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

Flag Ceremony

Saturday, June 14th @ 1:00 p.m.
The Landing
3500 Faulkner Drive

In this day and age when Patriotism is seemingly a lost art, we need to honor and remember our flag. Please come to celebrate our freedom and country.

UPCOMING DINNER:

Friday, June 20, 2008

Jamaican Dinner

5:30 p.m. Cocktails

6:30 p.m. Dinner

(For menu details contact
P.E.R. John Aman at 402-475-7500.)

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.

TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2008

BEER AND BURGER! NEW MEMBER DRIVE

An increased membership is vital to Elks Lodge # 80. I invite everyone to the Beer and Burger on Tuesday, June 24th at 5:30 p.m. Bring prospective new members and they eat free! We will have several of our members discuss the rewards of being an Elk.

I am challenging each of you to go out and get a new member this year. I have set the goal for our lodge of 50 new members by April 1st, 2009. Help us make that goal come true. I personally have set a goal of 12 new members by myself. I challenge anyone to recruit 12 new members and surpass my goal.

I look forward to seeing you on the 24th. If you do not have a prospective member, come anyway. We need your support!

Amy Jacobsen - '08 Loyal Knight

Thank you to everyone who helped with the **Cinco De Mayo Dinner** in May. This was a delicious dinner. BIG thanks to John Brooks and Sonny Lane for sponsoring and cooking.

Some of our friends and DOES came to the dinner in their Kentucky Derby attire. Don't you love to see when people have a great time and get into the spirit of a special event?



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



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Loyal Knight

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Randy King,

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with this event as it really demonstrates what we do in the community. You should be proud to be an ELK!

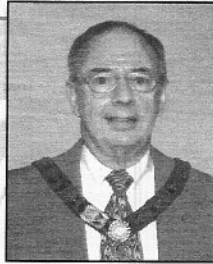
Finally, I hope you took some time to return the card in last months edition asking you what you liked about the Lodge/Club and what you would like to see improved. We are trying to communicate with everyone as we have little feedback at the Lodge meetings. Thank you for your responses!

Fraternally,
Terry Edwards, Exalted Ruler

EXALTED RULER...

Dear Elks and DOES:

This Spring weather really brings people out to the Lodge activities. It's great to see the Lodge filled for the dinners and also the Beer and Burger Nights - (Our thanks to the volunteer cooks and helpers).



Our main goal is to increase membership this Lodge year and to jump-start it, Amy Jacobsen is hosting the Beer & Burger Night on Tuesday, June 24th. She is asking all of us to invite someone we feel would like to learn what Elk's do in the community and see if they would be interested in joining with you in this great Elk's organization. Officers will be present to explain the various activities. Invite them to join you that evening and enjoy an evening of friendship.

Also in June, every Elk's Lodge will celebrate Flag Day on Saturday the 14th with a Flag Ceremony at The Landing at 1:00 p.m. Invite your friends, neighbors and relatives to attend and learn about the history and respect for the flag of our country. Take time to show respect for our service men and women and the flag they defend.

Plans for the Club remodeling are shaping up and we hope to have some plans available for all to see soon!

Hope you read the article in the Neighborhood Extra on the Youth Recognition Day Awards Ceremony held May 5th. Over 500 attended and scholarships totaling \$30,000 were awarded. Four of the scholarships went to children or grandchildren of members of the Lodge.

A big thanks to Dave Kirby and all that helped him

SECRETARY'S CORNER...

Summer time and vacation, I hope that you are enjoying both.

However, there something's that remain constant, your Lodge and Club never go on vacation. Meetings, dinners, and lunches are still on-going. If you are staying close to home this year for vacation, please stop by for lunch and good company; you can even say hello to Cheri (in the office), and of course, me!



Thanks to all of you that have paid your dues, for those 20% 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. I will be sending out second notices in early July, and a delinquent list will be published in August or September.

Thank you all for filling out and sending in the yellow postcard, your comments were much appreciated, and hopefully we can make some changes to make the Lodge a better place.

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



"GOLD is once again discovered in Nebraska" by Stephen F. Wirth, P.E.R. Girl Scout Chairman

That's Right! It was June 1998, almost 10 years ago, since Lincoln Elks Lodge # 80 participated in the Girl Scout Gold Award recognition ceremony presented by the Homestead Girl Scouts Council.

June 8th, 2008, our Lodge will once again be a part of this beautiful service which will be held in our State Capital rotunda at **2:00 p.m.** Chairman, Stephen Wirth (P.E.R.) has been working with Tracy Stewart, Program Specialist, for the Girl Scouts Spirit of Nebraska Council, Homestead Service Center. Tracy has provided names of the Gold Award recipients from Lincoln and surrounding communities, who are in their final stages of project completions.

Our Lodge Secretary, Jerry Wilson, made contact with the Elks Chicago office and will be receiving the Gold Award certificates which will be presented on behalf of our Lodge.

The offices of U.S. Congressman Jeff Fortenberry and the Honorable Adrian Smith have been contacted and certificates of recognition will be coming from both who represent recipients from their districts. In addition, each girl who has attained the level of Gold Award, will receive an American Flag, which has been flown over our nation's capital and accompanied by a certificate of authenticity, as well as a letter of recognition congratulating the awardee for their accomplishment. Thanks to Erin Halligan Trummer (Fortenberry) and Gini Heinz (Smith) Staff Assistants for helping to make this possible. Also, I want to thank Randy King, Boy Scout Chairman for his guidance and all the Trustees for their support in this very worth while endeavor.

You are all invited to witness a milestone in these young individuals' lives which, through their hard work and accomplishments, will make them even stronger to face the challenges awaiting them in their future.

LODGE FACTS

written by Harold Harpster, P.E.R.

This month's article pertains to the receipt of Lodge funds (income) and the expenditure of the funds received. Information presented is abstracted from the Lincoln Lodge # 80 By-laws and the Grand Lodge Statues.

In accordance with Section 4 of the Lodge By-Laws and Section 12.050 of the Grand Statues, the Lodge Secretary shall receive all money due to the Lodge, from any source whatever, record the receipt, and pay them over to the Lodge Treasurer. The Secretary, at the next Lodge meeting, under "Receipts Of The Lodge", should report all monies received since the previous meeting or report. One must remember that funds derived from the dining room, bar, fund raising activities, and other Lodge services are Lodge funds and shall be turned over to the Lodge Secretary.

Article XIII, "Bills Against The Lodge", of the Lodge By-Laws, requires that no orders for the payment of bills against the Lodge shall be signed by the Exalted Ruler and Secretary until such bills have been approved by a majority vote, by the members, at a regular meeting of the Lodge.

Recurring bills, (bills for utilities, bar products, food, etc.) may be paid without prior Lodge approval when approved by the Board of Trustees. The payment shall be read at the next Lodge meeting.

Expenditures from earmarked funds

(Scholarship, Children's Christmas Party, Midget Football, etc.) must be handled as "Bills Against The Lodge" after approval of the Committee in charge of the fund. Special funds are kept segregated under the control of the Treasurer. Earmarked funds should not be issued for any other purpose.

All expenditures by the Lodge, during said Lodge year, must be kept within the limits of the appropriations within the approved Lodge budget. When a proposal is made for any expenditure in excess of the adopted budget, such proposal shall be promptly referred to the Board of Trustees for consideration and written recommendation, to be filed no later than the next regular Lodge meeting. Such proposal may then be adopted by not less than two-thirds vote of the Lodge members present at a regular meeting.

Committee chairmen having earmarked funds obligated in the Lodge Annual Budget, should plan ahead for when funds are required, and obtain a payment voucher from the Lodge Secretary. Complete the voucher and present it at a Lodge regular meeting requesting approval from the Lodge members. If approved, the Exalted Ruler and Secretary will approve the request for payment. Remember that all Lodge expenditures must be presented to the membership for approval at a regular Lodge meeting.



RITUAL NEWS

written by Rich Todd, P.E.R.

The Lodge's Ritual team, which is composed of the current officers, competed in State Ritual competition April 25th in North Platte in conjunction with the State Convention. In this competition, teams from Lodges all over the state perform the Initiation Ritual before 5 Judges and 2 word accuracy judges and are scored based on their rendition of the Ritual as it compares to a judging criteria that is applied to all teams.

Our team performed quite well, capturing third place in the competition. Ogallala won with a score of 97.1930, Omaha was second with 96.1498 and we were third with 95.6600.

Officers also compete individually against the other officers in their same position. The highest scoring individual at each chair is determined to be "All State." Our Lodge had one All State winner - Steve Wirth was judged the best Candidate in the competition. Jeff Sneller, Leading Knight, scored the highest in his chair, but was not eligible for the award as he was a repeat performer in that part. We had three officers who finished second in their respective chairs: Doug Reinks, Esquire, Amy Jacobsen, Lecturing Knight and John Brooks, Loyal Knight. Other team members were Terry Edwards, Exalted Ruler; Father Ryan Hall, Chaplain and Russ Earnest, Inner Guard. Steve Wirth is also the Coach of the team.

The winning team normally goes on to compete on the National level at the Grand Lodge Convention. However, some of the Ogallala team members were unable to make the trip and the Omaha Lodge will represent Nebraska at Grand Lodge. Good Luck to the 49ers from Omaha.



STATE CONVENTION NEWS

written by Rich Todd P.E.R.

April 27th was the final day of State Convention in North Platte and was the end of a very successful year as President for Chuck Meisinger, from our Lodge. On that day he turned the gavel over to Darwin Mast of Cozad Lodge 2250, who will head the State's Lodges for the next year.

Chuck and Kathy 's year started with a trip to Grand Lodge in Charlotte, North Carolina where Chuck marched in the opening ceremonies carrying the Nebraska state flag. Another pleasant task was giving the nomination speech for our own Jack Jensen to be Grand Lodge Secretary. As it turned out this is Jack's last year as Grand Secretary and we will welcome him back to Nebraska sometime after July.



During the year highlights included attendance at many Lodge activities all over the State and meeting with each of the three District Deputies at their clinics. In addition, they attended the State Hoop Shoot, State Soccer Shoot and regional Hoop Shoot competition in Denver. They had the pleasure of seeing three Nebraska shooters advance to National competition, one of which, Maggie Goltz from Falls City. won her age group for the second year in a row.

During Chuck's year several Lodges had an increase in membership and overall, the loss of membership was slowed and he sees better times ahead in this regard. He is convinced that membership is the most important factor in sustaining our great organization. In his final words to the members on Sunday, Chuck thanked everyone for helping to provide him with one of the most memorable and rewarding years of his life.



ELKS AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS

written by Rich Todd, P.E.R.

An audience estimated at 500 was in attendance as the Lincoln Elks Lodge # 80 held their Youth Day Program on Monday, May 5th at Southeast Community College. On April 9, 2008 Governor Dave Heineman proclaimed the first week in May to be "Elks National Youth Week." Elks Lodges across the State and Nation hold honors convocations for the students in their Lodge jurisdiction. Dave Kirby, Youth Activities Chairman for the Lodge emceed the evenings activities which included a welcome by Jeanette Volker, Chancellor of Southeast Community College.

Twenty-six seniors were awarded scholarship totaling \$30,000 while almost 200 juniors were recognized with certificates for excellence in 16 different Academic and Activity areas.

Scholarships were awarded to students from nearly all of the Lincoln Public High Schools plus Pius X, Lincoln Christian, Norris, Waverly, Crete and Norris. Sixteen of the scholarships awarded were provided by the Lincoln Elks Lodge Charitable Fund and are funded by individuals or groups connected with the Lodge. The Lodge awarded ten scholarships, with four of them going to children or grandchildren of members of the Lodge. Two "Most Valuable Student" applications advance to the State Elks Association for further judging and the possibility of being granted additional scholarship monies.

The evening concluded with refreshments furnished the Lodge.

Following funded by Smith Fund for member's children and grandchildren, only.

Paulding Smith Scholarship

Kyle King, Southwest HS

Esther Smith Scholarship

Anna L. Aman, attending University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN (Pius X)

Exalted Ruler Legacy Scholarship (female)

Ashley Sneller, attending SECC (East HS)

Exalted Ruler Legacy Scholarship (male)

Alexander Baruth, attending UNL (Norris HS)

Following funded by Lincoln Elks Lodge #80 Charitable Fund.

Jack M. Jensen Scholarships

Sarah McClure, Pius X HS;
Jeff Bohlken, Northeast HS

Vincent Collura Scholarship

Kyle King, Southwest HS

Vic Meisinger Scholarship

Taylor Cratsenberg, Norris HS

Rob Armagost Scholarship

Karis Parker, Lincoln HS

Glenn Tyrrel Scholarship

Joshua De Vries, Norris HS

Dan Holmstedt Scholarship

Graham Thurber, East HS

Joanne Durst Teaching Scholarship

Karis Parker, Lincoln HS

Wesley Durst Scholarship for Science Education

Claire Aylward, Pius X HS

Maude Hollingshead Scholarship

Luke Dirks, East HS

Grace Metcalf Scholarship

Emily Derks, Norris HS

James Gray Scholarship

Catrina K. Harris, Waverly HS

Alex "Bud" Dietrich Scholarship

Ryan D. Dance, Norris HS

B.P.O. DOES (women's auxiliary)

Brittany Shipman, Lincoln Christian HS

Harlan "Lee" Erisman Scholarship

Nicole Whitehead, North Star HS

Graydon Rathbun Scholarship

Christine Rahorst, Norris HS

Most Valuable Student Scholarships funded by Lodge with top male and female send on to the State Association for further consideration

First place Male - Brandon Schlautman, Pius X HS

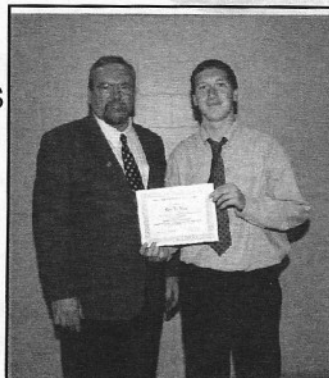
First place Female - Kristen Benson, North Star HS

Second place Male - Ethan McWilliams Pius X HS

Second place Female - Tasha Muff, Crete HS

Third place Male - Joshua Wiley, Norris HS

Third place Female - Katie TenHulzen, Norris HS



Randy King and son,
Kyle King



- 3 James Baruth
- 4 P.E.R. Glen Dwight Pumel
- 5 Lowell Poague
- 6 Kevin Rhodes
John Stephenson
- 8 Rex Jensen
- 10 Gary Reineke
J. Richard Spellman
Leon Vinci
- 11 Richard Bergholz
- 17 Alex Borchardt
- 19 P.E.R. Patrick McCashland
- 20 W. Richard Baker
- 23 Joe Selvage
- 24 P.E.R. Kenneth Studier
- 25 James Dill
- 26 Russell Earnest
Thomas Ferneau, III
Harold Hansel
- 27 P.D.D., P.E.R. Harold Harpster
- 28 Thomas Holland
- 29 Darlene Brocksmith
Christopher Tuner
- 30 Leon Lehr

NOTES FROM THE EDITORS:

Remember the 26th of June 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 May mailing.

OUR MEMBERS...

Deaths: *We extend our sympathies to the family and friends of our deceased members:*

- Frank Vogt, died on April 16, 2008; and
- Don Singleton, died on May 6, 2008.

Sickness and Distress:

- P.E.R. Ken Studier in Gold Crest Retirement Center (Adams, NE), his Parkinson's has become more serious; and
- Charles Kruse is home recovering; and
- John Zimmer is home recovering.

Published for Membership:

- Darrell Bowman, propped by John Aman
- Cynthia "Cindi" Card, proposed by John Aman
- Aaron Gengler, proposed by John Aman
- Rick Taylor, reinstatement
- Mark Tremain, reinstatement

Members Initiated - May:

- Matthew Kosmicki proposed by John Aman

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

- **05/07:** meeting was at \$227. Richard Logan was the name drawn, he was present to win.
- **05/21:** meeting was at \$240. Information unavailable at the time of printing. Will publish next issue.

May's hidden membership number was member, *Lowell Poague, 09535.*

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.**

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SYMPATHIES

We extend our sympathies to the family and friends of:

- **Brent Travis** in the loss of his mother, Marjorie Travis.
- **The Dietrich family** in the loss of Jacob Dietrich (Bud's Dietrich's brother). Jacob was the eldest of the four Dietrich brothers, who were all Elks at one time in their lives.

GENERAL NEWS

- 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.
- **Membership dinner moved to June 24th**, mark your calendars and bring a potential new member (and spouse, if applicable) their dinners are free.
- **Initiation to be June 4th** at the meeting...Cynthia Card, Aaron Gengler and Darrell Bowman were proposed by John Aman. Come to the meeting and give our new members a warm welcome and congratulation.
- **NEED HANDS:** John Aman need your help for a dinner on July 18, call John Aman at 475-7500.
- **LUNCHEs:** We have a chance to make a ton of money for the Lodge by making up sandwiches for lunch, and cooking a dinner for a group renting the Lodge, but we need help to pull it off, please call John Aman and volunteer a few hours...its great fun and for a good cause.
- **Elks Bowling League** holds the title as the longest continually running league in the City. Their scholarship fund is up to \$6,000 now, and this year they sponsored a fundraiser dinner. Hats off to our bowlers....
- Ask **Vi Berst** about his "Freedom Flight" and whirlwind tour of Washington D.C and the Veteran's Memorials. Out to D.C. and back in one day.
- **Thanks to Rich Todd** for sending the nice article to the Neighborhood Extra about our Scholarship night at Southeast Community College. We had over 500 in attendance, largest turnout of recipients we've ever experienced.

- And you will see several Scouts as they assist in the **Flag Day** ceremony at Landing on Saturday, June 14th, 1:00 p.m. as our flag bearers.
- John Aman is working on permits for Club Manager and Liquor licenses, we are making progress....our tax exempt status was approved again this year.
- Jeff Sneller and Amy Jacobsen are working on revising our **Drug Awareness** information, be sure to tell them "Thanks" when you see them.
- There will be an **Investment Committee meeting Wednesday June 4 at 6:30**, prior to the meeting, AND we will be voting on issues surrounding the Club remodeling, Kitchen renovation, and Furnace-A/C replacement, all of which are top priorities and will have to have our attention this year...*be sure to be at this meeting, your input is needed.*
- Terry Edwards **won the member drawing** and donate his winnings to ENF. Our goal this year is \$4.25, and we are at a whopping \$.31... Let's get those red banks filled up.
- Hats off to Larry Schwindt and Larry Bratt, who volunteered to be the "**Official Clockwinder**" for our Grandfather clock in the entry, and also to be the "**Can Recyclers**", who will take our aluminum cans to recycling...the monies derived from recycling will go to ENF, and should average about \$100 or more a year.

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A friendly reminder to you and our guests who visit our Lodge Room:

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Thank you!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 4:** Lodge Meeting, 7:30 pm
- June 7:** Room Rented, Evening
- June 10:** Beer & Burger, 5:30 pm
American Legion, 7:00 pm
- June 12:** VFW, 7:00 pm
- June 14:** Flag Ceremony
@ The Landing, 1:00 pm
Lodge Room Rented, Evening
- June 17:** American Legion, 7:00 pm
- June 18:** Lodge Meeting, 7:30 pm
- June 19:** American Legion, 7:00
- June 20:** Cocktails, 5:30 pm
Jamaican Dinner, 6:30 pm
- June 21:** Room Rented, Evening
- June 23:** DOES, 7:00 pm
- June 24:** Beer & Burger—
Membership Drive Dinner, 5:30 pm
- June 28:** Room Rented, Evening

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