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GIRL SCOUTS 2010 AWARDS CEREMONY

On Sunday, June 13th, Girl Scouts Spirit of Nebraska Homestead Service Center held their awards ceremony in the Nebraska State Capitol Rotunda. Lincoln Elks Lodge #80 was well represented by Girl Scout Chairman, Stephen Wirth PER, Richard Todd PER, Aide to the Chair and ER Amy Jacobsen. In preparation for this event Wirth and Todd were in communication with Girl Scouts Program Specialist Tracy Stewart, who provided valuable programming and event information. Special guest speaker was Brittany Jeffers, Miss Nebraska, who delivered inspirational words about her recent experience during the Miss America pageant. Brittany was a Top 10 finalist. The 20 Gold Award recipients received a 3' X 5' American Flag along with a certificate and award charge. In addition, smaller flags with certificates were given out to the 27 Silver and 19 Bronze Award recipients to recognize their accomplishments. After the ceremony, a reception was held which your lodge helped sponsor the cost. A big Thank You to Elk members Larry Bratt, Larry Schwindt, Sam Carter, Vi Burst, Terry Edwards PER and John Brooks PER (who took photos) for being in attendance.

Note: Girl Scouting is alive and well across this Great State of Nebraska. The number of recipients attained Gold were 45, Silver, 172 and Bronze, 207. Chairman, PER Wirth encouraged the Silver and Bronze awardees at the Rotunda to continue on their Scouting journeys so that one day, in the future, they too will receive GOLD.



The Girl Scout Promise
*On my honor, I will try:
 To serve God and my country,
 To help people at all times,
 And to live by the Girl Scout Law*



Grand Exalted Ruler Michael F. Smith

Messages from the GER
GL Newsletter, August 2010

**Put PEP in your step:
'Promote Elks Passion'!**

It's all good! Sandra and I are anxious to begin our journey to share the great works of our Order and meet its great Members and spouses. Our experience in Orlando was "magical," and we appreciate all of the support. We cannot describe the feeling, the honor, or the humility I feel for the opportunity to serve as the National President of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America.

You can read the biography and convention acceptance speech of our new Grand Exalted Ruler at Grand Lodge, www.elks.org/grandlodge/ger. You must log-in. If you've never been to the Grand Lodge website, do it today.

Delinquent Members

Betty Akin, Dale Anderson, Brianna Bergholz, Terry Beyer, Leon Bruhn, Michael Bruhn, Dennis Byars, David Carter, James Chestney, Teana Chilsted, Tim Cox, Bill Danley, Don Evans, Martin Fehringer, Aaron Gengler, David Harrison, Gilbert Healy, Bill Hoffman, Jennifer Hurt, Jack Irwin, Scott Jurgens, Milan Knezovich, Clarence Knosp, Gerald Maddox, Robert Martin, Steven Massey, Dan Mosier, Oliver Nesbitt, Roger Pickering, Richard Pitsch, Rod Rozanek, Jack Russell, Joe Selvage, Jesse Shields, Richard Silverman, Charles Steenson, Ken Studier, Roxanne Thomas, Charles Thone, Jeff Treu, Melvin Tucker, Christine Vanderford, Karen Walker, Jerry Weber, David Wesemann, Dirk Wingrove, Lawrence Wulf, Burt Young.

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Exalted Ruler Amy Jacobsen

Dear Elks and Does:

I am so glad to be home from Grand Lodge in Orlando. It was a great experience I will not soon forget. I came away with some ideas to try to implement in our Lodge. It was interesting to exchange stories with ERs from across the country. It was discouraging to know other Lodges are experiencing a decline in membership and struggling to come up with that great idea to get people back to enjoying Lodge activities. Likewise, it was encouraging to know we are surrounded by good people who are enthusiastic about making Elkdom better. In the end, the good far outweighs the bad. I had the opportunity to see Michael F. Smith take his position as Grand Exalted Ruler 2010-2011. The ceremony had all the glitz and excitement of a major political convention and ended with an uplifting speech from our new Grand Exalted Ruler. I look forward to meeting him at Fall Conference August 27-29th in North Platte. Anyone is welcome to attend all or part of the Fall Conference. Please join us. Things have felt a little crazy around the Lodge getting ready for Ritual competition. It is time to get back to the business of the Lodge and reaching out to our community. Expect to see many opportunities posted in the Elk-O-Gram to come out and get involved. If you have not been to a dinner recently, come out and bring a friend who has never been to the Lodge. Guests you are recruiting to be members are entitled to a half price dinner ticket. This is a great opportunity to treat a friend to a great meal and hopefully build our lodge membership at the same time. I will see you there.



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Our Members...

Deaths:

None

Sickness & Distress:

Ken Studier is at Gold Crest
Ed Herstein is at Tabitha

Published for Membership:

None

Members Initiated in July:

Fred Gustin
Ellen Myer
Mitch Becker

Members Reinstated in July:

Larry Ossenkop

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

7/21 drawing was for \$219.00. Matt Kosmicki was the name drawn, but not present to win.

We only had one drawing in July due to one meeting

July's EOG hidden membership number:

was for member Lawrence Wulf (9336). It was hidden on page 4 at the end of the "second ceremony" paragraph under Eagle Scouts.

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: Thank you all for your help in getting this newsletter done. Everyone is really stepping up and providing lots of great information for all our loyal lodge members. If you have any suggestions, please let us know!

Please send articles to:
eog.lodge80@gmail.com

Deadline is:

August 20 for the September Issue

For questions:

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Knight Tales

Leading Knight - Stephen Wirth PER

Charity, is the greatest of all the virtues! Charity comes in many forms and the latest is as follows: Bernice Peterson, widow of former member and officer of Lincoln Lodge 80, Paul Peterson (06/11/09) donated her late husband's red coat which happens to be the current fashion of all the officers of our lodge. Paul was a very meticulous individual and well dressed who kept his clothing looking sharp. Let's see if we can't get this coat filled with a new future officer of our lodge. Size is 43 Regular and comes in your/our color.

Loyal Knight - Doug Rienks

The network of Elks is remarkable. I was contacted by an Elk in Rhode Island who was in town to coach at the Special Olympics. We were able to help his team by providing a tent for shade and a cooler for the team. Several members from our Lodge met him and his athletes to exchange pins and shirts as well as provide them with their needed supplies. I think everyone enjoyed the exchange and relished the opportunity to extend our "Husker" hospitality. If you did not get a chance to see the athletes you missed a wonderful experience. Thank you to Bobby Clinkenbeard for doing so much with the games, you represent us well. After spending time with the RI Elks I truly believe BPOE stands for Best People On Earth.

Lecturing Knight - Sonny Lane PER

The position of Lecturing Knight is to spread Brotherly Love. This year our focus should be on spreading the Love to more Brothers. As you all know Fraternal organizations like ours are faced with the dilemma of losing and not gaining new members. It is not an easy fix but it is within our grasp. We all must remember why we joined the organization in the first place. I was asked to join as a way to help the community. Once I got involved I realized that helping someone else did more for my well being than doing things to help myself. I got a sense of fulfillment that I had been missing that I did not realize. That is what has kept me as a member. We all have had the feeling of doing good for someone and know how that feels. Imagine helping a community and what that does for you well being. We need to be proud of what we do and vocalize that proud feeling with our friends, associates and public that we invite to our Lodge and activities. We have to be proud of what we do and we have to ask others to join us and let them know the feeling they will get and the enjoyment that comes with being a working Elk.

Does News

A few reminders: Wine trip is August 7, 2010. If you are in need of information, contact Jody 430.4114.

The next Does meeting will be September 20, 2010

Secretary's Corner

A reminder, there is only one Lodge meeting in August on the 18th. A list of those members who have not yet paid their annual dues is published in this month's Elk-O-Gram. Please make every effort to pay them. I understand how things get misplaced or forgotten; worse yet, I apologize if your name is published in error (I do make mistakes), or if the payment and the Elk-O-Gram cross each others path in the mail; I hope you will understand. Please call the office so we can correct our mistake. We are also trying to contact those who have not paid; and please remember "Dues are a Best Value", only \$7 per month (\$88.50 annually).

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 lodge80secy@yahoo.com. See you around the Lodge.



**Lincoln Elk's
Lodge No. 80**

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
Treasurer.....	Imre Bonyhady
Chaplain.....	John Brooks PER
Trustee 1 Year.....	Vacant
Trustee 2 Year.....	John Aman PER
Trustee 3 Year.....	Randy King
Trustee 4 Year.....	Larry Schwindt
Trustee 5 Year.....	Scott Schrage



in August

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|---|---|
| 01 Ronnie L. Bouwens
Gary Buckmaster | 13 John F. Aman
Jerry L. Wilson |
| 02 Ward F. Hoppe | 16 Arthur C. Berthold
Fred W. Gustin |
| 03 Melvin E. Tucker
John D. Vermaas
Gary L. Weber | 18 Arthur R. Bossard |
| 04 Robert E. White
Burton "Burt" J. Young | 20 Marlin G. Anderson
Virgil Wieting
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| 09 Edward Herstein | 23 Dennis M. Byars
Stephen F. Wirth |
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Ritual Team 4TH in West Division

By Rich Todd PER

Your team had an exciting and educational trip to Orlando. Exciting to see our name listed in the Convention newsletter as the leading team for 2 days and educational when we realized the contest ran for three days. As Yogi Berra said, "It ain't over until the fat lady sings." For us the fat ladies were represented by New Mexico, Texas and Minnesota. Each of these teams outscored us after we had posted a good score of 95.4251 on Saturday and that score stood up until the last team on Sunday. But then the trouble began. Three of the remaining four teams bettered our score and this put us in 4th place overall.

Individually, we had good balance in our scoring, with a couple of outstanding performances by Chaplain Larry Bratt and Loyal Knight Jeff Sneller. Larry had the 2nd highest score among Chaplain's in the West and led our team with a score of 93.775, while Jeff scored 93.221 and was 4th in his position. It should be noted that Lincoln Lodge was judged the BEST in the WEST in team appearance. The ladies in their black gowns and the gents in their tux's with red and black vests were outstanding.

This outstanding performance would not have been possible without the dedication and hard work that the officers have put in since shortly after the first of the year. Congratulations to each officer and they want me to remind each of you that the trip wouldn't have been possible without the support and well wishes from so many of our members and friends.

We Need You!

*Volunteers*Volunteers*Volunteers*

- Folding Crew for Elk-O-Gram Randy King 450.0978
- The Does will need volunteers for Nebraska Football home games. Call 467.5595 to help.
- The Soccer Shoot on Sept 18 will need 15+ volunteers. Please contact Doug Rienks to help 430.6002
- We need a couple volunteers to help with the Hoop Shoot. This would involve contacting area schools. Should only involve a couple hours of work. Contact Doug Rienks to help at 430.6002. 10580
- Help is always needed at dinners. We have lots of fun and the duties fit everyone's abilities. Please contact the Lodge if interested 421.6363
- Midget Football is in need of members to help with photo day, August 16th 5:00PM at Northeast High School. Call if questions: Scott Schrage 421.2715.
- During the NE State Fair the Grand Island Elk's are doing a booth. They have asked for volunteers to help with attending that booth. Please contact the Lodge if you are interested 421.6363.

AUGUST 21 5:30 COCKTAILS 6:30 DINNER

LOST RECIPES DINNER

KITCHEN TESTED HEIRLOOM RECIPES, TOO GOOD TO FORGET!



Hors d'oeuvres
Angry Deviled Eggs and Corn Oysters

Dinner
Heirloom Salad
International Dateline Chicken
Creamy Potato Puff
Nell's Green Beans
Butter Horn Rolls

Dessert
Pineapple Upside-Down Cake

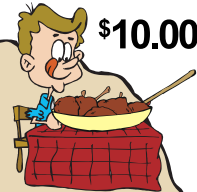
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Call the Lodge 421-6363 to reserve your ticket!

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Sept. 11, 2010
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

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-SAVE THE DATE-

September 24, 2010 at 6:00 PM

HAPPY HOUR CELEBRATION

Compliments of the Ritual Team.

Our way of saying Thank You!

Stay tuned to September EOG for more details!

October 23, 2010

TACO'S AND TALENT NIGHT

Happy Hour at 5:30, Dinner at 6:00, Show at 7:00

Come have Taco's and share your talents with us!

Sing? Play an instrument? Good, Clean Jokes?

The proper way to clean your guy?

Like to do some Stand-up or act?

What talent do you have to share with everyone?

Bring your family and friends,
this will be a night you won't want to miss.

Contact Randy King 450-0978

to sign up or to help!

Reports of Committees

Social & Community Welfare

On Wednesday, June 16th, the members present at our lodge meeting voted to donate funds to assist families of military personnel who's spouses have been deployed overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan. Leading Knight and Social & Community Chairman, Stephen Wirth PER, made a special presentation of \$1,000 on July 21st to the NE National Guards Family Assistance Program Representative, SSG DeGarmo Shapland. These funds will be utilized to help with the cost of various kids events, holiday parties, yellow ribbon training, snacks, cookies, drinks and decorations. SSG Shapland was most appreciative of the nice donation and thanks the Elks for their continued support of our military soldiers and their families. **Stephen Wirth PER-Chairperson**



Photo by Alex R. Salmon, TSGT, NEANG

From the fox hole of the Veterans Committee

Veteran's Committee - Vi Berst and Sam Carter, along with their wives, attended a Flag Day Picnic at Grammercy Hill. The menu consisted of hot dogs, burgers, cole slaw, beans, potato chips, ice cream bars and cold lemonade and iced tea. There was an excellent turnout of 150 or more. Along with the live music, a good time was had by all. Vi and Sam enjoyed visiting with the Veterans who were present. No injuries or POW's were taken in. **Vi Berst-President Sam Carter-Vice Chair**

Midget Football

August is here and with that Midget football is starting up. This year the Elks Midget Football team will start practice the first week of August. Their first game will be August 29th. We are expecting 150 or more young men to participate this year in the program with a total of 7 games. Games will be every Sunday at the Lincoln Midget Football Complex through October 10th. Game times will vary. We'll have a schedule in the next Elk-O-Gram. The team photo shoot has been changed. The new date is Monday, August 16th, at Lincoln Northeast High School starting at 5:00 PM. Please come out and support these young athletes and the Elks Lodge. **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

The date of the shoot is September 18, 10:00-2:00 at Wright Park. We will be constructing a new large goal so that we do not have to make so many repairs this year. We will be posting the results on the website to save having to make all the calls to the winners. I will need about 15 volunteers to make the day go smoothly.

Doug Rienks-Coordinator

Lapsation

See printed list in this issue of EOG.

Jerry Wilson-Manager

Membership

Membership has risen to over 300, we are headed in the right direction. **Sonny Lane-Chairperson**

Scholarship

No Report. **Dave Kirby-Chairperson**

Americanism

No Report. **Sonny Lane-Coordinator**

Drug Awareness

Suggested Boo at the Zoo theme, Shrek.

Amy Jacobsen-Coordinator

Eagle Scouts

Flag Presentation to Max B. Vandenhul, Troop 43 on August 1st by Rich Todd PER

Randy King-Chairperson

Gold Scout

Additional Flags and Certificates are needed for the recent gold scout awards due to a few reasons. ER Amy Jacobsen read a lovely thank you from a parent of a recipient. Many positive comments were made of our Elk attendance and how a positive role model it was for our Lodge to have a woman in lead.

Stephen Wirth-Chairperson

Hide Program

Lets spread the word about our hide program, see if we can beat last years number. If your willing to pick up, salt and roll, keep drop-off bin cleared, please let me know. **Randy King-Chairperson**

House Committee

Several projects for the old card room mentioned. Happy hour and dinner ideas discussed. **Amy Jacobsen-Chairperson**

Trustees

We still need one more trustee to fill an open slot, please step up and get involved in your Lodge. Two meetings a month for 30 minutes? Come on, you spend more time than that putting gas in your car.

Larry Schwindt-Chairperson

A huge thank you goes out to all who attended our BBQ Dinner on July 17th. If you missed it, you missed some of the best ribs anywhere in town!



Now for the Quickies...

Rumor has it that Dr. Doug Rienks was seen at the Special Olympics Village tent examining eyes of the athletes. Hats off to you for volunteering your time and expertise to help the less fortunate. A shining example of being an Elk, even if he wasn't wearing his red coat. Randy King was heard manning the Emergency Communications tent at Flag Football and Track and Field. Making sure medical services were dispatched appropriately to the events when needed, wearing his Amateur Radio Shirt and his Elks hat. Must have been a sight! Of the 4,000+ volunteers, many were behind the scenes, making it all work.

Last, we must not forget our photogenic couple, Bob and Sue Clinkenbeard. Sue, quoted as saying "We're the volunteers for the volunteers." Bob and Sue were pictured in the July 22, Lincoln Journal Star in section A6. To sum it up, they've been helping with the Special Olympics since April, including Bob, driving 3,000 miles in an RV supporting the Torch Run through the state of Nebraska. Bob was quoted saying "The whole experience has been very rewarding" Congrats to anyone that was not mentioned and know that you all are heros to someone, somewhere!

You might meet our new bartender, Jules, when you stop by the Lodge for lunch or cocktails, please give her a warm welcome!

Thank you to Connie Moore, Rich Todd, Butch and Deanna Burkholtz and Reggie for helping with the Elk-O-Gram folding and labeling in July.

The Elks Bowling League will start back up here in the next few weeks. It's not to late to join. You'll have a great time and perfect your bowling skills. Contact the Lodge for details.

We had a special visitor attend our July Lodge meeting, Marcus Oping of the Cozad Lodge. Marcus came to cheer on his friend, Ellen Myer while she was initiated. Many of us who attended the State Convention in April had the pleasure of getting to know Marcus and many members of the Cozad Lodge. We hope to have more visitors in our so we can meet other "Best People On Earth!"

On behalf of the Lodge, our deepest sympathies go out to Roseanne and Sonny Lane in this time of sorrow. Roseanne lost her mother the last week of July.

The Charitable Fund, Inc. Scholarship Committee Pancake Feed is scheduled for Sunday, January 30, 2011. Just a reminder to mark your calendars!

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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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 August 2010	2	3	4	5	6	7 DOES Wine Trip
8	9	10 Burger Night 5:30 PM American Legion	11	12 VFW	13	14
15	16 Midget Football Photo Shoot 5:00 PM Northeast High School	17 American Legion	18 Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM	19 American Legion	20 Elk-O-Gram Articles Due	21 "Lost Recipes" Dinner 5:30 Cocktails 6:30 Dinner
22	23	24 Burger Night 5:30 PM	25	26	27	28
29 First Elks Midget Football Game	30	31	September Events: 11 Ulbrick's Family Style Dinner 5:30 Cocktails 6:30 Dinner 18 Soccer Shoot at Wright Park 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM 24 Happy Hour Celebration compliments of Ritual Team 6:00 PM October Events: 23 Taco's and Talent 5:30-Cocktails 6:00-Dinner 7:00-Start of show 26-30 Boo at the Zoo			