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Home of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Vincent R. Collura & Past Grand Exalted Ruler George B. Klein

Phil Stettinger Fried Chicken Dinner



Saturday, December 1

Cocktails @ 6:00 PM

Dinner @ 7:00 PM

Business casual dress please

The menu of fried chicken, corn, freshly mashed potatoes and gravy, will be complimented by a full salad bar of lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, chive onions, bacon bits and croutons. This veritable feast will be delightfully accented by fresh cinnamon rolls and carrot cake and ice cream for dessert.

Success is sure to repeat on this sell out !!

In a year that has seen many changes for the Lodge and America, it is sometimes those events like the Holidays and Phil Stettinger's Dinner that bring the most excitement. Phil's generosity and thoughtful presentation of this annual event is a delightful evening of food, fun, gracious fellowship, and the full spirit of Elkdom.

Please, call the Lodge (421-6363) or fax (421-6396) for reservations as only the first 100 will be guaranteed.



MEMORIAL SERVICE

December 2, 2007

@ 2 PM at the Lodge

The first Sunday in December is traditionally set aside in every Elks Lodge to commemorate the memory of our departed Elks Brothers and Sisters. During this impressive service a wreath is laid beside our altar in honor of each member who has been laid to rest this past year. This service begins at 2 PM in the Lodge Room.

IN MEMORIAM

***We shall meet, but we shall miss them,
There will be the vacant chair,
But though we no more possess them,
Still our hearts their memory bear
But a while ago we gathered,
Friendship beaming in each eye,
Now the golden cord is severed,
They have passed to realms on high.***

**Richard Cox,
Gerald "Gerry" Crouch,
Alexander "Bud" Dietrich,
Robert Evans, John Greivich,
Henry Heckman, Clark McCabe,
Doug Kurtzer,
William "Bill" Smejdir (2006),
Vernon Walker,
and Kenneth Watkins**

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



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SECRETARY'S CORNER...



One year! That's right, this month celebrates my first year of being your Lodge Secretary, and a memorable year it has been. You all have welcomed me and made me feel right at home, a big "Thanks to All of You" is in order. I assume that you are getting ready for the Holidays; hopefully it will not be a stressful experience. As I mentioned in last month's Elk-O-Gram, don't forget, if you need some normalcy from the holiday activities of shopping, decorating, etc., stop by the Club for lunch.

Also, another "get away experience" is available; for a little fun and frivolity, don't forget about the Children's Christmas Party, December 16th. Although the word "Children" is used to describe the party, adults will have fun as well. The Christmas Party is one of the big events that happen every year where we as Elk's give back to our community. Your support and participation are very much appreciated.

Speaking of support and the holiday spirit; I am offering up a "\$50 dollar challenge": I am writing a \$50 check to the Elks National Fund (ENF), and for every 10 people that send in a check of \$50 or more either for ENF or for our lodge building fund (new kitchen equipment), I will increase that check amount by \$25. Hopefully I will have to get another part time job? The cut off date for this challenge is December 17th, (the date the checks/money should be in the office).

And last, but not least, as I continue to say; "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. Merry Christmas to all of you and may all of your wishes happen!

Please note: my phone number and email have changed, my new phone number is 402-570-2555 and my new email is secylodge80@yahoo.com.

"See you all around the lodge."

Sincerely,
Jerry Wilson, Secretary



EXALTED RULER...

Dear Elks and DOES:

Yes! December is here again marking the end of the year 2007 for the Lodge.

It has been a very busy and productive year for the Elks with membership growing and the many activities that we support.

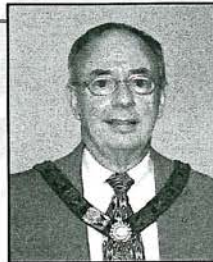
December is a busy month for the Lodge starting December 1st with the Phil Stettinger Annual Chicken Dinner; December 2nd, the Annual Elks Memorial Service at 2:00 PM in memory of our departed members (you are all invited to attend and pay your respect to our deceased members); December 9th is the Hoop Shoot contest with Doug Rienks in charge (call the Lodge at 421-6363 if you can help him for a couple of hours); and December 14th at 12:00 is the candy sacking party at Pershing Auditorium in preparation for the December 16th 100th ELKS Christmas Party at Pershing Auditorium with John Brooks in charge.

All of these activities take volunteers to make them successful so get in the Christmas spirit this month and help out your fellow Elk's in these activities and have some fun.

Also keep placing your spare change in the Red Boxes to help the Lodge reach our Elks National Foundation goal of \$4.25 per member.

All the Officers of your Lodge wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Enjoy your family and be safe during this Holiday Season!

Fraternally,
Terry Edwards, Exalted Ruler





BOARD OF TRUSTEES...

Dear Members All,

Enclosed in this months Elk O Gram you will find 3 cash calendars. The objective of the Cash Calendars is to raise money to support the Lodge in all the efforts we do. As you may well know our Membership is around 320 members.



We are bringing in new members but we still have a few each year that pass away or decided not to renew because they are no longer able to come to the Lodge. It is very difficult for us to maintain the Lodge with the membership dollars that each of us pays. We do a variety of fund raising that goes directly to the Lodge. We also have Memorials come directly to the Lodge. All of these activities help but they do not make us self sufficient.

We are enclosing 3 calendars to each member. Here is how they work. You purchase a calendar for 10.00 and fill out the bottom portion and mail it with the check to the Lodge. Each day in January there is a drawing and the number that is drawn on that day receives the dollar amount on the calendar. Sounds easy doesn't it?

Here is what I would like you to do with the calendars we have sent you. Please take them to your next door neighbor and ask them to buy one. They will ask what it is for and that is the opportune time to let them know what the Elk's are all about. In case you forgot what we do, here is a list that quickly comes to mind.

Twenty-six local Scholarships worth \$30,000 each year:

- Children's Christmas party at Pershing
- Support children of deployed Military families
- Eagle Scout recognition program
- Drug Awareness Program
- Elk's Midget Football
- Americanism essay contest
- Hoop Shoot free throw contest
- Soccer Shoot
- Hunter Safety classes
- Lincoln Symphony Youth Concert
- Teen of the month
- Veteran's visitation and recognition
- Youth golf clinic
- Elk's National Foundation
- State and Local Benevolence program for children with disabilities

• And Much More...

This is also a great time to talk to your neighbor about becoming a member of the Greatest Organization in the World. They do not have to commit to helping with the programs or attend any meetings. We would like it if they did but their dues will go a long way in helping the Lodge to become self sufficient. Now if the first neighbor you ask decides to buy a calendar and join the Lodge please don't ask any others to join. Just sell them the calendar. I don't think we could handle over 500 new members. (Just Kidding) If the first neighbor refuses to buy then walk across the street to the next neighbor and so on until the 3 calendars have been sold. Be sure to mail the 3 stubs along with the checks to the Lodge prior to January 1st. If telling someone you know about this great Organization isn't for you then please write a check for \$30.00 and mail it and the completed stubs to the Lodge.

Remember the reason you joined. Remember the good times you had at the Lodge. If you have not been to the Lodge lately we should let you know we have done some deep cleaning and sprucing up. The place smells good and looks presentable. The dinners are excellent and Beer and Burger night hits the spot.

Fraternally,
P.E.R. Sonny Lane, Board of Trustees Chair

NOTES FROM THE EDITORS:

Remember the 22nd of December 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.

We are looking for copies to add to our archives of the following issue(s) of our Elk O Gram:

- All issue(s) previous of 1988 and
- 1988: Jan, Feb, Mar, May'
- 1989: July, Sept
- 1990: Feb, May
- 1993: Oct
- 1997: Jan
- 1999: Feb, Mar, Jul/Aug
- 2003: Feb
- 2005: Jan, June

Please contact Randy or Aimée to donate your issue for archiving our history at the Lodge.





OUR MEMBERS...



3	Bill Danley	11	Larry Knaub
	Dale Hansen	12	Bobby Livingston
5	Wilbur Amen	14	Xan Johnson
	Curtis Reiber	18	Cory Podany
	Phillip White	19	Ben Novicoff
7	Harley Bair	20	Leroy "Bill" Hoffman
	Roger Eskra	21	Jack Campbell
	Russell Raybould		James Wood
8	William Haberman	24	Frederick Rickers
9	G E Dave Fuller		James Smith
	Donald Hanway, Jr	27	Vance James
	Rod Rozanek		Buford Jones
10	Dewett Harouff	28	Donald Andersen
11	Dr. John Benftson	29	Harlan Zwiebel
	Cynthia Graham	31	Todd Kerns

*When you wish upon a star,
It doesn't matter who you are,
If you wish, your dreams come true,
And life reflects the best in you.*

Deaths:

- Gerald "Gerry" Crouch, died 11/4/2007
- Kenneth Watkins, died 11/15/2007

Sickness and Distress: *None to report.*

Proposition for Membership:

- Dirk Wingrove proposed by Sonny Lane
- Dan Megrue proposed by Sonny Lane

Members Voted and Approved: *None to report.*

Members Initiated (November 7):

- Margaret Moss proposed by Randy King
- Teana Chilsted proposed by Jerry Wilson

Membership Drawing: *You have to attend the meetings to win! IT PAYS TO COME TO MEETINGS.*

November 7: meeting was at \$104. Judson Douglas was the name drawn, he was not present and did not win.

November's hidden membership number was member, *Dr. Ben James, 08474.*

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

House Committee Wish List

(Check the item(s) you that like your donate or wish to contribute toward and return this form with your check to the Elk's Lodge No. 80.)

Big Wishes for the best dishes:

- a dishwasher that works - \$2,500 new;
- a convection oven made after 2001 - \$3,500 auction;
- 2 baking ovens made after 2001 - used is OK for 2 decades - \$3,000;
- \$2,500 to convert the separate freezer/cooler situation into a true walk-in freezer/supplemental walk-in cooler unit. The current unit is about structurally beyond repair;

Medium Wishes for the Cooking Claus:

- \$350 for a commercial microwave - a real piece of production;
- 4 new commercial soup pots @ \$135 each, narrow to fit on our limited range area; (currently we borrow them every meal) but Santa is getting grumpy - we have a Benefactor who will buy the lids (extra for about \$20 each)
- 10 - \$35 gifts for new commercial sauce and fast frying pans - each about \$35;

Little things that would help:

- \$25 donations to replace or add to the everyday utensils including a new commercial toaster that does not burn the bread (Did you realize that the last 6 "chefs" have donated over \$300 worth of hand utensils and the kitchen is still woefully inadequate?)
- \$50 donations toward the replacement of the ceiling tile in the Lounge and Kitchen so we can meet health regulations by mid-2008.



Please, remember your Lodge kitchen, cuz' that's where the family starts. The House Committee





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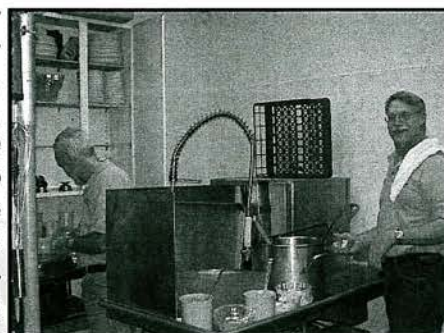
The Lodge enjoyed another great month of events and our December calendar is full. The only dinner this month is Phil Stetinger's Fried Chicken Feast on the first Saturday, 01 December. It features an excellent menu and is always a sell out. Please call the Lodge (421-6363) between 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. to reserve your tickets and seats. You may now also fax the Lodge at 421-6396, with just a simple note stating your name and the number of adults and children under 12 years of age who will be attending.



Our thanks to the sponsors and crew who produced the Veterans Appreciation Dinner on 17 November. Sam Carter and Vi Berst, who head our Veterans Affairs Committee, and who have done such an excellent job over these past decades, sponsored the Spaghetti Dinner. Although less than 40 tickets were reported sold by Thursday before the dinner, we knew the fete would include over a dozen Vet guests. The crew added about twenty to the figure the food preparation and 65 to 70 was the expected crowd. However, the turnout was greater than we could ever have dreamed, serving 97 folks, including some children.



This was a wonderful dinner with fun prizes and some excellent wine. So expensive was the wine that our Lodge Secretary, Jerry Wilson couldn't pronounce the names, but the cash prizes were an easier raffle award. "The Larrys" (Schwindt and Bratt - you never see one without the other) were instrumental in setting up the Lodge room for 80 and expanding it when the overflow crowd arrived. Half-baked chef John Aman did most of the cooking with the able assistance of The Larrys, Jason Jirsa, and John's wife, Andre. The cleanup fell to Jason Jirsa, "the Larry's" and Randy King. Jason is always willingly to pitch in again as he does so often at the dinners. He is the real unsung worker on these galas. He knows how to take the kitchen from prep & served to clean...and the most important thing: he knows where things are supposed to go. Our only Jr. Elk, Charles Aman, also pitched in after he finished his meal, and worked for several hours cleaning and restoring the kitchen to the needed "Monday Morning" status so our newest employee, Danielle Pitts Williams, could walk right into a clean facility.



Danielle Pitts-Williams comes to our Lodge with a letter of recommendation from former Governor now U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Mike Johanns. She has proven to be a valuable asset to the Lodge and loves her shift working days Monday through Wednesday. Come in for lunch during the first part of the week! I think you will find her service and cooking most enjoyable. We are truly blessed to have our current hard working, trust worthy, dependable staff. Visit the Lounge and come to the dinners. You will be glad you are a member.

On the mundane side of the building structure, we had more problems with the dishwasher. Without the dishwasher, all food production stops. We actually had three repairs, but Randy King of the House Committee fixed two of these repairs. This saved the Lodge a lot of money. We have the talent among our active members to do a lot around the Lodge, and I



personally ask you to contribute your time, talent or treasure as we travel through this rebuilding restoration process.

It is time to begin planning and preparing to replace our kitchen, from top to bottom. Please review the "Wish List" in this EOG, and between now and the "Tax Man Day", try to help our Lodge enter the 21st century...because our old equipment is going to cost more to repair in the near future than is worth.

The best of the holiday season to each of you, from me, my family, from all of the House Committee, and from everyone who works in the kitchen to produce the love we serve. "Work is Love made visible", wrote Kahlil Gabran, and our dinners are always an act of love for all of you. Happy Holidays,

Happy Hanukkah, and a pleasant al Adha. We are all in the same Kitchen.

House Chair, P.E.R. John Aman

*The Faults of our Brothers,
we write upon the Sand -*



*Their Virtues upon the
tablets of Love and Memory*

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA JUNE, 1980



April 16th class - 68 new members . Largest class to be initiated into Lincoln Elks No. 80 since 1968. In behalf of the Lodge Officers, Trustee's and membership we welcome all of the above new Brothers.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **December 1 dinner: Phil Stettinger Fried Chicken Dinner.** See front page for details.
- **December 2 @ 2:00 PM: Memorial Service** for our departed brother and sister Elks at the Lodge. A reception will follow the service.
- **December 9 @ 2:00 PM: Hoop Shoot** at Lincoln East High School. Like many other Elks you can assist in this event which provides a positive influence on our community and children. Please call Doug Rienks and have fun making a difference. *We need 35 individuals to help set-up and assist for this event.*
- **December 14th at 12:00 p.m.: Christmas Sacking Party (basement of Pershing.)** There will be an afterglow party at the Elk's Club. Following afterglow party will be the Elks Christmas Party. Please bring a snack or dip to share. Come sack candy and get a ticket for a free drink from the Club! If you'd like to help with the Christmas Party, contact John Brooks.
- **December 16, 1:00-3:00 PM: Elks 100th Annual Christmas Party:** Band plays at 12:30 p.m. and shows beginning at 1:00 p.m. for the community. There will be brochures and handbills printed. We are working with the radio and TV stations to report on this event. If you are a volunteer please be at Pershing at 11:30 a.m. because the gates will open at 12:15 p.m.



Randy King and Jeff Sneller last year at the Sacking Party!



NOW FOR THE QUICKIES...

GENERAL NEWS

- **Welcome Maggie Moss and Teana Chilsted when you see them, our two newest Lodge 80 members.**
- John Brooks is looking into new signage for our building.
- **It was voted and approved to donate \$100 to the Christmas Fantasy Program** for the ARC of Nebraska, serving mentally handicapped youth and young adults.
- **Trustees reported meeting with the YMCA, to address the possibility of donating towards a new Swimming Pool for the YMCA Cooper location of S.14th, this would give us great exposure, but is also a substantial investment.**
- **Jeff Sneller is assembling Drug Awareness packets for the Hoop Shoot on the December 9th.**
- Randy King and Aimee Dye, your EOG editing duo, report that our Elk O Gram will come in **about \$1300 under budget** for the year 2007, due to the layout work of Aimee, the income from the advertisers, the special printing rate the Printer gives us. All while providing great photos, news articles of substance, color covers and more. Help us make the EOG fully self supporting, call Randy or Aimee to place your Ad in the EOG, it is inexpensive, gets good readership, and is a great way to support your Lodge.
- Please sell the **cash calendars** enclosed in this Elk O Gram, and return the tear offs in the enclosed envelope. This fund raiser is very important to our Lodge, as we can no longer pay the gas and lights on our membership dues alone. For more information read P.E.R. Sonny Lane, Board of Trustee Chair report on page 3.
- A **Thank You letter** was read from the leader of the Northeast High team that participated in the Culinary Arts program, for our support.



Left to Right: Randy King, Maggie Moss, Terry Edwards, Teana Chilsted, and Jerry Wilson.



Left to Right: Terry Edwards, Todd Rich and John Brooks at the Midget Football Banquet on November 1, 2007

HOUSE COMMITTEE NEWS

- **See article "On the House" for more information on page 5.**
- Our Lodge room converts easily into a lovely reception area and can be decorated most attractively for smaller weddings. Call the office for more details.
- Used cooking oil can be recycled at the Lodge by bringing it to the Lounge. By Health Code rules, the Lodge must have a separate grease disposal system. This is an annual fee, which is reduced if we provide enough used oil for recycling. **Save your grease and old frying oil and help our Elks Lodge and the environment.**

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- **Youth Activities Website** could be in our future to provide our community with news and events that are available for the youth. Dave Kirby would appreciate a few extra hands help with **Scholarship applications** and such, please give him a call and donate a couple hours.
- Did you see the recent article in the Lincoln newspaper on our Americanism contest?
- **District Hoop Shoot** is Jan 19th location TBA.





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DECEMBER EVENTS
(READ ABOUT EVENTS ON PAGE 6.)

- 12/1 Cocktails @ 5:30 PM
Dinner @ 6:30 PM
- 12/2 Memorial Service @ 2:00 PM
- 12/5 Elks Lodge No. 80 @ 7:30 PM
- 12/9 Hoop Shoot @ 2:00 PM
- 12/10 DOES Mtg @ 6:00 PM
- 12/11 Beer & Burgers @ 5:30 PM
American Legion @ 7:00 PM
- 12/13 VFW & American Legion
- 12/14 Sacking Party @ 1:00 PM
(Pershing in Basement)
After Glow @ 4:00 PM
(Elks Lodge)
ELKS Christmas Party @ 6:00 PM
- 12/16 Children's Christmas Party
(Pershing Auditorium)
Lodge Rented, 4:00 – 9:00 PM
- 12/24 Lodge/Club Closed
- 12/25 **MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!**
Lodge/Club Closed
- 12/28 Lodge Rented @ 6:00 PM
- 12/31 Lodge/Club Closed

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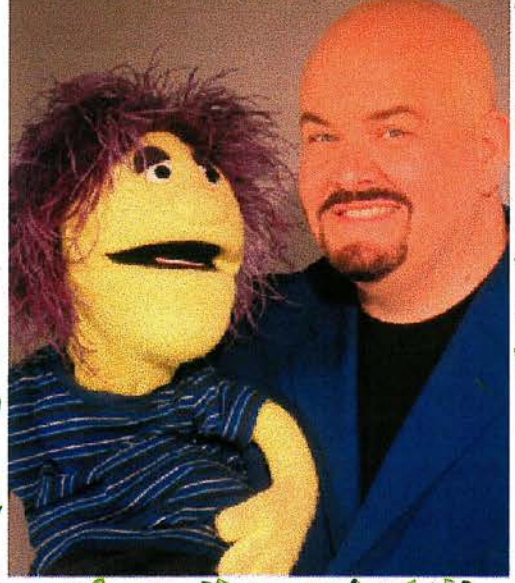
Sunday, December 16th, 2007, 1-3 p.m.

Pershing Auditorium-Gates open at 12:15 p.m.

Sacks of candy for the children & drawings for prizes.

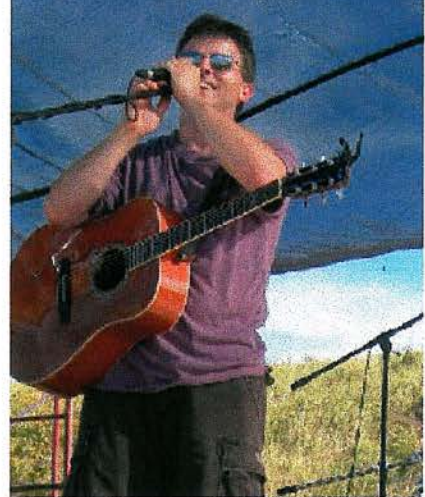
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