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

2009 UPCOMING DINNER:



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

March 14 St Patty's Dinner

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.)



HOOP SHOOT UPDATE

At the beer and burger on February 24th we will be inviting the Elks midget football coaches and volunteers from the 2008 season. Please come and thank these volunteers for the countless hours and effort they put in while working with these young men and women.

I want to thank all the teachers that took the time to send contestants to the Local Hoop Shoot. The Lincoln Elks thanks you for your participation. A special thanks goes out to Maxey Elementary for having the most participants, followed closely by Hill Elementary. I would also like to thank Mickle Middle School for being the only middle school to hold a school shoot. We had 62 participants at the Local shoot.

Doug Rienks, Hoop Shoot Chairman

To learn for about our upcoming events visit us at:
www.elks80.org.

If you would like to volunteer please contact our Exalted Ruler, Terry Edwards.

Also, we are also have a group on Facebook if that is convenience for you to get updates about upcoming events.



Thanks again to all those who helped with the Sacking Party to prepare for the Children's Christmas Party in December.

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

State competition in North Platte April 24th.
 With the Dictionary project, we have received many thank you notes from the school children and teachers.. What a great project that just completed its second year and is growing.

Also, the coaches of the Elk's Midget football teams will be attending the second Beer and Burger nite the 24 in appreciation of all the time and effort they put into that program. Lets have a big turn out to show our appreciation.

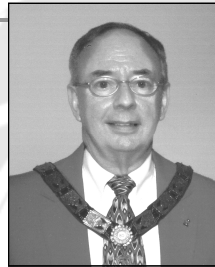
Remember that the officers of your lodge can only accomplish their tasks with your help and involvement. Thank you to everyone.

Fraternally, Terry Edwards, Exalted Ruler

EXALTED RULER...

Dear Elks and DOES:

February has arrived. Dates to remember this month are: Valentines day on the 14th (Elks Dinner that evening) and the 16th is the birthday of our Order Founded in 1868 and also President's Day. Let's take time on the 16th to be thankful for the birthday of our Order and remember our President's for their time and dedication in keeping our nation the greatest democracy on earth.



This month the Past ER's will be conducting the first Lodge meeting the 4th at which time we will be accepting nominations for Officers for the next Elk year which begins April 1st and the election to be held at the second Lodge meeting the 18th. As you read this, I hope you will take the time to consider becoming an officer to perpetuate leadership into the future. This will enable us to grow and provide the Elk's programs to our community. To learn how you can help, call me at 489-1039 so we can meet and discuss the positions available. Plan on attending these meetings to see the election process.

Also let me know the names (other than an Officer) of whom you would like to nominate as ELK of the year. We want to recognize those individuals for their efforts in promoting Elk-Dom.

Thanks to Doug Reinks for chairing the Elk's Hoops Shoot Jan17th with 63 participants and the District Hoop Shoot Jan 31st and to Sonny Lane for chairing the Americanism project with thirty essays submitted.

The Ritual team will be in Cozad Feb 7th participating in "Practice Under Pressure" under the watchful eyes of the judges in preparation for the

SECRETARY'S CORNER...

The new Elks Lodge year, April 1st through March 31st, is fast approaching. This means the election of new officers this month. We are also preparing for the annual conference to be held in North Platte. Of interest, your lodge officers will again be competing in the ritual competition this year. They did very well last year, and are expecting to do even better this year; so there is a lot of excitement getting ready for the challenge.



From my perspective of being your Secretary for the last 3 years, every year has been better than the one prior. I can't imagine being associated with a better group of people! You all should be proud for being a part of what I feel is one of the best Lodges. But perhaps more than anything, we are having fun!

By-Law Changes: We received approval from Grand Lodge to implement the following By-Law changes that we voted upon and approved. The first: Article IV: Meetings, Section 2: The start time of Lodge meetings; they will now begin at 700 pm, instead of 730 pm. The second, Article X: Fees and Dues; Section 4: a paragraph was added to read; During the sixty-day period between October 1 and November 30 of each year, the fee of reinstatement in this Lodge of a member stricken from the rolls of this Lodge for non-payment of dues shall be one (1) dollar.

Correct address information continues to be a problem. The US Post Office charges the Lodge 50 cents for each piece of undeliverable mail, \$7 during



the first 3 weeks of January. Undeliverable mail also includes new address changes, and being temporarily away for whatever reason such as vacation and sickness. Please make every effort to contact the Lodge Office to ensure we have the correct address on file. Thanks!

As a reminder, the Elks Lodge year begins on April 1st, which is coincident with the annual dues statement. The dues statements will be mailed toward the end of this month, or early March, and the payment of dues should be returned prior to April 1st. Your continued support and promptness will be much appreciated.

And lastly those members who did not pay their 2008 – 2009 dues, (names published elsewhere in the bulletin), will be dropped March 1st. If you do not have a membership card reflecting those dates, 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

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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 Todd Speidell | 19 Ken Geisler |
| 4 Sam Carter, JR | Karla Ostrander |
| 6 Ron Hoffman | 23 Ralph Giebelhaus, PER |
| 9 Dirk Wingrove | 25 Richard Bjorklund |
| 12 Richard Lahr | 26 Lewis Cooley |
| 14 Robert A Klein | Robert Payne |
| Lyle R Paul | 28 Margaret Moss |
| 15 Jesse Shields | |
| 16 Jack Crowley | |

NOTES FROM THE EDITORS:
Remember the 19th of February 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 January mailing.



The **101st Annual Children's Christmas Party** was held at Pershing Center on December 21st. Despite the cold weather over a 1000 people attended the festive program. Participants were entertained by the Lincoln City Jugglers, comedian Toby Kid, ventriloquist Ian Varella, Amazing Arthur, The String Beans and Santa Claus. Prizes were awarded and a bag of treats were distributed to the children. A big thanks to everyone who volunteered their time and money to make this program a success.

Please take look at the following list of generous donors. If your name has been left off please contact John Brooks at 770-3500.

- Robert Kloch
- James Ray
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- Richard Todd
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- Jack Campbell
- Sonny Lane
- DOES Drove #4
- Ed & Gladys Herstein
- Merl Hesser
- Bruce Campbell
- Donald Anderson
- Earl Stewart
- Robert Reinhardt
- Jack & Judy Stone
- Harlan Zwiebel
- James & Ruby Dill
- J. Richard Spellman
- Ward Hoppee
- Elsa & Wilbur Amen
- James Rakers
- Profit Powerhouse BNI Chapter

OUR MEMBERS...

Members to be Dropped:

The following members will be dropped from the membership roster for non-payment of dues last year 4/1/08 to 3/31/09, unless we hear from you.

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|----------------|-----------------|
| Dean Borgmann | Stanley Novak |
| Damon Driskell | Sanford Pollack |
| Roger Hoy | Gary Reineke |
| Jason Huenink | Jack Russell |
| Gayle Lebsack | John Stephenson |
| Darrell Martin | Todd Kerns |
| Kenneth Maser | Jeff Treu |
| Stephen Miller | John Weers |
| Margaret Moss | Kenneth Wellman |
| Ronald Murphy | |

Deaths:

- Robert Lott, died 1/2/09
- Wayne Weber, died 11/15/08

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;
- Sam Carter recovering from shoulder surgery; and
- Dick Meyer in Lancaster Manor undergoing cancer treatment



Published for Membership:

- Diane Walkowiak proposed by Larry Schwindt
- Mike Jurado proposed by Sonny Lane
- Debra Inbody proposed by Jeff Sneller
- Watson (Bud) Brower has requested reinstatement, sponsored by Larry Pickering
- Jeremie Garrison proposed by John Aman

Members Initiated - January:

- Ronald Urban,
- John Lemke,
- Kenneth Orr,
- Rhonda Wicht,
- Derek Horalek, and
- Kim Cochran

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

1/7 meeting was at \$68. Terry Beyer was the name drawn, but he was not present to win.

1/21 meeting was at \$88. Randy King was the name drawn, but he was also not present to win.

December's hidden membership number was member, 14817 - Judson Douglas III .

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.
- Kelli Stanley Smith and Marge Wyant presented checks for \$350 and \$500 from DOEs Drove #4, as a gift towards the Kitchen renovation...They also presented the Elks with over \$1000 for our part of the football concessions fundraiser, a check...a big Thank You goes out to the DOES, we are proud to have you standing beside us in the work of the Lodge.
- Stephen Wirth took 118 sacks of candy from the Children's Christmas party over to the City Mission after the program.
- Vi and Helen Berst, and Rich Todd took sacks of candy to the Vet's Hospital and shared them with our Veteran's, in addition to the over 100 Christmas Cards made by the Pound Middle School Family Values Class. Teacher Ronda Dawson saw an article about Vi giving cards and 2 dollar bills to our Veterans, that story inspired her to do this for our Veterans via our Lodge... they also presented Vi with over 25 birthday cards to use throughout the year.
- Please send your donation check into the Lodge for the Children's Christmas Party right away, we are trying to get the expenses covered.
- Amy Jacobson was seen handing out an American Flag to an Eagle Scout recipient, first ceremony she had ever attended.
- Randy King was busy passing American flags out to Eagle Scouts too, over 6 ceremonies in the last two weeks.
- Kitchen renovations are moving along, thanks to the efforts of John Brooks, John Aman, and Harold Harpster, we have a new commercial range in service, new refrigerators and a freezer, and a different dishwasher is not far behind. Please send in your contributions to the Kitchen renovation.
- Rich Todd reports that he and Chuck Meisinger gave out over 300 dictionaries to the Catholic Schools for their 3rd graders, and over 2400 Thesauruses to 5th graders in 38 Lincoln Public Schools.
- The Lounge will be closing Wednesdays for lunch, due to slow patronage
- The idea of a wine tasting event was discussed, let us know your thoughts.
- Randy King reports that the deer hide program went well, he took over 50 hides to Thayer to the State Chair.
- Lots of new propositions for membership lately, are you doing your part to recruit new Elks to our Lodge?...it's easy, just ask a friend or acquaintance to join...many people are glad to be a part of things if they are just asked to...and remember B.P.O.E. (Best People On Earth!)



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 2/4: Ritual Practice
- 2/4: Lodge Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 2/10: Beer & Burger, 5:30 p.m.
American Legion, 7:00 p.m.
- 2/11: Ritual Practice
- 2/12: VFW, 7:00 p.m.
- 2/14: Valentine Dinner
Cocktails 5:30 p.m.
Dinner 6:30 p.m.
- 2/17: American Legion, 7:00 p.m.
- 2/18: Ritual Practice
Lodge Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 2/19: American Legion, 7:00 p.m.
- 2/21: DOES Luncheon
- 2/24: Beer & Burger, 5:30 p.m.
- 2/25: 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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