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

THEY MADE US PROUD!



Rich Todd, Jeff Sneller, John Brooks, Larry Bratt, Steve Wirth, Amy Jacobsen, Gerald Miles, Doug Rienks

Lincoln Lodge 80s' Ritual Team was presented the 1st place plaque, The Hobe Blackledge Ritualistic Award on Saturday evening, April 25, 2009 at the Nebraska Elks Association Convention held in North Platte, NE at the Sandhills Convention Center in the Quality Inn Hotel.

The team had a 30 minute practice on Thursday evening in the ritual room. At 11:00am on Friday they were judged. Several lodge members were present as observers and it was agreed, that in their humble opinions, the team gave an exceptional performance. They were proven right on Saturday evening banquet.

First was Larry Bratt, who received a trophy for highest scoring Candidate. Then Gerald Miles was awarded the plaque for the highest scoring Inner Guard. Competing Esquires were repeating the chair and the ritual chairman declared that the trophy would be awarded to Dr. Doug Rienks. Go Doug! Amy Jacobsen as Loyal Knight and ER John Brooks was Leading Knight also earned the top award.

As final proof of our teams' strength, the 2009 Nutzman Ritual Award for the Highest Scoring Officer in the competition was awarded to our Exalted Ruler John Brooks serving as Leading Knight. Go Dad! He received a cup trophy and a large traveling trophy which will be on display in our lodge trophy case until competition next year.

Ritual Team Takes State



ER John Brooks being awarded the Nutzman

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Grand Exalted Ruler Paul D. Helsel

Messages from the GER
GL Newsletter, May 2009

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

Well, a month is gone in this new Lodge year. You should be well aware of what needs to be done. You've had time to observe how responsibilities are being accepted and performed, and you should know if things are moving in the right direction. Hopefully your Lodge is progressing as planned, and you and others are pitching in to help accomplish the goals set for the year.

If that's not the case, it is not too late to consider making adjustments that will yield more desirable results. And if you have doubts, now is the time to seek assistance. Don't wait until it is too late to get things done. Don't limp along with uncertain direction. Fix it now!

The Officers should be prepared to conduct their first dignified Initiation, and there should be candidates just waiting for that to happen. The Lapsation Committee should be contacting those on the delinquent list, letting them know how important they are to the Lodge and our Order. The recruitment and retention of Members need to remain a high priority in all Lodges.

The Grand Exalted Ruler's ENF goal is still \$4.50 per capita, but don't wait to work the program – get started now. Your Lodge should be at at least \$0.50 per capita by now. If not, light a fire under your chairperson and individuals working this program! Get those donations in and submitted to the Foundation as soon as possible and keep it going. ENF funds all our major programs right down to the Lodge level.

And don't forget our programs for the youth and veterans. May 1–7 is Youth Week for recognizing the accomplishments of our young people. Hopefully your Lodge is doing something in this area right now. If not, how about getting it started today? May 16th is Armed Services Day and May 25th

is Memorial Day, both days for honoring military personnel. Armed Services Day is for those currently serving to protect our freedoms and Memorial Day for those who served and have passed on. These observances should be a part of every Lodge's effort to serve veterans and the active military. If your Lodge is not involved, get involved now!

Thank you for all your continued support of our great programs and Lodges. And continued best wishes for success in all you do, demonstrating that "Elks Care - Elks Share."

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 Diane Walkowiak	Trustees Larry Schwindt,
Esquire Doug Rienks	Randy King,
Inner Guard OPEN	Gerald Miles,
Tiler Sam Carter	PER John Aman,
	PER Sonny Lane

Quote of the Month...

A small body of determined spirits fired by an unquenchable faith in their mission can alter the course of history.

-MOHANDAS GANDHI

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Exalted Ruler John W. Brooks

Dear Elks and DOES:

April has been a busy and productive month at the Lodge. Officers were installed. We had two Teen of the Year Ceremonies. The Fish & Bowlers dinners were a great success. American Flags were awarded at Eagle Scout Ceremonies. The trustees and other Elk Members have been preparing this years' budget. Thank you to all the people that helped at these events.

I was impressed with the involvement our Lodge Members have at the Elk's State Convention. Chuck and Kathy Meisinger ran the registration desk and volunteered their time to make the State Convention run smoothly. Randy King gave an outstanding presentation on the Eagle Scouts. Rich Todd did a presentation on government relations. Bobby Clinkenbeard serves as a trustee on the Elk's State Organization. Jack Jenson (Past Grand Exalted Secretary) played a very active part in the convention.

Lodge 80 had a hospitality room for the first time in many years. The theme was The Jolly Corkers' Pub. We tried to convey how the Elk's Organization evolved through the Jolly Corkers'. Convention attendees were encouraged to play an old bar trick that used corks. They would then receive their own cork, a Jolly Corker's sticker and would then sign the membership book. The theme was a hit and all had a good time at the hospitality house.

On Friday, the Ritual team performed at the state contest. At the Saturday Night banquet the ritual team received first place in the State Ritual Contest. WOW!

On Sunday the Ritual team performed the Memorial Service for the State Convention. Many positive comments were given on our Memorial Service Performance. It has been a wonderful and amazing first month as ER. Thanks to every one of you!

Fraternally yours, John W. Brooks E.R.



Around the Lodge

Randy King presenting new Eagle Scouts, Daniel Rogge and Caleb Boender, with flags. The boys are part of Troop 64. Congrats!



A Big Thank You to current ER John Brooks, who provided the tuxedos so this year's team will look very impressive during their part deliveries and deportment moves. Also, thank you to No 80's Past Exalted Rulers Association for donating money to help with the team expenses at state.



On April 1st, Amy Jacobsen was awarded Officer of the year and Harold Harpster awarded Elk of the Year. Congratulations!

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Secretary Jerry Wilson

Secretary's Corner

Congratulations! Having just returned from the State Convention, you all can be proud of being a member of one of the best Lodges in the State. Our membership gained from last year, we initiated two new members last month, one member was reinstated, with three initiations planned for this month, our dinner are well attended, and we have one the best Lodge Newsletters..... Yep, I am starting to bore you, but it is hard to be humble when you belong to a great Lodge and program.

Just a reminder, dues for the current Lodge year, which began April 1st, are due. As of the end of April, 70% of the membership has paid. I THANK YOU. The new 2009-2010 card is sent out immediately after receiving your payment, if you do not receive your card, please let me know. Mistakes either in the Lodge office, or with the Post Office do happen. We have had one such occurrence, hopefully the last.

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!



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 03 Carrie E. Fiedler
- 04 Teana Chilsted
James M. Kirk
Phil Maddern
- 05 Jack Russell
- 06 Elton Brodd
- 07 Phil Sorensen
- 08 Walt W. Hays
Larry L. Schmutte
David Wesemann
- 10 Lawrence E. Wulf
- 14 Joseph L. Hanigan
- 18 Sean S. Smetter
- 20 Merrill P. Allen
- 21 Randy Strope
Neil Stuthmann
- 22 Larry R. Bratt
Sonny Lane PER
- 25 Philip C. Sprague
- 29 Judson B. Douglas III
Marvin J. Goodding
- 30 Mary Brooks



On the third Wednesday of the month, we will be celebrating this month's birthdays following the Lodge meeting. Come join us for a birthday treat!

NOTES FROM THE EDITORS: 14233

19TH OF MAY 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 April, John Brooks, Randy King and Nancy our Lodge bartender." Please call Randy King to see how you can help with our newsletter.

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After all of the individual awards the team was presented the Blackledge Award. The team is very proud of their accomplishments. The Nebraska Elks Association will provide \$7,000.00 for the team to travel to Portland, Oregon in July for National Convention. It is estimated that the team will need to raise another \$4,000.00- \$5,000.00 to help with the team costs. Past state officers, members of other lodges in our state and our own members have offered financial support.

On Sunday, the team had the honor of being invited to perform the Memorial Ceremony during the closing of the 2009 convention. I must say that our male team members look very regal in their tuxes and Amy Jacobsen very royal in her dress. They command your attention when they perform. Larry Bratt served as the Esquire for the ceremony, since Doug Rienks had a family obligation in Lincoln on Sunday. Many lodges had representatives at the ceremony and the team received many compliments and thank you's for a job well done.

On Saturday, ER John Brooks received a plaque for the Lodge as a 1st Place All-American Lodge Contest "A" Division II for 2008-2009. He also accepted a certificate For Exceeding the Grand Exalted Rulers' Elks National Foundation Per-Capita Goal of \$4.50.

Steven Wirth was awarded The George B. Klein Nebraska Elks Association Ritualistic Award for sincere dedication to the principles of Ritualistic work for 2009. Great Job Steve!

Several Fund Raisers, such as Sunday Breakfasts, a Spaghetti Supper on May 15th and a Ritual Team Picnic Fund Raiser at Chuck Meisingers' Cabin on June 13. Details to follow. Please help support our team to make it to Nationals.

Tails of the Fish Dinner

The April 3rd Fish Dinner went over with a flip and a flap! The fish was so very tasty which was swimming in delicious side dishes of beans, rye bread and potato salad. The eclairs and chocolate covered strawberries were a light and elegant finish.



Proof that folks were having fun with fish!

Special Attention



ER John and Mary Brooks present a photo album to PER Terry and Vivian Edwards. Terry & Vivian presented Mary with a dozen roses

Here we have a clipping from the Lincoln Journal Star of our own Rich Todd. Wish Rich a **HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY!!** You look Rich with youth!



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Our Members...

Deaths:

None

Sickness & Distress:

Jim Chestney recovering from cancer treatment;
Carrie Fiedler is recovering from a ACL injury
Ken Studier is at Gold Crest;
Terry Edwards (PER) Stroke & Bladder Cancer
Dick Meyer in Masonic Home (Plattsmouth)
cancer treatment;

Published for Membership:

Ed Peeks proposed by Roger White

Members Initiated in April:

Mary Brooks
Franklin Mills
Dale Anderson (reinstated)



Dale Anderson, Franklin Mills, Mary Brooks & ER John Brooks

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

4/4 meeting drawing did not occur, as that was the installation of 2009-2010 officers.

4/15 meeting was at \$172. William Overman was the name drawn, but he was not present to win.

April's hidden membership number was for member 12311- Milan Knezovich

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!

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Now for the Quickies...

Almost two-thirds of our members have paid their dues... we are ahead of the curve, please everyone take time to write your checks and get them mailed. The Lodge cannot continue without your dues support...

May 4, is the presentation at Southeast Community College for our Scholarship recipients, this is a great event and good PR for our Lodge, please be in attendance and swell the ranks, wear your red coat if you have one...

Our Lodge has been given a \$500 grant for Drug Awareness, thanks to the efforts of Amy Jacobson..

Randy King was seen handing out American Flags to our communities latest Eagle Scouts with the help of new member Dr. Dave Carter who stepped in to help with the project...

Our Lodge will again help sponsor the Berean Church Car Show, "Men n Restoration" to be held May 16 at the Bereah Church Lot...if you would like to show an antique, collectible or just a fun car contact Randy King for info...450-0978...

Please attend our Lodge Dinners. You support keeps our Lodge running. Bring your family and friends for some great food and fun, leave with a warm fuzzy feeling of doing your part for the Lodge...

Please thank our Ritual Team for their extra effort and time they have put into our Lodge in addition to their roles as Officers and Chairs of Committees...

When you see new member Franklin Mills, welcome him on board, he is also a former school Band Director, as is our illustrious E.R. John Brooks... and it is sure nice to see Mary Brooks as one of our new members. She always has a kind word and a cheery smile for those around her...

Stephen Wirth and Chuck Meisinger recently attended a Memorial Service for Francis Hoag, who was a 52 year member of the Elks. Many of you might remember his efforts as the Public Relations Chair at the old Lodge on 13th & P St...

Our new ENF year has started, please fill your red coin banks and bring them in, we far exceeded last years goal of \$4.50 per member, we reached \$9.50 let's have great success this year!



PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT YOUR LODGE

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4th ANNUAL Mexican Fiesta Dinner

Saturday, May 2nd 5:30 Cocktails 6:30 Dinner

\$10.00 Dinner \$4.00 Margaritas

MENU

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



Good Food, Good Times,
Good Margaritas

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

May 15, 5:30 Cocktails 6:30 Dinner

Spaghetti & Meatballs, Vegetable
Rolls, Salad & Tiramisu

Help Send Our Ritual Team To Nationals!!

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JAMAICAN DINNER

COLORFUL DRESS IS THE ORDER, HEY MON! \$10.00

SATURDAY, JUNE 20TH 5:30PM COCKTAILS 6:30PM DINNER

Jamaican Beef Brisket, Caribbean Pork Loin,
Jerk Chicken, Rosta shrimp, Red Rice, Kingston Rice,
Island Calabasine Salad and Ice Cream for Dessert

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May 10-Mothers Day and June 21-Fathers Day the Lodge will be open for Sunday Breakfast. Mothers and Fathers will receive a special surprise (Bring your kids). Full Menu. Hours 8:00AM-12:00PM. June 13 at Chuck Meisinger Cabin a Ritual Team Picnic Fundraiser will be held. \$10.00 per person and BYOB. Contact Chuck at 483-5199 or kcmeis@neb.rr.com to RSVP. All money raised at these events will go towards the Ritual Teams trip to Nationals in Portland, Oregon in July. Again, please help our champions for all their dedication.



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with respect, cherish with
reverence the memory of
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 5/2 DOES Annual Flower Sale 8 AM - 11 AM
CINCO DE MAYO DINNER
5:30 PM Cocktails 6:30 PM Dinner
- 5/6 Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM
- 5/9 Room Rented
- 5/10 Sunday Breakfast for Mothers Day
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- 5/12 Burger Night 5:30 PM
- 5/12 American Legion 7:00 PM
- 5/14 VFW 7:00 PM
- 5/15 Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser
5:30 Cocktails 6:30 Dinner
- 5/16 Room Rented
- 5/18 DOES 7:00 PM
- 5/19 American Legion 7:00 PM
- 5/20 Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM
- 5/21 American Legion 7:00 PM
- 5/23 Room Rented
- 5/26 Burger Night 5:30 PM
- 5/30 Closed for MEMORIAL DAY



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

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