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Youth Scholarship Night at Southeast Community College

On May 3, a crowd estimated at 500 attended the Lincoln Elks Lodge #80 Youth Night held at Southeast Community College. On that night 26 seniors from area schools were honored with Scholarships, and 206 Junior Class members from area schools were presented Certificates of Excellence in 26 scholastic and extra-curricular activities.

The value of the scholarships range from \$675 to \$4,000. All of the scholarships are administered by the Lincoln Lodge #80 Charitable Fund Inc. This year 16 were given in the name of individuals and groups associated with the Lodge, and 10 were awarded by the Lodge. Past Exalted Rulers of the Lodge fund 9 scholarships in their name or in a loved one's name. For example, Wesley Durst PER and one of the founders of the Charitable Fund, provides 2 scholarships - one in his name and one for his late wife, Joanne - each worth \$4,000 over 4 years. The Paulding and Esther Smith Memorial Youth Fund provides all the money for the Lodge scholarships and in addition subsidizes the Charitable Fund Awards.

The various scholarship winners are as follows:

Shawn Zajicek-East High and James E Verhoeff Jr.- Norris High each received a Jack M. Jensen, PER Scholarship Matthew D. Buescher-Pius X received the Vincent Collura, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Scholarship.

Travis Tucker- SECC, received the Vic Meisinger Scholarship

Brooklyn J. Bohac-Waverly, received the Glenn Tyrrel Scholarship

Alexis Bartek-Southwest and Benjamin F. Nabity-Malcolm received the Joanne and Wesley Durst Scholarships.

Heidi Baumert-Pius X, received the BPOE Bowlers Scholarship and the Exalted Ruler's Legacy Scholarship.

Brianne Schipman-Lincoln Christian, received the Maude Hollingshead Scholarship.

Kaylee Anderson-Northeast, received the Grace Metcalf Scholarship Thao Trinh Le-Lincoln High, received the James Gray Scholarship Courtney Hedgpeth-Northeast, received the BPO Does Scholarship

Michelle M. Fry-Malcolm, received the Harlan "Lee" Erisman Scholarship.

Samuel Todd-North Platte High School, received the Paulding Smith Scholarship Erin Kirby-Pius X, received the Esther Smith Scholarship.

Kyle King-Briar Cliff University, received the Exalted Ruler Legacy Scholarship. Alex Baruth-UNL, received the Alex "Bud" Dietrich Scholarship.

Chelsea Schrage-Wayne State College, received the Gerry Crouch Scholarship.



Most Valuable Student Scholarships were awarded to: Annelise A. Madison-Norris; Matthew K.Eames-Lincoln Lutheran; Hannah B. Brey-Raymond Central; Andrew A. DeMasi-Pius X; Harmony B. Jones-Northeast and Sean S. Burroughs-Pius X.

FLAG GEREMONY

June 14, 2010, Monday 7:00 PM Lincoln Elk's Lodge #80. Public Is Welcome.

FLAG DAY (UNITED STATES) 1907, BPOE (wikipedia.org)

American fraternal order and social club the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has celebrated the holiday since the early days of the organization and allegiance to the flag is a requirement of every member. In 1907, the BPOE Grand Lodge designated, by resolution, June 14 as Flag Day. The Grand Lodge of the Order adopted mandatory observance of the occasion by every Lodge in 1911, and that requirement continues today. The Elks prompted President Woodrow Wilson to recognize the Order's observance of Flag Day for its patriotic expression.

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. Refreshments afterwards are being sponsored by Veterans Committee.



Grand Exalted Ruler James L. Nichelson

Messages from the GER GL Newsletter, June 2010

Addressing this membership thing: Just ask.

I do not claim to know all there is to know about attracting new Members and holding on to them. However, I offer some thoughts on the subject.

In my book, membership boils down to what we do, how well we do it, and how what we do is perceived in the community. An active Lodge, working relevant projects, will draw interest. We then need to be geared to ask, "Are you an Elk? Would you like to be one?"

We are all busy people. We spend much time working and child-rearing. We seem to have little time to do volunteer service activities. Yet, with all of that, there are some folks who would want to participate in a family-oriented Elks Lodge that has a Hoop Shoot Free Throw Contest, a Drug Awareness Pool Party, a Veterans' Picnic, the Antlers, and so on. Why can't we find these people?

I am firmly convinced they are right there in front of us and (just) need to be asked. The problem is, some of us are older and do not have association with younger people. Some of us are burnt out and do not bother, even when a likely prospect is known to us. And some of us are social people and not Lodge people. So, what do we do?

The people who do all the work and are too busy to brainstorm membership must step back and realize if we do not do this membership thing we will soon not have a Lodge. I suggest the Exalted Ruler enlist the Past Exalted Rulers Association to form and man a Membership/Retention/Reinstatement Project. Make it the highest priority of the Lodge. Call it a Membership Drive.

However, do not neglect to integrate all new Members into the life of the Lodge. A new Member is fine, but we must actively work to keep that Member.

Organizations that grow are organizations that strike a responsive chord in the community. I believe our Order and your Lodge have lots of wonderful programs and are poised to do just that. Work your programs with enthusiasm. Tell your story. Membership will follow, so long as an Elk steps up and says, "Would you like to be an Elk?"





Exalted Ruler Amy Jacobsen

Dear Elks and Does:

How do we make our dollars work the most? We are often faced with decisions about how the Lodge should spend money. Who gets the scholarships? Which group deserves help with their project? Or, which individual should we serve? If you evaluate it the way I do, you try to make the decision that will do the most widespread good. After all, that is what the Elks are all about, benevolence. Making good wherever we can and coming together to decide how we can contribute to the greater good.

Recently we had the opportunity to give some much needed money to the family of Elliott Haes to help defer costs associated with his health concerns. It really started out so easy. Stephen Wirth PER, proposed the idea. We discussed it. We voted. Good deed done. It did not feel like one of those widespread benevolent acts, but it felt good and would help one deserving person.

Then the night came when we met Elliott and his family. They were nothing short of extraordinary in their strength and memorable in their love of each other. They appreciated our gift and it showed. If you were there, you could not help but be touched by the Haes family. It made us feel good and it made us appreciate what we all have. That single gift to help one deserving person, improved an entire organization. He may not know it and may not be able to understand it, but Elliott helped us that night.



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Deaths:

Jim Rakers PER passed April 30, 2010

Sickness & Distress:

Ken Studier is at Gold Crest Ed Herstein is at Tabitha

Published for Membership:

Tim Horsham, Bob Schipman and Wade Kendle proposed by Sonny Lane Daniel Holland proposed by Stephen Wirth Kim Wiseman, Pat Wiseman and Walter Powell proposed by Larry Bratt

Members Initiated in May:

Denise Saathoff proposed by Sonny Lane Jim Tomka proposed by John Brooks



Members Reinstated in May: None

Membership Drawing: Attending meetings pays in more than just one way. You must attend to WIN!

5/5 drawing was for \$141.00. Neil Petersen was the name drawn, but not present to win.

5/19 drawing was for \$159.00. Steve Noren was the name drawn, but not present to win.

May's EOG hidden membership number:

was for member Lawrence Wulf (15666). It was hidden on page 4 inside the box with the Lodge Officers.

DON'T FORGET TO LOOK OVER THIS ISSUE TO FIND THE HIDDEN MEMBER NUMBER. If you find your number, call the Lodge 421-6363 and claim your two free tickets for one of our fabulous dinners.

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR: You may have noticed a lot of changes to our Elk-O-Gram in recent months. The goal is to follow some guidelines of Grand Lodge. I hope you, the members, are proud of our Newsletter and our Lodge. Sadly, the EOG is one of the only connections we have to many members. Keep that in mind, no bit of information is trivial when it comes to connecting with those we don't see. We all do our part. Please send articles to:

eog.lodge80@gmail.com OR call Carrie Fiedler 402.325.8741 Deadlines are needed by June 21 for our next issue.

Secretary's Corner

Summer is fast approaching, assuming the weather will extend us that courtesy. Many of you may be going on vacation, but if you are staying close to home; the Lodge and Lounge area will be open as usual. Stop by and visit with us at lunch or just run in to say "Hi!"

Just a reminder, dues for the current Lodge year, which began April 1st, are due. For those of you that have sent in your dues payment, I thank you. There are some fo you that are still delinquent. As of the end of May, 20% of the membership has not paid. The payment of membership dues is the life blood of this Lodge. Of note: If you are traveling or on vacation and wish to gain access to an out of town Lodge, a current 2010-2011 membership card is necessary.

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. 402.570.2555 or lodge80secy@yahoo.com.

Jerry Wilson - Secretary

Knight Tales

Leading Knight - Stephen Wirth PER

Charity, it's the greatest of all the virtues. As you read through present and past Elk-O-Grams, Husker Elks and National magazines, it is evident of all the good works your committee members are doing in our immediate and surrounding communities. Whether by monetary means or by volunteering your time, our lodge and the Elks organization will remain a valuable link in our city and nation. It should make each of you proud to share with others the great works we do. Get them excited, it could mean a new member!

Loyal Knight - Doug Rienks

My first attempt at a Loyal Knight may not be a thing of beauty but here goes nothing. Our lodge has the great privilege to be active in youth activities. We just completed our Youth Recognition and Scholarship Night and have great participation from our youth in these awards. Please keep this worthwhile event in mind for something to participate in as a member. I know it is hard to make it to all the meetings but please choose a couple of our youth activities to volunteer at each year. With just a little more member involvement these activities can become even better.



The Haes Family

On May 5, 2010 our lodge was honored to present Elliott Haes with monies donated by the Nebraska Elks Association Benevolence Commission and Lincoln Lodge #80 Social and Community Welfare to help toward his medical expenses. The whole family was most appreciative of the money gifts and deer hide gloves. Thank you cards were received from the family as well a lodge member who stated; "That was money well spent from the Elks. Wish him well.



L-R: Amy Jacobsen ER, Stephanie, Piper, Elliott, Jay and Sarah Haes, Elliot's Grandparents Julius (Bud) and Darlene Haes and PR Chairman Stephen Wirth PER.

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2010-2011 Elk's Lodge #80 Officers

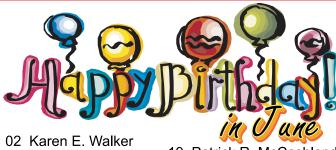
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Does News

Thank you to chair Kelli Stanley-Smith and her committee consisting of Jody Schrage, Jan Schmutte, Reggie Buckmaster, Kim Wisemen, Pat Wisemen, Wauneta Peterson for their hard work on a successful fundraiser of plants, baked goods and gently used items. Thanks to everyone who donated to the cause. In spite of the weather, the whole day turned out very well.

Save the date for the wine trip, August 7,2010. We will tour several winery's. Starting with "Moonlight Ridge Vineyard" and "Ravenna Cedar Hills Winery" in Grand Island. Next stop, "Miletta Vista Winery" in St. Paul. On to "Central City Prairie Creek Vineyard" in Central City. Last stop, "Mackovicka Winery" and "Pheasant Oak Vineyard Confections" located in Brainard. Hope to see you there!

More details coming at the June 28 meeting. This will also be our last meeting until September 20.

-Marjorie Wyant-President

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An Elk We Should Never Forget

Jim Rakers, PER April 17,1934 - April 30, 2010

He was born in New York and always retained his "accent," though he lived in Nebraska for 40 years. I recall that his first job was that of a door-to- door salesman, his product, Kirby vacuum cleaners. He left this occupation and with his wife, Dianne, entered the US Air Force. His last assignment was at the Lincoln Air Force Base, Lincoln, Nebraska. While here he attended the University of Nebraska and received his BS in Science Education. While in university he was active in the men's honorary education groups. He continued his military service in the Nebraska National Guard as a helicopter pilot. He then began his teaching career at Irving Junior High and this is where I first met Jim. He was a science teacher and then later became a school counselor. He was a remarkable blend of intelligence, creativity, warmth, and daring.

When Jim was working on his masters degree, he was doing some intelligence testing on young children and he asked if he could test my daughter, Kathy. I listened carefully and everything went well until Jim pronounced the word "roar" and Kathy answered "what a lion does." Jim then said "no I mean roar" and Kathy gave him the same answer. I then looked over Jim's shoulder and said "Jim, the word as we pronounce it is "raw." You can appreciate the humor of this if you ever heard his very prevalent New York accent.

While very involved with his career, Jim joined the Elks Lodge and within a few months he was the lodge Americanism Chairman and the Youth Activity Chairman. He served in this role for 22 years until he became Exalted Ruler. One evening after Jim became an officer he was asked to give the 11 O'Clock toast, something that was done every night at that time. Jim had his notes and was all ready to go when Ron Colin turned out all the lights and Jim had no script to follow. This was absolutely the last time Jim was unprepared for anything. Jim was involved in every aspect of the lodge and his wife Dianne was extremely active in the Does Drove #4.

Lincoln Elks Lodge #80 is most indebted to Jim for something he did during his term as Exalted Ruler. Yes, he was All State as Exalted Ruler and he led the team to the Nationals in Texas where we placed third, but something else was even more significant. The lodge on South 70th was leased from member Joe Hampton. Jim formed a committee to consider

purchasing the building on contract from Joe Hampton. The lodge agreed to buy the building and the payment was the same as we had been paying for rent. At the end of four years it was apparent that the pool needed to be replaced, the building needed \$400,000 in repairs, and we could not afford the building. The good news of this entire process was that the value of property increased tremendously during the 4 year period. With the help of PER Ron Colin and member Harry Hoffman were able to sell the old lodge to The Sutton and Linder group which is now the site of Eye Surgical Associates. Because we owned the building and the land, we had an asset to sell. The sale created the major portion of the funds to build our present lodge. We owe Jim a debt of aratitude.

As a PER, Jim continued to work for the Elks as chairman of the scholarship committee and also of the State Scholarship Committee. Jim was solely responsible for the establishment of the Elks Scholarship Fund. Others helped but it was Jim's thinking and effort which brought this fund to fruition. Even after he moved to Arizona, Jim Rakers remained aware of the lodge activities and always had his heart in Lincoln Elks Lodge Number 80 and all the children which this lodge has assisted. Jim was a true Elk and one we should always remember for who he was and what he accomplished for Number 80.

Eulogy by Wes Durst, PER

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Reports of Committees

Social & Community Welfare

Your Elks Lodge #80 is currently communicating with the Nebraska Army National Guard's, J1 Family Program Director, CW4 Molinaro, who is in charge of Support for our Troops and Families within our state. She has provided Leading Knight, Stephen Wirth, with a list of ways the Elks can assist, whether it be monetary means, goods and services or volunteer help. Our members have helped out in the past and the Family Support Group is looking forward to working with Elks #80 once more. Stay tuned for more information to follow in our upcoming July issue of the EOG. **Stephen Wirth PER-Chairperson**

Our Lodge was a corporate sponsor at the Berean Church Car Show on May 15th, along with members Randy King and Aaron Marshbanks. The shows proceeds underwrite a ministry at Berean to provide car repair services for a single parents and low income families. (Randy Kings boy's won trophies in their divisions. Congrats!) **Randy King**



From the fox hole of the Veterans Committee

The most recent recipient of leather gloves, Don Matthes of Malcolm. Plus, several gloves have been distributed to wheel chair veterans over the month of May. The committee is providing the money to purchase refreshments after the Flag Day ceremony at the Lodge. (June 14, 7:00PM) All Veterans are welcome to attend this very impressive ceremony. Vi Berst-President Sam Carter-Vice Chair

Midget Football

We want to congratulate a former Elks Youth Midget Football team player who has signed on with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, NFL Football Team. Former Wayne State College's, Ryan Reeves, a 6'3" 245 lbs. Linebacker, played for the Elks program from 1998-2001. Played on the Rookie Black Team #35 in 1998, Elks Team "C" #20 in 1999, Elks Team "B" #35 in 2000 and Elks Team "A" in 2001. Ryan went on to play for Wahoo's Bishop Neumann High School then Wayne State College. You can read more about Ryan at www.wscwildcats.com/news/2009/12/8/Football. We wish him all the best! Scott Schrage-Coordinator



Hoop Shoot Report

National Hoop Shoot is done and Nebraska was well represented. Maci Coffey placed 10th (16/25). The time for organizing next year's competition is fast approaching and I could use a volunteer to help to get schools outside of Lincoln to participate. Please contact me at 430-6002 or DrRienks@nebraskaeyes.com. Doug Rienks-Coordinator

Soccer Shoot Report

We will be having our soccer shoot in mid September. Please look for details on the time and place in the next EOG. We can always use additional help.

Doug Rienks-Coordinator

Lapsation

60 members have not paid dues. If you would like to help contact these members please call or stop by the Lodge office for a list. **Jerry Wilson-Manager**

Membership

We are pleased at how the Lodge is approaching new membership. We should be proud of the work we are doing as Elks and others should want to be a part of that experience. "Just Ask" and express pride in being an Elk. We must not forget our current membership either. We need to be pro-active re-recruiting members.

Sonny Lane-Chairperson

Scholarship

See article "Youth Scholarship Night at SCC" on the front page of this EOG. **Dave Kirby-Chairperson**

Americanism

No Report. Sonny Lane-Coordinator

Drug Awareness

Materials will be distributed at the Special Olympics. **Amy Jacobsen-Coordinator**

Eagle Scouts

"Another Eagle Takes Flight" by Stephen Wirth PER Jeremy Allen Kubitz of Scout Troop #25 is one of the latest boys to receive his Eagle Scout Award. This event took place May 15, at St. Paul United Methodist Church. Public Relations Chairperson, East District, Stephen Wirth PER made a beautiful flag presentation along with the Eagle Scout Award certificate. Jeremy's Eagle project, to make two bookcases for the St. Paul's Sunday school. He also designed and built new clothing racks for the consignment sale held twice a year. This sale benefits the community that the church serves.



L-R PR Chairperson Wirth with Kubitz family, Tammy, Jeremy and Jim



Pictured above, Eagle Scout Chairperson Randy King, with the newest Flag recipient, Brandon Earhart of Troop 8. This ceremony took place Sunday, May 16 at Vine Congregational Church.

"Thank You" to Stephen Wirth PER for helping with Saturday's flag ceremony. Randy King-Chairperson

Gold Scout

You are all invited to attend the Girl Scout Gold Award Ceremony which will be conducted on Sunday, June 13 at 2:00 PM in our State Capitol's Rotunda. Leading Knight, Stephen Wirth has been in contact with Tracy Stewart, Program Specialist with the Girl Scouts Spirit of Nebraska. Presentations of flags and certificates will be made to recipients who have worked hard to attain the Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards. Your Lodge is very proud to be a special part of their wonderful program. In addition to an honored speaker, two members of the Nebraska Army National Guard's Honor Guard Team will be present to retire the colors in an impressive flag folding ceremony. Please join us for a most memorable experience. Reception to follow provide by the Homestead Order of the Silver Trefoil. Stephen Wirth-Chairperson

Hide Program

No Report. Randy King-Chairperson

House Committee

The under use of the card room is of concern. So, a Wii game system and flat screen tv will be purchased for use in the room. The intent is to form bowling, golf, etc. leagues that would occur on weekday evenings. Food may be sold in addition. The money for this project will come from the stipend (3 months or so) that is paid to the Lodge Secretary. (Elks Care - Elks Share, Thank you Jerry Wilson!) Negotiations with the Trade Center still on-going with fascia costs. Amy Jacobsen-Chairperson

Trustees

Larry Schwindt has been elected Chairperson and Scott Schrage the Secretary of the Trustees. A decision has been made to go with Edward Jones for the Smith Fund Investments. The investment will be held as municipal bonds with an estimated return of \$83,000 for this lodge year.

Larry Schwindt-Chairperson

Now for the Quickies...

Larry Klein, our webmaster, has added a new feature to elks80.org. New membership application forms are on the website for your convienece. You can fill and print or print and fill. Larry, thank you for all you do!

The Lodge approved a grant for Ashley Ernst to help her attend a Special Needs camp for diabetics once again this year. That is what the Elk's are about!

Thank you to Bob, Larry, Larry and Carrie for folding and Stephen for delivering the May Elk-O-Gram. Teamwork!

Through the grape vine, rumor is Randy King was the sole provider for purchasing our Lodge's new water heater. Thank you so very much Randy. Big Heart!

The Elk's Bowling League finished their season at the end of April. Thank you for all that participate and don't forget to mark your calendars for August when we return. For those who want to join, just do it! A percentage of costs go to one of the Scholarships and helping sponsor a Lodge dinner.

The Ritual Team wants to Thank everyone for all the support you have given us. In the next few issues of the EOG we will do it in greater detail. We don't want to miss giving credit where it's due. It is truly a team effort, "Elk effort!"

HELP! We really need volunteers to help call members for reminders and reservations for our Lodge dinners. Numbers are so much better when we give extra effort. Please contact Jerry in the office for a phone list!





Saturday, July 24
5:30 Dust-Off 6:30 Dig-In

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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.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	GEVENTS A AA AA	1 June	2 Lodge Meeting/ Ritual Practice 7:00 PM	3	4 Room Rented	5 Room Rented Ritual Practice 10:00-4:00 PM
6 Room Rented	7 Ritual Practice 6:30 PM	8 Burger Night 5:30 PM American Legion	9	10 VFW	11	12 Room Rented
13 Room Rented Gold Scout Award 2:00 PM at State Capital	14 Flag Day Ceremony 7:00 PM at Lodge Ritual Practice Following	15 American Legion	16 Lodge Meeting/ Ritual Practice 7:00 PM	17 American Legion	18	19 Jamaican Dinner 5:30/6:30 PM
DOES G.L. Conv.— 20 Father's Day Breakfast/ Ritual Fund Raiser 8:00AM-12:00PM	21 Ritual Practice 6:30 PM EOG Articles are needed by today!	22 Burger Night 5:30 PM	23	24	25 Room Rented	26
27	28 Ritual Practice 6:30 PM DOES Meeting 7:00 PM	29	30	July Events 5-9 Grand Lodge Convention/ Ritual Competition- Orlando, FL 24 BBQ Dinner 5:30-6:30 August Events 7 DOES Wine Trip		