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LODGE HOURS: Mon-Sat 10:30-Close (Except Wed 3:00-Close) - Lunch 11:30-1:30 - Closed Sun

FLAG CEREMONY

In the tradition of the Elks, a Flag Day ceremony was held on Flag Day, June 14, 2010. The History of the Flag was read by Esquire Larry Bratt. He was accompanied by Wauneta Peterson on the organ. Five local boy scouts including Kyle King (son of Randy King) and Charles Aman (son of John Aman PER) helped with carrying flags to commemorate the day. John Brooks PER read the response to the program. Refreshments were enjoyed at the end of the ceremony.



THANKS FROM THE RITUAL TEAM by Rich Todd PER

On behalf of your Lodge Ritual team, I would like to Thank all of you who have supported us so generously in our drive to raise money to help defray the cost of our trip to Orlando. With the help of the State Elks Association and our three fund raisers, the out of pocket costs to the Officers and Coaches is reduced greatly. Only \$200 is budgeted by our Lodge for ritual, so you can see how important your help is. Almost all of our help came from members and friends of the Lodge. The PER Association and individual Past Exalted Rulers were again very generous. Our heartfelt THANKS to all of you.

In Orlando, we will compete with state winners from across the nation and be judged on how well we present the ritual. So much emphasis is placed on the rendition of initiation due to the fact that it, being a new members first impression of the Elks, it should be done with lasting effect. The contest promotes that feeling. The team has worked diligently and is proud to represent our Lodge and State at Grand Lodge.

Many wonderful compliments were said about our breakfasts. We would like to hear from you, if a monthly or bi-monthly breakfast could be used to raise money for other special activities in the Lodge.

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, July 2010

Strive to reach small attainable Lodge goals.

If all of your Lodge Committees (and for that matter, District and State Association Committees) are running smoothly and attaining all your goals, good for you. However, should some of your committees be lacking, here is my suggestion. Establish one makeable goal for each of those committees, and ride herd until the goal is achieved.

Making that one goal breeds further success, raises morale, promotes interest and, above all, makes a difference in your Lodge and in your community.

Can't think of a goal? Here are some of mine, with apologies to any person who may have first voiced them.

Membership – Every Lodge sponsors one Open House this year.

Elks National Foundation – Every Lodge has an active Chairperson. Every Lodge puts the option to donate on the Dues Statement.

Elks National Home and Retirement Center – Each Lodge buys a brick.

Ritual – Hold a monthly practice.

State Major Project – Each Lodge donates \$1 per Member to the 501(c)(3) Trust.

Public Relations – Take the picture, write the article, and E-mail to the news editor of the paper.

Lodge Activities – The Lodge completes the All-American Lodge Contest application.

Veterans Service – Each Lodge adopts one Veteran at a local nursing home.

Americanism – Each Lodge sponsors the Americanism Essay Contest in one school.

Drug Awareness – Arrange to take a Drug Awareness trailer to one local event.

And so on. You see how this works. Avoid broad sweeping goals. Set small ones that can be achieved. It will lead to further successes. You will be Making a Difference. Do so with pride and energy.

Elks Care - Elks Share



Exalted Ruler Amy Jacobsen

Dear Elks and Does:

Believe in Magic! That is the theme for Walt Disney World Resort. Your Ritual Team is on their way to Orlando, Florida and while we are not going for the Magic of Disney, we are going to give our best and make our own magic during Ritual competition. YOU helped make this happen. I cannot express enough, our appreciation for your support both monetarily and simply with your well wishes and encouragement. We are winners because we are part of a Lodge with proud supportive members.

I hope you believe that all your officers are "leading by example." That is what I want for each of us. I hope you are inspired to take a turn at serving as an officer in our Lodge. Ritual Team is a huge commitment and there are days I feel too tired to do it again. I think I could be spending all this practice time on something more tangible. But, I think I speak for everyone who has ever memorized a line of ritual that ritual brings us together. It makes us a cohesive group that works well together at everything else we do. I would love nothing more than someone out there reading about Ritual Team and thinking, "I want to be a part of that." You can be. Talk to one of us about it. This competition comes around every year. Maybe you want to start by playing the part of Candidate next year with the plan to start moving your way through the chairs the following year. We will take you. We will train you.

And again, if you are that person who just supports, who just gives money, or who just congratulates us when we are done, thank you. You are just amazing.

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Bus Whitehead passed June 11, 2010

Sickness & Distress:

Ken Studier is at Gold Crest
Ed Herstein is at Tabitha

Published for Membership:

Joe Mock requesting reinstatement
Mitch Becker proposed by Larry Schwindt
Saundra Earnest proposed by Russ Earnest
Linda Rienks proposed by Doug Rienks
Fred Gustin proposed by Ray Norris

Members Initiated in June:



L-R: (Back) Stephen Wirth, Bob Schipman, Walter Powell, Larry Bratt, Wade Kendle, (Front) Daniel Holland, Kim Wiseman and Pat Wiseman



Nathaniel Mustion and John Aman

Members Reinstated in June:

None

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

6/2 drawing was for \$178.00. Wilbur Amen was the name drawn, but not present to win.

6/16 drawing was for \$201.00. Watson Brower was the name drawn, but not present to win.

June's EOG hidden membership number:

was for member Dennis Dickerson (10797). It was hidden on page 6 in the car picture.

DON'T FORGET TO LOOK OVER THIS ISSUE TO FIND THE HIDDEN MEMBER NUMBER. If it's your number, call the Lodge at 421.6363 to claim two free tickets to one of our fabulous dinners!!

Secretary's Corner

NIFTY 50! Nope, not the 50's that most of us remember, but the number of Elks who have not paid their dues for the current lodge year, 2010-2011 which began April 1st. Check your dues card to make sure it shows 2010-2011, if not, please send in your payment. If you misplaced your dues statement, or you are not sure if you have already paid; please call the office. Delinquent members names will be published in the August and September EOG.

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: 570.2555 or lodge80secy@yahoo.com.

See you around the Lodge - Jerry Wilson/Secretary

Knight Tales

Thanks to all the members that have come out and supported the efforts of the Ritual team to raise money for travel expenses to Orlando. I hope that we perform up to the level of our support. Please keep in mind that we are accepting new members to our Lodge. **Loyal Knight - Doug Rienks**

Does News

Never to late to mention that for Memorial Day, several members of the drove decorated graves of our departed sisters. Thanks to all that helped!

Our wine trip will be August 7, 2010. It includes 6 vineyards, 26 tasting, 5 towns, 2 meals and dessert! For more information please call Jody Schrage at 430.4114.

The Does Drove will not meet in July and August. Our next meeting is September 20, 2010. This will also be the beginning of football season. If you would like to help please call 467.5595.



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Deadlines are needed by July 21 for our next issue.

Reports of Committees

Social & Community Welfare

It was voted upon and approved to donate \$1,000 to the National Guard Families Fund.

Stephen Wirth PER-Chairperson

From the fox hole of the Veterans Committee

"Visiting Veterans in hospitals, nursing homes or retirement centers". This is one of our committee's most meaningful activities. Due to the privacy act, we are often unaware of Veterans who may be in one of these facilities.

If any Elk or Doe knows of Veterans in a hospital, nursing home or retirement center, who would like some one to visit with them on a monthly basis, please contact Vi Berst at 488.6596 or Sam Carter at 488.3536. We will be happy to add them to our visitation list.

Vi Berst-President Sam Carter-Vice Chair

Midget Football

Picture Day is scheduled for August 13th, 5:00-8:00PM. This will take place at Sherman Field (2nd & South St). Members and Officers are encouraged to attend.

Scott Schrage-Coordinator

Hoop Shoot

I am still looking for a couple of volunteers to help with contacting the area schools to put on a school shoot. This will only involve a couple hours of actual work in the fall. Please contact me with any questions. 430-6002

Doug Rienks-Coordinator

Soccer Shoot

We have set the tentative date as September 18th from 10:00AM - 2:00PM at Wright Field located on Folsom between Old Cheney and Pioneers Blvd.

Doug Rienks-Coordinator

Lapsation

50 members have not yet paid their dues for this year. We are showing a positive gain in our membership since the beginning of the Lodge year.

Jerry Wilson-Manager

Membership

No Report. **Sonny Lane-Chairperson**

Scholarship

No Report. **Dave Kirby-Chairperson**

Americanism

No Report. **Sonny Lane-Coordinator**

Drug Awareness

No Report. **Amy Jacobsen-Coordinator**

Elks Care - Elks Share

Eagle Scouts

The Eagle Scout Ceremony on June 20, 2010 took place at St. Josephs Catholic Church in Lincoln. Recipients were Taylor Ackerman, Derek Jundt and William Long, all of Troop 45. They all worked on the same project; installing prayer benches, landscaping and installing "Stations of the Cross" at the "Right to Life" house.



L-R: Randy King, Taylor Ackerman, Derek Jundt and William Long

Our second ceremony took place June 26, 2010 for Justin Minchow of Troop 76. His project, refinishing all the picnic tables at Camp Creek Threshers Show Grounds in Waverly. 9336

Randy King-Chairperson



Justin Minchow and Randy King

Gold Scout

Gold Scout Award Ceremony took place on June 13, 2010. Please watch for article in August Elk-O-Gram.

Stephen Wirth-Chairperson

Hide Program

No Report. **Randy King-Chairperson**

House Committee

House committee meetings will now follow Trustee meetings.

Amy Jacobsen-Chairperson

Trustees

Jim Wood resigned as Trustee due to work conflict. One of the 2 CD's were converted to bonds. 2nd to follow when mature.

Larry Schwindt-Chairperson



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| 02 Gary L. Aksamit | 17 Duane L. Vanderbeek |
| 04 Nathaniel J. Mustion | 18 R. Bruce Campbell |
| 05 Imre A. Bonyhady | 19 James A. Reeves |
| 10 Lupe Damian | 21 Earl Stewart |
| Jeff Sneller | 24 Wade A. Graft |
| Norval W. Stewart | 25 Christine Vanderford |
| 11 Greg Hansen | 28 David L. Cassner |
| 12 David Townley | 30 Randal D. King |
| 13 James H. Ray | 31 David E. Reiber |
| 14 Carroll R. Burns | |

DATE CHANGE...DATE CHANGE...DATE CHANGE

Saturday, July 17 **\$10.00**

5:30 Dust-Off 6:30 Dig-In

The Chuck Wagon is slingin'

**BBQ Pork, BBQ Ribs,
Baked Beans, Corn-on-the-Cob,
Corn Bread and Melon Salad.**

Now for the Quickies...

A huge Thank You goes out to Randy King and his son Kyle for getting the American Flag back on the flag pole here at the Lodge. The old flag was worn and was being replaced. All of this was in time for Flag Day, June 14th.

The Grand Island Elk's are asking for Volunteers to help man the booth at the Nebraska State Fair. The fair goes on for 10 days so any help is appreciated. Please contact our Lodge if interested.

The ENF as of 6/6/10 was at \$2.16. Our goal is \$4.50 by the end of the Lodge year. Let's set our sights and meet and beat our goal. We did it last year, we can do it this year.

**2010-2011
Elk's Lodge #80 Officers**

Exalted Ruler.....	Amy Jacobsen
Leading Knight.....	Stephen Wirth PER
Loyal Knight.....	Doug Rienks
Lecturing Knight.....	Sonny Lane PER
Esquire.....	Larry Bratt
Inner Guard.....	Jeff Sneller PER
Tiler.....	Sam Carter
Secretary.....	Jerry Wilson
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Chaplain.....	John Brooks PER
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Trustee 2 Year.....	John Aman PER
Trustee 3 Year.....	Randy King
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Believe in the goodness in thyself as well as in others.
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Observe faithfully the golden rule. Enjoy the good things of earth.
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		13 Burger Night 5:30 PM American Legion	14	15 American Legion	16	17  5:30 DUST-OFF 6:30 DIG-IN
		20 American Legion	21 Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM	22	23	24
		27 Burger Night 5:30 PM	28	29	30	31



UPCOMING EVENTS