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Tuesday,
**NOVEMBER 11 is
VETERANS DAY:**
Remember to
tell our Veterans
"Thank You!"

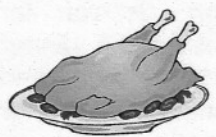


Veterans Remembrance Month "Serving Our Nations Veterans"

For the Order of Elks, veterans remembrance is a daily proposition. We never have and never will forget the sacrifices these heroes made so that we may be free. It has been a tradition for the Order to redouble its efforts on behalf of veterans in November, not just for Veterans Day, but for the entire month. For the Elks, November is Veterans Remembrance Month. www.elks.org



Phil Stettinger Fried Chicken Dinner



Saturday, November 15
Cocktails @ 5:30 PM
Dinner @ 6:30 PM

The menu of fried chicken, corn, freshly mashed potatoes and gravy, salad bar and fresh cinnamon rolls and/or carrot cake and ice cream for dessert.
Contact Harold Harpster (327-7148) or the Lodge (421-6363) for reservations.
REMINDER: Children 12 & under eat free.

We all know that laughter is the best medicine. We need something to laugh about as we watch our home prices slide and our retirement accounts slowly go away. We want you to bring you favorite joke or two to the Lodge. Right after Phil's Chicken Dinner we will have an open microphone to allow you the

COMEDY NIGHT AT THE ELK'S LODGE (following the dinner 11/15)

opportunity to tell your joke. If you don't want to stand in front of the crowd and do this we will have one of the officers or one of the trustees tell your joke for you.

Please remember that we are a family organization and that kids eat free at the Lodge so I am asking that the jokes be suitable for the audience.

I know I sleep better if I have a laugh right before bed time and I know you will too.

We will use the audience as an applause meter to determine the best joke. The best joke teller will win \$20.

You have 2 weeks to find you best jokes. Who knows, you could get your own Comedy Central Special. See you and your joke there.



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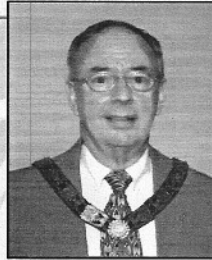
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EXALTED RULER...

Dear Elks and DOES:

TRADITION ! TRADITION!

November is the month for a lot of tradition from Big Red Football winding down for another year, Elk's Midget Football, Election Day, Veteran's Day and of course Thanksgiving Day.



What a great month as we see the leaves turning colors and fall fast approaching this year. I want to thank all the DOES and Elk's that took the time to help at the concession stands this year and to ask for your continued help with the last two games being on Nov. 8, Saturday and especially Friday, November 28th. Let us know if you can work any of those two remaining games. We wouldn't have been successful in this project without your help.

Scott Schrage reported that the Elk's Midget Football Banquet will be held at the Lancaster Events Center at 6:00PM on Thursday, November 6. They are expecting over 500 with parents and coaches of the teams they had this year. Many thanks to Chris Turner who heads up the program while attending Law School, the coaches and to Scott our liaison with them. With over 40 years of support from the Elk's that is tradition.

Don't forget our right to vote is Tuesday, Nov. 4. Many countries around the world would like to have that privilege. Also, Tuesday, November 11 is Veterans Day, which as Elk's we have promised never to forget them and what they have sacrificed for our country and our freedom. Take time to say a prayer for them and their families.

Also, for the safe return of our current military stateside and overseas.

Thank you Vi Berst and Sam Carter that represent us on calling on the veterans at the VA and the retirement homes.

Winding out November is the great Thanksgiving Day tradition when we get together with family or help the less fortunate in the community kitchens. The smell of turkey and dressing while giving thanks for all we have in this great country.

We were honored at our October 15th meeting to have our Grand District Deputy, Rodney Nelson and his assistant, P.E.R. Robert Huntley visit our Lodge and check our financials and other items. He felt we were on the right track in recruiting new members and gave a pin to Loyal



Knight Amy Jacobsen, for sponsoring three new members. Thanks go out to **Leading Knight, John Brooks** for cooking the dinner and to **Rich and Connie Todd** for assisting.

Chuck Meisinger informed us at the Lodge meeting that

he is again heading up the dictionary project for Lincoln Public Schools, Lincoln Catholic Schools and other schools that are interested in participating.

By now you should have received a letter concerning raising funds to replace our kitchen equipment and also the cash calendars with the drawings to be held every day in December.

Hope you can find it in your hearts and billfolds to help us in these projects.

Will keep you posted next month as to where we stand on these. Have a great November and remember "ELKS CARE - ELKS SHARE".

Fraternally,
Terry Edwards, Exalted Ruler



SECRETARY'S CORNER...

It is that time of year where we look back and reflect on what we have to be thankful for. Family and health is foremost in our minds, but we should not forget those around us and what we are a part of, which includes the Elks. We can be proud to be a part of an organization that does so many philanthropic activities within our community.



Please help us help you; by ensuring your personal information in the Lodge office is current, especially if you have moved or changed your telephone number. We continue to receive "returned mail" as being undeliverable. When we try to call the telephone number on record to fix the problem, we find the number has also been changed. If you know of someone who has moved, changed their phone number, etc., please let them know; they have become a "stray Elk", or call the Lodge office so we can contact the individuals and make the corrections.

Delinquent Dues: Thank you to those who have responded in paying your dues. For those who have not, the current delinquent list is again being published. In case there may be a misunderstanding, your member card reflects "dues paid to", although it says 4/1/08, the reference to 2008 is for last year, not the current Lodge year of 2008 to 2009 (*dues paid to 4/1/09*). If there is a hardship, please let us know, there is provision to alleviate this concern. In January, we will begin the activity to drop those members who have not paid their dues.

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 secy-lodge80@yahoo.com.

See you all around the lodge.

Sincerely,
Jerry Wilson, Secretary



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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|----|---------------------|----|-----------------|
| 4 | Charles J Meisinger | 16 | Gil Feis |
| | Jacob Wyant | 17 | Paul Eldien |
| 5 | William Palmer | 21 | Richard Rumbolz |
| 6 | Roger Rocke | 22 | Keith Kirstine |
| 8 | David Kirby | 25 | Bruce McKeag |
| 9 | Lawrence Horstman | 26 | Timothy Cox |
| | G R Lott | | Aaron Gengler |
| 10 | Gary Northouse | 27 | William Overman |
| 11 | Gerald Miles | 28 | Leon Bruhn |
| | Richard Pitsch | 29 | Gayle Lebsack |
| 13 | Dean Petersen | 30 | Russell Chesnut |
| 15 | Donna Davis | | |

DELINQUENT MEMBERS

Names are in alphabetic order.

Please remember to pay your dues to keep our Lodge going strong and if anything share so that we can show others we care.

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| 1. Bergholz, Brianna | 7. Jurgens, Scott |
| 2. Borgmann, Dean | 8. Kerns, Todd |
| 3. Chilsted, Teanna | 9. Lebsack, Gayle |
| 4. Driskell, Damon | 10. Martin, Darrell |
| 5. Hoy, Roger | 11. Maser, Kenneth |
| 6. Huenink, Jason | 12. Miller, Stephen |
| | 13. Moss, Margaret |
| | 14. Murphy, Ronald |
| | 15. Novak, Stanley |
| | 16. Pollack, Sanford |
| | 17. Reineke, Gary |
| | 18. Russell, Jack |
| | 19. Selvage, Joe |
| | 20. Stephenson, John |
| | 21. Treu, Jeff |
| | 22. Weber, Wayne |
| | 23. Weers, John |
| | 24. Wellman, Kenneth |





OUR MEMBERS...

Deaths:

- *Dr. Kazimirs Stivrins*, died 9/17/08;
- *James Geist*, died 10/5/08;
- *William Springer*, died 5/21/08; and
- *Robert Dankleff*, died 10/7/08.

Sickness and Distress:

- *Jim Chestney* recovering from cancer treatment;
- *Cleve Stauffer* in Tabitha; and
- *Ken Studier* in Gold Crest

Published for Membership: *None to report.*

Members Initiated - October: *None to report.*

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

- **10/01:** meeting was at \$351. *Larry Schmutte* was the name drawn, he was not present to win.
- **10/15:** meeting was at \$371. *Dirk Wingrove* was the name drawn, he was not present to win.

October's hidden membership number was member, *Tom Pallas*, 15634.

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

FROM THE VETERANS COMMITTEE

On September 21st, the first day of autumn, Vi Berst and Sam Carter visited our birthday Veterans at Gramercy Hill and Lancaster Manor. We had six birthdays, three at each site.

All were WWII Veterans ranging in age from 85 to 92. What a treat to visit with these gentlemen! They were very happy to see us and to be honored on their special day. Some of them even remembered our visit on their birthday last year.

Veteran's Committee
Vi Berst , Chairman
Sam Carter member

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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.
- John Aman is on the mend after a knee surgery, he kept the nurses at St. E's and Madonna busy for a week or so, and is back in action from his home office.
- 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.**
- When the Grand District Deputy came to visit on October 15th, Amy Jacobsen was given the Grand Exalted Ruler's award for excellence in membership procurement. She is pictured on page 2 under the E.R. report.
- Watch for more information in the December newsletter regarding the Children's Christmas Program at Pershing Auditorium.

NOTES FROM THE EDITORS:

Remember the 20th of November 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 (the Schrage family and Randy King) for helping fold and mail the Elk O Gram for the October mailing.

FROM THE RITUAL TEAM

On October 11th John Brooks, Leading Knight, Steve Wirth, Ritual Coach and Rich Todd, Ritual Judge, attended the State ritual clinic at Cozad.

Steve and John were updated on Ritual changes and participated in the presentation of the initiation ritual to the ritual judges so they can be certified for contest judging.

The officers will again be participating in the State ritual contest and vying for a chance to compete in the National contest.



CASH CALENDARS...

Please remember the objective of the Cash Calendars is to raise money to support the lodge in all the efforts we do to better our community in Lincoln area.

As you may well know our Membership is around 320 members. We are bringing in new members but we still have a few each year that pass away or decided not to renew because they are no longer able to come to the Lodge.

It is very difficult for us to maintain the Lodge with the membership dollars that each of us pays. We do a variety of fund raising that goes directly to the Lodge. We also have Memorials come directly to the Lodge. All of these activities help but they do not make us self sufficient.

Here is how they work. You purchase a calendar for \$10 and fill out the bottom portion and mail it with the check to the Lodge. Each day in December there is a drawing and the number that is drawn on that day receives the dollar amount on the calendar. Sounds easy doesn't it?

Please take them to your next door neighbor and ask them to buy one. They will ask what it is for and that is the opportune time to let them know what the Elk's are all about. This is also a great time to talk to your neighbor about becoming a member of the Greatest Organization in the World. They do not have to commit to helping with the programs or attend any meetings. We would like it if they did but their dues will go a long way in helping the Lodge to become self sufficient.

If you prefer you can also write a check for \$30 and mail it and the completed stubs to the Lodge.

Remember the reason you joined. Remember the good times you had at the Lodge. The dinners are excellent and Beer and Burger night hits the spot.

We are known for our Benevolence to others; this is a chance to help ourselves. Please turn in your calendar stubs and monies as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please call Jerry Wilson at the Lodge office.

LIFE LINE SCREENING IN LINCOLN

Grand Lodge at the Preserve in Lincoln may not be the location that you typically think of for administering life-saving screenings. However, on Wednesday, December 17, 2008, the Elks is bringing Life Line Screening, the nation's leader in community-based preventive health screening, to your neighborhood.

More than 5 million people have participated in Life Line Screening's ultrasound tests for stroke caused by carotid artery disease, abdominal aortic aneurysms, and other vascular diseases. Cardiovascular is the #1 killer in the United States of both men and women — and a leading cause of permanent disability.

A specially-priced Stoke, Vascular Disease & heart Rhythm Package, consisting of four screenings, is available to Elks members for only \$135. You may add the Osteoporosis Screening to the package for only \$10. Your tests will be completed in a little more than an hour. Sock and shoes are the only articles of clothing that need to be removed.

You may think that your physician would order these screenings if they were necessary. However, insurance companies typically will not pay for screenings unless there are symptoms. Unfortunately, 4 out of 5 stroke victims have no symptoms. That is why having a health screening by Life Line Screening is so important in keeping you and your loved ones healthy and independent.

Talk to your physician about these screenings.

Life Line Screenings is coming to Lincoln for one day only and appointments are limited, so call 1-866-651-7930 or visit our website at Lifelinescreening.com/Elks and enter your zip code to sign up.

P.S. Life Line Screening has preventive screenings available coast to coast. Tell your friends, neighbors and loved ones about these life-saving screenings and encourage them to call 1-866-651-7930 or visit the website. You may save a life.

Saturday, December 13, 2008

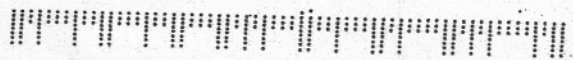
5:30 pm Cocktails

6:30 pm Dinner



Chicken noodle soup, Chili,
Cinnamon Rolls, Veggie Platters
Cost \$7.00 per person
Children under 12 eat free.





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UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 5:** Lodge 80 Meeting, 7:30 pm
- November 11:** Beer & Burger, 5:30 pm
- November 11:** American Legion, 7:00 pm
- November 13:** VFW, 7:00 pm
- November 15:** Phil Stettinger Dinner
5:30 pm Social
6:30 pm Dinner
- November 17:** DOES Meeting, 7:00 pm
- November 18:** American Legion, 7:00 pm
- November 19:** Lodge 80 Meeting, 7:30 pm
- November 20:** American Legion, 7:00 pm
- November 25:** Beer & Burger, 5:30 pm
Charitable Trust Mtg, 7:15 pm
- November 27:** Thanksgiving Day
-Lodge/Lounge Closed-

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

A friendly reminder to you and our guests who visit our Lodge Room: Please remove your hats (including ball caps) during meetings and dinners.



Thank you!

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