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introduce some-
one to the Lodge
is to bring them
to a dinner.*

*See John Aman
to discuss a spe-
cial ticket price
when inviting a
prospective mem-
ber to dinner.*

Introducing your Officers for 2008-2009

Exalted Ruler.....	Terry Edwards
Leading Knight	John Brooks
Loyal Knight	Amy Jacobsen
Lecturing Knight	Jeff Sneller
Secretary.....	Jerry Wilson
Treasurer.....	Duane Vanderbeek
One Year Trustee.....	Larry Schwindt
Two Year Trustee.....	Sonny Lane
Three Year Trustee	John Aman
Four Year Trustee	Larry Bratt
Five Year Trustee.....	Randy King
Tiler	Sam Carter
Esquire.....	Doug Reinks
Chaplain.....	Ryan Hall
Inner Guard.....	Russ Earnest

NOTES FROM THE EDITORS:

**Remember the 24th of May
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 @ 402-570-3253.

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

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 2008-2009

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| <i>Exalted Ruler</i>
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Ryan Hall |
| <i>Lecturing Knight</i>
Jeff Sneller | <i>Trustees</i>
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P.E.R. Sonny Lane,
Larry Bratt,
Randy King,
Larry Schwindt |
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| <i>Tiler</i>
Sam R. Carter | |

courses, member of the House Committee, helping the with monthly newsletter and now a Trustee.

John Aman received the Officer of The Year citation for all his work as head of the House Committee, Trustee; and he and his family in the kitchen preparing some of our dinners.



2007-2008 Officer of the Year recognition was presented to P.E.R. John Aman

I am probably leaving out many other activities these gentlemen are involved in to promote our Lodge. Many thanks to you both from all of us.

Hope you all can attend the Annual Youth Recognition Day Awards Ceremony Monday, May 5th at the Southeast Community College (8800 "O" Street).

Dave Kirby has been chairing this event for many years and we owe him our support for all the work he does for the Scholarship Awards and Teen of the Month. This is a very important project for our Lodge in reaching out to the community and Dave needs your support and help.

Memorial Day is May 26th and I hope we all will take time to remember our families and friends who have shared their lives with us and our Veterans who we have promised never to forget.

We are making history today by what we do.

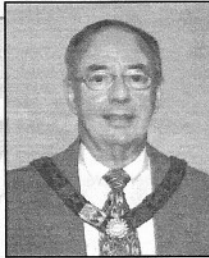
If you are going to California this summer, plan on attending the National Elks Convention in Anaheim beginning July 6th to the 10th. See what all the Lodges in others States are doing.

Fraternally,
Terry Edwards, Exalted Ruler

EXALTED RULER...

Dear Elks and DOES:

It is a great honor and privilege to be installed as your Exalted Ruler for the 2008-2009 year. Assembled with me is a great cadre of officers dedicated to the principles of Charity, Justice Brotherly Love and Fidelity.



I want to thank those of you who were able to attend the Installation or the Inaugural Recognition Dinner, as these officers spend a lot of their free time working on committees to make this Lodge go forward. Also, thanks to the many Elks and DOES that help them with the committees. We couldn't accomplish what we do without your help.

Your Ritual Team will have competed at the State Convention in North Platte.

Our own Charles Meisinger will be ending his year as State Association President. Thank you to Chuck and Kathy for representing our Lodge so faithfully thru the State Chairs and as President.



2007-2008 Elk of the Year recognition was presented to Randy King

Thanks to Randy King, who was awarded the Elk of the Year citation for all the activities he's involved with which range from Eagle Scout presentations, teaching Hunter Safety

"I firmly believe that any man's finest hour, the greatest fulfillment of all that he holds dear, is the moment when he has worked his heart out in a good cause and lies exhausted on the field of battle-victorious."

-- Vince Lombardi,
Legendary Football Coach



SECRETARY'S CORNER...

Finally, Spring / Summer weather is here, we can finally get out of the house and enjoy the experience. It certainly makes going the Lodge for meetings, or the Club for lunch or dinner an enjoyable event. Please stop by for lunch, or for one of the dinners, better yet; just stop by and say hello to Cheri (in the office), and of course; me!



Thanks to all of you that have paid your dues, for those 30% of you who have not, please make every effort to send in your payment. A strong membership is essential for the Lodge to continue with the many community programs and charitable activities that it does.

Please take a minute to fill out the "addressed postcard" included with this month's Elk-O-Gram to 1) tell us what you like about your Elks Lodge/ Club, and 2) tell us what you would like to see improved. Your comments will be much appreciated.

For the record, as I mentioned in the last Elk-O-Gram, the birth of my 5th grandchild was expected. The event did occur; the baby was a girl, named Karina Marie, and of course she has kept everyone very busy.

Also; for those needing to make contact with me after the middle of this month, I will be out of the office for two weeks. I will be checking in with Cheri in the office on a regular basis and checking e-mails if you are so inclined; so as to make my absence transparent to the Lodge.

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

What is an American?...

There were 96 student essays received from 9 Lincoln schools who participated in the Annual Americanism Essay contest.

The subject of this years contest was "What is an American?"

Eight students in grades 5 through 8 read their essays for the Elk's membership and for Brigadier General Kadavy from the Nebraska Army National Guard. Many of our members have served our United States military in one form or another. We are always proud to recognize our veterans.

The annual contest is open to all students in grades 5 through 8. All winners at the local area received \$50 savings bonds.

This year our winners were as follows: Amber Allen, Breonna Bienka, Mathhew Brauch, Trange Le, Tymber Long, Joel Spiehs, Erin Tharnish, Lanea Vanek, Mire Yousef and Jimmy Zu.

Winner's essays for each grade were also sent to compete in the State competition.

Thank you to P.E.R. Sonny Lane for another successful event and to all those who participated in the set-up, preparation, and clean-up for the beer and burger meal. This was another year of success!



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OUR RITUAL TEAM...

Lincoln Lodge No. 80's officers will have competed in the Ritual contest on Friday, 04/25/08, 9:00 a.m. at the 96th Annual Nebraska Elks Association State Convention.

Your coaches have been working hard to mold a great group of officers into a fine performing team.

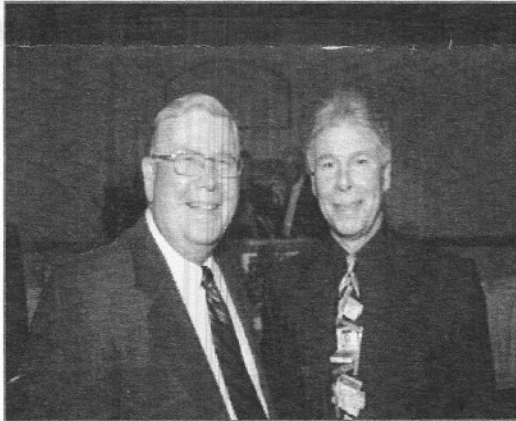
Many hours of memorization, as well as fine tuning their movements and accurate word pronunciation has gone into their preparation to be the best.

A big thanks to John Brooks, who has donated the tuxedo, so this year's team will look impressive during their speech deliveries.

We will be competing against 6 other teams from across the state which includes Omaha #39, Ogallala #1760, Grand Island #604, York #1024, Kearney #984 and Falls City #963.

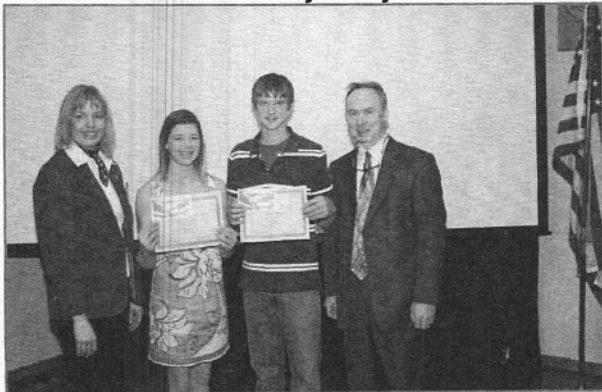
A full report, with pictures, will be forthcoming in our next ELK-O-GRAM.

Thanks to everyone for your support in Ritual and believing in Lincoln Elks Lodge #80.



Richard R. Todd & Stephen F. Wirth, *Ritual Coaches*

Thank you to those who volunteer time to enrich our community and youth!



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| 4 | Teana Chilsted | 21 | Randy Strobe |
| | James M. Kirk | | Neil Stuthmann |
| | Phil Maddern | 22 | Larry R. Bratt |
| 5 | Jack Russell | | P.E.R. Sonny Lane |
| 6 | Jeff J. Treu | 23 | Richard A. Carter |
| 8 | Walt W. Hays | 24 | E. H. "Al" Kauffman |
| | Larry L. Schmutte | 25 | Philip C. Sprague |
| 10 | Lawrence E. Wulf | 26 | Darrell Martin |
| 14 | Robert Dankleff | 29 | Judson Douglas, III |
| | Joseph L. Hanigan | | Marvin J. Goodding |
| 20 | Merril P. Allen | | |

OUR MEMBERS...

Deaths:

- Harry Niederhaus, died 4/15/2008.

Sickness and Distress:

- P.E.R. Richard Blomgren continues to experience difficulties as he recovering from surgery at Tabitha

Published for Membership:

- Gary Buckmaster, a transfer demit from Lake of the Ozarks Lodge, MO; and
- Sean Smetter proposed by John Aman; and
- Matthew Kosmicki proposed by John Aman

Members Initiated: *None to Report.*

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

- **04/02:** meeting was at \$212. Larry Bratt was the name drawn, he was present to win, but unfortunately, he was "Hula-ing" (vacationing in Hawaii) versus being in attendance at the last meeting, so he was not a winner. Sorry Larry.
- **04/16:** there was no drawing due to the installation of officers ceremony and reception.

April's hidden membership number was member, *Linda Denkinger*, 15490.

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

- Our **Teen of the Month program** has enjoyed using the new projector and screen at the Lodge and are very pleased to be using this upgraded technology...
- When our **Ritual Team performed at State competition**, apparently Terry Edwards was doing his Superman routine without a phone booth. Ask Terry about his "brief" experience...
- **Plans are moving forward for the renovation of the Club**, some of the initial plans are looking really good.
- Our **Club had a slight increase in beverage prices, as did our lunch menu**, reflecting the ever increasing cost of gasoline.
- We are **recycling our aluminum cans**, if you want to contribute to the cause, bring your cans to the club, the bartenders know what to do with them.
- We have a **new flag flying underneath our American Flag, thanks to John Brooks**. The POW flag has been authorized by Grand Lodge to be flown at Lodges across the country.
- Look for photos and a write-up to follow this month's issue on our success with **Hunter's Safety classes**.

Congratulations to John Aman for being voted Officer of the Year, and Randy King for being voted Elk of the Year. Congratulate them for their awards and thank them for their willingness to make time for the extra needs of our Lodge. If you would like to be more involved with our Lodge, contact E.R. Terry Edwards.

- **Scholarship Awards will be given at Southeast Community College on May 5.** Come and show your support for education of the youth in our community that will be recognized for their efforts. Call the Office, Terry Edwards or Sonny Lane for more information.
- Some of our old unused gaming equipment sold on E-Bay, helping the Building Fund coffers... A big **"Thank You"** to **Jason Brooks** for heading up this effort.

Mother of All Garage Sale

The DOES had a booth at the "Mother of all garage sale" on Saturday, April 5 at the Event Center. It was a great success!

We would to thank all the Elks and DOES that contributed things to sale.



We would also like to thank all the workers; Russ & Wilma Chestnut, Dorothy Haar, Wauneta Peterson, Cheryl Pope, Kelli Stanley Smith, Vera Wendlein, Jan Wieting, Kim & Pat Wiseman, Roger & Kay White, Jake & Marjorie Wyant.

Thanks again for all your help!

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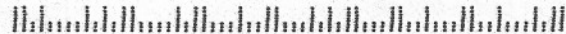
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 3:** Cinco de Mayo Dinner
Cocktails, 5:30 pm
Dinner, 6:30 pm
- May 5:** Youth Recognition, Southeast
Community College, 7:00 pm
- May 7:** Lodge Meeting, 7:30 pm
- May 8:** VFW, 7:00 pm
- May 13:** Beer & Burger, 5:30 pm
- May 13:** American Legion, 7:00 pm
- May 15:** American Legion, 7:00 pm
- May 16:** Room Rented, Evening
- May 17:** Room Rented, Evening
- May 19:** DOES, 7:00 pm
- May 20:** American Legion, 7:00 pm
- May 21:** Lodge Meeting, 7:30 pm
- May 27:** Beer & Burger, 5:30 pm
- May 31:** Room Rented, Evening

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