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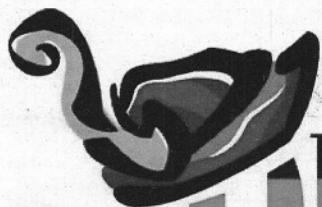
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UPCOMING DINNER

OKTOBERFEST &

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

COCKTAILS 5:30 PM

DINNER 6:30 PM

SALAD, CHOPS,
BRATS, SOUR KRAUT,
GERMAN POTATO SALAD,
GREEN BEANS and DESSERT

Membership Drive

(See more details on page 4.)



NOTES FROM THE EDITORS:

**Remember the 16th
of October
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.

**Cooking again this year will be our Loyal Knight,
John Brooks. We need volunteers to set-up,
decorate, serve and clean-up. More the hands in
helping the quicker and easier the task!**

Call John Brooks at 402.466.1144!

NEXT SCHEDULED DINNER: Saturday, November 15

Phil Stettinger Fried Chicken Dinner

BPO DOES Drove #4

BPO DOES #4 will be having a silent auction on October 24 at the Elks #80 Oktoberfest dinner. The silent auction will include China items painted by Margie Fritz. Donations of new or gently used items, baked goods are needed for the sale. If any Does are Elks can help if would be great. Any questions call President, Marjorie Wyant 423-5939.

Thank you to our vol-
unteers for helping
fold the Elk O Grams
for the September
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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John Brooks
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P.E.R. Sonny Lane,
Larry Bratt,
Randy King,
Larry Schwindt

Deputy. It would be great to have the Lodge room full of ELKS to greet him.

October is also Elks National Foundation month. Our Grand Exalted Ruler, Paul D. Helsel, has set a goal this year of \$4.50 per member which is very attainable. See page for more information on the ENF.

Have a great Fall Season and enjoy your Lodge and fellowship!

Fraternally,
Terry Edwards, Exalted Ruler

EXALTED RULER...

Dear Elks and DOES:

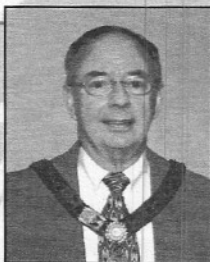
Fall has arrived and with it you are beginning to see the change of colors in the leaves. Also at the Lodge we are beginning to see change with the initiation of 10 new members at the last Lodge meeting and we should have at least 8 new members within the next two months. Thanks to the sponsors who are helping Elksdom grow. Our Lodge has never looked better and more inviting to the recruitment of new members to help us show that Elks Care- Elks Share with our many programs.

Sept 20th was the annual Soccer Shoot with around 100 children participating. Thank you to Doug Reinks for chairing this event and all the volunteers that helped make this a success. Also with over 100 people attending our Sept Ulbrick's Family Style Dinner our thanks go out to John Brooks and the Kitchen crew that served an outstanding meal.

Talking about the kitchen, I hope that you will find it in your heart and pocketbook to help us update out kitchen so we can continue to have these great meals and continue to have lunch every day. Your support in this effort is very important.

Ritual competition is starting up again and some of the officers will be attending the Ritual Clinic Saturday, Oct 11 at the Cozad Elks Lodge. The more new members we have to initiate the better our team performs in the memorization of their lines and motions in preparing for the State competition.

Mark you calendars for the Lodge meeting Wednesday, Oct 15, as our guest will be Rodney Nelson, Eastern Nebraska Grand Lodge District



SECRETARY'S CORNER...

"Trick or Treat", ready or not; Halloween is upon us, and the holidays are fast approaching. Seems overwhelming to think about it, but if you need sanctuary, don't forget the Lodge or Lounge are always a good Oasis to get away from it all for awhile. Other good news; during the past two months, 16 new members have joined the Lincoln Elks Lodge. The Lodge is continuing to move in a "grow" direction and expanding. If you have been somewhat inactive, now is the time to start thinking about coming to the meetings, volunteering for an event, etc.

Two Notifications: There are two proposals to modify the By-Laws.

The **first** proposal is to change the Lodge meeting times from 7:30 pm to 7:00 pm on the first and third Wednesday of each month.

The **second** proposal is to grant a sixty (60) day period between October 1 and November 30 of each year, where the fee for reinstatement in this Lodge of a member stricken from the rolls of this Lodge for non-payment of dues shall be one (1) dollar.

These proposals would be effective beginning this year if voted upon and approved. Per the By-Laws, these proposals must be given to each of the Lodge members in writing, before it can be voted upon. This "notification" satisfies that requirement.

Please make an effort to update your personal information with the Lodge office, should you have changed your mailing address, phone number, and other personal information. The United States Postal Service is reminding us of this each month in a costly manner, as all re-





turned or non-forwarded mail is returned to us. We are charged for the returned mailings at an average cost of \$.75 per item. These return charges amounted to almost \$15 during the past two months. Yes, these costs are part of doing business, unfortunately while the post office is increasing their charges, your Elks Lodge is not, as an effort to make your dues a best value.

Delinquent Dues: Thank you to those who responded to the list published in last month's Elk-O-Gram. For those who did not, I will again publish the delinquent names in next month's Elk-O-Gram. As I have said before, "Dues are a Best Value", only \$7 per month (\$85 annually).

Of note: The District Deputy will be making his annual visit October 15th; he will be reviewing the business activities of the lodge, and attending a lodge meeting. If you only go to one lodge meeting a year, this should be the one. Hope to see you there. 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

LODGE FACTS

This month I would like to quote, for the membership, the qualifications and responsibilities of the Past Exalted Ruler. A Past Exalted Ruler (PER) shall be one who has served his/her Lodge for a full Lodge year as Exalted Ruler, or one who, during period of war, resigned his/her office and entered the Armed Forces or maritime service of the United States, or one who dies in office or who has served the unexpired term of one who, for any cause, failed to complete the term for which he/she was elected, or who has, in like manner, rendered service to a proposed Lodge which is under Dispensation, if the proposed Lodge shall subsequently receive a Charter, or one whose Lodge surrenders its Charter when consolidating with another Lodge.

A member attaining the status of PER is as long as he/she is a member of the Order, entitled to be designated as a PER on his/her membership card. Should a PER transfer to another Lodge he/she does not become a PER of that Lodge, he/she re-



On the third Wednesday of the month, we will be celebrating this month's birthdays following the Lodge meeting.

So come join us for a birthday treat!

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|----|-----------------|----|----------------------|
| 1 | Melvin Brydl | 23 | Ronald Murphy |
| 2 | Erwin Vosta | 24 | Howard Schneider |
| 3 | Gaylord Becker | 25 | Martin Massengale |
| 6 | Regan Hubbard | 27 | Warren Barth |
| 11 | John Zimmer III | | Darrell Bryceson |
| 12 | John Herrod III | | Gary Lavoie |
| 14 | James Geist | 28 | Allen Goslee |
| | James Patterson | | C H Traudt |
| 17 | Stanley Novak | 29 | Hurley "Bill" Carter |
| | Donald Wendelin | | Oliver Nesbitt |
| 20 | Paulette Gerken | 30 | Donald Evans |
| | Douglas Haggart | 31 | Arthur Jones |
| 21 | Steven Blomgren | | |

written by Harold Harpster, P.E.R.

mains a PER of the Lodge which he/she served as Exalted Ruler.

Section 13.190 of the Grand Statutes states that a Lodge shall have a Past Exalted Rulers Association or Advisory Committee, which shall consist of all PER of the Lodge and all PER of another Lodge who are now members of the Lodge. The PER Association shall advise with and extend its council to all Lodge Officers and Committees and shall elect its own Officers, adopt rules for the conduct of business, hold meetings, make recommendations for Lodge Committee appointments, assist the Exalted Ruler and to engage in and make recommendations in other activities which will propate the good of the Lodge and of the Order.

All funds generated or held by the PER Association, other than PER Association dues, belong to the Lodge, may only used if budgeted and approved by the Lodge, and are subject to audit by the Lodge.



NEW MEMBER DRIVE

set for the October 24th Lodge Dinner

article written by Amy Jacobsen

Bring a prospective new member to the October 24th Lodge Dinner and their ticket is half price. Our membership drive during the Beer and Burger earlier this summer resulted in several new Elks and more are waiting to join.

On September 17th we initiated 10 new members! That is a great addition to the Lodge goal of 50 new members by April 1st.

There are incentives to bringing in a new member. Grand Lodge awards a GER pin to anyone bringing in 3 new members. Each time a pin is awarded, the sponsoring members name goes in a drawing to win a VACATION CRUISE for two from Grand Lodge. If you recruit 11 new members between July 1, 2008 and June 15, 2009 you can WIN an Elks watch. Beyond prizes, what better incentive than the satisfaction of knowing you have help "grow" our lodge?

Take pride in our organization and invite an old friend, a new friend, or someone you know who would be a good addition to our Lodge to come to dinner on October 24th. Indicate they are a prospective member for the half price ticket. We will do a short presentation on the benefits of joining. See you there!

Boo at the Zoo is Fast Approaching!

article written by Amy Jacobsen

Do you like kids and Halloween? Does dressing up in costumes sound like a fun time to you? If you are the kind of person who looks forward to trick or treats every year we have a great opportunity for you.

Volunteers are need each night between 4:45 and 8:30 beginning Sunday, October 26th through Thursday, October 30th to help pass out drug awareness coloring books and candy to area kids at the Lincoln Children's Zoo.

This is a new event for Lincoln Lodge #80 and we want it to be a big success. Volunteers are also needed to set up our area at the zoo and to work on ideas for how to decorate our area.

If anyone has large Halloween yard decorations we would be glad to put them to good use.

Contact Amy Jacobsen at 483-6111 if you want to help. You don't have to commit to every night. Every little bit helps. **BOO!**

1200 Drug Awareness coloring books were given to Leadership Lincoln to be included in "Campaign Clean" which distributes hygiene items to needy children in Lincoln Public Schools.

Soccer Shoot Awards Night

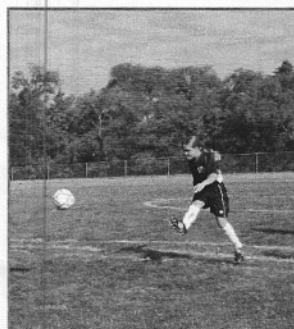
article written by Doug Reinks

The Lincoln Elks Lodge would like to invite all of the trophy winners and their families to a special recognition night for the Soccer Shoot.

The event will take place on **October 28th at 5:30 PM**. It will be held at the Lincoln Elks Lodge in the Trade Center by 56th and Highway 2.

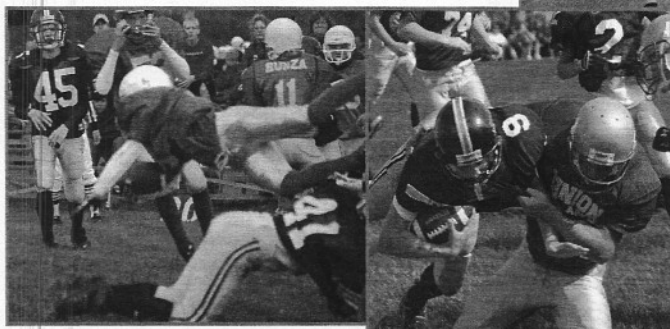
The event should be done by 7:00 PM Thank you for your participation and congratulations on your achievement.

Please **RSVP to Doug Reinks** at 328-0123.



News on Midget Football

article written by Scott Schrage



After 3 weeks of midget football the Elks teams are doing well. All the players are giving 110% and the "B" and "C" teams are both standing at 2 wins and 1 lose. If you want an enjoyable Sunday afternoon come on out and watch these young athletes compete. **They will play 2 games in October on the 5th and 12th at 2nd and South Street (The Runza Sports Complex).**



ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

The Elks National Foundation, known as the "Great Heart of Elkdom," is a permanent trust fund established in 1928 by an original contribution of \$100,000.00 to further the benevolent, charitable and educational programs of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America. Through the continued generosity of our Members, their families and friends, the permanent trust fund has grown significantly and the earnings are earmarked for distribution as determined by the Trustees to ENF. It is the goal and intention of our Order to continue to add to the fund so we will be able to fund present programs and provide new programs as the future dictates.

By administering and promoting the many programs funded through the Elks National Foundation, we continue to show our communities that "Elks Care - Elks Share"

In excess of \$15 million was granted in 2007-2008 by the Foundation to help Elks build stronger communities through the following programs:

- "Most Valuable Student" Scholarships
- Elks Legacy Awards for children and grandchildren of Elks
- Emergency Education Grants for children of disabled or deceased Elks
- The Elks National "Hoop Shoot®" Free-Throw Contest
- The Elks National Veterans Service Commission
- Elks Drug Awareness Program
- Grants to State Associations to help fund their Major Project Programs
- Special Projects Grants to State Associations
- Bonus Grants to State Associations

The Community Investment Program: Gratitude Grants, Promise Grants, Lodge Assistance Grants, Impact Grants

In order to continue funding these great programs, we must all participate in and support the Elks National Foundation. Every Lodge Officer and every Lodge Member should be encouraged to contribute to the ENF. The goal we have established for the 2008-2009 fraternal year is \$4.50 per member,

or about 1 1/3 pennies-a-day. This is not much when you consider the outstanding things the ENF has accomplished in the past and how much money we all spend on things so much less important.

The Elks National Foundation recognizes contributor for cumulative gifts of \$1,000.00 as Honorary Founders and \$2,000.00 as Permanent Benefactors. Those making planned gifts to the ENF become members of the "John F Malley Society" named for the person whose idea founded the ENF. The Foundation has also established a "Foundation Fellowship" to recognize annual giving from donors. The six different levels of annual giving range from \$100 to \$5,000. More information about this program can be obtained from the ENF office. The Elks National Foundation is a nonprofit, tax-exempt corporation under 501(c)(3) of the Tax Reform Act of 1959 and, as such, all contributions to the ENF are deductible for Federal income, estate and gift tax purposes.

The charitable, educational and benevolent causes supported by the Elks National Foundation are the most important financial continued support made by our Order and deserve the continued support of every Member, "Growing Elkdom - Strengthening America," again proving to all that "Elk Care - Elks Share."

For more information about the Elks National Foundation, please call the Elks National Foundation office at (773) 755-4928, e-mail the office at enf@elks.org or visit the Elks Website at www.elks.org/enf.



EAGLE SCOUT AMERICAN FLAG PRESENTATION



Randy King presented Austin Zimmerman of Eagle Scout Troop 25 an American flag at his ceremony August 31 at Vine Street Congregational.



OUR MEMBERS...

Deaths:

- Roy T. Vermaas, died on 8/22/08

Sickness and Distress:

- John Aman is recovering from knee surgery
- Vi Berst recovering from pace maker surgery;
- Jim Chestney recovering from cancer treatment;
- Chuck Meisinger recovering from hernia surgery;
- Cleve Stauffer in Tabitha;
- Ken Studier in Gold Crest; and
- Ken Tenhulzen recovering from knee surgery

Published for Membership: None to report.

Members Initiated - September:

- Sean Smetter, proposed by John Aman
- David Wesemann, proposed by Amy Jacobsen
- Steve Arens, proposed by Amy Jacobsen
- Karla Ostrander, proposed by Amy Jacobsen
- Elton Bradd, proposed by Ken Tenhulzen
- Paul Pocock, proposed by Gary Weber
- Michael Bruhn, proposed by Steve Massey
- Leon Bruhn, proposed by Steve Massey
- Maureen Hannon, proposed by Amy Jacobsen
- Martin Fehringer, proposed by Larry Bratt

Members Transfer- September:

- Robert Sindlar, from Vallejo, CA; Lodge 559

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

- 08/3: meeting was at \$315. Ward Hoppe was the name drawn, he was not present to win.
- 08/: meeting was at \$337. Sanford Nelson was the name drawn, he was not present to win.

September's hidden membership number was member, Rich Todd, 15450.

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

Proposed By-Law Change for Lincoln Lodge #80

Article X, Section 4 should be amended as follows:

Following the first paragraph of section 4 add:

During the sixty day period between October 1 and November 30 of each year, the fee for reinstatement in this Lodge of a member stricken from the rolls of this Lodge for non-payment of dues shall be one (1) dollar.

This paragraph was deleted from our most recent revision of our by-laws. 3 or 4 years ago we corrected this by amending our previous by-laws, because we had a sixty (60) day period that Grand Lodge does not allow (the months of April and May). This change (correction) was apparently overlooked when we just recently update our by-laws.

This will be discussed at the first meeting in October, and voted on at the first meeting in November.

NOW FOR THE QUICKIES...

- 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.**
- Rich Todd made a motion to change the \$15 reinstatement fee for October and November of this year to \$1.
- **Membership Drive** was approved to be held on October 24th. The drive earlier this year introduced about 13 to 17 new friends to the Elks Lodge. Most of those have joined our Lodge. Come out and support our dinner and invite our neighbors, friends and/or family. See the article on page 4 for more details.
- **Russ Earnest resigned as our Inner Guard**, citing family changes that do not allow him to participate on a regular basis, please thank him for his service to the Lodge as Inner Guard this last year.

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- Vi Berst won the drawing of \$22, and the **membership drawing is up to \$337** and was not won by Sanford Nelson, because he was not at the meeting...remember, you have to attend to win.
- Plans are moving forward for **"Boo at the Zoo"**, this is a five (5) day event which will allow us exposure to literally thousands of kids and parents throughout Lincoln and the surrounding areas. We will need volunteers at the booth for about 4 hours each night. Lots of volunteers will make this a fun event for everyone. For more details see page 4 or contact Amy Jacobsen.
- Vi Berst's pacemaker has him firing on all cylinders, he was looking spry as ever...a big welcome to the 10 new members we initiated Wednesday (9/17) night, it was fun seeing our Esquire Doug Rienks keeping them all aligned and headed the same direction during initiation. See page 6 for names of new members.



- You will be receiving a letter shortly explaining our need to **renovate our Kitchen**...the equipment has been patched together for quite a few years, and it was used when we got it. The stove is worn out, the fryer is obsolete, the walk-in cooler is about to walk out, and our dishwasher leaks, even after patching the patches. It is time for a complete renovation of the Kitchen...after seeing what the Lounge looks like with renovation, I think you'd all agree it is 200% better than before...imagine what could be done in the Kitchen. And like the Lounge, it takes a lot of planning and diligence to make it happen. Our hats are off to P.E. R. Harold Harpster, P.E.R. John Aman, Gary Aksamit, Larry Bratt and Larry Schwindt, and countless other Elks who stepped up and gave of their pocketbooks, time and talents in making the Lounge renovation happen.

Think of what we could do in the Kitchen if everyone helped like that....please respond generously when you receive your letter, be a part of making your Lodge a first class place to be.

- Thanks to Steven Wirth, a photo of the Ritual Team was enlarged, matted and framed, made a copy for each of the Team Members, and has one on display in our Trophy case located at the West entrance of the Lodge.
- When you see Larry Schwindt and Larry Bratt, please thank them for keeping our Grandfather Clock wound and on time, and for recycling our aluminum cans at the Lodge. It is quiet acts of selflessness like this that mark them as "true and loyal members among us".

LOOKING FOR A GOOD LUNCH?



**STOP BY THE LODGE CLUB
TO SEE WHAT IS COOKING
FROM 11:30 AM TO 1:30 PM**

Coffee is always hot at the Lodge!

Standing ovation to John and Mary Brooks, Sonny Lane, Larry Bratt, Larry Schwindt, Randy King, Terri Edwards, (DOES) Kim and Pat for all



their work at the featured Ulbrick's Family Style Dinner. I don't know about you but that was a successful dinner for our Lodge. The excitement of chatter

and smell of good food was invigorating. Thank you all for coming and supporting our Lodge.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 1:** Lodge Meeting, 7:30 pm
- October 6:** DOES Meeting, 7:00 pm
- October 7:** Trade Center Meeting, 5:15 pm
- October 9:** VFW, 7:00 pm
- October 14:** Beer & Burger, 5:30 pm
American Legion, 7:00 pm
- October 15:** Lodge Meeting, 7:30 pm
District Deputy Visit
- October 16:** American Legion, 7:00 pm
- October 20:** DOES Meeting, 7:00 pm
- October 21:** American Legion, 7:00 pm
Charitable Trust Scholarship
Meeting, 7:15 pm
- October 24:** Oktoberfest Dinner
5:30 pm Social, 6:30 pm Dinner
- October 28:** Beer & Burger, 5:30 pm

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(including ball caps)
during meetings and dinners.



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