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TEENAGER OF THE YEAR

By Amy Jacobsen-ER

Lodge 80 has held three of four Teen of the Year presentations this spring. The fourth and final program will be Sunday, April 10th at 2:00 p.m. Like years past, we have met some talented 8th grade boys and girls. Each walked away with a certificate suitable for framing and a \$100.00 savings bond to use for college. The award winners are chosen by their teachers and their names are submitted to us. Each participating school sends a representative to present the award and tell us a little about these young people. Join us on the 10th. Refreshments will be served.



Installation of Officers Lincoln Lodge #80

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks
cordially invites you to attend the public installation of

Stephen F. Wirth

Exalted Ruler for the Fraternal year 2011-2012
and his fellow officers

Wednesday, April 6, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.
5910 South 58th Street Lincoln, Nebraska
Reception following installation

FUNDRAISER DINNER

For Renovation of the
Lincoln Elks Lodge #80
Memorial Flag Pole Area

Eagle Scout Project of
Thomas Petersen
of Troop 54. 15723



Saturday April 9, 2011
Cocktails 5:30 Dinner 6:30

Campfire Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Corn,
Coleslaw, Roll, Apple Cobbler & Ice Cream

Join us at Lincoln Elk's Lodge #80



**Grand Exalted Ruler
Michael F. Smith**

**Message from the GER
GL Newsletter
April 2011**

**"Veterans Message:
Medal of Valor honors
our fallen heros"
by Dwayne E. Rumney, PGER
Commission Chairman**

The Medal of Valor program commenced in February 2007 and was promoted by your Elks National Veterans Service Commission. The purpose of the program is to give our Lodges the opportunity to honor individuals who served in our military and made the supreme sacrifice defending our country and our freedoms. The Medal of Valor is to be presented to the deserving family of the fallen hero who gave up his or her life in the ongoing Iraqi and Afghanistan conflicts.

The medals are made in the United States and come with a presentation case. The front of the medal is engraved with "Operation Enduring Freedom" on top and "Operation Iraqi Freedom" on the bottom. The back is suitable for engraving the name of the deceased Veteran and also states, "Presented by the Grand Lodge of the B.P.O. Elks to the family of (Name) in recognition of their supreme sacrifice." The cost is \$8 per medal, which includes shipping.

If you know of a family that has lost a loved one in Iraq or Afghanistan, it would be a wonderful gesture to honor that person by presenting a Medal of Valor to the family. It could be presented at a Lodge function or other appropriate venue.

To order the Medal of Valor, contact the Elks National Veterans Service Commission at 2750 N. Lakeview Ave., Chicago, IL 60614-1889 or by e-mail to vets@elks.org and the medal will be promptly shipped to you.

Thank you for doing what you can to honor our deceased Veterans!!!

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**Exalted Ruler
Lodge #80
Amy Jacobsen**

Dear Friends,

Out with the old and in with the new. I had a satisfying year serving as your Exalted Ruler. I hope I met everyone's expectations. Out with the old and in with the new. Stephen Wirth, PER is at the ready to serve again as your ER. I am confident he will do a spectacular job. He has good people backing him up. I hope all of you give him the support you gave me. I enjoyed getting to know you better in the past year and hope the good friendships will keep building. I have one last task as ER, and that is to compete with the rest of the Ritual Team at Spring Conference and hopefully Grand Lodge. We have a goal to do even better than we did last year. Keep us in your thoughts and prayers. We appreciate the encouragement. Thank you for all you have done to support the Lodge in the past year.

You are forever in my thoughts and prayers. -Amy

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Friday, May 6th
5:30 Cocktails 6:30 Dinner
\$3.50 Margaritas \$12.00 Dinner

Our Members...

Deaths:

Gilbert Healy passed on December 11, 2010

Sickness and Distress:

Ken Studier PER, is at Gold Crest.
 Ed Herstein at Tabitha.
 Jules Goldberg recovering from a bad fall.
 Art Berthold at Madonna, pneumonia recovery.
 Ken Tenhulzen at home.
 Larry Schenkel at Madonna, surgery recovery.
 Jeff Sneller PER recovering from hand surgery.
 Abby Clark hospitalized, pregnancy complications.

Published for Membership:

Scott Thayer proposed by Larry Schwindt
 Walt Dondlinger proposed by Jerry Wilson
 Curt Prohaska proposed by Larry Bratt

Members Initiated in March:

Jerrie Simms
 Kay Kletchka
 Sally Smalley

Members Reinstated in March:

None

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

3/2 meeting was at \$207.50. Ronnie Bouwens was the name drawn, and he was not present to win.

3/16 meeting was \$221.50. Richard Bjorklund was the name drawn and he was not present to win.

March's EOG Hidden Membership Number:

was 14606, Gene Obrecht. His number was hidden on page 5, first photo, on the sweater of Jody Schrage, second from the left (in Burgandy).



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Knight Tales

Leading Knight - Stephen Wirth PER

Charity is the GREATEST of all the virtues: There is no truer statement. I was listening to one of Lincoln's radio stations this past week and there was a plea to help the United Way make its financial fundraising goal. The UW was shy of about \$4,000. All of a sudden, calls to the radio station started coming in and before the end of the day, UW's goal had been reached and surpassed. They ended up raising over \$8,000. This is what it's all about folks. As Elks, you have all done your share of giving to support Lincoln Lodge #80 over the years and on behalf of all the Officers, we Thank-You. Please continue to be charitable in the future. However big or small, your contribution of time, dollars or a smile, will benefit so many.

Loyal Knight - Doug Rienks

Last message as the Loyal Knight, moving up to the Leading Knight. I guess justice has been done. Please know we are still practicing hard to represent Lincoln well at state ritual contest.

Lecturing Knight - Sonny Lane

See you next month as Loyal Knight!

**Phil Stettinger
 Dinner**

 **Baby Back
 Ribs**

Baked Potato, Coleslaw,
 Beer Cheese Soup,
 Rolls & Dessert
 Saturday May 21,
 5:30 Cocktails 6:30 Dinner

\$12.00 Donation

Secretary's Corner

Welcome to the beginning of the Elks New Lodge Year. Your new officers will be installed on April 6th at 7:00 PM. Help them start their year by attending the installation.

Thank you to those who have sent in their dues. If you have not sent your dues please do so along with any address change. Your continued support is appreciated.

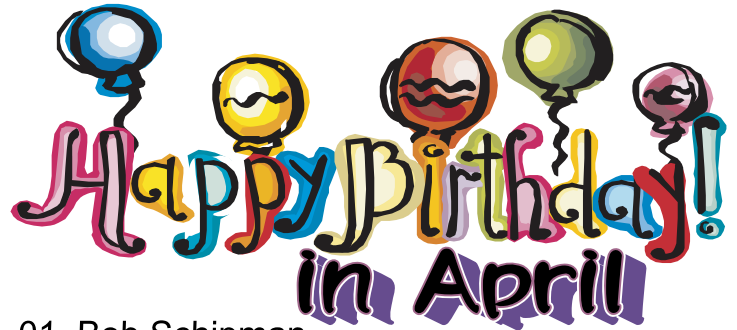
Be sure to check the calendar for all of the April events. New additions were added for April. Show your support by attending as many as you can.

The Elks State Convention is being held in North Platte April 30th, April 31st, and May 1st. We have registration forms at the office for those who want to attend. Your Ritual Team will be competing that Friday. Be sure to wish them well. GO TEAM!!!

I look forward to serving you this year. Please let me know if you have any thoughts or suggestions to help our Lodge. lodge80secy@yahoo.com.
- Denis Applebee, 2011-2012 Lodge Secretary

Does News

The Does Annual Flower and Garage Sale will be held on April 30th. Please order ahead of time. If you would like a flyer of the flowers available, please contact **Jody Schrage** at **402-430-4114**.



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| 01 Bob Schipman | 15 Amy G Jacobsen |
| James Searle | 16 Brianna Bergholz |
| 02 William A Bray | Thomas H Roper |
| 03 Vilis L Berst | 17 Milan Knezovich |
| Jerry Gorton | 19 Julius Goldberg |
| Lawrence Shepard | 20 Theodore Paulson |
| 05 Clayton Tomjack | 21 Paul E Collicott |
| Brent Travis | Jennifer Hurt |
| 07 Reuben Keller | 22 Dennis K Smith |
| 08 Donald L. Leising | 23 Robert C Martin |
| Jack D Stone | 24 Wesley N Durst |
| 09 David W Caudy | Neil C Petersen |
| 10 Denis Applebee | 26 Derek Horalek |
| 11 Tamera Mowrey | Ken Krupicka |
| Robert H Wise | 27 Larry J Klein |
| 12 Steve Noren | Richard R Todd |
| Scott Schrage | |

2011-2012 Elk's Lodge #80 Officers

Exalted Ruler.....	Stephen Wirth PER
Leading Knight.....	Doug Rienks
Loyal Knight.....	Sonny Lane PER
Lecturing Knight.....	John Brooks PER
Esquire.....	VACANT
Inner Guard.....	Larry Bratt
Tiler.....	Sam Carter
Secretary.....	Denis Applebee
Treasurer.....	Imre Bonyhady
Chaplain.....	Gerald Miles
Trustee 1 Year.....	Bob Sindlar
Trustee 2 Year.....	Randy King
Trustee 3 Year.....	Larry Schwindt
Trustee 4 Year.....	Scott Schrage
Trustee 5 Year.....	Amy Jacobsen PER

Lincoln Boy Crowned the Hoop Shoot Regional Champ

By Donald L. Jones, National Chairman
Elks USA Public Relation Committee

Lincoln, Nebraska, Resident Holton Harman Crowned Elks "Hoop Shoot" Regional Champ Holton, Now Among 72 Free -Throw Shooters Vying for National Title.

Lincoln, Nebraska —Having already tasted glory in local, district, and state competitions, Holton Harman captured another first-place finish on Saturday, March 12, 2011 when he wowed the crowds at the Elks "Hoop Shoot" West Central Regional Championship. Holton, the 9-year-old son of Hunter and Sheila Harman, demonstrated accuracy from the penalty line well beyond his years and brought honors to his hometown of Lincoln, Nebraska.

Representing Fairbury, Nebraska Elks Lodge 1203, Holton, a student at St. Peters Elementary sank 25 out of 25 free throws in the 8- to 9-year-old Boys division, making him a true standout in the field of more than 3 million boys and girls, ages 8-13, who have participated in the contest since last fall. Now, Holton will travel with his parents, courtesy of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, to Springfield, Massachusetts—the birthplace of basketball—to be among the 72 top youngsters vying for the chance to claim one of six national trophies awarded at the Elks "Hoop Shoot" National Free Throw Contest, April 28 to May 1, 2011. A great showing in the national championship will not only earn Holton a place in Elks "Hoop Shoot" history, but also land his name on a plaque in the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

Now in its 39th year, the Elks "Hoop Shoot" Free Throw Contest has seen more than 110 million participants since its inception, making it the largest coeducational youth sports program in the nation. Funded entirely by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Elks "Hoop Shoot" Free Throw Contest has served as a testing ground for sports legends, Olympic medalists and numerous professional athletes.

NOTE: In addition to Holton's win, two other Lincoln youth deserve a job well done!
Lindsey Teal - 2nd and Jordan Kossalas - 3rd.
Congratulations to you all!

A Sincere Thank You!

I wanted to take this opportunity to extend my sincere thanks to all my fellow Elks that helped to make my retirement party a very special event for my family and myself. It warmed my heart to see all of you take the time to attend and makes a person realize that maybe I was able to do some good during my time with LPD.

I would like to especially thank Larry Schwindt, Gerry Miles, John and Mary Brooks, Bob Sindlar, Kim Wiseman and Pat Wiseman for all their hard work on preparing the food, taking care of the food table and setting up of the lodge. The party would not have been a success without the selfless gift of their time and talents. You have all made me very proud to be an Elks and a member of the best Elks Lodge in the State.

Humbly yours in Elkdom, Larry Bratt



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Reports of Committees

"From the foxhole of the Veterans Committee"- Vi Berst, Chairperson; Sam Carter, Vice Chair
March was a slow month for us. We had two birthdays of WWII veterans. Cards were given to them along with a Two Dollar bill. They always appreciate being remembered.

Army Corporal Frank Buckles, the last American Veteran of World War I, was laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, VA, on Tuesday, March 15th.

President Barack H. Obama and Vice President Joseph Biden paid their respects to Buckles and offered condolences to his daughter. He was buried 50 yards from General John J. Pershing, under whose command he served. Buckles led about his age to enlist at 16 and outlived 4.7 million Americans who served in WW I.

So anytime you have the opportunity to talk to a Veteran, shake his or her hand and Thank them for their service. - God Bless

Eagle Scouts - Randy King, Chairperson
Court of Honor, Sunday March 6 for Stephen Patras, Troop 76 Waverly. (Pictured below with Randy King)
Held at United Methodist. Stephen is the 62nd Eagle Scout the Troop has produced since inception.



Gold Scouts - Stephen Wirth, Chairperson
No report.

Hoop Shoot - Doug Rienks, Coordinator
See page 5, "Lincoln Boy Crowned Hoop Shoot Regional Champion".

Soccer Shoot - Doug Rienks, Coordinator
Soccer season is underway. Please be aware that the Soccer Shoot will take place in September. If you have any ideas to improve the shoot please let me know. I am always open for suggestions.

Midget Football - Scott Schrage, Coordinator
No report.

Social and Community - Stephen Wirth, Chairperson
Lincoln Lodge No. 80 stepped up to the front lines one more time to assist the Nebraska National Guard. On Wednesday, March 16th, a check in the amount of \$1,000 was presented to NEANG Family Assistance Representative, SSG DeGarmo Shapland and State Youth Coordinator, Ms Jessica Shottenkirk-Cooley to help with the upcoming Military Kids month in April. Part of this donation will help kids at a golf clinic held at Wilderness Ridge. The remainder of funds will support the annual Easter Egg hunt by Family Assistance. So many children's parents have been mobilized so these special events help them coop. Pictured below, a special guest was introduced at Lodge, Jasmine Nichols. Both of Jasmine's parents are overseas. Jasmine is holding cutouts of her parents to help her feel a little more secure. Photos are provided to many children in this situation.



L-R: Stephen F. Wirth, PER, SSG DeGarmo Shapland, Jasmine Nichols, Jessica Shottenkirk-Cooley and Amy Jacobsen, ER

Scholarship - Dave Kirby, Chairperson
See front page "Teen of the Year".

Americanism - Sonny Lane, Chairperson
No report.

Lapsation - Jerry Wilson, Secretary
155 members have not paid 2011-2012 dues.

Membership - Sonny Lane, Chairperson
No report.

Drug Awareness - Amy Jacobsen ER, Coordinator
No report.

Hide Program - Randy King, Chairperson
No report.

House Committee - Amy Jacobsen ER, Chairperson
2011-2012 budget is in the works. The beverage cooler is fixed.

(Reports cont.)

(Reports Cont.)**Trustees - Larry Schwindt, Chairperson**

In our last Trustees meeting we discussed the price of tickets for our monthly dinners. I was looking at an Elk-O-Gram from 15 years ago and saw that we were charging \$10.00 for our meals at that time. We have continued to charge that amount (except for the occasional special dinner).

As we all know, the cost of everything has risen over the last 15 years. We also now have to charge a 2% fee on all sales to help fund the new arena.

Many of our dinners are sponsored by individuals or groups of people and the raffle prizes are also donated, which means that the proceeds of these sponsored dinners are all profit. This profit goes to help pay for the utilities and upkeep of the building, and as we all know, utilities as well as the cost of maintaining a building have also risen over the that 15 years, so the money does not go as far as it once did.

Because of these factors, we have decided to raise the price of the dinner tickets from \$10.00 to \$12.00. But, as anyone who has attended the dinners knows, you receive great tasting dinners, an abundance of food, and no one goes away hungry.

Answers in Black and White

By Larry Schwindt

I'm sure that you have already noticed a major difference in the Elk-O-Gram. The Trustees and our outgoing and incoming Exalted Rulers have been working on the budget for the upcoming year. In going over the cost of printing the Elk-O-Gram, we discovered that we could save a substantial amount of money by printing it in black and white instead of color (less than half the cost). This was a very difficult decision to make because everybody really likes the way that the Elk-O-Gram looks when it is printed in color. On the up side, it will probably be easier to spot the hidden number in black and white. (Editor jumping in here...Nope, not making it easier. Going to keep you on your toes!!!!!!)

A lot of time and effort goes into making the Elk-O-Gram a first rate publication, so I am taking this time to give Carrie Fiedler and Randy King recognition for their efforts in this endeavor.

Elk-O-Gram Editor

Carrie Fiedler 325-8741 / 560-3075

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Now for the Quickies

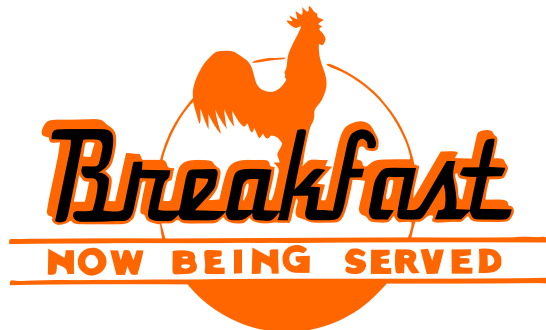
Huge Thank You's to everyone who attends our Lodge dinners either by volunteering or by enjoying an eventful evening full of laughs and great food. Everyone's continued support helps our Lodge and gives you a chance to meet and get to know your fellow Elks. I don't think it's possible to have a bad time at the Lodge because we are the.....

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Volunteers, WE NEED YOU!

Reminder Call for dinners! - We REALLY need a few volunteers, every dinner to make calls to members. In the past, we have doubled our dinner sales with no doubt due to phone call reminder and ticket sales. These dinners help our Lodge function. Please HELP! Contact the Lodge or any Officer to volunteer!

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, donation of raffle prizes, ticket sales....AND MORE!

**Breakfast at The Lodge
Full Breakfast Menu**

**Fundraiser For Lodge Activities
Free Will Donation**

Hours 8am - 12pm

Sunday, May 8 (Mother's Day)

Sunday, June 15 (Father's Day)



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No. 80 goal is \$4.50. As of 3/30/11: \$8.32



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!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 APRIL 2011 EVENTS					1 April	2
3 Breakfast at the Lodge 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	4	5	6 Lodge Meeting and 2011-2012 Installation of Officers 7:00 PM	7	8	9 Fundraiser Dinner 5:30 Cocktails 6:30 Dinner
10 Teen of the Year 2:00PM at the Lodge	11	12 Burger Night 5:30 PM American Legion	13	14 VFW	15	16 Room Rented
17	18 DOES	19 American Legion	20 Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM	21 American Legion	22	23
24	25	26 Burger Night 5:30 PM	27	28	29 State Elk's Convention North Platte April 29th - May 1st	30 DOES PLANT SALE AND GARAGE SALE

SAVE THE DATE!

May 6th Cinco De Mayo Dinner 5:30 PM / 6:30 PM	May 21st Phil Stettinger Dinner 5:30 PM / 6:30 PM
May 8th Mother's Day Breakfast 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	June 15th Father's Day Breakfast 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM