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

2009 UPCOMING DINNER:

January 17 Stuffed Pork Chops & Cornish Game Hens

February 14 Valentine's Dinner: Steak or requested alternative of shrimp; vegetarian available

5:30 p.m. Cocktails & 6:30 p.m. Dinner

(For menu details contact Harold Harpster 327-7148 or
P.E.R. John Aman at 402-475-7500.)

DOES Drove #4 will be having a **Bake Sale** in conjunction with Elks #80 **4th Annual Pancake Feed on Sunday, January 25, 2009.**

Lot's of wonderful homemade goodies will be for sale, Please come and enjoy your pancakes and take a homemade item home.

Marjorie Wyant President



shown in the picture - Terry Edwards, ER, and Sam Carter, Lodge Tiler, and a group of happy 5th graders and teachers from Beatty School.

These pictures were taken on Monday, December 22 as we delivered Christmas goodies and greetings to the Veterans at the Vets Hospital here in Lincoln.



The people in the picture are from left to right: Vi Berst (Lodge Veterans Chairman), Spencer Hagan (Lodge helper), Helen Bierst (Lodge helper) and Rich Todd (P.E.R.).

This is an annual occurrence, usually handled by Vi and Sam Carter, but Sam had shoulder surgery that morning.



ELKS BENEFIT YOUTH OF LINCOLN

written by Rich Todd

A tradition started last year by Lincoln's Elks Lodge #80 is continuing this year. The Lodge is presented each 5th grader in the Lincoln Public Schools with their own Thesaurus, and each 3rd grader in the Catholic Schools of Lincoln their own Dictionary. In total, this is 2,316 Thesauruses and 380 Dictionaries.

This ambitious program is underwritten by the Paulding and Esther Smith Memorial Youth Activities Fund, and spearheaded by past State President Chuck Meisinger. He and his crew of "delivery boys" completed the last of presenting each student his personal reference book before the Christmas break. The members doing this job report that it is very interesting and satisfying to go into the classrooms all over the City and hand each student their own Thesaurus.

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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| <i>Exalted Ruler</i>
Terry Edwards | <i>Secretary</i>
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John Brooks | <i>Treasurer</i>
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| <i>Esquire</i>
Doug Rienks | Larry Bratt, |
| <i>Inner Guard</i>
Vacant | Randy King, |
| <i>Tiler</i>
Sam R. Carter | Larry Schwindt |

meeting the 21st and the 4th Annual Scholarship Pancake Feed Sunday the 25th at the Lodge.

I hope you are as proud as I am to belong to such a great organization with wonderful members that have pride in what we stand for and what we can accomplish together in the year 2009 and in the future.

Fraternally, Terry Edwards, Exalted Ruler

SECRETARY'S CORNER...

2009, the beginning of a new year, it is only a few days old, but I hope that it has been a happy one so far. Three months from now, April 1st, is the beginning of a new year for the Elks Lodge. With the new Elks Lodge New Year, there will be the election of new officers, and getting ready for the annual (April) conference to be held in North Platte. Your lodge officers will again be competing in the ritual competition this year, and they have already begun practicing. Also, the Elks Lodge New Year will begin the task of renewing your membership with the payment of your annual dues. Statements will be mailed out in February.



Sadly, in January we will begin the process of dropping those members who did not pay their 2008 – 2009 dues. If you do not have a membership card reflecting those dates or if you have received a 2nd notice statement during the past few months, mail in your payment or contact the office if you feel there is an error.

And last, but not least, as I continue to say; my goal in the New Year is still the same as last year "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, and please contact me. My phone number is 402-570-2555 and my email is secylodge80@yahoo.com. See you all around the lodge.

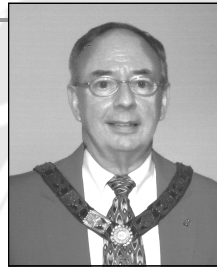
Sincerely, Jerry Wilson, Secretary

EXALTED RULER...

Dear Elks and DOES:

HAPPY NEW YEAR to all and best wishes in the year 2009 from all the Officers of your Lodge!

Many thanks to all of you that have volunteered your time and sometimes money to help on all our projects that we do to make our community a better place to live in and help our children become better adults in the future.



Congratulations to John Brooks for chairing a successful 101st Children's Christmas party with over one thousand in attendance on a very cold day. (WOW! The entertainment was terrific and you should have been there to listen to the children talk to Santa and to see the joy on the children's faces as they won prizes) Thanks to all the volunteers and stores that donated prizes.

Also thanks to Chuck Meisinger and his team that has finished distributing all the dictionaries and thesaurus books (over 2,500) to all the public elementary schools in Lincoln in person and the Catholic school office. I even had some children come up to me at the Children's Christmas party and say "thank you". What a great program for us that can be expanded on to give the community more awareness of what we do.

The Ritual team has begun practicing in preparation for the competition in February. Thanks to Steve Wirth and Rich Todd for coaching the team.

It doesn't slow down as Doug Reinks will be holding the Hoop Shoot competition the 17th while at the same time some Officers will be attending the East District Deputy Clinic in Norfolk, the dinner in January, Initiation of new members at the Lodge

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

As we begin the last quarter of the Lodge year, the membership should start giving thought to whom they would like to have as Officers of the Lodge for the 2009/10 year.

In accordance with Grand Lodge Statutes, and Lincoln Elks Lodge #80 By-laws, the nomination of new officers will take place at the first Lodge meeting in February, and the election at the second Lodge meeting. Officers to be elected are: Exalted Ruler, Leading Knight, Loyal Knight, Lecturing Knight, Secretary, Treasurer, Tiler, and 5 year Trustee. The Esquire, Chaplain, Inner Guard, and Organist are appointed by the newly elected Exalted Ruler.

Should there be no nominations for a specific office, or a member nominated declines or withdraws, nominations for that office may be made on the date of election. No member, unless nominated in accordance with the By-Laws, shall be eligible for election at any such annual election. Only a member in good standing shall be eligible for nomination of office in the Lodge of which he is a member.

All member in good standing are encouraged to attend the February meetings and express your wishes and wants for the coming Lodge year. It would be very rewarding to see a large turnout and to hear new ideas or suggestions for improving the Lodge and its programs.

In closing this article I would like to share with you some of the Grand Lodges' Committee on Judiciary Opinions applicable to the annual election of Lodge Officers:

A. Nominations need not be seconded and a motion to close nominations is unnecessary.

B. Nominations cannot be made at a special meeting.

C. The Exalted Ruler cannot appoint a nominating committee.

D. Any attempt by motion or By-Law to limit nominations to the election night, postpone nominations to a later meeting, or to provide for automatic advancement of Officers must be ruled Out-Of-Order as contrary to Section 3.080 of the Grand Statues.

E. Nominating speeches may be limited with the consent of the Lodge.

F. Nominees are not required to openly accept a nomination, and need not be present.

G. Nominations may be made on Election night

only if no nomination for that office has been made, or if all candidates for that office have declined or withdrawn.

H. Members initiated on election night are also qualified to vote.

I. Voting is by secret ballot at the annual election, and a member should not disclose his vote.

Fraternally, Harold Harpster, P.E.R.



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 Thomas Lynch | 18 Sanford Nelson |
| 4 Michael Bruhn | Charles Steenson |
| Charles Thone | 19 Terry Edwards ER, |
| 6 Betty Akin | PER |
| John Brooks | 20 Robert Taylor |
| Roger White | 21 Dean Borgmann |
| 8 Roxanne Thomas | James Gray |
| 9 Jason Brooks | 22 John Robel, JR |
| Leo Hill | 24 Bob Clinkenbeard |
| 10 Gene Obrecht | PER, PDD, PSP |
| 11 Allen Wasenius | Terry Hagan |
| 13 John Baker | 25 Ronald Colin |
| Willis Harding PER | 26 Larry Benac |
| M. E. Whitehead | Harry Blum |
| 15 Tom Pallas PER | 28 Raymond Plotts |
| 17 Clarence Knosp | 31 Paige Zutavern |

NOTES FROM THE EDITORS:

Remember the 22nd of January 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 (Scott and Jody Schrage and Chelsey Schrage) for helping fold the Elk O Grams for the December mailing.



**4TH ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP PANCAKE FEED
LINCOLN ELKS LODGE #80**

Sunday, January 25, 2009

8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

5910 S. 58th Street (Trade Center)

\$5.00 Adults

\$2.50 (age 6-12)

Free (age 0-5)

[You can pay @ the door]

ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKES

**w/syrup, sausage, juice, milk, coffee
w/assorted toppings i.e. apple, blueberry, cherry**

Bring Your Family, Friends, Yourself

Yes everyone, it is that time once again where you can take a break between those NFL playoff games and the Super Bowl. Sandwiched right in between is the Sunday for the **Elks No. 80, 4th Annual Scholarship Pancake Feed**. As you can see by the announcement above, it should be a swell time. There will be lots of “freshly made pancakes” with all the toppings for your enjoyment.

Does Drove No. 4 will be having a bake sale in conjunction with this event. A lot of homemade goodies will be available for a small fee.

For advanced tickets, you may call the Lodge at 421-6363. In addition, tickets have been passed out to lodge officers and committeeman to sell so when one of these fine individuals contacts you, be generous. All that’s left is for you to bring you appetites. Donations are always accepted too. Loyal volunteers have step up once again to ensure this will be a success.

Thank – You to all in advance.

Stephen F. Wirth (P.E.R.)
Chairman

Richard R. Todd (P.E.R.)
Co-Chairman



OUR MEMBERS...

Deaths:

- Cleve Stauffer, died 11.29.08

Sickness and Distress:

- Jim Chestney recovering from cancer treatment;
- Al Kauffman undergoing cancer treatment;
- Ken Studier is at Gold Crest;
- Jeff Sneller undergoing cancer treatment; and
- Larry Bratt recovering from hernia surgery.

Published for Membership:

- David Carter proposed by Amy Jacobsen
- Thomas Eckery proposed by Jerry Wilson
- Franklin Mills proposed by Gary Northouse

Members Initiated - December: None to report.

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

- **12/03:** meeting was at \$54. Lon Hoppel was the name drawn, he was not present to win.

December's hidden membership number was member, 15581 - Jerome McCabe.

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

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.**
- Shirts are available for purchase, these are nice Polo's with our Elk Logo embroidered on one side, "Elks Lodge #80" embroidered on the other. Contact John Brooks if interested. What a great way to show unity for our Lodge.
- Thank you to those who came attended the memorial service for your Elk brothers ho have passed to realms on high. Thank you Father Ryan for your profound words of life works and

friendships.

- Attendance for the Children's Christmas Party was down due to the frigid weather, but spirits were high....
- Deer Hides program is going well, at last count we took 42 hides to Thayer. They will be shipped in February to the tannery, from there to the glove factory. Nebraska sent out 1,752 hides last year, we expect this year to be higher.
- Lounge Christmas Party was a good one, carry-in munchies were great, if you missed this, you missed a good one...
- Be there for the Pancake Feed (1/25/09), support the Scholarship committee, have fun with your fellow Elks. Bring some friends and explain why it is great to be an Elk....
- Hats off to Chuck Meisinger and Rich Todd, and others, for their continued work on the Dictionary and Thesarus programs, they are showing how Elks Care, Elks Share. See cover page....
- Nice round of photos and articles in the State publication Husker Elk, we set the standard in Nebraska for getting it done....
- Elections coming up, see Harold's article on page 3 in the EOG, be thinking about stepping up and serving as an Officer in YOUR Lodge. It's a lot of fun, the camaraderie is great, the time commitment is minimal....



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1/1 Lodge/Club Closed
- 1/2 Room Rented, Evening
- 1/7 Lodge Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 1/7 Ritual Practice
- 1/8 VFW, 7:00 p.m.
- 1/13 Beer & Burger, 5:30 p.m.
- 1/13 American Legion, 7:00 p.m.
- 1/14 Ritual Practice
- 1/15 American Legion, 7:00 p.m.
- 1/17 Dinner 5:30 p.m. Cocktails, 6:30 p.m. Dinner
- 1/20 American Legion, 7:00 p.m.
- 1/21 Lodge Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 1/21 Ritual Practice
- 1/25 Pancake Feed
- 1/27 Beer & Burger, 5:30 p.m.
- 1/28 Ritual Practice



CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

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

Thank you!

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Believe in the goodness in thyself as well as in others.

Protect childhood with tenderness, old age with respect, cherish with reverence the memory of those who have passed.



Observe faithfully the golden rule.

Enjoy the good things of earth. Keep within thee the Glorious shine of youth and remain always of good cheer.



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