option offense is a reminder of the glory days of Nebraska football. Outstanding performances have shown by quarterback, Corey Jones; running back, Jordan Schroer; and offensive lineman, Ryan Duren.

The Elks B Team has also played well so far this year. The highlight of their season so far is a great win against Union Bank in week 2.

The Elks C Team played into overtime in week 2 against Union Bank, with the game ending in a 12-12 tie. In week 3, the C Team defeated Firefighters 18-6, showing an excellent offense.

The Elks Midget Football Program also has four "development" teams for the 2007 season. These development teams are for first-year and second-year players, who are new to the game of football. These players play games with a modified set of rules, geared toward the needs of new players. This gives coaches an excellent opportunity to instruct players in the fundamentals of football in a live game atmosphere.

Also back for the 2007 season is the Elks Weekly Sportsmanship Award. This award is given following each week's game to the player who best

exemplifies sportsmanship; including with fellow Elks, opposing players, opposing coaches, and referees. The week 1 award winner was Nick Thomssen of D-Black. The week 2 award winner was Josh Palmesano of the C Team.

Lastly, the Elks Midget Football Booster Club would like to invite all of the Elks Lodge #80 members and their families to come out and see our players this Sunday! To check for game times and location, please visit <http://www.lincolnmidgetfootball.net>.

Elks Soccer Shoot

When you see Doug Rienks, congratulate him on a successful Soccer Shoot held on September 8, there were 90+ kids and families in attendance.

This provided an opportunity to hand out our Drug Awareness packets.

Also want to thank all the other Elks and friends who participated in making this another successful year for our Soccer Shoot.





LET THE CLEANING COMMENCE

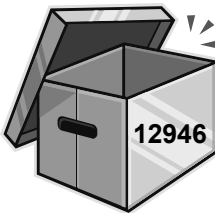
By John Aman

Many of the House Committee members tackled another area of the Lodge this last month.

On Friday, September 7, "the Larrys" Bratt & Schwindt, removed everything from the Lodge Room closet. EVERYTHING. Flags to furnishings, decorations to décor, old lighting to Old Lightnin'. Even the "attic" above the Lodge Office was clear, cleaned. It was displayed like an Elk's Pink Floyd album in the Lodge Room and resembled a garage sale by clutter-mongers.

On Saturday, John Aman opened up the Lodge at 7:45 a.m. and was joined by "the Larrys", Charles Aman, Amy Jacobsen, Bill Wood, and Scott Schrage. Scott tackled replacing every light bulb that was out and inspected every florescent, can light and sconce. Bill Wood began the arduous task of cleaning the ceiling grid to determine if it can be saved or would need to be replaced. The results look great although the process is tedious and time consuming.

As the closet, it was thoroughly cleaned and swept by Charles. The contents were sorted into "dinner themes" and appropriately boxed in plastic totes and labeled for storing. The chairs and tables were organized. Old game materials were packed into "the Larrys" trucks for temporary storage and later sale on e-bay with the proceeds going to the cost of ceiling tile replacement (about \$1650). The flags were matched "flag to base" and marked so they can be displayed easily.



Charles, also, touched up the walls with paint throughout the Lodge.

Part of the crew tidied up the cloak room and began a pile of "stuff that's gotta go." This was added to the junk and unusable stuff from the Lodge closet.

Former Elk, Mike Vestecka of Fast Mike's Hauling brought an empty container over on twenty minute notice! This the crew filled half full in about twenty-five minutes. Old newspaper, 10 year old cash register receipts, broken furniture and old steel office equipment were among the items. There were no

items of any value.

John Aman cooked breakfast for everyone and by the end of the day, these seven to eight folks had donated over fifty hours to the Lodge housekeeping effort. If you see one of these members (or the Jr. member) tell them tanks, and stick your head into the closet. Nothing will bite you anymore!



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Game Hen Dinner

On September 14, we were served a real good dinner of salad, game hen with wild rice, vegetable and dessert. Wow, those sesame green beans were to die for, and that dessert that Amy Jacobsen made would knock your socks off.



**THANK YOU
for another
delicious
dinner.**



OUR MEMBERS

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

- *John Grevich*, died September 11, 2007. John was a member of 41 years.

Sickness and Distress:

- *Butch Bergholz* at home (kidney dialysis);
- *Roger Eskra* at home (recovering from back surgery);
- *Rich Todd* at home (recovering from knee replacement); and
- *Kenny Watkins* at home (cancer).

Proposition for Membership: *None to report.*

Members Voted and Approved: *None to report.*

Members Initiated-9/19/2007:

- *Steve Leach* is proposed by Sam Carter. He is married to Roxie. They have a daughter and son, who are high school age. Steve works at Kawasaki and is a coach for one of the Elks Football teams.



(Pictured left to right: Jeff Sneller, Steve Leach and Sam Carter.)

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

- **September 5:** meeting was at \$133. *Charles Stenson* was the name drawn, he was not present and did not win.
- **September 19:** meeting was at \$144. *Sonny Lane* was the name drawn, he was present and WON!!

August's hidden membership number was member, *Jack Crowley*, 15406.

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

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HUNTER'S SAFETY COURSE



The Elks Lodge will sponsor a Nebraska Game and Parks Hunter's Safety Course, October, 4-6, at the Lodge.

This event is geared toward benefiting the Boy Scouts, but all are invited to attend. Elks Member and

Assistant Scoutmaster Randy King and Assistant Scoutmaster Mike Wurfele will conduct the class. Both these Gentlemen are also Nebraska Game and Parks Hunter's Safety Instructors, as well as National Rifle Association Certified Firearms Instructors.

Please contact Randy King, 450-0978 if you wish to participate, so we can have handbooks and supplies available.

The class will be 6-8:30 p.m. on Thursday and Friday October 4 & 5th, and 9-3:00 p.m. on Saturday October 6..

Snacks for breaks, and a "Beer n Burgers" style lunch provided, I could use a cook...easy one to help with if you want to get your feet wet volunteering at your Lodge...call me, Randy at 402-450-0978.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
October Birthdays

- | | |
|--------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Melvin Brydl | 23 Ronald Murphy |
| 2 Erwin Vosta | 24 James Love |
| 3 Gaylord Becker | Howard Schneider |
| 11 John Zimmer III | 25 Jacob Dietrich |
| 12 John Herrod III | Martin Massengale |
| Bruce Lightner | 27 Warren Barth |
| 13 Gerald Crough | Darrell Bryceson |
| 14 James Geist | Gary Lavoie |
| James Patterson | 28 Allen Goslee |
| 15 Charles Kruse | C H Traudt |
| 17 Stanley Novak | 29 Hurley "Bill" Carter |
| Donald Wendelin | Oliver Nesbitt |
| 19 Roy Vermaas | 30 Donald Evans |
| 20 Paulette Gerken | 31 A.J. Ellerbee |
| Douglas Haggart | Arthur Jones |
| 21 Steven Blomgren | |



NOW FOR THE QUICKIES

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **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 outweigh the effort.
- **October 19** dinner: **Oktoberfest**, let's have a turn out that would make Bud proud. Head Chef will be John Brooks.
- **November 17** dinner: **Spaghetti Feed** sponsored by the Veterans Committee...
- **December 1** dinner: **Phil Stettinger Fried Chicken Dinner**.
- **Friendly reminder: Children under the age of 12** eat free at our Elk dinners.
- **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.

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.
- See page 5 for more news!

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**, let's 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 and we are at \$3.13.** Remember that the Lodge receives nearly \$2 back in benefits for every \$1 donated.
- **We express our sympathies to member, Aimee Dye Stender** in the loss of her grandmother, Bonnie Lillis died on 9/2; her stepfather, Derral W. Prowant died on 9/11 and her great aunt, Dorothy Rosenboom died on 9/16.
- **Butch Bergholz** continues his recovery, rumor has it his smiling face was seen at the Club the other day...can't keep a good Elk down...way to go Butch.



- **Rich Todd** is recovering from knee surgery, drop him a note or give him a call, it's always nice to receive words of encouragement.
- **Roger Eskra** is on the mend from back surgery, be sure to wish him well.
- **John Grevich** passed away on 9/11. For those that knew him, he was one of the quiet ones who could be counted on to help, knew what to do and how to do it. He will be missed.
- **If you want to go to a NE Cornhusker football game?** Why not volunteer at the concessions, please contact Jeff Sneller. It's a lot of fun cheering with the sea of red fans and a way to help the DOES fundraiser. (To get Jeff's number call the Lodge Office.)



- To win the Membership Drawing at our meetings you must be present. This last meeting **Sonny Lane WON!!! Don't let him be the last. Come to your Wednesday** He donated \$50 to start the drawing and donated the remaining \$94 to the ENF. THANKS, SONNY!
- Randy King has resigned his **position of Chaplain**. Thank you Randy for all your hard work. Also, thank you to our new member Ryan Hall as he will take over for Randy King as your Lodge Chaplain in November.
- The Hoop Shoot is on 12/9/2007 at East High School, to volunteer contact Doug Reinke.
- **The Great Ceiling Grid Cleaning Project** is underway, slowly but surely we will make the ceiling look better in the Lodge and the Club, including new ceiling tiles on the way.
- Thank You **from the Kansas Elks Association** for the donations we sent towards the tornado relief for Greensburg, KS.
- **It was voted and approved** to purchase the audio/visual equipment to help promote our youth activities.
- Cook John Brooks did another fine job with the 2nd & 4th Tuesday night's **Beer n Burgers** this month.

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OCTOBER EVENTS

- 1 DOES Meeting @ 6:30 PM
- 2 Trade Center Association
- 3 Elks Lodge No. 80 @ 7:30 PM
- 4-6 Hunter's Safety Course, page 6
- 9 Beer & Burgers @ 5:30 PM
American Legion @ 7:00 PM
- 11 VFW @ 7:00 PM
- 13 Lodge Rented
- 15 DOES @ 7:00 PM
- 16 American Legion @ 7:00 PM
- 17 Board of Trustees @ 6:30 PM
Elks Lodge No. 80 @ 7:30 PM
(District Deputy Visit)
- 18 American Legion @ 7:00 PM
- 19 Cocktails @ 5:30 PM
Oktoberfest @ 6:30 PM
- 23 Beer & Burgers @ 5:30 PM
- 27 Lodge Rented

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