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FISH DINNER

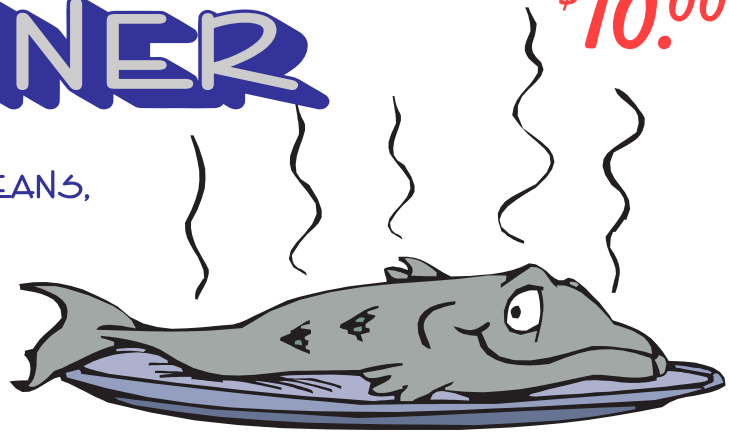
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FISH, POTATO SALAD, BAKED BEANS,
ROLLS, BUTTER AND DESSERT

FRIDAY, APRIL 3RD

5:30 PM Cock"TAILS"

6:30 PM DINNER



If you or anyone you know has ever bowled, this dinner's for you!!

This Dinner Sponsored By The Elk's Lodge 80 Bowling League, **EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

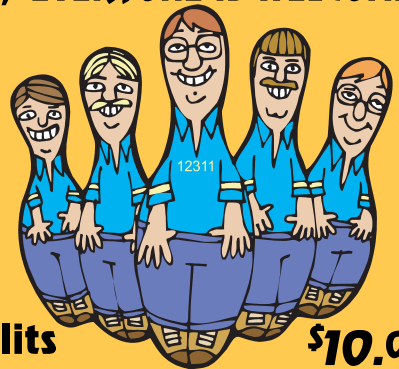
April 18, Saturday

5:30 PM Cocktail s- 6:30 PM Dinner

On The Menu:

"Perfect Game" Pork Medallions,
"Bowlers" Potatoes, "King Pin" Corn,
"Scratch" Salad, "Split" Buns and

last but not least In the "Gutter" Banana Splits



\$10.00

Good Food. Good Times.
Good Margaritas



4th ANNUAL Mexican Fiesta Dinner

Saturday . May 2nd
5:30 Cocktails - 6:30 Dinner

MENU

Roseanne's Enchilatas. Fiesta Chicken.
Gaucho Beans. Spanish Rice. Tortilla Soup.
Jicama Salad and Dessert

\$10.00 Dinner \$4.00 Margaritas

Sponsored by Roseanne & Sonny Lane AND Mary & John Brooks





Grand Exalted Ruler Paul D. Helsel

Messages from the GER
GL Newsletter, April 2009

**To All District Deputies,
Exalted Rulers, Officers
and Members:**

Congratulations to the new Officers of the Lodges for the 2009-2010 Lodge year. You each have accepted a responsible and challenging job for the next twelve months. The membership of your Lodge has expressed their confidence in your individual and collective abilities to lead, as well as their trust that under your leadership the integrity of your Lodge will be protected and that the Lodge will prosper and grow through the coming year.

Hopefully, by this time your goals are set, your plan of action formulated, responsibilities assigned and work is under way to ensure the success of your Lodge operation, the programs of our Order and involvement in your community.

The February ENF "Vital Signs" had a section about "Leading the Way," which stressed the "Leadership Challenge" as related to donating to the ENF by the leadership at all levels of our Order. And while all leaders at all levels should definitely be participants in our ENF, this "Leadership Challenge" and "Leading the Way" most certainly apply to all aspects of leadership and specifically as related to the responsibilities and duties of the Exalted Ruler and other Officers of the Lodge.

The "Leadership Challenge" in simple terms is making a commitment, understanding your responsibilities and then doing the job as best you can. You should be knowledgeable about our Order and its operational requirements. You should understand the operational aspects of your Lodge, and you should have a good ability to work with people. Probably your biggest challenge is to fully understand the requirements and limits involved in the proper operation of your Lodge, as well as how your responsibilities will affect that operation to ultimately achieve a successful outcome.

If you are not sure about anything, ask for guidance. At all levels of our Order, from the Lodge to Grand Lodge, there are knowledgeable Elks ready and willing to give you proper guidance. Please don't hesitate to ask! There are no dumb questions, only dumb actions when you don't know what you are doing. And finally, always lead by example.

Best wishes to each Elk in a leadership position. The success of your Lodge, the success of our Order, and our ability to Grow Elkdom depends on your actions and how you fulfill your responsibilities.

Elk's Lodge No. 80 Officers 2009-2010

Exalted Ruler John Brooks	Secretary Jerry Wilson
Leading Knight Amy Jacobsen	Treasurer Duane Vanderbeek
Loyal Knight Jeff Sneller	Chaplain Larry Bratt
Lecturing Knight OPEN	Trustees Larry Schwindt, Randy King, Gerald Miles, PER John Aman, PER Sonny Lane
Esquire Doug Rienks	
Inner Guard OPEN	
Tiler Sam Carter	

Quote of the Month...

Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time.

We are the ones we've been waiting for.

We are the change that we seek.

-BARACK OBAMA

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Exalted Ruler John W. Brooks

Dear Elks and DOES:

The Lodge Year ended on March 31, and the new Officers were installed on Wednesday, April 1st .

I have been anxiously waiting and preparing for my installation as Exalted Ruler. I anticipate a very productive fraternal year. The incoming officers are creative, ambitious, and a fun group of people.

My year as Exalted Ruler will be made easier because of the accomplishments of the last two years. The Lounge and the Lodge have been remodeled. The kitchen has new appliances and it's remodel is progressing. Our Ritual Team is greatly improved. We have new creative Lodge Dinners that have been well received and attended. All the youth activity programs have run smoothly and operate at a high level. For the first time in a long time, Lodge Membership will show a gain of three members for the year. This is a monumental accomplishment, considering we had sixteen Lodge Member deaths this year. The Lodge will receive an award from the Grand Exalted Ruler for this accomplishment. From my observations, I believe there is a renewed excitement & interest in the Lodge!

A special thanks to Terry Edwards for overseeing all of these projects. Your accomplishments were vast during your two year reign as Exalted Ruler.

***Congratulations To Everyone For
Making Good Things Happen!***

Fraternally yours,

John W. Brooks, Exalted Ruler

Around the Lodge

John Aman is presented with his award for Membership Recruitment by John Brooks



John Brandt, Troop 8 is receiving his Flag at his Eagle Ceremony by Randy King March 8



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Secretary Jerry Wilson

Secretary's Corner

First of all, may I extend a heartfelt thanks to those of you who have already sent in your dues. As of the end of March, 30% of members have paid their dues for the new lodge year. Also, congratulations to the new 2009-2010 officers who were installed April 1st. It looks like it will be another exciting year. The Lodge is going in a positive direction with an increase in membership over the last year.

There is a lot of positive energy going for the Lodge over the next two months, with Youth Scholarship Awards in May at SECC, and Teen of the Month recognition occurring the last two Sundays of each month. Many of us will be attending the State Convention in North Platte the end of the month, and of course the monthly dinners, Beer and Burger, and lest we forget the twice monthly Lodge meetings. Your attendance or participation in any or all of these activities is very much appreciated, as there is a lot of fun and camaraderie that you do not want to miss. You can be proud of the upward direction our Lodge is going.

You all are probably tired of hearing this, but as always, my goal remains the same "to be the best, and I can only do that with your help". If you have any questions or comments, please contact me. My phone number is 402-570-2555 and my email is secylodge80@yahoo.com. See you around!

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- 01 James Searle
- 02 William A. Bray
- 03 Vilis L Berst
Jerry Gorton
Lawrence W. Shepard
- 04 Richard H. Meyer
- 05 Brent Travis
- 08 Donald L. Leising
Jack D. Stone
- 09 David W. Caudy
- 11 Tamera Mowrey
Roderick A. Price
Robert H. Wise
- 12 Steve Noren
Scott Schrage
- 15 Gilbert Healy
Amy G. Jacobsen
- 16 Brianna Bergholz
Thomas H. Roper PER
- 17 Milan Knezovich
James F. Rakers PER
- 19 Julius Goldberg
- 20 Theodore C. Paulson
- 21 Paul E. Collicott
Ryan Hall
- 22 Dennis K. Smith PER
- 23 Robert C. Martin
- 24 Wesley N. Durst PER, PDD
Neil C. Petersen
- 26 Derek Horalek
Ken Krupicka
Gerald H. Maddox
- 27 Larry J. Klein
Richard R. Todd PER PDD



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!



TO BE GREEN WITH ENVY

By Carrie Fiedler



Fun was had by all that attended the St. Patrick's Dinner on Saturday, March 14



The room was a buzz with green of all shades and sizes. We thank the wonderful crowd that attended the tasty dinner prepared by John Aman and his loyal group of Leprechauns. From the Brisket all the way to the rye bread the dinner was enjoyed by all. To top it off, Stephen Wirth supplied a full bar of Bailey's Irish Cream to "drizzle" on our dessert.



The Larry's were in full swing with trickery and tickets. The prizes were a wonderful assortment for the winners.....Not Me, Again.



Thanks again for the support, good times and great food. Laughs were had by all, I'm sure! Thank you to Amy Jacobsen and her daughter, Eben for helping serve Ice Cream. Like Mother, Like Daughter.





Our Members...

Deaths:

None

Sickness & Distress:

Jim Chestney recovering from cancer treatment;

Ken Studier is at Gold Crest;

Dick Meyer in Masonic Home (Plattsmouth) cancer treatment;

PER Terry Edwards, recovering from a light stroke at home

Published for Membership:

Mary Brooks proposed by John Brooks

Ray Polak proposed by John Aman

Dale Anderson proposed for reinstatement by Stephen Wirth

Members Initiated in March:

David Cassner David Carter Dwain Spatz



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

3/4 meeting was at \$132. Maureen Hannon was the name drawn, but she was not present to win.

3/18 meeting was at \$151. William Bray was the name drawn, but he was not present to win.

March's hidden membership number was for member 15664- Scott Schrage

Did you find your hidden member number in this issue of the Elk-O-Gram? Call the Lodge 421-6363 and get two free tickets for our next fabulous dinner!

Now for the Quickies...

Vi Berst and Sam Carter were seen at Gramercy passing out Birthday cards to our Veterans. 27 Veterans reside at Gramercy. Vi and Sam also look after the 38 Veterans at Lancaster Manor. Tell Sam and Vi thanks for the fine work they do.

Scholarship judging is going full speed, several of our Elk Members are helping PER Dave Kirby and Sonny Lane with this responsibility.

Sonny also noted that five contestants from the Americanism Essay Contest will be on hand at the April 21 Burger Night to read their essays, please come and show your support to these youths who do it right.

In March, Randy King awarded five American Flags and Certificates to new Eagle Scouts.

Doug Rienks reports that three of our Nebraska Hoop Shoot contestants moved forward in District Competition, including Maggie Goltz from Fall City Lodge 963, who won Nationals last year.

PER Sonny Lane reported that the Trustees are meeting to finalize the budget. The budget needs to be finalized in April to be in accordance with Grand Lodge Statutes.

PER Harold Harpster volunteered to help with inventory and ordering of our beer and liquor. Harold frequently takes care of many routine operations at our Lodge, and is often the "behind the scenes unsung hero". Harold your actions do speak louder than words..THANKS!

It was great to see PER Terry Edwards at the meeting March 18th. He is making remarkable progress in his recovery.

Gerry Miles volunteered to assist the House Committee in its duties, along with Scott Schrage, Randy King and Chair PER John Aman. Please thank these Elk volunteers for the hours and effort they put into our Lodge...from changing light bulbs to fryer grease, from hanging pictures to remodeling kitchens, your House Committee does all these things, in addition to scheduling dinners and events...



Chuck Meisinger was seen at the March 18 Lodge Meeting swearing in our new Officers to fill the remainder of this term. Stephen Wirth as E.R., Rich Todd as Chaplain and Gerry Miles as Inner Guard. This will give us a complete Ritual Team for competition at Convention in April.

Lodge 80 was called on by State President Darwin Mast to perform the Memorial Service at the State Convention April 26. This is quite an honor. Extra preparation and effort has been put forth from your Ritual Team. Doug Rienks, Stephen Wirth, Gerry Miles, Amy Jacobsen, Rich Todd, John Brooks and Jeff Sneller will represent us.

A letter of appreciation was read from the YMCA for our contribution last year. They contributed over \$928,000 in time and money equivalent helping less fortunate youth have memberships or participate in YMCA activities at reduced or no cost.

ENF Contributions...We are at \$9.07, with a goal of \$4.50, or a bit over double our goal. A BIG THANKS to all who contribute...remember we gain about \$2 in benefits for every \$1 we contribute

Does News B.P.O. DOES #4

The Does Annual Flower Sale is going to be held Saturday, May 2nd. It will be held at the Elks Lodge #80 parking lot from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM. For more information or a flyer please call Kelli Stanley Smith at 467-5595

NOTES FROM THE EDITORS:

19TH OF APRIL 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 King @ 402-450-0978

Carrie Fiedler @ 402-325-8741

"Three cheers for our Elk-O-Gram folding crew for March, Scott & Jody Schrage, their Daughter Chelsey and Randy King." Please call Randy King to see how you can help with our newsletter.

8th Graders Show Their Thanks to Veterans

Teacher Rhonda Dawson and her Pound Middle School 8th Grade Family Consumer Science class decided they would like to do something for the Veterans in conjunction with Lincoln Lodge #80. She contacted Vi Berst and Sam Carter, Lincoln Elks Lodge #80 Veterans Committee members. The end result was presenting the Veterans Committee with 102 hand made Christmas Cards, and 25 Birthday Cards, to be given by the Lodge to our Veterans. These were beautiful handmade cards with special sentiments for the Veterans.

The Veterans committee was tremendously impressed with their efforts. Mrs. Dawson wrote, "It was our pleasure to work with the Elks on this project to benefit the Veterans."

Our Thanks go out to Mrs. Dawson and her 8th Grade Family Consumer Science Class. Mrs. Dawson is the daughter of Darrel and Bonnalynn Henderson. Darrel is a Past State President of the Nebraska State Elks Association.



Pound Middle School – 8th Grade FCS Class



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 4/1 Lodge Meeting 7:00
(Officer Installation)
- 4/3 Fish Dinner 5:30 PM Cocktails
- 4/5 Bar Open, Afternoon Only
- 4/7 Burger Night 5:30 PM
- 4/8 Ritual Practice
- 4/9 VFW 7:00 PM
- 4/14 American Legion 7:00 PM
- 4/15 Ritual Practice
- 4/15 Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM
- 4/16 American Legion 7:00 PM
- 4/17 Room Rented
- 4/18 Bowlers "Sponsored" Dinner 5:30 PM
- 4/19 Teen of the Month
- 4/20 DOES 7:00 PM
- 4/21 Burger Night 5:30 PM
- 4/22 Ritual Practice
- 4/24 Room Rented
- 4/26 Teen of the Month
- 4/22 State Convention, North Platte



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