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## FLAG CEREMONY

Sunday June 14, 2009

11:00 AM

At Elk's Lodge #80

Public Is Welcome



In this day and age when Patriotism is seemingly a lost art, we need to honor and remember our flag. Please come to celebrate our freedom and country.



## The Color Of Gold Will Shine Once More

Chairman Stephen F. Wirth



Members of Lincoln Lodge No. 80 will be presenting the Girl Scout Gold Award to those scouts who are in their final stages of projects. Please come and share in this unique experience on **JUNE 14TH, 2009 at 2:00 PM** at the Nebraska State Capital Rotunda.

Tracy Stewart, Program Specialist for Girl Scouts Spirit of Nebraska Council, Homestead Service Center and Stephen Wirth PER, Girl Scout Chairman, are in charge of arranging this important event.

The office of U.S. Congressman Jeff Fortenberry was contacted and certificates of recognition are coming in honor of each girl. Each Girl Scout that has attained the level of the Gold Award will receive an American Flag, which has been flown over our Nation's Capital, a Certificate of Authenticity and a letter of recognition congratulating the awardee for their accomplishments. Thank you to Erin Halligan-Trummer, Fortenberry's Staff Assistant, for helping make this all possible. Also, Thank you to our Trustees for their financial support on this very worth while endeavor.

In addition, a number of Girl Scouts will be receiving their Silver and Bronze Awards Lincoln Lodge No. 80 will recognize each of them with an appropriate colored certificate.

Please come and support these young individuals, who through their accomplishments, will make them stronger when facing the challenges of the future.



## Grand Exalted Ruler Paul D. Helsel

Messages from the GER  
GL Newsletter, June 2009

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

Soon a quarter of the 2009-2010 Lodge year will be behind us and the question is, are you and your Lodge ahead, behind or on schedule for a successful year. As I mentioned last month, now is the time to assess where you are and make any adjustments. If you haven't done that yet, don't wait any longer! Do it now to ensure that everything is being done to offer our programs to your community, as well as achieving growth and operational stability in your Lodge.

June is busy with many State Conventions, with everyone getting ready for the National Convention in Portland, and, of course, every Lodge conducting the mandatory Flag Day Celebration and hopefully a Father's Day tribute.

Flag Day and Father's Day are perfect for involving the community in what your Lodge does as a patriotic and community-oriented organization. It is the perfect time to show your interest and devotion to your community, country and family. Seize these opportunities to build a stronger relationship with your community and Members.

Your Lodge remains in a unique position to help your community, as well as your own membership. Lodges generally are well established and staffed with caring Elks. They are perfectly positioned to be of great support to their communities and Members. This is particularly true with today's uncertainty we are experiencing nationwide.

Reach out to your membership and community and determine what your Lodge can do to help. You certainly can continue to provide economical social opportunities for your Members, as well as

a friendly facility to gather for support, discussion and possible examination of opportunities. Show your membership your concern for their well being and your Lodge's willingness to be there for them.

Do the same thing for your community and use your membership to help. Make your facilities and the expertise of your membership available to your community. Reach out and make your Lodge a leader in community support. Be a rallying point for your Members and community.

Thank you for your continuing efforts to Grow Elkdom and make our Order shine during these difficult times.

### Elk's Lodge No. 80 Officers 2009-2010

Exalted Ruler John Brooks	Secretary Jerry Wilson
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Lecturing Knight Diane Walkowiak	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...

To the world  
you may  
be just  
one person;  
but to one  
person  
you may  
be the  
WORLD.

(ANON.)





## Exalted Ruler John W. Brooks

### *Dear Elks and Does:*

May has been a busy and productive month. I am grateful for all the members, friends & family that have volunteered their time, money and talents to make Mays' Lodge Activities successful. I have estimated around 500 hours of donated volunteer time in the month of May.

One of my goals for this Lodge Year is to involve idle members. If your health is good, shut off the TV and get off the couch. Come and help! The Lodge has a need for all kinds of volunteers. I have listed some jobs that are in need of help.

1. Setting up chairs & tables for Lodge Functions.
2. Burger night help. Cooking and cleaning.
3. Kitchen help for dinners. People to wash dishes & server.
4. Small maintenance items around the Lodge.
5. Presentation of American Flags and certificates at Eagle Scout Ceremonies.
6. Folding and labeling Elk-O-Grams
7. Cleaning projects in the kitchen.
8. Someone to help Harold Harpster on the calling committee for dinners and special events.
9. Taking photos at events for the Elk-O-Gram.

If you would like to help you can contact me at  
(work) 466-1144 (home) 783-2776  
(cell) 770-3500 or [john.brooks@fastsigns.com](mailto:john.brooks@fastsigns.com)  
Your help will be greatly appreciated.

I would like to have a Lodge Dinner in the future that features great recipes from members of the Lodge. A recipe is needed for soup, salad, meat, potato, pasta, vegetable, dessert and baked goods. Send me your recipes and I will put together a dinner featuring the best of these recipes. I know we have some great cooks in Elkdom.

Fraternally yours, John W. Brooks



## Around the Lodge

Randy King presenting new Eagle Scouts, Dustin Wuerfele and Taylor Cobb, with flags. The boys are part of Troop 36. Congrats!



Our greatest THANKS go out to all of you who attended or volunteered for our month of May events and fund raisers.

The Cinco De Mayo dinner was as popular as ever and so much fun was had by all. I know the same volunteers have helped year after year and we'll keep on doing it!

The Spaghetti dinner was such a hit. Food was great and the raffle was a plenty with so many great donations. We're on our way to Nationals!

Last but not least, Mothers Day Breakfast at the Lodge. I have to toot my own horn on this subject. My dad, John Brooks ER, has always cooked a great breakfast and he didn't let me down this time. For all of you who attended I hope you enjoyed your food as much as my family and I did! Please attend the Fathers Day Breakfast, June 21st so you can savor the flavors! -Carrie F

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**Secretary  
Jerry Wilson**

**Secretary's Corner**

My message this month is simple: First enjoy the upcoming summer and the many events that will be happening at the Lodge.

The second message is about the "payment of dues". The payment of membership dues is the life blood of this Lodge and payment is now due for the current Lodge year, which began April 1st. I extend a big Thank You to those who have paid! As you know, the benefits are many. Especially, if you are traveling and wish to gain access to an out of town Lodge, a current 2009-2010 card is necessary. I am sure the dues notice may have fallen behind your desk, or to the bottom of the "things to do pile", etc., but your attention to this matter will be very much appreciated.

If you have any questions or comments on how I can better serve you, please contact me. My phone 570-2555 and my email is secylodge80@yahoo.com. See you all around the Lodge.

**NOTES FROM THE EDITORS:**

**19TH OF JUNE 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 May, John Brooks, Mary Brooks, Grandma Shirley Vandeloo and Jack Fiedler" Please call Randy King to see how you can help with our newsletter.



**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

- 02 Karen E. Walker "BIG 50"
- 03 James Baruth
- 04 Glen D. Pumel PER
- 05 Lowell Poague
- 06 Kevin T. Rhodes
- 08 Rex S. Jensen
- 10 J. Richard Spellman  
Leon F. Vinci
- 11 Richard Bergholz
- 16 Paul E. Pocock  
Mark Tremain
- 17 Alex J. Borchardt
- 19 Patrick R. McCashland PER
- 20 W. Richard Baker
- 23 Joe Selvage
- 24 Kenneth Studier PER
- 25 James A. Dill
- 26 Dale L. Anderson PER  
Russell Earnest  
Thomas E. Ferneau, III
- 27 Harold Harpster PER PDD
- 28 Darrell L. Bowman  
Thomas D. Holland
- 29 Darlene Brocksmith  
Christopher M. Turner
- 30 Leon Lehr



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!

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June 13 at Chuck Meisinger's Cabin

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\$10.00 per person/ BYOB



# JAMAICAN DINNER

COLORFUL DRESS IS THE ORDER, YA 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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# *This is way better than Breakfast In Bed* **Fathers Day Breakfast**

June 21 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Full Menu to choose from

Father's receive a special Surprise

Fundraiser to send our Ritual Team to Nationals!



## Our Members...

### Deaths:

Richard "Dick" Meyer passed April 29th, 2009

### Sickness & Distress:

Jim Chestney recovering from cancer treatment.

Ken Studier is at Gold Crest.

Terry Edwards PER Stroke & Bladder Cancer.

Carrie Fiedler recovering from ACL injury.

### Published for Membership:

Rueben Keller reinstatement into the Lodge

### Members Initiated in May:

Ed Peeks



Roger White, Ed Peeks, Virgil Weiting PER, Stephen Wirth PER

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

5/6 meeting drawing was at \$188. Ken Kirstine was the name drawn, but not present to win.

5/20 meeting drawing did not happen. A number could not be given that evening.

**April's hidden membership number** was for member 14233- Stephen Wirth PER

*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...

By Randy King

Hats off to the Elks Bowling League, they gathered \$954.00 for their scholarship this year. Bob Clinkenbeard made a nice trophy for their efforts...

Please attend the fundraising dinners and breakfasts, they support our ritual team as they head to National Competition in July...

We also need to raise money to pay for our Kitchen Renovation, and there are upcoming expenses for the exterior of our Lodge building, in conjunction with the Trade Center Association...

When you see Ed Peeks, be sure and welcome him, he is our newest Lodge member, initiated on May 20...

Many "Thank You's" were received for sponsoring the Berean Car Show, for our Eagle Scout Flags and for the scholarships we provide...Elks Care, Elks Share...

Mark your calendars, June 14 is our Flag Day Ceremony to be held at the Lodge. Please bring all your family and friends as this is one of the few events where one can practice Patriotism and learn the true history of our Flag and of our Country...

June 14 is also the Girl Scout Award Ceremony to be held at the State Capitol Rotunda. Stephen Wirth is the chair of this event, and has had flags flown over the Nation's Capitol for each of the recipients. Silver and Bronze Winners will be honored as well...

Amy Jacobsen will be ordering coloring books and other Drug Awareness material for use at various events throughout the year. Rumor has it, the quantities are near 10,000...

Trustees presented the yearly Lodge budget, which was voted on and approved, in keeping with National requirements...

Several familiar faces were seen at the Berean Car Show on Saturday May 16 along with lots of fun cars. Randy King's two son's won trophies. Kyle won second place trophy with his '67 Camaro. Allen won a second place trophy with his '76 El Camino. CONGRATS!!...

We still have 79 members who haven't paid dues. For those of you who have Thank you. Even our long distance members have paid including one in Singapore.





The dues go to paying our light bill and things of that sort. Each year we have issues with payments but we really need all of you to see the importance of paying. You can even send extra money and designate it for what ever fund you like, Kitchen Renovation, Ritual Team. we all need your help...

And please try and recruit new members. Just explain what the Elks do, and how much fun we have doing it. Many people would love to belong to our organization, but are waiting to be asked. Be a proposer; resolve to recruit at least one new member this year. If everyone did that, our size would double and time, resources and talent would be much less of an issue...

## SCC Scholarship Night

May 4, at Southeast Community College, winning students were rewarded Scholarship from the Elks Lodge No. 80. Applaud the future of America and such a proud event for our Lodge. Thank you for all of our Members in attendance.



Scholarship Winners At SCC



Charles Aman, Scholarship Winner  
with his father John Aman PER  
Congratulations Charles, You deserve it!

**Elks** Care - **Elks** Share

## Lodge Facts by Harold Harpster, PER

This month I would like to remind the membership of the voting requirements contained in Appendix 1 of the Grand Lodge Annotated Statutes. Generally, unless specifically provided for in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Order, Robert's Rules of Order shall prevail. General motions made in the conduct of business at a Lodge meeting requires only a **Simple Majority-By Voting Sign Of An Elk** to pass or be approved.

Election of Officers or an election to fill a vacancy require a **Majority Of Votes or Ballots Cast**. The vote is taken by written or printed ballot or voting machine. The election of only one nominee can be accomplished by the Lodge directing any Officer to cast the vote to the Lodge for the nominee.

Amendments or revisions to By-Laws, Rule of Order and House Rules require a **Majority of Members Present-By Voting Sign Of An Elk**. The incorporation of the Lodge or Club, the formation of a separate corporation also apply to this requirement.

To overrule the decision of an Exalted Ruler requires, **Two-Thirds Majority-By Voting Sign Of An Elk**. In addition, the failure of an Officer to memorize the ritual, the removal of an Officer for immoral conduct, abuse in office or actions which may dishonor the Lodge, an application for reinstatement after 30 days from being stricken from the rolls also require the two-thirds majority.

All applications for membership, regardless of the type, (initiation, transfer demit, certificate of release, etc.) require **Two-Thirds Majority-Ballots Cast**. 15476

**A Two-Thirds Majority-By Voting Sign Of An Elk** is required for:

1. Proposal of line item expenditure in excess of budget.
2. Proposal to increase the budgeted fund by transfer of funds from another fund or authorizing borrowing against anticipated income.
3. Expenditure of unbudgeted income.
4. Permission to build, buy, sell, remodel or lease property.
5. To rescind an approved action.
6. Dropping a Member owing any indebtedness to Lodge.

**A Two-Thirds Majority Of Members Present-By Secret Ballot** is required for Life Membership, Transfer of a Life Membership, Honorary Life Membership and an Appeal to Lodge by a Member suspended from Club privileges.

I do hope this article has been of interest to all members and those wanting more information can refer to Appendix 1 of the Annotated Grand Lodge Statutes.



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## Elk's Creed

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Enjoy the good things of earth.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 6/1 Ritual Practice 7:30 PM
- 6/3 Ritual Practice 6:00 PM
- 6/3 Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM
- 6/6 Room Rented in Evening
- 6/8 Ritual Practice 7:30 PM
- 6/9 Burger Night 5:30 PM  
American Legion 7:00 PM
- 6/10 Ritual Practice 6:00 PM
- 6/11 VFW 7:00 PM
- 6/13 Ritual Team Picnic Fund Raiser  
Room Rented in Evening
- 6/14 Flag Ceremony At Lodge 11:00 AM  
Girl Scout Gold Awards  
At Capital Rotunda 2:00 PM
- 6/15 DOES 7:00 PM  
Ritual Practice 7:30 PM
- 6/16 American Legion 7:00 PM
- 6/17 Ritual Practice 6:00 PM  
Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM
- 6/20 Jamaican Dinner  
5:30 PM Cocktails 6:30 PM Dinner
- 6/21 Fathers Day Breakfast  
Menu Served 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- 6/22 Ritual Practice 7:30 PM
- 6/23 Burger Night 5:30 PM
- 6/25 Hunters Safety Training thru 6/27
- 6/29 Ritual Practice 7:30 PM

