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## RITUAL TEAM TAKES 9TH AT NATIONALS

The Lodge's ritual team was not successful in its quest for the National Championship at Portland in early July. As a team we ranked ninth out of nineteen teams that vied for the Western division title. The winning team had a score of 96.5821 and our team had 95.0709. Due to a variety of circumstances, we had to replace several of our regular officers and this resulted in penalty points being assessed against the team. Without those penalties our score would have been 95.7851, good for sixth place overall.

All officers performed very well, but two members should be singled out for exceptional work in their respective chairs. One was Steve Wirth our acting Exalted Ruler and the other was Larry Schwindt the acting Inner Guard. Steve brought a wealth of experience to the floor and was the top scoring Exalted Ruler until penalized one point and Larry performed for the very first time, yet finished 4th among all Inner Guards before his penalty for being a substitute was assessed.

All agreed that it was an exceptional experience and the new team of officers are getting ready to defend their state title so they can have another opportunity on the National level.

The ritual team would like to again thank everyone who generously supported us in our fund raising.

**2009**

### RITUAL TEAM

(Left to Right)

**Larry Bratt,**  
(as Candidate)  
**Rich Todd PER,**  
(as Chaplain)  
**Larry Schwindt,**  
(as Inner Guard)  
**Amy Jacobsen,**  
(as Loyal Knight)  
**Stephen Wirth PER,**  
(as Exalted Ruler)  
**John Brooks ER,**  
(as Leading Knight)  
**Jeff Sneller PER,**  
(as Lecturing Knight)  
**Doug Rienks,**  
(as Esquire)

*The Faults of our Members, we write upon the sand - Their Virtues upon the tablets of Love and Memory*



## Grand Exalted Ruler James L. Nicholson

Messages from the GER  
GL Newsletter, August 2009

**To All District Deputies,  
Exalted Rulers, Officers  
and members**

**It is great to be your Grand Exalted Ruler.**

Mary Carolyn and I are very excited that I have been selected your National President. We cannot wait to visit you and to see all the good work you are doing in your Lodges and in your states. We feel we are all in this together and we will be two voices singing your praises to anyone who will listen.

My goal for the Elks National Foundation this year remains at \$4.50 per Member. We know you believe in the importance of ENF to your Lodge, to your state's charitable efforts and to the programs of the Order. Please make ENF a high priority. I am sure I will see good progress when we make our visit.

In addition to the Elks National Foundation, I am emphasizing our Veterans Programs in my travels. The all-volunteer armed services, the families of soldiers, seamen and airmen, and all Veterans need our support as much as ever. It is our solemn Elks' vow we will never forget our Veterans.

Thank you for this wonderful opportunity to serve as Grand Exalted Ruler. We look forward to seeing you down the road. Remember, "Elks Make A Difference"!

*The Honorable James L. Nicholson was installed as the Grand Exalted Ruler at the Grand Lodge Convention in Portland, OR in July, 2009. To better know your GER go to [elks.org/grandlodge](http://elks.org/grandlodge) and read the Grand Exalted Ruler Biography.*

**Elks Care - Elks Share**



## Exalted Ruler John W. Brooks

***Dear Elks and Does:***

I would like to thank the members of our Lodge for allowing me to represent Lincoln Lodge #80 at the Grand Lodge in Portland.

I attended many meetings & ceremonies. I met and discussed Lodge Activities with Elk's from many parts of the USA. I ventured through the vendor & display show and found many great products & ideas. I performed with our Ritual Team. I was proud of our performance! I watched the final four ritual teams perform. I was impressed and enlightened by the performances I saw. It was great to have my fellow Lodge Officers & their families in Portland. We did lots of activities together and had a wonderful time. They are a great group of people.

I will cherish the memories of this trip forever. Again, I thank everyone that made it possible for the team to attend the convention.

There were some Grand Lodge Resolutions that passed that will directly affect our Lodge.

1. To change the order of business to allow balloting for membership at the same meeting that the Membership Committee reports on the candidate.
2. To allow e-mail or other authorized electronic means for notice to members of the Lodge.
3. To allow Lodges to establish separate charitable projects. A Lodge or State Association may establish and maintain under such terms and conditions as may be provided by Grand Lodge Statutes and Lodge or State Association By-Laws, one or more charitable, educational or philanthropic projects. A Lodge corporation formed under this article shall comply with the provisions of Section 16.030 unless otherwise required by the laws of the State where incorporated.

Fraternally yours,

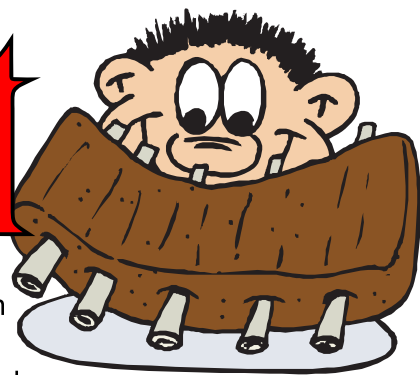
John W. Brooks, Exalted Ruler





# Lodge #80 Ribfest

"The food was lip smackin', finger lickin', tender and good! Not just saying that because my dad helped cook it but because my kids ate it!" -Carrie Fiedler



July 18th this Ribfest turned out great, thanks to the many hands who helped with that. John Brooks, our head rib fixer, did an excellent job. The Kansas City Style barbecue sauce was great. Beer broiling those ribs made them extra tender.

Kim and Pat Wiseman did an excellent job shucking and prepping the corn on the cob. The Lodge room was full of people enjoying the evening, food and visiting. The Larry's were at it again having way too much fun helping prep, set-up and doing the raffle and not to forget their generosity for providing great raffle items. And Harold Harpster PER for all his hard work calling our members and encouraging them to come to our great dinners, a huge Thanks. Thank you one and all for making Ribfest a success!



Pat Wiseman gets down and dirty with the ribs.



Kim Wiseman digging in to the brownies with self control.



Mary Brooks was the official taste tester and she approved.



Larry Bratt says, "Do you see my rack? Rack of ribs!"



**Secretary  
Jerry Wilson**

### *Secretary's Corner*

A reminder, the Lodge only meets one time during the month of August, on the 3rd Wednesday, the 19th.

We are seeking volunteers to help with some of the daily activities in the Lodge office. These activities would take about an hour and nothing needs to occur until after 10 O'Clock. Please contact the office or call me, Jerry at the number listed below.

If you are a member delinquent in paying your dues, please make every effort to pay them. Thanks!

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 on how I can better serve you, please contact me. My phone number 402-570-2555. My email seclodge80@yahoo.com. See you all around the Lodge.

### Quote of the Month...

Until you value yourself, you won't value your time. Until you value your time, you will not do anything with it.

-M. Scott Peck

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### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Ronnie L. Bouwens  
Gary Buckmaster
- 02 Ward F. Hoppe
- 03 Melvin E. Tucker  
John D. Vermaas  
Gary L. Weber
- 04 Rober E. White  
Burton "Burt" J. Young
- 07 Roland A. Schessler
- 08 Cindi Card  
Otis W. Cave, Jr.  
Joseph Silverman
- 09 Edward Herstein  
Jason Pierce
- 11 Larry D. Schenkel  
Ronald Urban
- 12 Steven Massey  
Dan D. Megrue  
Richard A. Silverman  
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- 13 John F. Aman PER  
Jerry L. Wilson
- 16 Arthur C. Berthold
- 17 Ben Powell
- 18 Arthur R. Bossard
- 20 Marlin G. Anderson  
Virgil Wieting PER  
Robert A. Wittstruck
- 21 Paul L. Mussack
- 23 Dennis M. Byars  
Stephen F. Wirth PER
- 24 Terry T. Beyer  
Steve Leach
- 30 Robert G. Reinhardt



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



# Ulbrick's Family Style Dinner

**Famous Landmark from Nebraska City, NE**



**\$10.00**

August 15, 2009  
5:30 Cocktails  
6:30 Dinner

Fried Chicken, Creamed Cabbage, Mashed Potatoes,  
Chicken and Noodles, Lettuce Salad, Side Salads,  
Country Style Green Beans, Rolls and Butter and  
Apple Pie Ala Mode for Dessert



*September 11, 2009*

# Italian Night

*Spaghetti and Meatballs,  
Stuffed Manicotti,  
Vegetables, Italian Rolls, Salad and  
Italian Cream Cake*

**5:30 Cocktails 6:30 Dinner**

**\$10.00**



**October 15, 2009**

**5:30 Cocktails 6:30 Dinner**

Salad, Chops,  
Brats, Sour Kraut,  
German Potato Salad,  
Green Beans  
and Dessert





## Our Members...

### Deaths:

Vance James passed July 1st, 2009

### Sickness & Distress:

Ken Studier is at Gold Crest.

Terry Edwards PER is recovering from a Stroke & Bladder Cancer.

Al Wasenius is at Madonna recovering from Chemotherapy Treatments

### Family Announcements:

Jason and Reajean Brooks welcomed a Baby Boy July 24, 2009, 7lb 9oz 21 1/2"

### Published for Membership:

None

### Members Initiated in July:

None

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

7/15 drawing was for \$241.00. Terry Hagan was the name drawn but not present to win.

**July's hidden membership number** was for member 15563- Curtis Reiber

**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!**

#### NOTES FROM THE EDITORS:

**20TH OF AUGUST 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 July, The Fastsigns Employees". Please call Randy King to see how you can help with our newsletter.

## Now for the Quickies...

Congratulate the members of our Ritual Team for their stellar performance in Portland. We placed 9th in the Western Division...not bad for our first appearance since 1984 at Nationals...Larry Schwindt did an excellent job for the first time at any formal competition...the team had a lot of good times there as well, going down town for a fireworks display, and hiking home?? Something about Amy Jacobsen and a hospitality room and a headache...hmm...

Please send in your dues! We need the income to pay the light bill! It only takes a minute to drop a check in the mail...and recruit a new member while you are at it. Bring them to a Burger Night or to the Ulbrick's Dinner on August 15th. That one is a "don't miss"...family style serving, Mary Ulbricks famous creamed cabbage and fried chicken, there'll even be apple pie ala mode for dessert...Mark your calendars...

Hats off to our members who have stepped up and helped in the Office. Getting payroll done, going through mail, completing paperworks for Nationals, and helping the committee heads get their projects done is a daunting task...please stop by and lend a hand if you have a couple hours to spare. It isn't hard work, and many hands make for light tasks...see Jerry W., John B. or Rich Todd to help...

Please consider becoming the Inner Guard. We need to fill the position. It is fun and easy to do and only requires you be at the meetings (you should be there anyway!) and wear a red jacket. Be a "Red Coat" it's fun!

When you're out and about keep your eyes open for any items that you can donate to any of our raffles at the Lodge dinners. Just bring it to the dinner or drop it off at the Lodge. Thanks!

Correction from the July Elk-O-Gram, at the Meisinger Fundraising picnic the Grand Prize Winner was Linda Tucker, not Linda Miller. Sorry Linda!

Deer Hide program is off and running. Randy King will keep the hides at his place until time to take them to Thayer. Volunteers (Thank You Larry Bratt, Larry Schwindt, Scott Schrage and others....) will help retrieve hides from hunters and transport them to Randy King..

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## Quickies Continued

A Bin will also be set up on the south side of the Lodge and Randy will retrieve those and prepare them for storage. We need someone to prepare some posters to put up at the local lockers and places where you buy hunting permits (grocery stores, sports shops, Scheels, etc.) promoting our cause..and it would be nice to have someone make up some PSA's and news releases for the paper...(Diane, Where Are You?) Please call Randy, 450-0978, and volunteer to help. If we get about 6 transporters, this will run real smooth and not take a lot of time or effort on any one persons part.. we turned in 57 hides last year, let's double that this year...

## Reports of Committees:

**Social Community Welfare;** Amy Jacobson-No Report  
**Veterans;** Vi Berst-Couple of Birthdays for our Veterans at Gramercy Hill were remembered

**Midget Football;** Scott Schrage reports that equipment check-outs have begun, practices are gearing up  
**Hoop/Soccer Shoot;** Doug Rinks-No Report  
**Eagle Scout;** Randy King- 2 Flags to be given out August 9th at a Court of Honor

**Gold Award/Girl Scouts;** Stephen Wirth- Thank you to all who attended the annual Gold Award Ceremony and made it an overwhelming success.

**Hide Program;** Randy King-call for help, need a few more volunteers and a P.R. person

**House Committee;** John Aman-No Report

**Trustees;** Larry Schwindt- Trustees to meet July 30 for budget issues.

## Midget Football

by Scott Schrage

Football season will be upon us soon. Elks Midget Football Teams are kicking off another year. This will be the 54th year that the Elk's Lodge #80 has helped sponsor teams. We are expecting another large turnout of youth and another successful year.

The season starts with equipment check-out on August 2nd and practice to follow. Team photos will be August 14th at the Midget Football Complex located at 2nd & South Street here in Lincoln. On Sunday, August 30th, at the Midget Football Complex the season starts and will run for the next seven weeks. If you get the chance, come out and watch a game to support these hard working players.

After Elk Grand Lodge in Portland, Oregon, John Brooks ER and his wife Mary traveled with friends to Crescent City, California on the Pacific Coast to see the giant redwood groves. They took some time to pose for these photos at "Elk School" and an Elk Crossing. "How did they know to put an Elk crossing right where we needed it?"



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

Exalted Ruler	Secretary
John Brooks	Jerry Wilson
Leading Knight	Treasurer
Amy Jacobsen	Duane Vanderbeek
Loyal Knight	Chaplain
Jeff Sneller	Larry Bratt
Lecturing Knight	Trustees
Diane Walkowiak	Larry Schwindt,
Esquire	Randy King,
Doug Rienks	Gerald Miles,
Inner Guard	PER John Aman,
OPEN	PER Sonny Lane
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## Elk's Creed

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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

8/8 Room Rented

8/11 Burger Night 5:30 PM

8/13 VFW

8/15 Ulbrick's Family Style Dinner

5:30 PM Cocktails 6:30 PM Dinner

8/19 Lodge Meeting 7:30 PM

8/25 Burger Night 5:30 PM

8/27- 8/30 Fall Conference in Grand Island

