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LODGE HOURS: Mon-Sat 10:30-Close \* Lunch 11:30-1:30 \* Closed Sun

## Giving the Gift of Words

The Lodge recently completed delivering a new Thesaurus to each 5th grader in the Lincoln Public Schools. A team of Elks members visited all 37 elementary schools and with the exception of just one or two classrooms, individually presented a book to a happy 5th grader. In addition, Dictionaries were provided for all Catholic third graders. However, we did not visit individual Catholic schools. This the 4th straight year the Elks have provided these books to both school districts.

Members who helped with the delivery of these books were Chuck Meisinger, Rich Todd, Sam Carter, Sonny Lane, John Brooks, Larry Schwindt and Larry Bratt. Cynthia Tramel, Chuck's sister-in-law, personally placed a sticker in each of the 3000+ books indicating the book was given by the lodge to the student.



(Top L-R) Charles Meisinger, Larry Schwindt, Dr. Steve Joel; LPS Superintendent, Sam Carter and a group of 5th grade LPS students who received Thesaurus's.

**Elks Care - Elks Share**

**Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks**  
**Lincoln Lodge #80**  
 — 103<sup>rd</sup> Annual —  
**Children's Christmas Party**  
 Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
 Pershing Center, Gates Open @12:15PM  
 Show Starts at 1:00PM

Gayle Becwar



Comedian  
Magician

Neon Man



Henrik Bothe



**Prizes, Entertainment, Santa Claus**  
**Admission Is FREE!**

No child leaves this party empty handed or without a smile, but it's not without the help of our great Lodge members. 35-40 volunteers will be needed to fill 1500+ bags at the Sacking Party, Friday, December 17 at Noon in the basement of Pershing Center. Sacks are filled with fruit, candy, treats, Elks "Drug Awareness" literature and pencils. These are handed out to every child as they leave the party. The day of the party we will need 40-45 volunteers; greeting, passing out sacks, candy, presents or helping with crowd control. You can't have too many volunteers when it comes to such a large group.

If you wish to help out, call John Brooks PER, Coordinator at 466-1144 or john@signsolutionsoflincoln.com.



## Grand Exalted Ruler Michael F. Smith

Message from the GER  
GL Newsletter  
December 2010

***"Use our good works  
to boost membership"***

As we enter the holiday season we need to also be aware that we are well into our Elks year and that we are accountable for attaining the goals. I ask each of you to set some specific objectives to improve our Order. I ask that you commit to "Be Proud...Be Loud... and Be Visible" in your community and state. We need to come out of our cocoon and let our communities know who we are and what we provide in Veteran Services, Scholarships, Youth Activities and community services. Please make a resolution, and keep it, to let people know of our good works beyond our Lodge walls.

Many Lodges have holiday programs such as feeding those in need, hosting police or fire/rescue personnel, etc. I would hope we can start maximizing our good works by asking quality people to participate with us and encourage them to become a part of our great Order. As you plan your good works, be aware that the people involved might want to be a part of doing good for others. As you invite your local media to cover your activities, consider sharing what other projects your Lodge and our Order are involved in and ask if they might be interested in being a part of us. Ask the people who serve your community to become a part of your Lodge. Promote Elks Passion ....(put some PEP in your step) with a purpose and let's turn this membership trend into a positive. Many people Care and many people Share. Why not ask them to be a part of our world?

Sandra and I send our very best to all of you in this joyful season. We have had the pleasure of making many new friends as we travel this great country, and we look forward to meeting many more. May God watch over you and your loved ones, our military and their families and all of those in need, both now and forever. Happy holidays and be safe!



## Exalted Ruler Lodge #80 Amy Jacobsen

**Dear Elks and Does:**

My Uncle Bumps, rest his soul, would always say all he wanted for Christmas is world peace and more time. When I was kid, I sort of understood the "world peace" part. Although as a child growing up in central Nebraska I probably did not really get it. Life was good. I always had clothes to wear, plenty to eat, family and friends who loved me and in my world, I had peace. The "more time" part of the Christmas wish never made any sense to me. All we had was time. Didn't we?

We all know the expression: "The more things change, the more they stay the same." I look back on my life and think that my parents, and my Uncle, must have had it so different raising kids than the way I have it today. When I was born, people and family they knew were probably coming home and going to Vietnam. When I was in the 5th grade I remember writing a story about another Great Uncle of mine, Tom Frank, and how he passed up an opportunity to push a flag up a hill at Iwo Jima. Photographers were there that day and maybe he could get in a picture. He never liked to talk about being at war, but my Mom liked to tell the story about Iwo Jima. I remember asking him about the military tattoos on his arm and him looking down at them and rubbing them and saying they were just something stupid he did when he was a kid. I suppose I was exposed to many other examples in the news and I understood that somewhere people were fighting and if it wasn't happening, the United States was still ready to fight. Even still, I thought, Uncle, don't you want something other than just world peace? And, really, all we have his time, right?

I have friends who have gone to Afghanistan and Iraq. I have friends there now, fighting for democracy and peace. My daughter, I am certain, knows kids whose parents are serving our country. The Elks are serving our Vets. "So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent

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## Our Members...

### Deaths:

None

### Sickness and Distress:

Ken Studier PER is at Gold Crest  
 Ed Herstein at Tabitha  
 Richard Blomgren PER is at home  
 Jules Goldberg is recovering from a bad fall  
 Brent Travis is at Madonna  
 Rod Rozanek PER is recovering from hip surgery

### Published for Membership:

None

### Members Initiated in November:

Deborah Burns (L) and Saundra Earnest (R) pictured with Amy Jacobsen ER.



### Members Reinstated in November:

None

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

11/3 meeting was at \$106. Rich Logan was the name drawn and he was not present to win.  
 11/17 meeting was at \$132. Darrell Bryceson was the name drawn and he was not present to win.

### November's EOG Hidden Membership Number:

was 15670; Ken Geisler. His number was hidden on page 7 inside the Veteran's Dinner.

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## Knight Tales

### Leading Knight - Stephen F. Wirth PER

Charity, it's the greatest of all the virtues: The holidays are a time to reflect the past and look forward to the many happy and joyous days ahead. So many worth while causes surround us at this time of year. People, young and old, anticipate the upcoming holidays and no one wants to be forgotten. Organizations feel the urge to do their part within our communities as they strive to bring a smile to the faces of everyone they come in contact with. There are so many individuals who volunteer their time, talents and dollars to make the season magical. As Elks, I know each of us will do our part to bring warmth to the hearts of many. Just 'BELIEVE'.....

### Loyal Knight - Doug Rienks

I hope everyone had a very Happy Thanksgiving and hope you had safe travels. During this season we are pulled in many directions with everyone wanting a little something. I write this to ask something of you as well. In the next two months there are many Elk activities that require volunteers to work. Please consider marking off some time for the Children's Christmas party, the Christmas sacking party, help gathering deer hides, Hoop Shoot or doing dishes after dinners, just to name a few activities. Happy Holidays and I look forward to seeing you at Lodge activities.

### Lecturing Knight - Sonny Lane PER

Currently, Sonny is working on an Internship at the North Pole. We will hear wise words in January.

**Reminder from November:** Just Ask!

## Note From the Editor

This issue I have a special Thank you for my brother, Jason Brooks who is serving our country. On Nov. 11, Veteran's Day, my family and I received a text from Jason saying "He was on the plane to Afghanistan." Included in this thank you, his wife, Raejean and their 3 children, Ella, Amelia and Lucas who are making sacrifices right here on the home front. Jason has been a member of # 80 for over 5 years. Thank you for your bravery. Come home safely.

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## Secretary's Corner

Merry Christmas..... Yep, we are entering the peak of the holiday season; hopefully you had a great Thanksgiving, and are looking forward to the many year end festivities. If you need some normalcy from those many holiday activities of shopping, decorating, etc., stop by the Jolly Corkers Pub for lunch. Speaking of activities, there are many going on in the Lodge, please check the calendar.

A reminder, there is only one Lodge meeting in December, which takes place Wednesday the 1st.

Thank you to those who have responded in paying your delinquent dues. In January, we will begin the activity to drop those members who have not done so. 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. My phone number is 570-2555 and my email is lodge80secy@yahoo.com. See you all around the lodge. - **Jerry Wilson**

## Does News

Dorothy Ann Haar and Kelli Stanley-Smith would like to thank all the volunteers that worked football this season. This is a very valuable fundraising project for the Does and Elks so we appreciate all the helpers!

On December 11, 2010, hundreds of beautiful 20 inch wreaths with hand tied red velveteen bows will be placed on veteran graves in Wyuka cemetery. The drove will be contributing money to purchase 10 wreaths. The Does recently sponsored and served the volunteer luncheon for the League of Human Dignity. **Marjorie Wyant, President**

### **The Drove nomination of Officers for 2011**

President - Jody Schrage  
 Treasurer - Walenta Peterson  
 Secretary - Dorothy Ann Haar  
 1st. Counselor - Vicky Logan  
 Sr. Counselor - Jerri Simms  
 Jr. Counselor - Jan Schmute  
 Chaplin - Wilma Chestnut  
 Conductor - Kelli Stanley-Smith



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| 03 Bill Danley<br>Dale R Hansen  | 13 Kim Cochran<br>Tim Horsham                          |
| 05 Wilbur H Amen<br>Curtis D Reiber<br>Phillip D White                   | 14 Xan S Johnson                                       |
| 07 Harley J Bair<br>Roger Eskra<br>Matt K Kosmicki<br>Russell W Raybould | 19 Ben Novicoff<br>20 "Bill" W Hoffman                 |
| 08 William Haberman  | 21 Jack D Campbell<br>James Wood                       |
| 09 Donald G Hanway, Jr<br>Rod Rozanek                                    | 24 Frederick R Rickers<br>James B Smith<br>Pat Wiseman |
| 10 Sandra Earnest<br>Dewitt Harouff<br>Robert S. Sindlar                 | 27 Buford W Jones<br>Ed Peeks                          |
| 11 Dr. John W Bengtson   | 28 Donald B Andersen                                   |
| 12 Maureen Lamski<br>Bobby D Livingston<br>Dwain Spatz                   | 29 Harlan R Zwiebel                                    |

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

<b>Exalted Ruler.....</b>	Amy Jacobsen
<b>Leading Knight.....</b>	Stephen Wirth PER
<b>Loyal Knight.....</b>	Doug Rienks
<b>Lecturing Knight.....</b>	Sonny Lane PER
<b>Esquire.....</b>	Larry Bratt
<b>Inner Guard.....</b>	Jeff Sneller PER
<b>Tiler.....</b>	Sam Carter
<b>Secretary.....</b>	Jerry Wilson
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<b>Chaplain.....</b>	John Brooks PER
<b>Trustee 2 Year.....</b>	Bob Sindlar
<b>Trustee 2 Year.....</b>	John Aman PER
<b>Trustee 3 Year.....</b>	Randy King
<b>Trustee 4 Year.....</b>	Larry Schwindt
<b>Trustee 5 Year.....</b>	Scott Schrage

## Annual End to the Season

After a successful season the Elks Midget Football teams ended with the Annual Banquet. This year we had 450 plus attend. It was great to see the players rewarded for a long but fun season.

We had 3 guest speakers, Exalted Ruler Amy Jacobsen; ex Nebraska Cornhusker and pro player Eric Warfield; and Dan Penstock who talked about the importance of school and involvement.

Each year the Schwaller Award is given to young athletes who are leaders on and off the field and who display a positive role in school and community. The winners this year are: Derrick Curtis, Tyler Keller and Colton Abendroth. Again we want to say congratulations.

This ends the 2010 Midget Football season and another great success. We are looking forward to next year. **Scott Schrage - Coordinator**



(L-R) Derrick Curtis, Tyler Keller and Colton Abendroth



(L-R) Eric Warfield, Scott Schrage and Dan Penstock

## Trick-or-Treat Drug Awareness

For the third year in a row, Lincoln Lodge 80 took part in the annual Boo at the Zoo at the Lincoln Children's Zoo. This is a fundraiser to feed the zoo animals over the winter. Lodge 80 is proud to be a part of this safe and fun "Trick-or-Treat" event. October 25th - 30th lodge members donned costumes and friendly smiles to greet a total of 18,690 visitors coming through over five nights. Chocolate bars were dropped in 9,453 bags. Drug Awareness coloring books went into the bags until we ran out. The weather this year was a unseasonable warm which made the experience very pleasant. Elroy the Elk was once again a popular feature at the event. He plans to be at the Children's Christmas party where we will be distribute more drug awareness coloring books to the kids.

**Amy Jacobsen ER, Chairperson**



# CASH CALENDARS

Yes, we will start drawing daily as of 12/1, for those cash prizes listed on the Cash Calendars which each of you purchased. There will be a large calendar posted at the lodge so everyone can see who won daily. Those who do win will be contacted by phone. Thank-you very much for making this event a success.

Stephen Wirth PER/PR, Chairperson

Our Goal

\$4,200.00

\$4000
\$3800
\$3600
\$3400
\$3200
\$3000
\$2800
\$2600
\$2400
\$2200
\$2000
\$1800
\$1600
\$1400
\$1200
\$1000
\$800
\$600
\$400
\$200

## Reports of Committees

### Social and Community - Stephen Wirth, Chairperson

The Nebraska Elks State Association has informed Lincoln Lodge #80 that the Benevolence Commission will provide \$500 to assist 2 ½ year old Dathin Cooper in his challenges against Spina Bifida. Chairman Richard Walter, PSP, has informed PER Wirth that the BC board unanimously approved this request. I will be presenting to our lodge on December 1st a similar request to match the state's contribution. Dathin's parents, Condreay and April are most appreciative of the gift and consider the Elks a blessing in their lives.

Your lodge plans to have the Cooper family as guest at one of our upcoming dinners for a special presentation to Dathin.

### From The Foxhole Of The Veteran's Committee - Vi Berst, Chairperson; Sam Carter, Vice Chairperson

Vi and Sam, along with their wives, attended the Grammercy Hill Breakfast which was held in honor of the Veterans who reside there. A flag raising ceremony was held prior to the breakfast. You could see and feel the devotion and patriotism of all the Veterans who were in attendance. Vi and Sam interacted with many World War II Veterans as well as a couple of Vietnam and Korean Veterans. They also visited with Senator Bill Avery who was present at the breakfast. A wonderful breakfast was served and the atmosphere was quite pleasant. We enjoyed it very much. Reminder—we still have plenty of wheelchair gloves for those who need them. And, ALWAYS REMEMBER, if you know a Veteran or happen to run into one, shake his/her hand and thank them for their service to our beautiful country.

### Midget Football - Scott Schrage, Coordinator

See Article on Page 5.

### Soccer Shoot - Doug Rienks, Coordinator

No report, it has something to do with how cold it is!!!

### Hoop Shoot - Doug Rienks, Coordinator

The local hoop shoot will be held on Saturday, January 15th at 2:00 PM. This will be held at Lincoln East Gym. We will need to have 30-35 volunteers to make everything run smoothly. Please consider giving two hours of your time. It is always a good time and we will have special hoop shoot pins for all volunteers.

### Membership - Sonny Lane, Chairperson

No Report.

### Lapsation - Jerry Wilson, Secretary

29 members have not paid dues. Amy Jacobsen ER wrote a letter and it was sent with the dues notice. We have had 3 responses.

### Scholarship - Dave Kirby, Chairperson

No Report.

### Americanism - Sonny Lane, Coordinator

No Report.

### Drug Awareness - Amy Jacobsen ER, Coordinator

See article Pg 5, "Trick-or-Treat Drug Awareness"

### Eagle Scouts - Randy King, Chairperson

See full article in January 2011 Elk-O-Gram

### Gold Scouts - Stephen Wirth, Chairperson

No Report.

### Hide Program - Randy King, Chairperson

Early season was slow but should get much busier with the November season opener.

### Trustees - Larry Schwindt, Chairperson

Auditor is working feverishly

### House - Amy Jacobsen ER, Chairperson

Overhead projector is available for a rental fee of \$50 and \$50 deposit for those who are renting the Lodge room.

## Annual Elk's Memorial Service

Sunday, December 5, 2010, 2:00 PM  
at Lincoln Elks Lodge No. 80

Started in 1889, the Elks Memorial Service is the last honor we give our departed Elk Members. In this, we pay tribute to members that passed over the last year, November 16, 2009 - November 15, 2010.

This day is as important as it is meaningful in showing our respect to our absent members and their families.

We encouraged you to not only invite the loved ones of the departed, but members of our community. Please join us in this honorable tradition.



## Now for the Quickies

Reminder: The Jolly Corker Pub is now open 6 days a week for lunch (Monday - Saturday). When your there, pick up an official "Jolly Corker Pub" t-shirt for only \$12.00.

Thank you to our Elk-O-Gram "Folding Crew" for the November; Nancy Halstead, Kenny Tenhulzen, Wade Graft, Larry Pickering and Randy King! Thanks to Carrie Fiedler for delivering them to the US Postal Bulk Mail.

Elks National wants you, the members ideas about how to revitalize the Elks, to appeal to more members. What are your ideas for boosting membership.

## Volunteers, WE NEED YOU!

**Folding Crew for EOG** - Randy King 450.0978  
Help fold and tape current newsletter

**Hide Program** - Contact Randy King 450.0978

**Help with any of our wonderful dinners** just contact the Lodge or just show up! Cooking, cleaning, dishes, table set-up, serving food, food pick-up, donate raffle prizes, reminder calls, ticket sales.

**Children's Christmas Party** - See front page of EOG for descriptions and contacts.

**Local Hoop Shoot** - Doug Rienks 430.6002

**Pancake Feed** - contact the Lodge

### *(Exalted Ruler, Continued From Page 2)*

and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them." Here I am decades after first hearing my Uncle asking for world peace, finding myself hoping for world peace this Christmas. And wishing I had more time to do something about it.

Be proud this Christmas of all the things Elks do for our Veterans. Be glad that our scholarships help build future leaders in our community and our country. Hug your kids and grandkids so that they know that their world is peaceful. Give them your time. Give our Lodge some of your time. Because really, when it gets right down to it, after the bills are paid and the work is done, all we have left is time. And may God help you and keep you steadfast, in this, your solemn and binding obligation in the

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## "Thank You" to our Veteran's

Thank you to the Veteran's, members, family and friends that joined us at the Lodge for dinner, November 11 to celebrate Veteran's Day. It was an honor to show our appreciation for those who have served our country.

## LODGE HOLIDAY PARTY at the Jolly Corkers Pub

December 17, 2010 5:00-Close  
Bring your favorite "Pot Luck"



January 8, 2011 \* 5:30 Social Hour/6:30 Dinner

## "Dishes of the Amish" \$10.00



Baked Ham, Chicken and Noodles,  
Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Farm Vegetables,  
Homemade Rolls w/Apple Butter & Honey Butter,  
Assortment of Salads and Cobbler/Ice Cream for Dessert!

## 6TH ANNUAL PANCAKE FEED

Sunday, January 30st, 2011

More Details To Follow

If you would like to volunteer contact the Lodge  
This is a fund raiser for the Scholarship Fund, Inc.



## SUPER BOWL XLV PARTY

In the Jolly Corker Pub  
Sunday, February 6, 2011, Time TBA



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No. 80 goal is \$4.50. As of 11/27/10: \$5.35



**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.

Don't Forget To Look for the member number in this issue. If you find your's, call the Lodge for your prize!



# DECEMBER EVENTS



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
January 2011 "Save the Dates" 08 Amish Dinner 5:30PM Social Hour / 6:30PM Dinner 15 Hoop Shoot 2:00 PM East High School 30 Pancake Feed Fundraiser 8:00AM - 2:00PM February 2011 "Save the Dates" 06 Superbowl XLV Party at Jolly Corker Pub Time-TBA			1 December Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM	2	3	4
5 Memorial Service 2:00 PM	6	7	8 Jerry's Challenge Due Today!	9 VFW	10	11
12	13	14 Burger Night 5:30 PM American Legion	15	16 American Legion EOG Articles DUE..Really	17 Sacking Party Pershing 12:00 PM Lodge Holiday Party 5:00PM	18
19 Children's X-Mas Party Pershing Cntr 12:15-2:30 PM Lodge Rented	20 DOES	21 American Legion	22	23	24 Jolly Corker Pub Closes 4:00 PM Christmas Eve	25 Jolly Corker Pub Closed MERRY CHRISTMAS!!
26	27	28 Burger Night 5:30 PM	29	30	31 Jolly Corker Pub Closes 4:00 PM New Years Eve	January 1 Jolly Corker Pub Closed HAPPY NEW YEAR!!