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UPCOMING DINNER:



St. Patrick's Day Dinner & Dessert

Saturday, the 15th of March

Cocktails @ 5:30 pm,

Salad @ 6:30 pm with Dinner @ 7:00 pm

*Cooking by P.E.R. John Aman and the Loyal Leprechauns
Corned Beef Brisket, Cabbage, Carrots, & Parsley Potatoes,*

(Salad & Rye Bread will also be available)

Dessert: ice cream w/ crème de menthe & toppings

Special treats & sweets

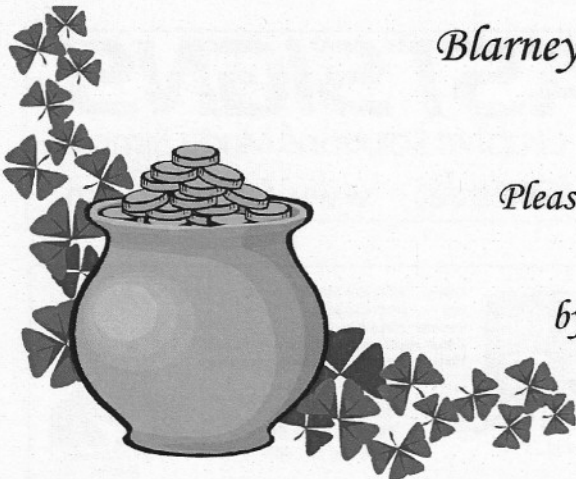
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at the Lodge bar & Lodge Office.*



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

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| <i>Inner Guard</i>
Russ Earnest | |
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NOTES FROM THE EDITORS:

Remember the 20th of March is the **EOG** article deadline.

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

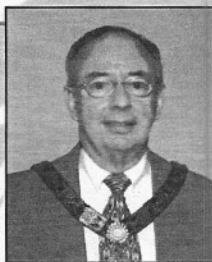
Email your news, photos, or articles to EOG.Lodge80@gmail.com or contact Randy @ 402-450-0978 or Aimée @ 402-770-9751.

Thank you to the volunteers for helping fold the Elk O Grams for the February mailing.

EXALTED RULER...

Dear Elks and DOES:

March has arrived and many of you have Spring Fever. To help break up the Winter blahs come to the Lodge and enjoy the many activities planned from a John Aman St. Patty's dinner the 15th, to Dave Kirby's " Teen of the Month" programs at 2:00 PM the 9th and 30th to recognize our Youth and American Essay contest winners at Beer & Burger the 25th.



Also in the Lodge Room you will notice a large motorized projector screen and projector we will be able to use with a laptop computer with DVD and CD capability. Thanks to Jerry Wilson, Randy King and Aimée Dye for working on this project which will enable us to show the many pictures we have of youth activities and showing different groups and new candidates what our organization is all about.

Reporting on the progress of our Ritual Team that performed in Cozad against four other teams in what they call "Practice Under Pressure" they achieved second place. This helps prepare them for the State Competition in April in which six other teams will be competing. Award winners on your team were Amy Jacobsen (Lecturing Knight), Ryan Hall (Chaplain) and Russ Earnest (Inner Guard). Most Impressive were Doug Reinks (Esquire) and Sonny Lane (Winning Candidate).

A big thank you to our coaches Stephen Wirth and Rich Todd and all the Ritual Team for their time and effort in representing our Lodge in this event.

With our Lodge year shortly coming to the end I am happy to announce that with the current nominations all our Officer's Chairs, except for one Trustee

position, are filled.

Special recognition and thanks to the following members who have completed 50 years of membership in our Order and will have Life Membership: Vilis Berst, Art Berthold, Harry Blum, Paul Burkland, Marvin Goodding, Leroy "Bill" Hoffman, Robert Logsdon, James Reeves, Roger Rocke, Rod Rozanek, Phil Stettinger and Robert White.

We have received the Survey of Volunteer Veterans Service Programs for the Fraternal Year: April 1, 2006 thru March 31, 2007. Take time to read the report which is posted on the bulletin board. Total contributions in donated hours and miles traveled converted to dollars plus cash and non-cash totals \$27,168,178. We will never forget our veterans.

Enjoy March, enjoy your Lodge, enjoy each others fellowship and remember: other people would like to join you if you only ask them.

Fraternally,
Terry Edwards, Exalted Ruler

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SECRETARY'S CORNER...

"Daylight Savings Time"
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 "The First Day of Spring!"
 "Easter!"



Yep, March is here, and yes; these are all signals of the first of many changes that occur during every calendar year. Not to be left out; March also signals the end and beginning of new activity in the Elks Lodge.

The current Lodge year ends March 31st, and the new Lodge year begins April 1st. Dues statements for the next Lodge year have been sent out. Your prompt return of your payment will be much appreciated.

Also, the new Lodge officers will be installed within a month, and new programs and improvements to the Lodge are in work or taking shape. The Lodge has lots of positive energy going for it and we working to build on it and create more.

On a personal note, I am celebrating the birth of my 4th grandchild (a girl – named Jordan Karley), born February 22nd. And of course she is the best and cutest! If I am a little slow in getting back to you should you need to talk with me, I am sure you will understand. ☺

And last, but not least, as I continue to say; my goal is still the same, "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 secylodge80@yahoo.com. See you all around the lodge.

Sincerely,
 Jerry Wilson, Secretary

St. Patty's Dinner @ The Elks - 2008

Tippin', Dinin', & Desserts at the Lodge

On Saturday, March 15th, everyone is invited to the Lodge for this tasty all-you-can-eat Lodge dinner of corned beef brisket, tender cooked cabbage, new potatoes simmered in butter and parsley, carrots, with a full salad selection and rye bread. Dessert will be ice cream, with crème de menthe for sweet'n the frozen dew, as well as a variety of other toppings. This year, Cook John Aman will be assisted by a great crew: Jason Jirsa, Amy Jacobsen, Randy King, Chuck Steenson, Charles Aman, and a host of other Elks to bring this annual event to the first 100 ticket holders. There will be plenty of food. The Crew guarantees you will not go away hungry! But you have to make your reservations!

We hope to have a small variety of Irish ales and brews available. All draw beer will sell for Happy Hour prices, startin' at whenever Roxy the Bartender is ready!

We plan to cook 50 pounds of extra brisket for sale after dinner. We strongly suggest that you reserve your take home ahead of time by calling either the Lodge; or by you may call John Aman directly at his office (475-7500) and follow the simple phone prompt. The price will be about the same as last year, around \$5.00 per cooked pound. The remaining brisket usually sells out within fifteen minutes of being offered.

This year we are again offering a pre-ordered take out brisket dinner, as well as a few servings of a non-meat entrée. Please call Cheri at the office (421-6363) to make these special arrangements.

So, come tip a few, enjoy a hearty meal, top it off with a delicious dessert, kiss something green, and have fun -- all for ten bucks! See you at the Lodge Blarney Stone on Saturday, the 15th!



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Pancake Feed a Success!

On January 27th, the Lodge's Charitable Fund group that finances and administers 18 Scholarships for our area youth, hosted a Pancake feed for over 300 people.

This was possible because, first, Officers and P.E.R.s sold over 200 tickets; secondly, with the help of advertising and signs leading to the Lodge, over 100 more walked in and enjoyed pancakes, sausage, juice, milk and coffee.

The result was a net profit to the fund of \$2000. This amount will be divided evenly between all the scholarships and will therefore increase their net worth which translates into more financial help for the scholarship winners.

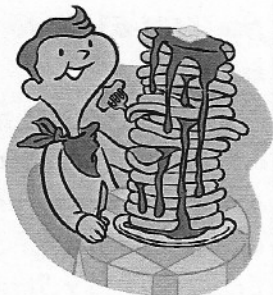
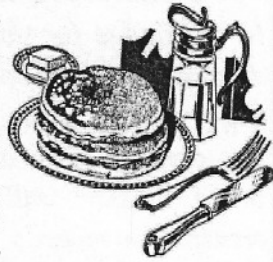
Due to donations of food by IHOP restaurants and Lincoln Poultry and a donation of placemats and signage by FASTSIGNS Inc., plus a cash donation toward the cost of food from Roper & Sons, the overall cost to the fund group was minimal. Other members and friends of the Lodge made cash donations directly to the fund on Sunday.

All of this would not have been possible without the 28 people that donated their time and labor.

Space will not allow us to list everyone, but a few should be noted for their contribution. Sonny Lane furnished the transportation and muscle to pick-up and return the griddle. Merl Hesser and Larry Jurgens stayed at the griddle all day. John Brooks and Scott Jurgens cooked sausage for the entire day. The DOES, as usual, had a strong contingent of workers, including Wauneta Peterson, who played the organ from about 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.. Dave Kirby, and his two daughters, Erin and Katie put in several hours each as did our Exalted Ruler Terry and his wife Vivian.

Others worked the entire 6 hour session, including Steve Wirth, Pancake Chairman, who also contributed many hours prior to Sunday and was the main reason everything ran smoothly.

Thanks, again, to all workers and all who had breakfast with us on Sunday.

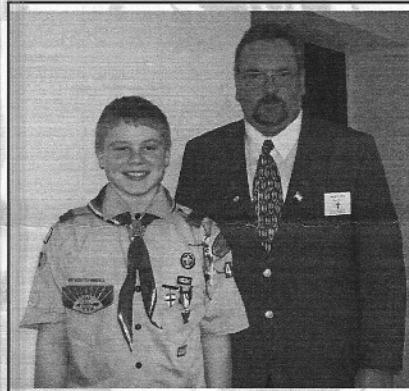


Steak Dinner/Winter Formal

There were only about 35 people that attended. Steak was wonderful, giant slab that covered half the plate. Green beans and half baked potatoes in olive oil and garlic salt were well received. Cheesecake for dessert went well.

Three or 4 of the 12 honorees and their wives were in attendance.

Thank you to everyone who helped with this dinner. It was a lot of hard work!



Mike Killingsworth of Troop 49, at his Eagle ceremony on 2/23 with Elk Randy King at First Presbyterian, 840 S.17th Street, Lincoln, NE.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

March Birthdays

- | | |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| 4 Cleve Stauffer | 13 Paul Koehrsen |
| Frank Vogt | 14 John Boosalis |
| 5 William Fry | 15 Gordon Templeton |
| 6 Bernard Dow | 16 Carl Christopherson |
| Wayne Weber | 17 Mark Whitehead |
| 7 Kenneth Tenhulzen | 18 Kenneth Maser |
| Donald Zeiss | 19 Richard McCashland |
| 8 Dennis Dickerson | John Weber |
| Jason Jirsa | 21 Larry Jurgens |
| 9 Richard Blomgren | 25 Charles Cordes |
| Richard Fitzsimmons | 26 Robert Klouch |
| Jack Jensen | Roger Pickering |
| 10 Dr. Dan Mosier | 28 Donald Wright |
| 12 Aimée Dye | 29 Don Svoboda |
| Robert Logsdon | |



OUR MEMBERS...

Deaths: *None to Report.*

Sickness and Distress:

- Art Berthold is at Tabitha;
- P.E.R. Richard Blomgren continues to experience difficulties as he recovering from surgery at Tabitha;
- Sam Carter is home recovering from shoulder surgery; 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: *None to Report.*

Members Initiated on 2/6/08:

- Damon Driskell proposed by Aimée Dye
- Jason Pierce proposed by Aimée Dye

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

- **02/06:** No drawing.
- **02/20:** meeting was at \$174. Larry Knaub was the name drawn, he was not present to win.

January's hidden membership number was member, *Vance James*, 14603.

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

NOW FOR THE QUICKIES...

HOUSE COMMITTEE NEWS

- 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 Regulations, 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.**

GENERAL NEWS

- **We extend our sympathies to the family of**

P.E.R. Steve Wirth in the loss of his father, Francis J. Wirth on 2/14/08.

- **The new A/V system has been installed** and undergoing testing and tweaking, many thanks to Mark Kelly who spent a lot of extra time and effort reworking our sound system while he was at it...the PA can be clearly heard throughout the Lodge Room.
- **The Chili & Chicken Soup Dinner** was great but we had a bit of chili left over...ask Tom Roper what to do with 80 gallons of chili.
- We had a **successful pancake feed** last month...Lots of happy faces in the crowd.
- We honored our New Lifetime Members at the **Steak Dinner** this last weekend...several were able to attend...The steak was wonderful, thanks to John Aman and Chuck Steenson's culinary skills; a big thanks to Charles Aman and his friend Andrew who did a great job decorating the tables and making things look nice. The organ music was a nice touch too.
- **Ritual Team did a great job at "Practice under Pressure."** What's this about our Esquire Doug Reinks winning the award for most impressiveness? And I thought it was just the "brotherly love." Apparently Amy Jacobsen really wowed them as did Brother Ryan Hall won 1st as Chaplain! Way to go Ryan!
- Need a home for our old **projection TV** has been removed from the Lodge Room if you or anyone you know is interested please call Sonny Lane and adopt it.
- Rumor has it that we may be able to sell one of our smoke-eaters, since we are no longer able to use them.
- **Thank you to J. Richard Spellman** had won the cash calendar on 1/21 for \$80. He in turn signed it off, sent it back to the Elks which has been put into our General Fund.
- **NEEDED: Teen of the Month Sponsor:** Coordinating with 20 middle school counselors to nominate a boy and girl teen of the month. Award savings bonds at Lodge to each student.
- **NEEDED: Midget Football Liaison:** Coordinate with midget football coaches on needs for equipment and other budget item needs.
- **NEEDED: Membership Committee Chairperson:** Goal to increase our membership in the lodge.
- **NEEDED: Bar Steward:** Ordering food and beverages, inventory control, manage bar staff.



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MARCH EVENTS

- March 5: Lodge Meeting, 7:30 pm
- March 9: Teen of the Month, 2:00 pm
- March 11: Beer & Burger, 5:30 pm
- March 11: American Legion, 7:00 pm
- March 12: Ritual Practice
- March 13: VFW, 7:00 pm
- March 14: Room Rented, Evening
- March 15: St. Patty's Day Dinner
5:30 Cocktails, 6:30 Dinner
- March 17: DOES, 7:00 pm
- March 18: American Legion, 7:00 pm
- March 19: Lodge Meeting, 7:30 pm
- March 20: American Legion, 7:00 pm
- March 25: Beer & Burger
Americanism Night, 5:30 pm
- March 26: Ritual Practice
- March 30: Teen of the Month, 2:00 pm

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