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

Saturday, December 13, 2008



5:30 pm Cocktails
6:30 pm Dinner



Chicken Noodle Soup & Chili Dinner

Cinnamon Rolls, Veggie Platters

Cost \$7.00 per person

Children under 12 eat free.

Contact Harold Harpster (327-7148)
or the Lodge (421-6363) for reservations.

January 17, 2009: Stuffed Pork, Cornish Game Hen, Asparagus, Corn, Salad and Dessert.

Christmas Sacking Party and Children's Christmas Party
DETAILS INSIDE

FROM THE VETERANS COMMITTEE

Veteran's Committee chairman, Vi Berst, member Sam Carter, and their wives were guests of honor at the Modern Woodmen of America member's luncheon in October. **Vi and Sam were the recipients of the Hometown Hero Award** for the year 2008, given by Modern Woodmen Fraternal Financial Services. A plaque and a check for \$100 was given to each recipient and was donated to the Elk's kitchen remodeling fund.

Each year this company awards two individuals for their voluntary service to the community. As members of the Elk's Veteran's Committee, Vi and Sam visit veterans at local hospitals, nursing homes, retirement homes and Veteran's Affairs Medical Center.

Vi has served on the Committee for thirty-five years and Sam for twenty-four years. They have both enjoyed their years of working with the Veterans and appreciate the recognition given by Modern Woodmen.

Veteran's Committee

Vi Berst, Chairman & Sam Carter, Member

Winner of Comedy Night was Jack, the grandson of John Brooks and son of Carrie Fiedler.

Congratulation, Jack!



ANNUAL ELKS MEMORIAL SERVICE

The annual Elks Memorial Service for members that have passed away during the past year (November 15, 2007 to November 15, 2008) will be held **December 7th at 2 p.m.**

Family members of those who passed away have been notified of the service, and all members of the Lodge are also encouraged to attend and pay their respects.

The following is a listing of the Elk members who passed away: *Paul Burklund, Russell Chesnut, Robert Dankleff, James Geist, Frank Holdsworth, O. E. Kingery, Charles Kruse – PER, Harry Niederhaus, Thomas Odell, Don Singleton, William Springer, Dr. Kazimirs Stivrins, Roy Vermaas, Ken Watkins, Frank Vogt, and John Zimmer, III – PER.*

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

<i>Exalted Ruler</i>	<i>Secretary</i>
Terry Edwards	Jerry Wilson
<i>Leading Knight</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>
John Brooks	Duane Vanderbeek
<i>Loyal Knight</i>	<i>Chaplain</i>
Amy Jacobsen	Ryan Hall
<i>Lecturing Knight</i>	<i>Trustees</i>
Jeff Sneller	P.E.R. John Aman,
<i>Esquire</i>	P.E.R. Sonny Lane,
Doug Rienks	Larry Bratt,
<i>Inner Guard</i>	Randy King,
Vacant	Larry Schwindt
<i>Tiler</i>	
Sam R. Carter	

dinners.

Also, thanks and congratulations to Vi Berst and Sam Carter for the volunteer recognition awards they received for visiting our veterans and donating the checks that came with the awards to our Lodge.

Do not have the final count on the Cash Calendars but you need to get them into the office by November 29th as we will start drawing names Monday December 1. Late ones will be accepted but of course they won't be in the drawing for the full month. I hear two of our members have sold over 30 each. We need everyone's help in making this project a success.

All the Officers of your Lodge wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Enjoy your family and be safe this Holiday Season!

ELKS CARE, ELKS SHARE!

Fraternally,
Terry Edwards, Exalted Ruler

EXALTED RULER...

Dear Elks and DOES:

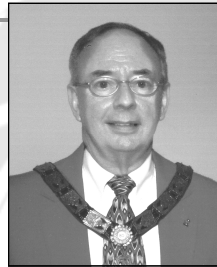
Yes! December is here again marking the end of calendar year 2008 and nine months into our Lodge year.

It has been a very busy and productive nine months with the lounge remodel and painting and replacing the ceiling panels in the Lodge Room.

Membership is growing with three initiated at the last Lodge meeting and six applications read on the floor. We are getting our name out more in the community with our various activities and people are starting to notice us and want to help. You have to ask them to join us or if you don't feel comfortable doing that, give their name to one of the Officers and they will contact them to explain what it is we do.

December is a busy month for the Lodge starting off with the **Annual Elks Memorial Service Sunday, December 7 at 2:00 PM** in memory of our departed members (you are all invited to attend and pay your respect to our departed members and condolences to their families; **Saturday, December 13 is the Soup Dinner** and **Friday, December 19 is the Candy Sacking Party at Pershing** in preparation for the **Annual Children's Christmas Party, Sunday, December 21**. All of these activities take volunteers to make them successful, so get in the Christmas spirit this month and help out your fellow Elk's in these activities and have some fun.

Again, I would like to thank everyone that volunteered their time to help out at the Husker football concessions, to everyone who helped at Boo at the Zoo, everyone that is helping on the Dictionary/Thesaurus project and everyone who helps at the



SECRETARY'S CORNER...

Ho, Ho, Ho...Yep, we are entering the peak of the holiday season; hopefully you had a great Thanksgiving, and are looking forward to Christmas.

If you need some normalcy from the holiday activities of shopping, decorating, etc., stop by the Lounge for lunch. In keeping with the spirit of the season; the **Children's Christmas Party will be December 21**. Adults, as well as "Children" will have fun at the event, and maybe Santa will have time to listen to your wish list! The Christmas Party is one of the big events (over 100 years) that happens every year where we as Elk's give back to our community. Your support and participation are very much appreciated.

FYI: In October, there were two proposals to modify the By-Laws. The first proposal was 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 was to grant a 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 were voted upon and approved at the November 5th Lodge meeting.

Thank you to those who have responded in paying your delinquent dues. In January, we will begin





the activity to drop those members who have not.

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

FROM BOARD OF TRUSTEES...

This time of the year is especially hard for the Lodge to pay our bills on time. Membership dues will not support all of the outstanding bills. This is why we do the cash calendar sales.

I know some of you may not like the fact that we are asking for money from you at this time of the year but it is necessary for us to do.

The cash calendars is a way for us to spread the burden among all of our members. You still have time to get these returned to the Lodge.

We ask that you support us in our efforts to keep the doors open. Our monthly dinners are also a way for you to support the Lodge. Most of the dinners are sponsored and/or cooked by Elk's that really care about our future.

We have mailed out 1,000 calendars and have received 303 of them back. Two members alone account for over 60 of these returned. That means that less than 1/3 of us are doing what the Lodge really needs.

Please write your check today to show us you care about our future. The next dinner will be the Chili and Chicken Noodle Supper, December 13. It is sponsored by Tom Roper and Sonny Lane.

The Lodge passed a resolution that any guest you bring to the dinner that may be interested in joining the Lodge will get their dinner at 1/2 price. You are going to eat anyway so why not support the Lodge while you are at it.

The kitchen fund is growing. Thanks for your support. We are in the process of pricing out equipment and doing a lay out of the kitchen so we can make it as efficient as possible. We are at 20% of our goal now.

You will soon receive a letter asking for your donation to support the Children's Christmas Party. If you would like your donation to go to the Lodge or to the Building Fund that would be acceptable this year.
-Sonny Lane

LODGE FACTS...

I would like to address this months "Lodge Facts" to the new members of Lincoln Elks Lodge #80. The purpose is to increase the number of members at the scheduled Lodge meetings.

It has been and continues to be a puzzle as to why many of the newly initiated members of the Lodge fail to attend the regular scheduled Lodge meetings.

Has the reason been that the Lodge failed to inform you of the time and date of the meetings? Could other reasons be: the initiation ritual is difficult to understand and too long, or the length of the meeting is excessive? The conduct/attitude of the officers and members present, or perhaps we failed to impress upon you the programs, principals and goals of the Lincoln Elks Lodge?

Should any of the above reasons, or any other reason you may have, be keeping you from attending the meetings, please let us know. Contact any Officer of the Lodge, or you may contact myself, Harold Harpster at 327-7148. Respectfully, I will inform the Lodge Officers and pass your comments on at the Lodge meetings.

Older members of the Lodge who are not attending the meetings, especially the P.E.R.'s and past Officers are also asked: Why are you not attending Lodge meetings? Please let us know...

Harold Harpster, P.E.R.

FROM THE DOES Drove #4

The DOES will be holding their **Christmas party December 13 at Hillcrest Country Club, 9401 "O" St Social at 12:30p.m. Lunch at 1:00p.m.** Choice of Roast Pork or Parmesan Ranch Chicken with all Trimmings.

The cost is \$15:00. There will be special entertainment. All DOES and Guests are welcome.

Please call Vicky at 890-0886 or Jan at 489-1089 for a reservations and questions. Everyone is welcome.

-Marjorie Wyant, President

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

December Birthdays

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|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 3 Bill Danley | 12 Maureen Hannon |
| Dale Hansen | Bobby Livingston |
| 5 Wilbur Amen | 14 Xan Johnson |
| Curtis Reiber | 18 Cory Podany |
| Phillip White | 19 Ben Novicoff |
| 7 Harley Bair | 20 Leroy "Bill" Hoffman |
| Roger Eskra | 21 Jack Campbell |
| Matt Kosmicki | James Wood |
| Russell Raybould | 24 Frederick Rickers |
| 8 William Haberman | James Smith |
| 9 Donald Hanway, Jr. | 27 Vance James |
| Rod Rozanek | Buford Jones |
| 10 Dewett Harouff | 28 Donald Andersen, PER |
| Robert Sindlar | 29 Harlan Zwiebel |
| 11 Dr. John Benftson | 31 Todd Kerns |
| Larry Knaub | |

DRUG AWARENESS...

BRRRRRRR! It was a Dark a Dreary Night! BOO!!!!The first night of Boo and Zoo was BRUTAL!. It was cold, but the winter air could not stop the excitement. The kids in costumes and smiling parents warm even the coldest toes. If you have not already heard, Lincoln Lodge #80's first year taking part in the yearly fund raiser for Lincoln Children's' Zoo was a huge success. In five nights and with the help of many Elks we distributed approximately 10,000 pieces of drug awareness coloring books and bookmarks to 8,269 kids in the Lincoln area. We also gave them chocolate. The look on a little princess or superman's face when they get good treats is priceless. Counting adults with those kids, our Elks members greeted 15,766 people as they walked through the maze of decorative booths. The final nights were much warmer making the colder nights seem like a distant memory. Do not let the cold weather scare you off for next year. You won't



regret being part of the fun.

Special thanks to Deborah Burns, John and Mary Brooks and Paulette Gerken for helping with the planning. New member, Steve Arens and his daughters helped with set-up with John Brooks and Deborah Burns. Helping at the BOO were John and Mary Brooks, Deborah Burns, Paulette Gerken, Larry Schwindt, Sam Carter, Charles Aman, Terry Edwards and Steve Wirth and new Members Karen Walker, Jenny Hurt, Karla Ostrander and Maureen Hannon.

-Amy Jacobsen

Those "FLIPPIN" Cakes

Hey everyone, it's that time again to get ready and participate in the 4th Annual Lincoln Elks Charitable Trust, Inc. Pancake Feed sponsored by our scholarship committee.

The date for this fund raising event is scheduled for **Sunday, January 25th, 2009**, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. or until the last stack disappears.

Come join us and bring your families and friends for All You Can Eat pancakes, w/syrup, sausage, juice, milk, coffee and assorted fruit toppings. Cost is \$5.00 Adults, \$2.50 (age 6-12) & Free (age 5 & under). More information will follow in the January, 2009 ELK-O-GRAM.

Contact the office at 421-6363 (Cheri) for tickets. Volunteers, whom have helped us out at previous feeds, will be contacted. All members are encouraged to help in this worthwhile event.



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

NOTES FROM THE EDITORS: 15581

Remember the 18th of December 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 (Jody Schrage, Vicki Logan, Michelle Stuhr, Jason Pierce and Aimée Dye family and Randy King) for helping fold and mail the Elk O Gram for the November mailing.



OUR MEMBERS...

Deaths:

- *Russell Chesnut*, died 10/31/08

Sickness and Distress:

- *Jeff Sneller* undergoing cancer treatment;
- *Larry Bratt* recovering from hernia surgery and
- *Jim Chestney* recovering from cancer treatment;

Published for Membership:

- Derek Horalek proposed by John Brooks
- Rhonda Wicht proposed by John Brooks
- John Lemke proposed by John Brooks
- Lavern Sorensen proposed by John Brooks
- Lee Witters proposed by John Brooks
- Ronald Ueban proposed by Terry Edwards
- Kenneth Orr proposed by Terry Edwards

Members Initiated - November:

- Kevin Hurt proposed by Amy Jacobsen
- Jennifer Hurt proposed by Amy Jacobsen
- Cindi Card proposed by John Aman

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

- **11/05:** meeting was at \$384. *Scott Harwick* was the name drawn, he was not present to win.
- **11/19:** Membership Drawing: *Rich Todd* was the name drawn, and he was present to win \$99.

October's hidden membership number was member, *Philip Sprague*, 11101.

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

NOW FOR THE QUICKIES...

- 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 doing your Christmas cards this year,

take one card and send it to the following address. If we pass this on and everyone sends one card, think of how many cards our soldiers who have sacrificed so much would get. **Send our soldiers a card with thanks and hope to:**

**A Recovering American Soldier
c/o Walter Reed Army Medical Center
6900 Georgia Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20307-5001**

- **Thank you, John Brooks**, for all the cooking and prep you have been doing at the dinners.
- **John Aman**, he is climbing stairs without assistance and gaining strength in that knee.
- It was approved that our **prospective members pay half ticket price for dinners.**
- **Boo at the Zoo** was a successful event. Thank you to all those who participated. For more information see Amy Jacobsen's article on pg 4.
- **Christmas Sacking Party—Friday 12/19** starts at noon in Pershing's basement. Come volunteer for an hour and get a coupon for a cold beverage afterwards at the Elks Lounge at the Elks Christmas Party.
- **Children's Christmas Party—Sunday 12/21** at Pershing. For more information contact John Brooks.
- **Congratulations** to Cheri Amack; she is a new grandma.
- **Pancake Feed, Sunday, 1/25** at the Lodge. Everyone has a good time and this event supports our Charitable Trust Fund, which underwrites many of our scholarships.
- **Chuck Meisinger is continuing his efforts to provide Thesauruses and Dictionaries** to the school children in the Lincoln area, assisted by Rich Todd.
- Elks Care, Elks Share, and these two are living examples of that: **Vi Berst and Sam Carter** thank you for our continuing efforts to make sure our Veterans are not forgotten,
- **It was approved to move the meeting start time from 7:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**
- Our ENF contribution far exceeded our Lodge's goal and is at \$7.57. Thank You to the generous Elks who contributed to the fund,
- Get your **cash calendars** turned in, it's still not too late, and remember, the money goes to ward our budget fund, which is needed for when our membership dues run out.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 12/3:** Lodge #80 Meeting, 7:30 pm
- 12/7:** Memorial Service, 2:00 pm
- 12/9:** Beer & Burger, 5:30 pm
American Legion, 7:00 pm
- 12/11:** VFW, 7:00 pm
- 12/12:** Room Rented, Evening
- 12/13:** Chicken Noodle Soup/Chili Dinner
Social, 5:30 pm & Dinner, 6:30 pm
- 12/14:** American Legion, Afternoon
- 12/15:** DOES Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 12/19:** Christmas Candy Sacking
@ Pershing Auditorium
Elks Christmas Party @ Lodge
- 12/21:** Children's Christmas Party
@ Pershing Auditorium
- 12/23:** Beer & Burger, 5:30 pm
- 12/24:** Lodge/Lounge Closed @ 5:00 pm
- 12/25 & 26: Merry Christmas**
Lodge/Lounge Closed
- 12/31:** Lodge/Lounge Closed @ 8:00 pm
- 1/1 & 2: Happy New Year,**
Lodge/Lounge Closed

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