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

They Came Hungry. **THEY LEFT HAPPY!**

Lincoln Elks Lodge #80 Charitable Fund, Inc. held their 5th Annual Pancake Feed on Sunday, January 31 at the Lodge. With the weather cooperating, the stage was set for a busy and fun filled day of making pancakes, sausage and coffee. And the people came and came and came. With the great attendance, we had to utilize the lounge for extra seating.

We had a great cast of volunteers for this event. Individuals stepped forward even during the planning stages to ask, "How may me help?". It's a great way to start off an event and make it run smoothly. This year we advertised with posters, newspaper articles, flyers, Elk-O-Gram, Community Service Channel 10 and the Calendar of Events on Channel 10/11 website. Members agreed that we advertised more than in the past, prior to a pancake feed. Advanced ticket sales were so brisk this year. Many individuals sold 20-30 tickets each.

Results from the fundraiser, show the hard work that was put forth. After products and services are deducted from gross sales, the Charitable Fund, Inc. raised a total net sale of \$2,801. This was an increase from last years fundraiser by \$501.

In addition, Does Drive #4 had a successful bake sale as well. President Marjorie Wyatt, reports that \$300 was raised for their Drove and the special work they do.

The volunteers, whose services were greatly appreciated, are as follows:

John Brooks ER, Gary & Reggie Buckmaster, Sam Carter, Wilma Chestnut, Wesley Durst PER/PDD, Merl Hesser, Amy and Eben Jacobsen, Larry Jurgens, Scott Jurgens, Sonny Lane PER, Chuck Meisinger PER/PDD/PSP, Bill & Rosemary Overman, Bill Palmer, Waunita Peterson, Jody Schrage, Dennis & Kelly Stanley-Smith, Richard Todd PER & Connie Moore, Diane Walkowiak & Bill, Vera Wendelin, Roger & Kay White, Virgil Wieting PER, Stephen Wirth PER, Kim & Pat Wiseman and Marjorie Wyatt.

Thank you to the following businesses who donated product and/or services to the worthwhile event. Cash Wa Distributing, Greenfields Pancake House & Restaurant, FASTSIGNS, HyVee, Lincoln Poultry, Roper & Sons Funeral Home and Super Saver.

The Charitable Fund, Inc. committee has already set their sights on next years event, which will be our 6th Annual Pancake Feed to be held on Sunday, January 30, 2011.

Thanks to all for coming and making our feed a success.

Stephen F. Wirth PER, Chairman

Richard R. Todd PER, Aide To The Chair





Grand Exalted Ruler James L. Nichelson

Messages from the GER
GL Newsletter, March 2010

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

Now is not the time to rest on our laurels! I am sure, like me, you sometimes feel you have done enough. Well, not now! Push through March to make this the best year ever in your District and your Lodge. Look around. Have you attained every goal?

March is a great time to check in on your Adopted Vets. It is time to make sure that all the Elks National Foundation money has been turned in to Chicago. It is a perfect time to install every candidate awaiting Initiation.

Incoming Lodge Officers, please review the work of the committees, with an eye to improvement. Fine tune your goals for the new Lodge year. Be prepared to "hit the ground a-runnin'". Your Members want to see that you are prepared to lead and to lead by example.

Retention and reinstatement should be a high priority for all of us in March. Remember, all of us are on the Membership Committee. Every one of us knows someone on the delinquent list who needs a personal call. It is not too late to make a quick call to save a Member. Just do it.

Also, we all know a dropped Member we let get away, but who might not be averse to reinstating. Membership is personal. Membership usually happens one person at a time. Please call that one person now.

Thank you for your Elk efforts this past fraternal year. You are to be congratulated for what you have done for your Lodge, your community and this great Order.

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Exalted Ruler John W. Brooks

Dear Elks and Does:

My Fraternal Year is coming to a close. This will be my final article as Exalted Ruler. I have enjoyed my year as ER. I thank my Family, Officers, Elk's Members, DOES and Volunteers for making my term run smoothly. Our Lodge can be proud of the accomplishments of this fraternal year.

One of the goals for our Lodge will most likely not be reached, plus one in membership. We lose members every year for many different reasons. The Lodge needs to initiate twenty to thirty members a year just to stay even in membership. Everyone needs to help get new members. Everyone needs to help keep current members.

SOME SUGGESTIONS:

1. ASK! Sonny Lane stood up in a business networking meeting and discussed the Elk's Lodge and ask for members. That is how I became a member.
2. Invite a potential member to a Lodge Activity..
3. Involve your children or grandchildren in Lodge Activities. Benevolence doesn't come naturally to most human beings, it is learned. I love to involve my Grandchildren. At times, they would rather be somewhere else, but every so often you will see them volunteer to help. It is great to see multiple generations at the Lodge.
4. If you convinced someone to join the Elk's and they were initiated, keep them involved. We initiate people and then we forget about them. They most likely joined because they wanted to help. Keep track of them and make sure they are participating. All beginners need encouragement. Please help to keep our membership solid!

Fraternally yours,
John W. Brooks, ER

Elks National Hoop Shoot by Doug Rienks



DOES News

Lincoln Lodge #80 held the local contest for the National Hoop Shoot on Sunday, January 10th at Lincoln East Gym. We had 48 participants at the local contest. These participants were selected from 462 students that participated in their school shoots. Elk volunteers play a major role in making this contest go smoothly. We had 30 Elks volunteers and 8 spouses or children of Elks who helped. Winners of our local shoot went on to participate in the District Hoop Shoot held on January 23rd at the Cooper YMCA. A special thank you goes out to Sonny Lane and John Brooks for lining up the volunteers and making both of these events so successful. The following are the results of our local and district shoots

Thank you to our members who donated baked items or sent money for our Bake Sale. The sale took place at the Lodge during the P.E.R. Pancake Feed, January 31st. Another successful project.

Does meetings take place at the Elks Lodge, the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 PM.

Volunteers are needed for the spring football game. Call Kelli Stanley-Smith at 489-8673 or during the daytime call 467-5595.

Eagle Scout Court of Honor

On Sunday, February 21, 2010, Jordan Ray Uttecht became the 2nd Eagle Scout to his Parents Roger and Cindy Uttecht of Lincoln. This Impressive ceremony was held at St. Peter's Catholic Church. Jordan is a member of Troop #32 of the Salt Valley District of the Cornhusker Council. Lincoln Lodge #80's Esteemed Leading Knight, Amy G. Jacobsen, made the presentation of an American Flag, which had been flown earlier over our Nation's Capital, to Jordan. During Amy's presentation, two members of Troop 32 folded this flag while the meaning of our flag and what it represents was told.



Cindy, Jordan and Roger Uttecht with Public Relations Chairman, Stephen Wirth PER

LOCAL WINNERS

GIRLS AGE 8-9

- 1st Hanna Kelle 16/25
Adams Elementary
- 2nd Caelyn Christiancy 15/25
Humann Elementary
- 3rd Ashtyn Olsen 20/35
Fredstrom Elementary

BOYS AGE 8-9

- 1st Holton Harman 23/25
St. Peters Elementary
- 2nd Nathan Grof 22/25
Maxey Elementary
- 3rd Spencer Allgood 17/25
Humann Elementary

GIRLS AGE 10-11

- 1st Jenna Tederman 14/25
Fredstrom Elementary
- 2nd Madison Jurgens 11/25
Diller-Odell Elementary
- 3rd Cecilly Lynch 7/25
Adams Elementary

BOYS AGE 10-11

- 1st Noah Thompsen 22/25
Kahoa Elementary
- 2nd Jacob Dowd 19/30
Humann Elementary
- 3rd Treyton Scully 17/30
Fredstrom Elementary

GIRLS AGE 12-13

- 1st Alexis Rienks 15/25
Scott Middle School
- 2nd Emily Locke 14/25
Malcolm Middle School
- 3rd Tierra Beard 7/25
Mickle Middle School

BOYS AGE 12-13

- 1st Noah Weber 16/25
Irving Middle School
- 2nd Noah Kuszak 11/25
Pound Middle School
- 3rd Greyson Engle 12/30
Pound Middle School

DISTRICT WINNERS

GIRLS AGE 8-9

- 1st Hanna Kelle 16/30
Lincoln
- 2nd Lindsey Thiele 14/30
Fairbury

BOYS AGE 8-9

- 1st Tristan Bade 23/25
Fairbury
- 2nd Holton Harman 18/25
Lincoln

GIRLS AGE 10-11

- 1st Madison Jurgens 9/25
Lincoln
- 2nd Libby Dunn 7/25
Fall City

BOYS AGE 10-11

- 1st Noah Thompsen 22/25
Lincoln
- 2nd Nick Christiansen 15/25
Lincoln

GIRLS AGE 12-13

- 1st Haley Thiele 22/25
Fairbury
- 2nd Ashli Jordan 19/25
Fall City

BOYS AGE 12-13

- 1st Weston Witt 23/25
Fall City
- 2nd Noah Weber 18/25
Lincoln

Elks Care - Elks Share



**Secretary
Jerry Wilson**

Secretary's Corner

As I mentioned in last months Elk-O-Gram, the Elks Lodge year begins on April 1st, which coincides with the payment of your annual dues. The dues statements will be mailed during the second week of this month and the payment should be returned prior to April 1st. Your continued support and promptness will be much appreciated.

Please make every effort to contact the Lodge Office to ensure we have your correct address on file. Thanks!

An Opportunity: We have an immediate need in the office for someone to help count and prepare the daily money bags for the Lounge/Bar. It would require about 6 hours a week, and the schedule is very flexible. This is a paid position and we have budgeted \$250 per month. You do not have to be a member to do this job. If you are interested, please call me at the number below. Before placing an ad in the local newspaper, I thought of asking within the Lodge first to see if anyone would be interested.

As always, my goal "is to be the best that I can and I can only do that with your help". Please, if you have any questions or comments of how I can better serve you to achieve that goal, please contact me. - See you around the Lodge
570-2555 or lodge80secy@yahoo.com



- 05 William J. Fry
- 06 Bernard E. Dow
Martin A. Fehringer
- 07 Kenneth D. Tenhulzen
Donald V. Zeiss
- 08 Dennis M. Dickerson
- 09 Richard H. Blomgren PER
Jack Jensen PER PDD PSP
- 12 Robert E. Logsdon
- 13 Paul Koehrsen
- 14 John G. Boosalis
- 16 Carl H. Christophersen
- 17 Mark Whitehead
- 19 Richard McCashland
John J. Weber
- 21 Steve A. Arens
Larry D. Jurgens
- 25 Charles Cordes
- 26 Robert L. Kloch
Roger L. Pickering
- 28 Donald W. Wright
- 29 Don R. Svoboda



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

FISH DINNER

FISH, POTATO, BAKED BEANS, ROLLS
AND DESSERT... ONLY \$10.00



FRIDAY, APRIL 2ND

5:30 COCKTAILS 6:30 DINNER

Installation Of 2010/2011 Officers is scheduled for April 10. Public is welcome.

Exalted Ruler Amy Jacobsen	Secretary Jerry Wilson
Leading Knight Stephen Wirth PER	Treasurer Imre Bonyhody
Loyal Knight Doug Rienks	Chaplain John Brooks PER
Lecturing Knight Sonny Lane PER	Trustees Jim Wood
Esquire Larry Bratt	Vacant
Inner Guard Jeff Sneller PER	Randy King
Tiler Sam Carter	Larry Schwindt
	Scott Schrage

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 Carrie Fiedler	Trustees Larry Schwindt, Randy King, John Aman PER, Sonny Lane PER
Esquire Stephen Wirth	
Inner Guard Doug Rienks	
Tiler Sam Carter	



Our Members...

Deaths:

None

Sickness & Distress:

Ken Studier is at Gold Crest.

Merl Hesser recovering from 2 broken vertebrae.

John Aman PER is recovering from heart surgery.

Published for Membership:

None

Members Initiated in February:

None

Members Reinstated in February:

Ray Norris, a transfer demit from Fremont, CA

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

2/3 drawing was for \$66.00. Michael Bruhn was the name drawn but not present to win.

2/17 drawing was for \$77.00. James Gordon was the name drawn but not present to win.

February's EOG hidden membership number:

was for member Gerald Miles (15665). It was hidden under Does News, on the flag in the photo.

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

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 February",
Duane Vanderbeek and Randy King

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

**YOUR BUSINESS OR NAME
COULD BE HERE,
REACHING HUNDREDS OF ELKS AND
THEIR FAMILIES EACH MONTH**

**CONTACT RANDY KING 402.450.0978
HELP SUPPORT YOU EOG**

Now for the Quickies...

The Valentine's Dinner was such fun and at the price of \$15.00 you couldn't find a better evening anywhere in town. Nothing but first class, from the meal to Larry, Larry and Gerry. Our lodge has such delicious dinners it's worth every penny. You see your fellow Brother and Sister Elks and you help fund the Lodge. PLEASE show your support.

Most of you may have heard of John Aman PER and that he had a heart attack at the Lodge on February 7. John was helping others prepare food for the Super Bowl Party. It was a very close call but thanks to some quick thinking Elks who were on the scene, John is well on his way to mending and being ornery once again. As of February 23, John is recovering from Open Heart surgery with Multiple Bypasses. Thank you to all who kept him and his family in your prayers. Those prayers proved worthwhile, indeed.

Sonny Lane PER, reports that many nice essays were received for the Americanism contest. The 3 students that went forward to state will be invited to an upcoming Elks Dinner so they may read their essay and be awarded a \$50 Savings Bond.

The word is out that Sonny Lane PER, is now the State Chair for Membership in Nebraska. Congrats!

Please come and support our Lodge during the Lunch hour. Your going out any how, come to us!! And keep the Lodge in mind for your future functions like parties for graduations, receptions, business meetings or what ever your needs are. This is a perk for our members to have use of our Lodge for a great price.

Teen of the Year celebrations are coming and we need your support. You can help with hosting by calling the Lodge, Amy Jacobsen 483-6111, Dave Kirby 466-2800 or John Brooks ER 770-3500. You can also attend these events so to support these teenagers who do it right. Wear your red coat if you have them. All dates are listed on the Upcoming Events.

Let's not forget the ENF for Elk's Lodge #80. Our goal for the year was \$4.50 and we met that in December, but don't stop giving. Our Lodge surpassed the 2008-2009 goal of \$4.50 with \$7.57. As of February 7, 2010 our total is at \$5.99. We only have a matter of weeks before the end of the year. Please donate!

Reports of Committees



Defense of State Title Underway

Social Community Welfare / Amy Jacobsen: No Report

Veterans Committee / Vi Berst: No Report

Midget Football / Scott Schrage: No Report

Hoop Shoot / Doug Rienks: The 18 shooters were phenomenal at District. Two shooters from Lincoln will advance to State. Thanks again to all volunteers. Doug Rienks is fixing trophy mix up.

Soccer Shoot / Doug Rienks: No Report

Lapsation / Jerry Wilson: 27 delinquents to be dropped 3/1

Scholarship / Amy Jacobsen: Teen of the Year recognition will occur March 14 & 21 and April 11 & 18 at 2:00PM. We need a host for all dates except March 14.

Americanism / Sonny Lane: 3 teen winners will move to state competition.

Drug Awareness / Amy Jacobsen: \$500 reimbursement was given for promise grant expenditures for Boo at the Zoo. Drug Awareness items were handed out at Pancake Feed.

Eagle Scout / Randy King: 2 in February and 1 in March.

Gold Scout / Stephen Wirth: State Awards scheduled for June 13 at Capitol Rotunda. 22 girls are eligible. Gold Award contact inquired about other Elks Lodge's that participate in similar events. Steve is checking. Funding has been requested to defray costs of receptions and some materials.

Hide Program / Randy King: Nebraska is 3rd in Nation with over 65 hides. Randy King to deliver hides to Thayer on February 27th.

House Committee: The catering proposal has been dropped due to the fact the Lodge would lose its tax exempt status. Fascia work exceeded estimate by significant amount. Trade Center is being contacted for further investigation.

Trustees: Christmas Party Funds are being invested into a 9 month CD. Meetings with investment firms are on-going.

Lincoln Lodge #80 accomplished the first leg of defending their State title by winning 1st place at the Practice Under Pressure (PUP) competition held in Cozad on Saturday, February 20. York #1024, Grand Island #604 and Hastings #159 finished 2nd, 3rd and 4th respectively.

OFFICERS WINNING THEIR CHAIR POSITIONS ARE:
Exalted Ruler: John Brooks-Lincoln #80

(John was the highest scoring for impressiveness)

Esteemed Leading Knight: Amy Jacobsen-Lincoln #80

Esteemed Loyal Knight: Jackie Norris-Hastings #159

Esteemed Lecturing Knight: Margaret Woolman-Hastings #159

Esquire: All were PER's and all were winners

Chaplain: Larry Bratt-Lincoln #80

(Larry was the highest scoring officer)

Inner Guard: Jim Sievers-York #1024

Candidate: Larry Schwindt-Lincoln #80

State Ritualistic Chairman and 1st Vice President, Don Gatzke organized a superb PUP activity with eight judges, all from Nebraska, critiqued each team and each individual officer's performances.

Those judges were as follows: West; Jack Burns, Kevin Lafler - Sidney, Ken Priesner - Ogallala, Central; Richard Hurless - Ainsworth, James Anderson, David Mattson - Kearney, East; Richard Todd - Lincoln and James Vleck - Omaha.

A special Thank You to Michael Ohren PER, from Omaha Lodge #39 who performed as Esteemed Lecturing Knight so the Lincoln team could compete. Lincoln's Diane Walkowiak was unable to participate because of a back injury. PER Ohren's excellent rendition of Brotherly Love helped push Lincoln to the top spot.



Pictured (L-R): Larry Schwindt, Larry Bratt, Doug Rienks, Amy Jacobsen, John Brooks ER, Jeff Sneller PER, Michael Ohren PER and Stephen Wirth PER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 3/1 Ritual Practice 6:30PM
- 3/3 Lodge Meeting 7:00PM
- 3/8 Ritual Practice 6:30PM
DOES 7:00PM
- 3/9 Burger Night 5:30PM
American Legion
- 3/11 VFW
- 3/13 St Patrick's Dinner
5:30 Cocktails 6:30 Dinner
- 3/14 Teen of the Year 2:00PM
- 3/15 Ritual Practice 6:30PM
- 3/16 American Legion
- 3/17 Lodge Meeting 7:00PM
- 3/18 American Legion
- 3/20 Room Rented
- 3/21 Teen of the Year 2:00PM
- 3/22 Ritual Practice 6:30PM
- 3/23 Burger Night 5:30PM
- 3/29 Ritual Practice 6:30PM
- 4/2 Fish Dinner
5:30 Cocktails 6:30 Dinner
- 4/10 Installation of 2010/2011 Officers 2:00PM
Public Welcome
- 4/11 Teen of the Year 2:00PM
- 4/18 Teen of the Year 2:00PM

