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UPCOMING DINNER:



BOWLER'S DINNER

Saturday, January 26, 2008

5:30 PM Cocktails (Special: Kickback Cocktails, \$3)

6:30 PM Dinner (\$10 Ticket available call the Club)

Menu: 10-Pin Salad, Pork Roast 300, Bowler's Potatoes,
Gutter Ball Buns, Mixed Double Veggies

Dessert: Banana Split

Remember that children under 12 eat for free!



**3RD ANNUAL
SCHOLARSHIP
PANCAKE FEED
LINCOLN ELK
LODGE #80
(SEE INSERT FOR
MORE DETAILS)**

!!!100th Children's Christmas Party Winner!!!

...more pictures on page 4 & 5.

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



Elk's Lodge No. 80 Officers 2007-2008

<i>Exalted Ruler</i> Terry Edwards	<i>Secretary</i> Jerry Wilson
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<i>Tiler</i> Sam R. Carter	

NOTES FROM THE EDITORS:

Remember the 20th of January is the EOG article deadline.

Let's work together to get our EOG out on time!

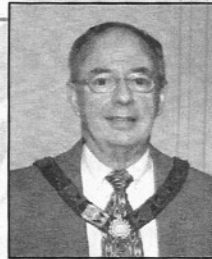
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EXALTED RULER...

Dear Elks and DOES:

HAPPY NEW YEAR to all and best wishes in the year 2008 from all the officers of your Lodge!

Many thanks to all of you that have volunteered your time and sometimes money to help on all our projects that we do to make our community a better place to live in and help our children become better adults in the future.



December was a busy month with Doug Reinks chairing the Hoop Shoot program (Over 50 children participated) and John Brooks chairing the 100th Elks Children's Christmas party. (WOW! The entertainment was terrific and you should have been there to listen to the children talk to Santa and to see the joy on the children's faces as they won prizes) Many thanks for to all the volunteers and stores that donated the prizes. Also John Brooks headed up Phil Settingler's Chicken Dinner.

We had the Memorial Service for Departed members December 2. Thanks to all that assisted in that service.

On behalf of the Lodge we want to extend our sympathy to the Ruth Klein family in the loss of their mother. She was preceded in death by her husband, Past Grand Exalted Ruler George Klein, who was a member of our Lodge and their family is large part of our history.

Also this month the DOES presented the Lodge with a check for \$1968.75 for our help at the football concession stands (Thank you to all that volunteered) and \$100 towards the Christmas party, \$500 to the Lodge and \$100 towards the DOES Scholarship Fund. We certainly appreciate all their help and

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support.

Our State President, Chuck Meisinger, (a member of our Lodge) has also been busy distributing dictionaries to the elementary children in the third or fourth grades in the Public and Catholic school systems. We have invited the Lutheran schools to participate but haven't heard back at this time. What a great project for our lodge and community. Each dictionary has a sticker in it telling them they are provided by our Lodge. The school administrators are very enthused about this project.

The Ritual Team has been practicing every Wednesday night in preparation for the competition in February. Thanks to Steve Wirth, Sonny Lane and Rich Todd for coaching the team.

It doesn't slow down for an active Lodge as January will bring: a dinner; Doug Reinks working on the District Hoop Shoot; attending the District Deputy Clinic in Fairbury, NE; practicing Ritual; initiation of new members this month and asking for your support in attending the 3rd Annual Scholarship Pancake Feed - Sunday, January 27th from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Lodge.

I hope you are as proud as I am to belong to such a great organization with wonderful members that have pride in what we stand for and what we can accomplish together in the future.

Fraternally,
Terry Edwards, Exalted Ruler



SECRETARY'S CORNER...

Two thousand and eight (2008), the beginning of a new year, it is only a few days old, but I hope that it has been a happy one so far. Within three months, it will be April 1st, and the beginning of a new year for the Elks Lodge; time does march on. With the new Elks Lodge new year, this means the election of new officers during the month of January, and getting ready for the annual conference to be held in North Platte. Of interest, your lodge officers will be competing in the ritual competition this year. They have not done this for several years, so there is a lot of excitement getting ready for the challenge.



I am asking for your help; we made some extra mailings last month and the post office returned several indicating the address on the envelope was no longer valid or current. If you are planning on a move, please notify the office so we can update our records. Also, if you are in contact with those who are saying they never receive anything, please ask them to call the office so we can ensure the correct address and phone number are on file.

Thank you to those who sent in your Christmas Party, ENF, and lodge building fund checks. Your continued support is very much appreciated. I sent my check off to the ENF December 21st.

And last, but not least, as I continue to say; my goal in the New Year is still the same as last year "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 402-570-2555 and my email is se-cylodge80@yahoo.com. See you all around the lodge.

Sincerely,
Jerry Wilson, Secretary



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URGENT...

Dear Members All,

You received three (3) Cash Calendars in your Elk O Gram last month. We asked you to return them to the Lodge with a check for \$30, \$10 per calendar.



As of December 20th we have received less than 25% of them back at the Lodge. I want to make it clear what this money is going to be used for. It will be used to pay the bills at the Lodge, insurance, electricity, gas, cable TV, salaries and such. The Lodge is in this situation every year as we survive off of our Membership dues and Fund raising. This year has been especially tough as we have had to repair many of the items in the kitchen and bathrooms.

Please send these calendars stubs back to us along with a check for \$30. If we do not receive 75% of the calendars back before the drawing date of January 2nd we may be forced to make some changes that not everyone will like. We could be forced to cut operating hours and salaries. Cutting the salaries would be the last resort as most of the salaries have not kept pace with inflation. We do not want to raise dues and would prefer to make the Lodge run with dues from existing and new members but if we can't recruit new members then this Fund raising must be the way we do it.

If you have some better ideas on how we can raise fund to pay the bills we would like to hear from you. For now please get your check sent in. You could WIN more than you invest. The Lodge is on a tremendous roll for what we are doing for the youth and veterans around Lincoln. This is possible because of the Smith bequest.

HELP protect the bequest by making this investment in the Lodge. Send in you \$30 check today.

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



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
January Birthdays

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|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Thomas Lynch | 17 Clarence Knosp |
| 3 Douglas Dessel | 18 Sanford Nelson |
| 4 Charles Thone | Charles Steenson |
| 6 Betty Akin | 19 Terry Edwards |
| John Brooks | 20 Robert Taylor |
| Roger White | 21 Dean Borgmann |
| 8 Roxanne Thomas | James Gray |
| 9 Jason Brooks | 22 John Robel, JR |
| Leo Hill | 24 Bob Clinkenbeard |
| 10 Gene Obrecht | Terry Hagan |
| 11 Allen Wasenius | 25 Ronald Colin |
| 13 John Baker | 26 Larry Benac |
| Willis Harding | Harry Blum |
| M E Whitehead | 28 Raymond Plotts |
| 15 Tom Pallas | 31 Paige Zutavern |

OUR MEMBERS...

Deaths:

- Thomas C. Odell, died 12/11/2007

Sickness and Distress:

- P.E.R. Richard Blomgren continues to experience difficulties as he recovering from surgery at Tabitha; and
- P.E.R. Ken Studier's Parkinson's has become more serious lately, and is at Gold Crest Retirement Center (Adams, NE).

Proposition for Membership:

None to Report.

Members Voted & Approved:

- Dirk Wingrove
- Dan Megrue



Members Initiated (12/5):

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

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

December 5: meeting was at \$125. Phil Sprague was the name drawn, he was not present and did not win.

December's hidden membership number was member, *Ted Paulson*, 15316 .

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



DOES presents Elk's Lodge 80 with Gifts Of Cash and an award is presented to Harold Harpster.



Thank you to those who helped at the Sacking Party on December 14th.



A special thanks to Doug Reinks for his diligent talents in orchestrating the Hoop Shoot Event this year.

Thank you to those who volunteered to make this event a successful one.

On December 18th, Vi Berst, Sam Carter and Paulette Gerken passed out Christmas Sacks that were left over from the Annual Children's party, to the Veterans at the Veteran's Medical Center. A cloth bag filled with a pair of socks, handkerchief, comb, bar of soap, toothpick holder, deck of cards, hand lotion and after-shave lotion was also given to each Veteran.

All the Veteran's were very pleased with the Elk's involvement in their behalf and thanked us for all that we do.



Veteran's Committee
Vi Berst and Sam Carter



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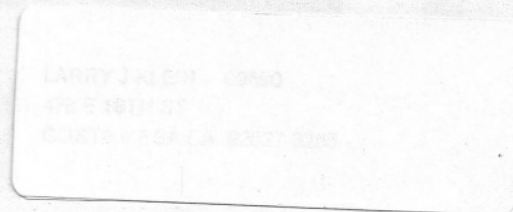
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JANUARY EVENTS
(READ ABOUT EVENTS ON PAGE 6.)

- 1/1 HAPPY NEW YEAR'S
Lodge/Club Closed
- 1/2 Elks Lodge No. 80 @ 7:30 PM
- 1/8 Beer & Burgers @ 5:30 PM
American Legion @ 7:00 PM
- 1/9 Ritual Practice
- 1/10 VFW @ 7:00 PM
- 1/15 American Legion @ 7:00 PM
- 1/16 Elks Lodge No. 80 @ 7:30 PM
- 1/17 American Legion @ 7:00 PM
- 1/21 DOES Installation @ 6:00 PM
- 1/22 Beer & Burgers @ 5:30 PM
- 1/23 Ritual Practice
- 1/26 Cocktails @ 5:30 PM
Dinner @ 6:30 PM
- 1/27 Pancake Feed @ 8:00 AM -2:00 PM
- 1/30 Ritual Practice

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