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**Please come and
celebrate with the new Lodge
Officers for 2008-2009....**

Lincoln Lodge 80 Inaugural Dinner

Saturday, April 19

**5:30 pm Cocktails
6:30 pm Dinner**

Menu: Baked Chicken,
Candied Sweet Potatoes, Green
Beans,
Salad, Apple Crisp
& Ice Cream

Cost: \$10 per ticket

Friendly reminder: Children under the age of 12 eat free at our Elk dinners.

The best way to introduce someone to the Lodge is to bring them to a dinner. See John Aman to discuss a special ticket price when inviting a prospective member to dinner.

Installation of Officers



Lincoln Lodge #80

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks
cordially invites you

to attend the public installation of

Mr. Terry L. Edwards, Exalted Ruler

for the Fraternal Year 2008-2009 and his fellow officers

Wednesday, April 16, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

at the Elk Lodge.

Reception following installation.

MEXICAN FIESTA DINNER

— CINCO DE MAYO —



SATURDAY, MAY 3



COCKTAILS AT 5:30 PM DINNER 6:30PM

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Elk's Lodge No. 80 Officers 2008-2009

<i>Exalted Ruler</i> Terry Edwards	<i>Secretary</i> Jerry Wilson
<i>Leading Knight</i> John Brooks	<i>Treasurer</i> Duane Vanderbeek
<i>Loyal Knight</i> Amy Jacobsen	<i>Chaplain</i> Ryan Hall
<i>Lecturing Knight</i> Jeff Sneller	<i>Trustees</i> P.E.R. John Aman, P.E.R. Sonny Lane,
<i>Esquire</i> Doug Rienks	Larry Bratt
<i>Inner Guard</i> Russ Earnest	Randy King
<i>Tiler</i> Sam R. Carter	

NOTES FROM THE EDITORS:

Remember the 17th of April is the EOG article deadline.

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

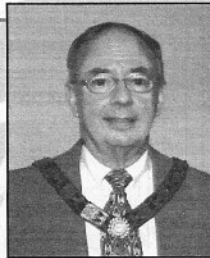
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contact Randy @ 402-450-0978 or
Aimée @ 402-570-3253.

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

EXALTED RULER...

Dear Elks and DOES:

With April comes a fresh start at another Lodge year. New objectives added onto our current ones we want to continue and a new budget. I want to thank all of the Officers, committee chairs and those of you that helped them for the accomplishments that were made to make our community a better place to live in thru the promotion of our youth and Veterans activities. Yes! I want to thank all of you for being a member of our organization, for without your support we couldn't exist.



This month we will have the Installation of our Officers for 2008/2009 at our Lodge Meeting April 16 at 7:30 with District Deputy Mel Nespore doing the honors. I invite all of you to attend to welcome him and the Officers. If you can't make that meeting, I hope you can attend the monthly dinner - April 19th in their honor. This way you can personally congratulate them and thank them for their commitment to our Lodge.

Also this month is the State Convention at North Platte April 26 and 27. Registration forms are available at the Lodge office if you would like to attend. I hope some of you will consider attending as it would be nice to have a Lincoln group present to show support for our Ritual Team that will be performing at 9:00AM Friday the 25th. The coaches and team have devoted a lot of time (every Wednesday evening) to be the best they can be in representing Elks Lodge #80. We will also be performing the Memorial Service on Sunday the 27th at 11:00 a.m. at the State Convention. Go to the Convention and meet fellow Elks from the other Nebraska Lodges!

Here are your Officers for 2008/2009:

Exalted Ruler - Terry Edwards,
Leading Knight - John Brooks,
Loyal Knight - Amy Brooks,
Lecturing Knight - Jeff Sneller,
Esquire - Doug Reinks,
Inner Guard - Russ Earnest,
Tiler - Sam Carter,
Chaplin - Ryan Hall,
Secretary - Jerry Wilson,
Treasurer - Duane Vanderbeek,
Trustees - John Aman,
Sonny Lane,
Larry Bratt and
Randy King.

Fraternally,
Terry Edwards, Exalted Ruler

SECRETARY'S CORNER...

April 1st (aside from being April Fool's Day), is the beginning of the new Elks Lodge Year. The new Lodge Officers for the New Year will be installed the 16th of this month. Please come out to the installation and extend your best wishes. Additionally, I would also like to thank all of you for your prompt return of your dues payments. I am trying to be just as prompt and diligent in getting your new membership cards sent back to you. As I said in the last Elk-O-Gram, the Lodge has lots of positive energy going for it with our monthly activities, youth scholarship / teen of the month, veterans, and other benevolent events. Your attendance or participation





in any of these activities would be very much appreciated.

On a personal note, as I mentioned in the last Elk-O-Gram, the birth of my 4th grandchild, a girl (Jordyn Carly) did occur and she has kept everyone very busy. But the busy part is yet to happen, as you read this, the birth of my 5th grandchild will be happening. And of course this child will also be the best and cutest! So if I am really 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

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| 1 James Searle | 16 Brianna Bergholz |
| 2 William Bray | P.E.R. Tom Roper |
| 3 Vilis Berst | 17 Milan Knezovich |
| Jerry Gorton | P.E.R. James Rakers |
| Lawrence Shepard | 19 Julius Goldberg |
| 4 Richard Meyer | 20 Theodore Paulson |
| 5 Brent Travis | 21 Paul Collicott |
| 8 Donald Leising | Ryan Hall |
| Jack Stone | 22 P.E.R. Dennis Smith |
| 9 David Caudy | 23 Robert Martin |
| 11 Tamera Mowrey | 24 P.E.R. Wesley Durst |
| Roderick Price | Neil Petersen |
| Robert Wise | 26 Ken Krupicka |
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LODGE FACTS... by P.E. R. Harold Harpster

This monthly article is written to provide the Lodge Members a better understanding of the Lodge By-Laws and Grand Lodge Statutes. Information presented is abstracted from the Lincoln Lodge #80 By-Laws and the Grand Lodge Statutes. This months subject is the annual Lodge budget.

In a accordance with Section 12.070 of the Grand Statutes, The Lodge Board of Trustees shall present a segregated budget not later than the final regular meeting of the Lodge in April, making appropriations for each of the several objects for which the Lodge must or may provide out of monies known to be in the possession of the Lodge or estimated to come into it during ensuring Lodge year. Under Section 16.040 of the Grand Statutes, the supervising or managing body of the Club (House Committee), in cooperation with the Board of Trustees, shall present to the Lodge for approval, on or before the final meeting in April of each year, a separate and comprehensive budget for the proposed operation of the Club.

The budgets, either in their original or modified form, must be adopted (approved) by the Lodge at the meeting the budget is presented or at the next regular meeting.

All proposed expenditures of a Lodge, Home, Club or any facility must be included in the annual budgets or approved by vote of the Lodge.

The managing body of the Club (House Committee) shall submit to the Lodge a monthly written report showing its financial condition and condition of its budget as provided in Section 16.040.

Line items (dollar amounts) within an approved budget are estimates and such appropriations are not authorized for expenditure of funds until the Lodge passes a specific motion authorizing of same.

A proposal to spend an amount in excess of the adopted budget must be referred to the Board of Trustees for its consideration and written report; failure to do so is a violation of the Laws of the Order and any further action thereon is void.



Letter of Thanks

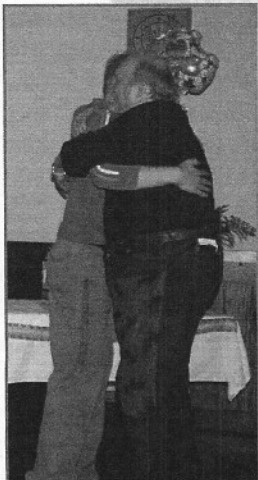
I just want to thank everybody for all of their support with the dinners. I would like to thank you all for being there to help finalize the décor when I am running a little late. Also, thank you for being there to help take down all the decorations. I greatly appreciate all of your help.

You folks are some of the nicest, kindest, and most supportive people. You have really made an impact in my life already. I do hope that will keep going. I also want to thank you for keeping a secret. I was very impressed as to how well my dad pulled it off. He had me hook, line, and sinker. I never saw it coming.

When I won the ball bag, I thought I lucked out! Oh, was I wrong! My ego then set in, and I was officially sitting on top of the world. I thought, the only thing better, would be to have the third ball to fill that bag. And what I didn't know was that my dad had the ball all day long and I never found out. I did not even get a hint! So thank you to all of you for playing along and having a jolly good time! To let you know, it really helped my A-game on the Monday night PBA Experience League at Sun Valley Lanes.

Thank you to my mother and father for going behind my back and surprising me with, yes dad, my "super-gripping-whammy-ball-of-all-times." I absolutely love the "Blue Devil", as it has so been dubbed.

Also, I would personally like to thank all of the kitchen crew who helped my dad. The real reason is honestly because I hear less of, "Charles! Where is this thingy," and more of, "Charles! How's it going in there?" But your help is greatly appreciated. Once again, thank you everybody. We'll see you at the next Elks dinner!
- Charles Aman



OUR MEMBERS...

Deaths:

- Bruce Lightner
- Orville Kingery

Sickness and Distress:

- Art Berthold is now at the Grand Lodge Reserve;
- P.E.R. Richard Blomgren continues to experience difficulties as he recovering from surgery at Tabitha; and
- P.E.R. Ken Studier is at Gold Crest Retirement Center (Adams, NE)

Published for Membership:

- Darlene Brocksmith, transfer demit from Lompoc Lodge, CA

Members Voted & Approved: *None to Report.*

Members Initiated: *None to Report.*

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

- 03/05: meeting was at \$185. Otis Cave was the name drawn, he was not present to win.
- 03/19: meeting was at \$198. Paul Eldien was the name drawn, he was not present to win.

January's hidden membership number was member, *Roland Schessler*, 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.**

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- Youth Activities Website is www.elks80.org



which will provide our community with news and events that are available for the youth.

- Send pictures, articles, information for our website to Randy King at rdking@diodecom.net, or the Lodge media address at EOG.Lodge80@gmail.com to submit your news included in our website.

GENERAL NEWS

- See Terry for more details about the District Deputy Clinic on April 29th
- Melvin Nespor will be here April 16th for our Inauguration of new Officers.....
- Thank You's were read from Ruth Hill Elementary, McPhee Elementary, and others on the Thesauruses and Dictionaries that were handed out. Chuck Meisinger brought two boxes full of cards and Thank You's the kids had made....
- Voted and Approved to give donations to East High's DECA club to help them go to Atlanta for their competition, and the Berean Church's second annual car show on May 17th, "Men and Restoration".
- Several of our youth who were selected from the Americanism contest read their essays at Beer and Burger on March 25, and were well received. Participation is increasing, largely due to the efforts of P.E.R. Sonny Lane. Thank him when you see him for his tireless efforts in the various departments and committees within the Lodge, he spends a ton of time and effort on our behalf.
- a Thank You was read from Mike Killingsworth, Troop 49, for the certificate and Flag he received from our Lodge.
- Grand Island Lodge is sponsoring a day at the races at Fonner Park, April 6, call Terry Edwards if you think you may want to go.
- The regional Hoop Shoot featured kids from Nebraska, Wyoming, Colorado, and Kansas, and Nebraska kids took 3 of 6 slots to move on. Our National winner from the Falls City Lodge won again and advanced, maybe a National repeat on the horizon?
- John Brooks congratulated those who helped prepare and serve (and cleanup!) the St. Patty's Day dinner, it was a great success. Many good remarks were heard about John Aman's famous corned beef and cabbage, new potatoes and carrots. If you didn't make that dinner, you missed a good one.
- A big Thank You to Jody and Scott Schrage for coming to the rescue in the folding and labeling of

our Elk O Gram last month, and to Diane Kurtzer and her daughter in law, Amanda (my favorite banker) for helping. You guys really saved my bacon this time!

- Bids are being solicited for a host for the NE State Elks Association Golf Tournament, it is to be held in the Eastern District (that's us, folk's!) if you want to help sponsor this event, call Sonny Lane.
- Our Teen of the Month celebration was very well received, due in large part to the new A/V equipment that has been installed. Testing and tweaking is still ongoing. We also ran a video during the happy hour of St. Patty's day dinner, that was well received.
- Our PA system continues to perform better, thanks to the efforts of Randy King. An extension was added to the mic stand, to better enable us "tall people" to have our voices heard.
- Steven Wirth reports that the Ritual Team will compete in State Competition April 25 at 9 a.m., they continue to practice Wednesday's at 6:30. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they strive to do their best to represent our Lodge.
- Trustees meeting brought up the fact that with declining revenues from falling membership, increasing prices of utilities, food, liquor and labor, something has got to change. We either need to increase membership dramatically, *right now*, or face cuts in hours of operation of our Club. This is our largest expense, and it has been losing money every day in operation...so you best be coming down for lunch, and bringing your friends, having a couple cold ones with your friends after work, frequently, or we have no choice but to reduce hours of operation, thereby cutting expenses. I know you have heard this before, but if every active member (about 100 of us) brought in one or two new members this year, this problem would disappear...our Lodge was designed to run with a membership of around 600 and we haven't seen that in years...tell your friends why you belong, encourage them to be a part of things, bring them to a dinner or for lunch, invite them to the hoop shoot, soccer shoot, to help cook a dinner, participate in Veterans Activities, assist in a Hunters Safety course. There's a ton of activities going on in our Lodge, but we need membership income to pay the bills and willing helpers to make it all happen....and the time is NOW, fellow Elks....we cannot continue to operate as we have in the past, there WILL be changes....this is YOUR Lodge, be proud of it, support it, promote it....that's all, folks!



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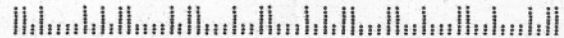
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 2: Lodge Meeting, 7:30 pm
- April 8: Beer & Burger, 5:30 pm
- April 8: American Legion, 7:00 pm
- April 9: Ritual Practice
- April 10: VFW, 7:00 pm
- April 12: Room Rented, Evening
- April 13: Teen of the Month, 2:00 pm
- April 15: American Legion, 7:00 pm
- April 16: Lodge Meeting / Installation, 7:30 pm
- April 17: American Legion, 7:00 pm
- April 19: Inaugural Dinner
Cocktails, 5:30 pm
Dinner, 6:30 pm
- April 21: DOES, 7:00 pm
- April 22: Beer & Burger, 5:30 pm
- April 23: Ritual Practice
- April 25-27: Elks State Association Mtg, North Platte
- April 27: Teen of the Month, 2:00 pm

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