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



Pictured below are some of the children and a few of our volunteers at the Local Elks Hoop Shoot.

## ELKS HOOP SHOOT



JUST A FEW OF OUR ELK VOLUNTEERS AT THE HOOP SHOOT (L-R) Amy Jacobsen, Jason Brooks, Larry Bratt, Scott Schrage, Sonny Lane PER, Larry Schwindt, Derek Horalek and Gerald Miles

On January 10, volunteers and participants joined at the Lincoln East High School gym for the Elks #80 Local Hoop Shoot. The turn out was impressive with 48 shooters and 48 Elk members to help with a variety of duties.

On January 23, the District Hoop Shoot took place at the Cooper YMCA. We will have more details in the March issue of the Elk-O-Gram

Thank you to all those who came out and represented the Elks. Keep an eye and open ear for ways you can volunteer Participation is important so our good work can continue.



Hoop Shoot Chairman, Doug Rienks pictured with the trophy winners

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, February 2010

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

In 1948, the Elks of California donated 25,000 hides to our Order for the benefit of Veterans. This was the beginning of the Elks National Veterans Leather Program.

Today, Elks in twenty one states participate in this program. Last year, over 16,000 hides were collected, prepared, and shipped to tanneries for processing. The finished hides become craft kits, fingerless gloves for wheelchair bound Veterans, or craft leather for Veterans' hospital therapy and recreational programs.

In 2001, the Elks began a partnership with Help Hospitalized Veterans (HHV). In 2008, this non-profit organization produced 30,727 craft kits for Veterans in hospitals from leather we supplied, at no additional cost to the Elks. The kits come in various styles and assemble with relative ease into moccasins, pouches, handbags, and wallets.

To those hospitals with the proper leatherworking equipment, the Elks supplied over 6,000 square feet of leather in 2009. Skilled Veterans turn this raw material into various items, some approaching the level of art. The National Creative Arts Festival, sponsored by the Department of Veterans Affairs, exhibits many items created from leather.

Our National Leather Program Chairman, Dennis McAleese (Mountain Home, AR Lodge No. 1714), last year distributed nearly 3,000 pairs of fingerless gloves for use by wheelchair bound Veterans. These are made of high quality leather, embossed with the Elks USA logo, and greatly prized by their owners. Elks Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) Representatives order the gloves for distribution at the facilities they serve, and there is no cost. McAleese also travels to special events sponsored by the Department of Veterans Affairs and distributes the gloves personally to Veterans in wheelchairs.

Under the able leadership of McAleese, the Veterans Leather Program is growing every year. If your Lodge or state would like more information on participating in this program, please contact Dennis McAleese. Brochures about the program are available, at no cost, from our office in Chicago.

If you already collect hides, please do not ship them to a tannery before first consulting with Dennis. Over the last couple of years, there have been several changes in the tanneries we employ, and Dennis is the one to consult before shipping. Dennis is also the expert on collecting and preparing the hides, so do not hesitate to contact him. His contact information is: Dennis McAleese, Chairman, Veterans Leather Program, 384 County Road 852, Elizabeth, AR 72531-9603; telephone 870-488-5786; and E-mail, kdmc@mtnhome.

By Roger R. True, PGER, Past Chairman



## Exalted Ruler John W. Brooks

***Dear Elks and Does:***

I just returned from an Elk's District Deputy meeting for Nebraska East. One of my duties as Exalted Ruler was to give a summary of the activities and accomplishments of our Lodge for the current fraternal year.

In preparing my report I decided to review the pictures I had photographed this year and print some of the better photos for my presentation. The common saying, "pictures are worth a thousand words" holds true. Our Lodge has accomplished wonderful things. We make the world a better place.

The Elk's Organization from local lodges to Grand Lodge are fueled by volunteers. Volunteerism is a fundamental component of active citizenship. Volunteerism has long been a vehicle for individuals to engage in their communities and society. It has also been a means to express one's values, beliefs and concerns. Whether supporting civic organizations, mentoring children, organizing a community meeting, advocating for the rights of the disabled, or raising awareness of domestic violence, volunteer action contributes to creating a more just and equitable world.

Our Lodge has clocked thousands of hours of volunteer time, from helping out at dinners, the Hoop Shoot and Soccer Shoot, Elk's Football, working Nebraska Football games, serving as an officer, the sacking party, and any of our activities. Even if you are not physically able to participate, paying your dues and donating money is a form of volunteering.

**I Congratulate all our Volunteers** and leave you with a quote from ALBERT PIKE.

*"What we have done for ourselves alone  
dies with us;  
what we have done for others and the world  
remains and is immortal".*

Fraternally yours, John W. Brooks, ER





## Preparing to Defend State Title

by Stephen Wirth PER

The Officers of Lodge #80 are preparing to defend their State Ritual Championship title by competing in the upcoming Practice Under Pressure (PUP) which will be held at Cozad Lodge #2250 on Saturday, February 20th, 2010. Coach Wirth has scheduled Ritual practice in preparation for the upcoming competition against other lodges of Nebraska. The following are the names and positions competing:

Exalted Ruler: John W. Brooks ER  
 Esteemed Leading Knight: Amy G. Jacobsen  
 Esteemed Loyal Knight: Jeffery D. Sneller PER  
 Esteemed Lecturing Knight: Diane K. Walkowiak  
 Esquire: Stephen F. Wirth PER  
 Chaplain: Larry R. Bratt  
 Inner Guard: Doug C. Rienks  
 Candidate: Larry J. Schwindt

The results of this competition will allow #80 Officers to work on those areas of weakness which are determined by a panel of judges. The areas judged are Team Appearance 3%, Word Accuracy 30%, Word Pronunciation 7%, Department 10% and Impressiveness 50%.

After finding out our teams benchmark, then it's more practices in preparation for State competition which will be held April 23rd, 2010.

More information to follow as State Competition gets closer.

## Prime Rib Dinner

So many wonderful compliments have been given to our loyal volunteers in regards to our January 16th Prime Rib Dinner. To note a few, "Just a really good dinner!", "Really great dessert!", "This dinner was worth way more than the \$12 asking price.", "Who ever cooked this dinner deserves a round of applause, this was the best prime rib dinner I've ever had." Thank you to all that attended, volunteered and Elk's #80 Bowling League for sponsoring.



Elks #80  
 League  
 Bowlers and  
 Prime Rib  
 lovers: (L-R)  
 Rosemary &  
 Bill Overman,  
 William  
 Palmer  
 and Duane  
 Vanderbeek.

## DOES News

The Does second February meeting will be held the 27th from 11:30AM - 2:00PM. It is our Annual Founders Day Potluck. Members and guests are welcome to come. Please bring a side dish to share. The March meeting will be the 15th at 7:00PM.

Marjorie Wyant, President and Kelli Stanley-Smith, Chaplain were special guests at the Elks meeting on January 20th, 2010. They made monetary presentations to the #80 Lodge on behalf of the Does Drove #4.

\$500 (yearly rent) for use anywhere,  
 \$350 for use anywhere,  
 \$100 for the Children's Christmas party,  
 \$2,012.50 for the Elks participation in the Stadium Concession project.



Kelli Stanley-Smith, Marjorie Wyant and John Brooks ER

## Farmers Bank

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**Secretary  
Jerry Wilson**

**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.

As a reminder, the Elks Lodge year begins on April 1st, which coincides 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.

Correct address information continues to be a problem. The US Post Office charges the Lodge 50 cents for each piece of undeliverable mail, \$15 during the last 3 months. 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!

And lastly for those members who have not pay their 2009 -2010 dues, you will be dropped as of 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.

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.

See you all around the Lodge.  
570-2555 or lodge80secy@yahoo.com



- 01 Todd Speidell
- 04 Samuel R. Carter Jr.
- 06 Ron Hoffman
- 09 Thomas J. Eckery Jr.  
Dirk Wingrove
- 12 Richard A. Lahr
- 14 Robert A. Klein  
Lyle R. Paul  
Rhonda Wicht
- 15 Jesse Shields
- 16 Jack Crowley
- 19 Ken Geisler  
Karla Ostrander
- 20 Franklin Mills
- 25 Richard N. Bjorklund
- 26 Lewis Cooley  
Robert W. Payne





# SUPER BOWL <sup>XLIV</sup> PARTY

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# Valentines Day

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Saturday, February 13th

Cocktails 5:30 Dinner 6:30

Filet Mignon, Garlic Mashed Potatoes  
Vegetable, Roll, Salad & Dessert

**RESERVATIONS ARE NEEDED: Lodge 421-6363**

**\$15.00**



# St Patrick's Dinner

**\$10.00**

Saturday, March 13th

Cocktails 5:30 Dinner 6:30

Corned Beef Brisket,  
Cabbage, Carrots,  
Parsley Potatoes, Salad,  
Rye Bread and Dessert.

At the bar, Blarney Stone Green Beer

This dinner is sponsored by John Aman PER







## Our Members...

### Deaths:

None

### Sickness & Distress:

Ken Studier is at Gold Crest.

Merle Hesser recovering from 2 broken vertebrae.

### Published for Membership:

Ray Norris - Transfer from Fremont, CA Lodge #2121

### Members Initiated in January:

Imre Bonyhady - proposed by Larry Schwindt



John Brooks ER, Imre Bonyhady and Larry Schwindt

### Members Reinstated in January:

Clayton Tomjack

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

1/6 Due to the cancellation of this scheduled meeting for bad weather no membership drawing was done.

1/20 drawing was for \$54.00. John Lemke was the name drawn but not present to win.

**January's EOG hidden membership number:** was for member Charles Thone (8408). It was hidden in the Birthday Calendar.

**DON'T FORGET TO LOOK OVER THIS ISSUE TO FIND THE HIDDEN MEMBER NUMBER.**

*If you find your number, call the Lodge at 421-6363 and claim your two free tickets for one of our fabulous dinners.*

#### NOTES FROM THE EDITORS:

**19TH OF EACH MONTH 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](mailto:eog.lodge80@gmail.com)

If you have questions with the EOG please contact:

**Randy King at 402.450.0978**

**Carrie Fiedler at 402.325.8741**

"Three cheers for our Elk-O-Gram folding crew for January",

The wonderful members that attended the 1/12 Burger Night!

Please call Randy King to see how you can help with our newsletter.

## Now for the Quickies...

Rich Todd was seen at the Prime Rib dinner on 1/16. Congrats on your rapid recovery from Heart Surgery.

Hide Chair, Randy King reports that over 60 hides have been collected, surpassing last years totals. They will be taken to Thayer then shipped to be tanned and made into gloves.

Ben Hullman, our District Deputy, reported by letter that his visit resulted in high marks from the Grand Lodge. An increase in the Antler program was suggested and he encouraged all the Trustees to attend meetings. Everyone needs to work together to manage the Lodge.

The Does are looking for Volunteers from the Elks too help at the Special Olympics. 50 or more Volunteers are needed ot commit. This is a perfect opportunity for our many great Elks members to participate. If you are interested please contact Marjorie Wyant or John Brooks ER.

Stephen Wirth PER, took 160+ bags of candy to the City Mission. They were warmly received.

As Public Relations Chair for the Eastern Section, Stephen Wirth PER notes that Elks #80 has been receiving lots of recognition for our efforts. Examples, Boo at the Zoo, Girl Scout Gold Awards, Children's Christmas Party, Soccer and Hoop Shoots and much more. Congrats to our Lodge!

New member Imre Bonyhady, will be taking over for Duane Vanderbeek as Treasurer when new Officers are installed in April. Again, Thank you to Duane for over 10 years of service as Treasurer. His wisdom and attention to detail have been invaluable to our Lodge.

Since Cash Calendars didn't sell as well this year the Committee is looking at ways to jump start this very important fundraiser for our Lodge. It provides operating funds at the fiscal year end. Please call the Lodge or better yet attend a meeting and express your ideas or concerns. New ideas are crucial to the Elks.

Wayne Rullifson was voted in as a Life Member. Congratulations to you Wayne!

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(Quickies Continued)

Our ever popular and very busy Stephen Wirth PER was recognized for all his years refereeing softball by receiving a trophy. He brought his trophy to the Lodge to share with his brother and sister Elks!

In regards to the Elk-O-Gram, at times you may have received your printed copy beyond the first in the mail. It is a priority to get these to all Elks so you stay informed. In the case that this happens again, please know that at our website [elks80.org](http://elks80.org) you may find a copy of the newsletters, current and past year. From printing to you at home it can be a few days. If you haven't seen our website, check it out. It has very useful information for all our Elks.

It has been brought to the attention of Carrie Fiedler, our creator of the Elk-O-Gram that the address of the Lodge has been incorrect since March 2009. As of February 2010 it has been corrected. The correct address is 5910 South **58th** Street. Thanks Stephen!

**Elks Care - Elks Share**

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

<b>Exalted Ruler</b> John Brooks	<b>Secretary</b> Jerry Wilson
<b>Leading Knight</b> Amy Jacobsen	<b>Treasurer</b> Duane Vanderbeek
<b>Loyal Knight</b> Jeff Sneller	<b>Chaplain</b> Larry Bratt
<b>Lecturing Knight</b> Diane Walkowiak	<b>Trustees</b> Larry Schwindt, Randy King, PER Harold Harpster, PER John Aman, PER Sonny Lane
<b>Esquire</b> Doug Rienks	
<b>Inner Guard</b> OPEN	
<b>Tiler</b> Sam Carter	

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**5th ANNUAL Scholarship PANCAKE FEED**

**Sunday, January 31st, 2010**  
**8:00am - 2:00pm**

**At the Lodge, 5910 S. 58th**

**\$5.00 Adults \$2.50(6-12) Free(0-5)**

**ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKES**

w/ syrup, sausage, juice, milk, coffee, w/ assorted toppings i.e. apple, blueberry, cherry

The money raised from the Pancake Feed helps support the many Scholarships which is administered by the Charitable Fund, Inc. board.

**Bake Sale**

Don't forget to support the Bake Sale being held during the Pancake Feed. A fundraiser by Does #4



**Reports of Committees**

**Social Community Welfare:** No Report

**Veterans Committee:** Candy and gifts delivered to VA, Candy, gifts and gloves to Lancaster Manor, LJS article.

**Midget Football:** No Report

**Hoop Shoot:** Preliminary went well. Had 48 volunteers. Regional went well at Cooper YMCA.

**Soccer Shoot:** No Report

**Lapsation:** 32 delinquents to be dropped this issue.

**Scholarship:** Applications being received. Need to have volunteers to help grade them.

**Americanism:** Some essays coming in from a Catholic school. LPS less stellar.

**Drug Awareness:** Packets and coloring books were handed out at the hoop shoots. More will be handed at Pancake feed

**Eagle Scout:** One Flag and certificate given by John Brooks ER to Trenten Meyer, Troop 48.

**Gold Scout:** No Report

**Hide Program:** Over 60 hides collected and prepared for transport to State Chair.

**House Committee:** Proposal from catering company to take over kitchen operations. More to follow.

**Trustees:** Need help in office for daily receipts. Cash Calendar sales were mediocre. Created proposal to advance to the Lodge about catering company.



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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 1/31 Pancake Feed 8:00AM - 2:00PM
- 2/3 Lodge Meeting 7:00PM
- 2/7 Super Bowl XLIV Party  
3:00 Lodge Opens 6:00 Game Starts
- 2/8 DOES
- 2/9 Burger Night 5:30PM
- 2/9 American Legion
- 2/11 VFW
- 2/13 Valentine's Day Dinner  
5:30 Cocktails 6:30 Dinner  
Please Make Reservations
- 2/15 PRESIDENT'S DAY
- 2/16 American Legion
- 2/17 Lodge Meeting 7:00PM
- 2/18 American Legion
- 2/23 Burger Night 5:30PM
- 2/27 DOES Annual Founders Day Potluck  
11:30AM - 2:00PM
- 3/13 St. Patrick's Dinner  
5:30 Cocktails 6:30 Dinner



**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.