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## Stephen and Deborah, Thank You.

The ground work has been laid so let the new fraternal year begin. Deborah and I want to thank each and every one of you for participating in Lincoln Lodge #80's public installation of officers for the year 2011-2012. It was an evening truly memorable. All our extended Elks and Does family, who took the time out of their busy lives to show support toward all the newly installed officers, made this night delightful. Like any business or organization, we have our challenges in front of us, however, with everyone's help, we shall overcome. We have a fine selection of chairpersons ready to get started with their newly assigned programs as well as maintaining the long standing traditional ones that makes us who we are within the Lincoln community. Continue to share the name of Elks wherever you go. We are truly a remarkable organization that does so much for so many. There are many individuals to thank so let's get started.....

Richard Todd PER, for organizing all the PERs who help install the officers in their respective positions. Waunita Peterson, who providing the beautiful music throughout the ceremony on such short notice. John and Mary Brooks for preparing the food for the reception so all could eat and visit in a relaxing atmosphere. Pat and Kim Wiseman, Margie Wyant and Kelli Stanley Smith for assisting so the food trays stayed plentiful. Nancy Halsted and Regie Buckmaster for keeping the members and guests full of good cheer. Thanks to John Brooks, PER and Carrie Fiedler for taking photos throughout the evening. To outgoing Lodge Secretary, Jerry Wilson, for your untiring service to #80 and for mentoring our incoming Secretary Denis Applebee to be an efficient and detailed member of our team. Jeff Sneller PER, you have helped out as an officer and as a member of the Ritual team in many ways. Even though you will be absent from our day to day lodge activities you still have one more goal to help us meet. Let us 3-peat as State Ritual Champs and then head to Nationals in Phoenix and represent the State of Nebraska in the Final Four. With all the good hard working people we have within our lodge and club, you all fit our motto this year. "Believers are Achievers" Again, Thank-You to all. Now, let's get busy.....



## Installation of Officers

On Wednesday, April 6th, Stephen F. Wirth was installed as Exalted Ruler Lodge #80. In addition, 13 other officers took their place for 2011-2012 to ensure the business of the lodge is consistently maintained throughout the upcoming year. Performing the installation of Lincoln's officers was District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Nebraska East, Michael Ohren from Omaha Lodge #39. Ohren did the entire ceremony from memory which is not an easy task. All present who witness this, agreed, this ceremony was the finest they had ever seen or heard.



(L-R) Sam Carter, Imre Bonyhady, Denis Applebee, Gerald Miles, Larry Bratt, John Brooks PER, Sonny Lane PER, Doug Rienks, DDGER Mike Ohren, Stephen Wirth PER/ER, Larry Schwindt, Bob Sindlar, Scott Schrage, Randy King and Amy Jacobsen PER



**Grand Exalted Ruler  
Michael F. Smith**

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

***"Ramped up -  
Full speed ahead,  
focused on objectives!"***

By now you should be on your game and getting a quick start to ensure a successful year. With Officers and Committees in place you should set benchmarks to be checked throughout the year to help you stay the course. I would encourage you to make sure the Lapsation Committee is contacting the delinquent Members, either in person or by telephone, with a real discussion as opposed to a letter, bulletin or email.

We learned from the recent survey conducted by Edmonds Company that a large percentage of our delinquent Members would be interested in retaining their membership, but was never contacted. Now is the time to put the committee to work and report the results. Your efforts will determine the success of your Lodge, District, State and our Order. This is a year we need to meet the membership challenge without excuses. While you assume a leadership role, I want to remind you that fun is permitted while you achieve your goals. Enjoy the year while you meet your responsibilities.

May is when we recognize our service men and women – our active military on Armed Services Day and our Veterans on Memorial Day. Make sure your Lodge has a suitable program for each tribute and invite the community.

In addition, we will also have the opportunity to recognize our youth during Youth Week. Plan a program and involve the community. These worthy programs can give you a jump start on building membership in your Lodge and District with meaning. Let your community know what it means to be an Elk. Share our virtues with others and give them a chance to be a part of our Great Order. "Be Proud...Be Loud...and Be Visible!"

As you prepare for our National Convention in Phoenix, I urge you to "Clear Your Mechanism" and focus on the good of our Order and not be engrossed with the thought of "that is the way we have always done it". We need some positive changes to modernize our Order to prepare for future growth while continuing to live by our obligation and virtues. As you focus on the future I hope all of you are able to "Promote Elks Passion".



**Exalted Ruler  
Lodge #80**

**Stephen  
Wirth PER**

**Dear Elks and Does,**

Once again, I'm back on top riding the great winds of Elkdom. Many things have changed yet many have stayed the same since I performed as your Exalted Ruler back in 1984-1985. Personal computers and cell phones just to name a couple. These two items alone have made the communication so much faster and easier in our daily lives. Just the click of a mouse can reach so many individuals instantly far and wide. The response time back, with attachment capabilities, is incredible. The younger generation who grew up with these two communication marvels may find it hard to understand where I'm coming from. We can actually view our lodge's Elk-O-Gram on line at [www.elks80.org](http://www.elks80.org) now. Back in 1984, I remember having to lay the EOG out by hand after typing the articles out using an IBM Selectric II. Photographs were placed accordingly and need to be cropped by hand to fit. Yes, changes to those cumbersome times have been welcomed.

I am looking forward to the 2011-2012 Elks season with excitement and lots of energy. We have great individuals running the various programs within our lodge. They are truly committed to what our Order stands for. Remember first and foremost that this is a volunteer organization. There are many of us who are trying to do the right thing and ultimately to make a difference. It is obvious by the great programs your lodge sponsors. To see the joy and excitement in a child face at a Christmas party or sporting event! To see the proud parent when being introduced by their son or daughter at and award ceremonies like Teen of the Year! I could go on and on. So, take a look in the mirror and thank that person who is looking back at you. Because of you, you have made a difference in so many people's lives. Remind yourself each morning that isn't it great to be an Elk or Doe.

Also, as we move forward into this year, I want to take this opportunity to thank Amy Jacobsen, our newest PER, for her dedication and service to our lodge as ER during this past year. Her continued commitment as our new Trustee will ensure #80 moves forward in the right direction. By the way, she loves Key Lime pie too.....

Finally, a big thank-you to my Deborah who recently became an Elk in #80 and also a Doe in Drove #4. Her continued love and support in all our works is greatly appreciated.

Remember our motto: Believers are Achievers

## Our Members...

### Deaths:

Lawrence W. Sheperd passed on April 5, 2011  
Harley Bair passed on March 28, 2011

### Sickness and Distress:

Ken Studier PER, is at Gold Crest.  
Ed Herstein at Tabitha.  
Jules Goldberg recovering from a bad fall.  
Larry Schenkel at home, surgery recovery.  
Paul Mussack had heart catheter surgery.

### Members Initiated in April:

Scott Thayer  
Curt Prohaska



(L-R: Larry Schwindt, Scott Thayer, Stephen Wirth ER, Curt Prohaska and Larry Bratt)

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

4/6 was installation of officers. No drawing.

4/20 meeting was \$240.00. Terry Edwards was the name drawn. He was present but he was not in attendance at the last Lodge meeting so he did not take home the winnings.

### April's EOG Hidden Membership Number:

was 15723, Derek Horalek. His number was hidden on the front page, inside the Fundraiser Dinner ad.

### Elk-O-Gram Editor

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## Knight Tales

### Leading Knight - Doug Rienks

I'm just getting settled in my new role in learning the duties and responsibilities as Leading Knight. I hope I have learned enough in the last six years as an officer to perform as well as my predecessors. In our last lodge meeting the membership numbers were announced and I think it is our duty as members to try and expand our membership. Please think of a friend or two that you can invite to be a member.

### Loyal Knight - Sonny Lane PER

As we begin the new year with a new ER and officer rotation I want to remind every one that we will once again focus on growth of our membership and keeping lapsation to a minimum. We have been successful the past few years bringing in new members but very lax at getting them involved. I think the important thing we miss when we have the opportunity to bring in a new member is we are not prepared to give them a duty or responsibility. We should always have a list of 5 or 6 positions that need to be filled. Here are just a couple that I know we need: Someone to sell tickets for dinners, someone to help Randy with Hunter safety, someone to work concessions, someone to repair drywall, someone to repair chairs, someone to touch up paint, someone to be Esquire. See where I am going. These positions should be offered to the candidate, for them to choose from, right before initiation. We all do our best at making this the best Lodge in Nebraska but think what we could do with a few more warm bodies.

### Lecturing Knight - John Brooks PER

I don't believe an accident of birth makes people sisters or brothers. It makes them siblings, gives them mutuality of parentage. Sisterhood and brotherhood is a condition people have to work at. ~Maya Angelou

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## Secretary's Corner

The installation of officers was well attended on April 6th. Your officers are looking forward to serving you this year.

"Each One-Reach One" is this years membership drive motto. Sonny Lane PER, your membership chairman, is encouraging everyone to get involved.

We have received 75% of the dues to date. Thanks to those who have sent dues in. Keep them coming.

Be sure to check the calendar for all of the upcoming dinners and breakfasts.

Please let me know if you have any thoughts or suggestions to help our lodge grow. [lodge80secy.yahoo.com](http://lodge80secy.yahoo.com)  
**Denis Applebee, 2011-2012 Lodge Secretary**

## Does News

Any questions call Does President Jody Schrage at 402-430-4114.



**CINCO DE MAYO**

**DINNER**

**Friday, May 6th**

5:30 Cocktails 6:30 Dinner

\$3.50 Margaritas \$12.00 Dinner

# Happy Birthday in May!



- |                   |                        |
|-------------------|------------------------|
| 03 Carrie Fiedler | 10 Lawrence Wulf       |
| Aaron Marshbanks  | 13 Wade Kendle         |
| 04 James Kirk     | 14 Joseph Hanigan      |
| Phil Maddern      | 21 Randy Strobe        |
| 05 Jack Russell   | Neil Stuthmann         |
| 06 Elton Brood    | 22 Larry Bratt         |
| Jeff Treu         | Sonny Lane PER         |
| 07 Phil Sorensen  | 25 Philip Sprague      |
| 08 Walt Hays      | 29 Judson Douglas, III |
| Larry Schmutte    | Marvin Goodding        |
| 09 Mitch Becker   | 30 Mary Brooks         |

## 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.....	<b>VACANT</b>
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

## Proclamation, Elks National Youth Week

On Wednesday, April 13th, 2011, Dave Heineman, the Governor of Nebraska, proclaimed the first week of May, 2011, as Elks National Youth Week. This proclamation was just one of 26 other proclamations that were signed and the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska affixed on this day by the Governor. The Elks were number 11 during the presentation. State Youth Activities Chairperson, Jackie Norris, ER, was able to say a few words on the Nebraska Elks behalf and informed all present that Nebraska Elks Lodges will be handing out over \$72,000 in scholarships this year. You could sense that Governor Heineman really enjoys this part of his duties while bringing attention to so many great causes within our state.



(L-R: Brad Norton, Rita Norton, Governor Dave Heineman, Jane Berggren, Jackie Norris, Stephen Wirth ER and Don Gatzke, Nebraska State President from Omaha.

# Phil Stettinger Dinner

## Baby Back BBQ Ribs

Baked Potato, Coleslaw,  
Beer Cheese Soup,  
Rolls & Dessert  
Saturday May 21,  
5:30 Cocktails 6:30 Dinner  
**\$12.00 Donation**

## Forever Angels

by Stephen Wirth ER

Forever Angels is holding a carnival to help the needs of two children: Holden Bruce and Lennon Hunt. This year's carnival will take place on Sunday, May 22nd between 12:00 to 3:00 PM at the Madonna Proactive located at 56th & Pine Lake Road. Included will be a live auction, raffle and other festivities. Forever Angels is reaching out to local businesses asking for prizes or cash donations. All proceeds go toward the families of each boy. Lincoln Lodge #80 was contacted by the Haas family to see if our organization could be part of this fundraising event. If you recall, our lodge helped support Elliott Haas during his time of need and his special carnival which was held for him in 2010. As members of our benevolent organization, I encourage each of you to consider helping in whatever way you can to support this needy cause for Lennon and Holden. Both boys are experiencing difficult times as well as their parents, financially. Forever Angels have held a fundraising carnival for the past two years. Through their vigorous efforts and help from the community, they raised \$12,000 in 2009 and \$22,000 in 2010. See flyer for more details on how you can donate to this cause in 2011.

**Sunday, May 22nd • 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.**  
Madonna Proactive, 56th & Pine Lake Road  
*Live Auction Begins at 3:00 p.m.*

*Forever Angels*  
**2011 Carnival**

Guests of Honor: Holden Bruce & Lennon Hunt

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**2011 Forever Angels Carnival to Include...**

- Carnival Games
- Race Cars
- Fire Department with Safe House
- Star Wars' Characters
- Raffle
- Clowns
- Bake Sale
- Super Heroes
- ... and much more!

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## Reports of Committees

### "From The Fox Hole of The Veteran's Committee"

A Birthday Card and a Two dollar bill were presented to each Veteran residing at Grammercy Hill who celebrated their birthday in March and April.

Don't forget----if you see a Veteran, shake his/her hand and thank them for their service to this great country of ours. God Bless!

**Trustees report** - The budget for the 2011/2012 year was presented to the membership and approved.

There will be work taking place on the Vince Collura Memorial garden. Over the years the garden has not been taken care of as it should have been. Randy King has been working with Thomas Petersen on Thomas' Eagle Scout project. Thomas has come up with a proposal that will enhance the looks of the area as well as reduce the amount of maintenance that is needed. A proposal for funding the project was approved by the Trustees and then brought before the membership, where it was also approved. The schedule of events for the renovation is as follows: Saturday, April 23: Tear out of overgrowth and existing edging. Enlarge the area and add new edging. Saturday, April 30: Paint the flag poles. Saturday, May 7: Tamp the ground down, add weed barrier and add approximately three tons of rock. These dates may change depending on weather conditions. After all of the work is complete, the scouts will have a flag retirement ceremony in June to coincide with Flag Day.

**Ritual Team** - Your Lincoln Lodge #80 Officers have been practicing and practicing and now we're ready to go out and hit somebody. Oops, wait a minute, that's football. OK, I'll change it a little and say we're ready to go out and perform competitively. How's that ..... better! All kidding aside, your team will be performing at 8:00 AM on Friday morning, April 29th at the 99th Annual State Convention which will be held at the Sandhills Convention Center in North Platte, going through May 1st. At our second lodge meeting in April, we initiated two new members by the names of Curt Prohaska and Scott Thayer who witnessed one of the best performances by the Ritual Team so far. You could feel the tension in the air as each officer told their story of their station. We're starting to peak at the right time. We currently have the confidence to go to North Platte and bring the title back to Lincoln for a third championship in a row. When we win, the traveling trophy that has sat in our trophy case for the past two years, will be ours to keep for good. It takes 3 in a row to score and store. The officers want to thank Richard Todd PER for all his patients, guidance and understanding during these last few months of coaching the next State Champs. Hooah!

**Membership** - New contest program being launched to promote increased membership, slogan "Each one, reach one". Look for further information in upcoming issues.

**Eagle Scouts** - Kevin Oestmann of Troop 36 was the latest Eagle Scout to be presented with a flag from Randy King (pictured with Kevin) on April 8, 2011 at Eastridge Presbyterian Church in Lincoln.



**GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD** -The next annual Girl Scout Gold Award ceremony will be held on Sunday, June 12th, 2011 in the Capitol Rotunda. The guest speaker for this event will be Brigadier General Roma Amundson, the first female general in the Nebraska Army National Guard. I have been communicating with Tracy Stewart of the Girl Scouts-Spirit of Nebraska Council Homestead Service Center. She has informed me that this year, across the state, there will be 41 Gold Award, 90 Silver Award and 362 Bronze Award recipients. Of this, there are five service centers across the state that will take part and see to it that all the girls will receive the awards they have earned. Lincoln Lodge #80 will be there on Sunday, June 12th to do our part for girl scouting. Flags will be ordered as soon as possible. The flags for the Gold Award recipients will actually be flown over our nation's Capitol. This makes for a very special memento of this occasion. In addition, there will be a reception at the First Christian Church across the street from the Capitol which Lodge #80 sponsors and is put on by the Homestead Order of the Silver Trefoil. More information to follow as the ceremony gets closer.

**Scholarship** - Many volunteers helped evaluating over 400 applications we received. Of note, the 6 winners of our Most Valuable Student Scholarship also won at the state level. 5 of them won an additional \$800 each over what we awarded, and the 6th (Ann Dearmont) won \$275 from the state association.

The YOUTH RECOGNITION NIGHT awards ceremony will be on May 2, 7:30 PM at Southeast Community College (84th & O St.). We will present the winners with their scholarships which are worth a total of \$26,775.

(Reports cont.)

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**Hoop Shoot** - National Finals were the last week in April. Please be sure to go to [www.elks.org](http://www.elks.org) for results or to say job well done to the Nebraska shooters .

**Lapsation** - 81 still unpaid, please get your dues in.

**House Committee** - Decisions being made to dispose of extra materials in Card Room. Good laser style desk top photocopier will be For Sale, please inquire to John Brooks for further information. Old awards will be reviewed, recycled, reused. Ceiling fan in Lodge Room needs repair.

**2011-2012 Committees**

- Accident- Randy King, Manager
- Americanism- Sonny Lane PER, Coordinator
- Auditing- Duane Vanderbeek, Chairperson
- Drug Awareness- Amy Jacobsen PER, Coordinator
- Flag Day- Randy King, Coordinator
- Gov. Relations- Richard Todd PER/PDD, Coordinator
- Hoop Shoot- Doug Rienks, Coordinator
- Indocrination- Larry Bratt, Coordinator
- Investigation- Larry Bratt, Coordinator
- Lapsation- Denis Applebee, Manager
- Lodge Activities- Richard Todd PER/PDD, Coordinator
- Membership- Sonny Lane PER, Chairperson
- ENF- Larry Bratt, Chairperson
- Veterans- Vilis Berst, Manager
- Public Relations- Stephen Wirth ER/PER, Coordinator
- Visitation- Samuel Carter, Manager
- Youth Activities- David Kirby PER, Manager
- Community Activities- Stephen Wirth ER/PER, Chairperson
- Soccer Shoot- Doug Rienks, Coordinator
- PER Association- John Brooks PER, Presiding Officer
- Eagle Scouts- Randy King, Chairperson
- Benevolence- Charles Meisinger PER/PDD/PSP, Chairperson
- Ritual- Stephen Wirth ER/PER, Chairperson
- Scholarship- David Kirby PER, Chairperson
- Gold Award- Stephen Wirth ER/PER, Chairperson 10232



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**Now for the Quickies**

Our deepest sympathies go out to Merl Hesser on the death of his son.

Thank you to everyone who volunteers their time to our Lodge and Community!

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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!



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**Sunday, May 8 (Mother's Day)**

**Sunday, June 15 (Father's Day)**



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**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!**

**MAY 2011 EVENTS**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Youth Recognition Night at SCC- 84th & O 7:30 PM	3	4 Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM	5	6 Cinco de Mayo Dinner 5:30 Cocktails 6:30 Dinner	7
8 Mother's Day Breakfast at the Lodge 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	9	10 Burger Night 5:30 PM  American Legion	11	12 VFW	13	14 Room Rented
15	16 DOES	17 American Legion	18 Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM	19 American Legion	20	21 Phil Stettinger Rib Dinner 5:30 Cocktails 6:30 Dinner
22	23	24 Burger Night 5:30 PM	25	26	27	28
29	30 Memorial Day	31	<p><i>Proclamation by Governor Heineman:</i> <b>1st Week of May:</b> <b>Elks National Youth Week. See Page 5</b></p>			

<b>SAVE THE DATE!</b>	June 12, 2:00 PM June 14, TBA June 15, 8:00-12:00 PM	Girl Scout Gold Awards (See Committee Reports for details) Flag Day Ceremony (Plus, presentation of renovated flag pole area) Father's Day Breakfast	<b>SAVE THE DATE!</b>
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