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## **Saturday, July 26, 2008**

### **ELK RIB FEST**

**5:30 p.m. Cocktails**

**6:00 p.m. Dinner**

Tickets are \$10 as usual. *Children under 12 years eat free at our Elk dinners.*

On Saturday, July 26th the Lodge will present a dinner of baby back ribs, corn on the cob, baked beans, potato salad, Cole slaw and apple pie ala mode. The ribs will be dry rubbed and barbecued to perfections: succulent and tender. The corn will be half-ears simmered in saltwater and cream. This is a sponsored dinner by Past Trustee Gary Aksmit who is underwriting the entire affair.

The dinner will also feature a raffle with some great prizes, two pairs of "Forever Tickets" to a future dinner, and American flag and other great items.

This is a celebration of our American life: baseball, apple pie & the flag. We have apple pie for dessert; flags for raffle prizes; so that leaves baseball. Some of us have talked about playing some very "low level" pitch and catch or light softball in an area away for the Lodge. Anyone interested, call John Aman @ his office: 475-7500 and leave a message.

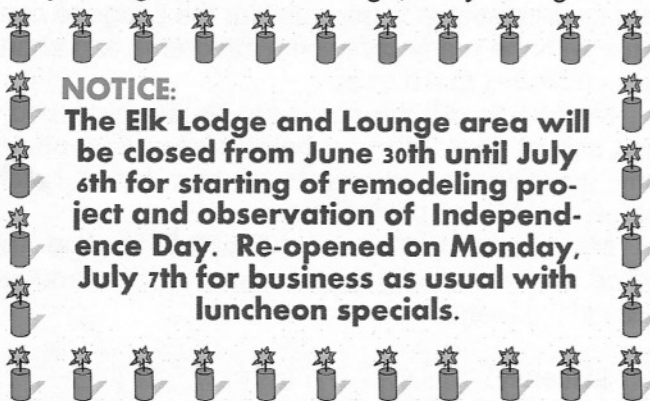
Next year, we hope to organize an informal Elks Collector Car Show on the parking lot. Let us know what you think.

This should be a fun day, starting at lunch. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. until we run out of ribs.

Ticket are \$10 as usual. This is a real bargain!

Please call your reservations into the Lodge (421-6363) or you can purchase your ticket at the temporary Lounge area at the Lodge, or by calling John "Bj" Aman (475-7500).

*written by P.E.R. John Aman, House Committee*



**NOTICE:**

**The Elk Lodge and Lounge area will be closed from June 30th until July 6th for starting of remodeling project and observation of Independence Day. Re-opened on Monday, July 7th for business as usual with luncheon specials.**

See page 5 for more information about ordering **ELK polo shirts.** Call 421.6363 Jerry Wilson to order your polo.



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



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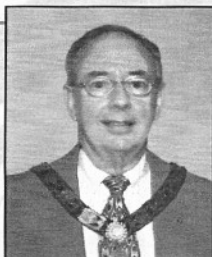
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**EXALTED RULER...**

**Dear Elks and DOES:**

With summer here, everyone is busy going on vacations, mowing the yard and just grilling outside. What a wonderful time of the year as families get together and celebrate our Nation's Birthday with parades and fireworks. At the Lodge there will also be a celebration as some members have come forward with the funds to remodel the Lounge area and replace the ceiling tiles in the building. After about eighteen (18) years it is certainly in need of some remodeling. As you read this, the project will have already begun starting Sunday, June 29th, with volunteers removing everything from the Lounge area so the construction can begin Monday the 30th. In advance thanks to all those who will be helping. Our own members, Steve Massey and Harold Harpster, will be in charge of this project which will take two to three weeks to finish. When complete we will have a Grand Re-Opening Celebration for all to see. Watch for a post-card for this event.



June was a busy month with Steve Wirth re-starting our involvement with the Girl Scouts Awards, Randy King getting the Flag Day event planned and Amy Jacobsen in charge of the inviting prospective members to the Lodge for our Beer and Burger night.

We had over 40 guests come to learn about what we are all about on June 24th Beer and Burger Night. I am sure we will get new members through this effort.

Also, I want to say "What a great Jamaican dinner for all to enjoy the 20th!" Thank you to all the

volunteers that make these events possible for our members and the community.

As you read this Vivian and myself will be attending the Grand Lodge Convention at Anaheim, CA from July 6th - 10th. It is an honor and privilege to represent our Lodge at this event. Hopefully I will be able to see the Omaha Ritual team perform as they represent the State of Nebraska.

Have a Happy and safe July 4th!

Fraternally,  
Terry Edwards,  
Exalted Ruler



**SECRETARY'S CORNER...**

It is hoped that you will have a safe July 4<sup>th</sup>, especially if you are traveling anywhere.

July will not have as many meetings around the Lodge as normal, but the Lounge area will be open as usual.

If you are on vacation and decided to stay around Lincoln'land, try us out for lunch.

Thanks to all of you that have paid your dues. For those who have not, second notices will be mailed toward the end of July. The names of those who are delinquent after August 15<sup>th</sup>, will be published in the Elk-O-Gram. Please make every effort to send in your payment. If you did not receive your dues notice because of an address change, etc; please call the Lodge Office, or just send in your dues and earmark your check "2008 ELK DUES". A strong membership is essential for the Lodge to continue with the many community programs and charitable activities that it does.

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](mailto:secylodge80@yahoo.com). See you all around the lodge.

Sincerely,  
Jerry Wilson, Secretary







**NOTES FROM THE EDITORS:**

Remember the 17th of July 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 June mailing.



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| 2 Gary L Aksamit           | 15 Jason L Huenink      |
| 3 Kenneth Wellman          | 17 Duane L Vanderbeek   |
| 6 Sterling "Scott" Harwick | 18 R. Bruce Campbell    |
| 9 Stephen Miller           | 19 James A. Reeves      |
| 10 Lupe Damian             | 21 Linda Denkinger      |
| Jeff Sneller               | Earl Stewart            |
| Norval W Stewart           | 24 Wade A. Graft        |
| 11 Greg Hansen             | 25 Christine Vanderford |
| 12 David Townley           | 30 Randy D King         |
| 13 James H Ray             | 31 David Reiber         |
| 14 Carroll R Burns         |                         |

**B.P.O. Does Drove #4 NEWS...**

Thanks to chairmen Wauneta Peterson, DOES, and all volunteers who helped decorate over 100 graves of deported sister DOES for Memorial Day. A red rose was placed on each grave at 3 cemeteries.

During May the Presidents' Project was held. Many thanks to all who sent in their donations.

Even though its only June we are looking for volunteers to help at the home Nebraska football games in the fall. Please call Dorothyann 466-6598.

*written by Marjorie Wyant President*

**DID YOU KNOW?...**

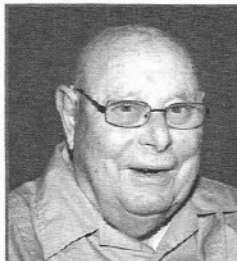
Our Lincoln Elks Lodge # 80 contributed \$54,690 to charitable, educational, patriotic and welfare activities during the 2007 - 2008 Lodge year. Over 9,500 youth and adults benefited from our Lodge programs.

*written by Harold Harpster, P.E.R.*

**LODGE FACTS**

This month's article will discuss the powers and duties of the Lincoln Elks Lodge # 80 Board of Trustees. The Board, subject to the control of the Lodge, have the following powers: (a) control of the funds, investments and real and personal property of the Lodge, not otherwise provided by law, and shall receive and collect the income and rents there from, (b) execute all leases, contracts or other papers when ordered by the Lodge. The Board shall not have the authority for listing of Lodge real estate and/or entering into any sales contract prior to approval of such action by a majority vote of the Lodge. The Board shall hold at least one regular meeting each month and needed special meeting call by the Chairman. They shall keep minutes of each Board meeting and provide a copy of the minutes to the Lodge Secretary at the next regular scheduled Lodge meeting. It shall show the original costs, the due dates and amounts of drafts drawn from the bank by order of the Lodge.

The Trustees shall purchase all supplies ordered by the Lodge and all papers, books and stationary needed by the Officers, hold



the bonds of the Officers and shall present a monthly written report of its transactions at the first regular meeting each month. The purchase of supplies and/or products required for the operation of the Lodge Lounge are the responsibility of the House Committee.

The Board of Trustees shall establish an Accident Prevention Program, with one member designated as Accident Prevention Manager. It shall also present a segregated budget not later than the final regular meeting of the Lodge in April.

It must be remembered that all actions of the Board of Trustees are subject to the will of the Lodge set forth in proper resolution. The Lodge is the supreme power and the Trustees are subject to the will of the Lodge set forth in proper resolution. The Lodge is the supreme power and the Trustees its agents. The Lodge, if it wishes, may provide that a special committee take over a function customarily performed by the Trustees. The Exalted Ruler appoints the members of all committees.



**HONORS GIRL SCOUTS**

*written by Stephen F. Wirth, P.E.R.*

On Sunday afternoon, June 8, in the Rotunda of our state Capitol, Elks 80 was represented at the Gold Award ceremony of the Girl Scouts Spirit of Nebraska Council, during which 16 girls were presented with their "Gold Award," the highest award given by the Girl Scouts.

P.E.R. Stephen Wirth, Chairman of Elks 80's Gold Award Committee, presented each of the girls with a certificate of achievement, a letter of commendation from Elks 80, an American (3' X 5') flag that had recently flown over our Nation's Capitol. The flags were obtained through the office of U.S. Congressman, Jeff Fortenberry.

The Spirit of Nebraska Council, Homestead Service Center, embraces 92 of the 93 counties in Nebraska and represents 19,000 girls under the guidance of 6,000 adult volunteers. Elks Lodge # 80 is honored to be associated with such a tremendous group and to be part of such a wonderful activity. Our lodge salutes this fine organization and extends our utmost **Congratulations** to each of the 16 Gold Award recipients.

Also present to witness the presentations were P.E.R. Richard Todd, Co-Chairman; John Brooks, Esteemed Leading Knight and Photographer; and Terry Edwards, Exalted Ruler.

A reception hosted by the members of the Order of the Silver Trefoil was held after the ceremony at First Christian Church which included various cakes and exceptional punch and coffee. Thanks to Cheryl Judds and all the volunteers for the wonderful warm welcome and hospitality bestowed upon us.

Special thanks to Tracy Stewart, Program Specialist; Girl Scouts Spirit of Nebraska Council; Erin Halligan Trummer, Coordinator for the Office of U.S. Congressman Jeff Fortenberry (Lincoln District Office); Gini Heinz, Staff Assistant for the Honorable Adrian Smith (NE-03); and Jerry Wilson, Secretary of Lincoln Lodge No. 80 for making this presentation a success.

Stephen F. Wirth, P.E.R. Chairman  
Richard R. Todd, P.E.R. Co-Chairman

**OUR MEMBERS...**

**Deaths:**

- Frank Holdsworth, died 5.25.08; and
- John Zimmer III, died 5.30.08

**Sickness and Distress:**

- Charles Kruse at home recovering, scheduled for heart surgery.

**Published for Membership:**

- Christopher Eckery, proposed by Scott Schrage

**Members Initiated-June:**

- Darrell Bowman proposed by John Aman
- Aaron Gengler proposed by John Aman



**Membership Drawing:**

- **06/04:** meeting was at \$258. Donna Davis was the name drawn, she was not present to win.
- **06/18:** meeting was at \$279. Dan Megrue was the name drawn, he was not present to win.

**May's hidden membership number** was member, **Sam Carter**, 15104.

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



Pictured above are 12 of the 16 Girl Scout Gold Award recipients that were present along with Elks 80 representatives.

**Back Row:** E.R. Terry Edwards, Chairman P.E.R. Steve Wirth, Brook Ratcliffe, Heather Berck, Brittany Rife, Macy Perry, Stacia Whisenhunt and Co-Chairman P.E.R. Rich Todd.

**Front Row:** Elizabeth Bouma, Cecily Lorenz, Crystal Hobson, Ariel Shultz, Janessa Whitaker, Dylan Powell and Megen Warren.

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## NOW FOR THE QUICKIES...

### HOUSE COMMITTEE NEWS

- 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.

### SYMPATHIES

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

- **Charles Steenson** in the loss of his mother, Ella "Sue" Steenson.

### GENERAL NEWS

- **Hope that you attended Beer and Burger last Tuesday, successful response from our members and visitors.** The PowerPoint presentation and slideshow of our Lodge that Amy Jacobson, John Brooks and Aimée Dye put together was outstanding.
- **Congrats to our newest members who enjoyed initiation by they Omaha Lodge 30 members,** as they came to practice, they will be representing Nebraska in Anaheim, CA at National. Our Lodge wishes them the best of luck.
- It was voted and approved to give monies to support/sponsor a **youth golf tournament** again this year.
- **Trustees recommended and by majority vote members approve the renovations to the Lounge.** We will move forward on that project as quickly as possible.
- **Trustees also recommended that we purchase a warranty plan on our furnaces and air conditioners from Aquila,** the fee was reasonable, and it buys us a little time to come up with the funds to replace our aging equipment.
- At the last Elk meeting **Aimée Dye received from National in the form of a plaque an outstanding service commendation** for her efforts in being the monthly newsletter editor for our Lodge. Due to her talents with



layout and design, we have arguably the finest Lodge newsletter in the State.

- **Flag Day ceremony at the Landing** went well, many familiar faces from the Lodge, as well as appreciative Landing members, who enjoyed the Patriotic festivities. We had a nice turnout from Troop 64 and Troop 49 Boy Scouts who were our flag bearers for the event.
- Ask Steve Wirth about the recent **Girl Scouts' Gold Award Ceremony at the State Capitol rotunda** or read about it in on page 4 where he presented the Girl Scouts an American Flag flown over the Nation's Capitol in their behalf...first time in 10 years we've had someone step up to the plate and volunteer to oversee this important event.
- The **Jamaican dinner was a success**, many people had a great time at the Lodge. Hats off to John Aman and John Brooks, and the others who helped prepare, serve and clean up afterwards. If you have never helped with a dinner, **please consider volunteering your services and help.** It is great fun and provides a fun evening out for many of our members, great way to make new friends and do something positive for the Lodge and your brother (and sister !) Elks.
- **Thank you to Larry Benac** for donating an Oreck vacuum and bags to the Lodge.

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Our lodge is ordering Elk Polo shirts in men and women sizes. When we have our special events or social events we want to stand out and show our Elk pride in being active members of the Lincoln Lodge # 80.

If you would like to order an Elk Polo in your size, please call Jerry Wilson at 570.2555 or 421.6363 for more details. We need to meet a minimum order. So please call Jerry with your order today.





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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**JUNE 30—JULY 6:** LODGE CLOSED

**July 16:** Lodge Meeting, 7:30 pm

**July 22:** Beer & Burger, 5:30 pm  
Charitable Trust Scholarship Mtg, 7:15 pm

**July 26:** Cocktails, 5:30 pm  
ELK Rib Fest, 6:00 pm

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