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Lincoln Ritual Team THREE-PEATS!

By Richard Todd PER

For the third year in a row the Lodge ritual team, composed of the current Lodge officers, has won the Elks State Ritual Contest. With a score of 97.69 out of a possible 100, they bested the four other teams in the competition. Second place was won by Grand Island Lodge with a score of 96.73. Third was Omaha with 95.49, fourth Hastings with a score of 95.30 and fifth was York at 89.53. In winning, the team received the Hobe Blackledge plaque, given annually to the winning team and retired the Hobe Blackledge traveling trophy since it was the third consecutive year we have won the state competition.



All State performers (highest score in their chair) and the chair they performed in are: Amy Jacobsen, Exalted Ruler; Larry Bratt, Esquire; Doug Rienks, Loyal Knight; Larry Schwindt, Candidate. It should be noted that Steve Wirth, Leading Knight and Jeff Sneller, Inner Guard scored the highest for their position, but were not eligible for All State honors since they are PERs. Sonny Lane at Lecturing Knight and John Brooks, Chaplain complete the team.

Doug Rienks won the coveted Nutzman trophy which goes to the highest scoring office in the contest. He won with an individual score of 95.85.

The next stop for the team is the Grand Lodge Ritual Contest in Phoenix which is held July 15th through the 19th, with the National Champion being announced on the 20th.

As usual, we will be having fund raisers; Father's Day Breakfast - June 19 and A Spaghetti Dinner - June 25th to help defray some of the expense of the trip. We would appreciate your support. Thank You.

Flag Day Ceremony

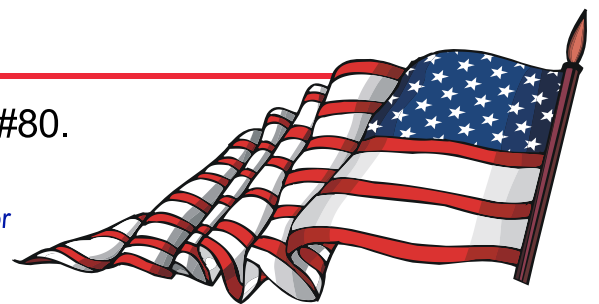
June 13, 2010, Monday 7:00 PM Lincoln Elk's Lodge #80.
Public Is Welcome. Light refreshments to follow.

In this day and age when Patriotism is seemingly a lost art, we need to honor and remember our flag. Please come to celebrate our freedom and country.

FLAG DAY (UNITED STATES) 1907, BPOE (wikipedia.org)

American fraternal order and social club the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has celebrated the holiday since the early days of the organization and allegiance to the flag is a requirement of every member. In 1907, the BPOE Grand Lodge designated, by resolution, June 14 as Flag Day. The Grand Lodge of the Order adopted mandatory observance of the occasion by every Lodge in 1911, and that requirement continues today. The Elks prompted President Woodrow Wilson to recognize the Order's observance of Flag Day for its patriotic expression.

(NOTE: Due to schedule conflicts we will honor Flag Day on the 13th)





**Grand Exalted Ruler
Michael F. Smith**

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

***"Three months into year:
How's Lodge Report Card?"***

With many school years ending, perhaps we should check on our Lodge's progress. Examine your Lodge and committee objectives and determine if you are on track. With the first quarter of the Lodge year behind us, you need to have your delinquent Members contacted in person or by telephone to assure them the Lodge needs their support. Listing names in a bulletin will NOT remedy the issue. Your Members are the foundation of your Lodge; treat them as such.

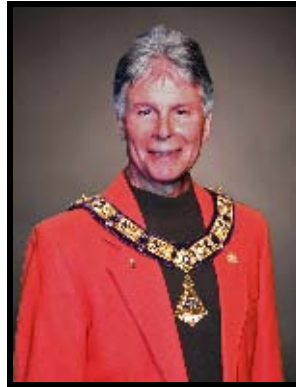
We have many opportunities during the month of June to Promote Elks Passion.

Flag Day is a mandatory service that should provide your membership a purpose to participate. Put the necessary attention to this program and make your Lodge PROUD. Involve the membership and community. Flag Day could also provide your Lodge some VISIBILITY and offer an opportunity to attract new Members. After the program, provide some refreshments and a short program explaining what Elks represent. Invite the media to your event as well as the gathering afterwards.

Be Proud... Be Loud... Be Visible.

Father's Day allows us to show gratitude to fathers as well as to share some fellowship. Why not have your Members bring their friends to help celebrate and learn more about our Order while enjoying the evening? Make the event fun and fruitful. Please keep in mind as we sponsor programs that we are permitted to enjoy the moment and share the opportunities with others. Share the Fun and keep it positive! There is enough "Yuk" outside our Lodge for those in need. Enjoy your membership, our good works and allow others to be a part of our Great Order.

During our travels, we have witnessed some tremendous projects. I challenge you to allow others in your community to learn about your Lodge and our Order. We also seem to abandon our new Members. We indoctrinate and initiate and then assume the Member feels welcome. Why not sponsor a meet-and-greet function to recognize all Members initiated in the past 12 or 18 months? Many Members do not attend Lodge meetings and therefore would not know the new Members. Embrace these valuable assets and make them feel wanted. I suspect your lapsation would greatly improve.



**Exalted Ruler
Lodge #80**

**Stephen
Wirth PER**

Dear Elks and Does,

Lincoln Elks Lodge #80 was well represented at the 99th Annual Nebraska Elks Association State Convention which was held April 29th through May 1st. LEL#80 had 15 officers and members in attendance for 3 days of Ritual competition, business meetings, lunches, brunches, banquets, a beautiful memorial service conducted by the officers of Omaha Lodge #39 and finally the installation of State and appointed officers for 2011-2012. Our newest State President is Gary Cannon from Scottsbluff Lodge 1367. Gary, along with his wife Gina and daughter Logan have assured us that the upcoming year will be a success. The Cannon family are very grateful to have so many hard working Elks behind them who will ensure the state committees and financial future remain strong. Thanks to outgoing Past President Don Gatzke and his wife Peg, for guiding our state association so admirably this past year. You two are always a delight to be around. Both of you, as well as all the members of Omaha Lodge #39 are welcome in our house at LEL#80 anytime. I enjoyed being the State Sergeant At Arms this past year and stand committed to help in any way in the future.

It was an exciting evening at the Awards Banquet held at the Quality Inn-Sandhills Convention Center. Many 1st place awards were presented to LEL#80 which include the following: Best Lodge Program, Best Lodge Bulletin, Best Lodge Website, Flag Tribute, 11 O'clock Toast and 2nd place for the All-American Lodge Contest "A", Division I. Also, congratulations to our own John W. Brooks who was appointed as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Nebraska East for the upcoming year. John will work hard in completing all of his duties by visiting the seven lodges assigned in his district. If you notice, I haven't mentioned anything about our Ritual Team. Pay special attention to the article within this bulletin written by Richard Todd who was instrumental in getting us prepared for State competition. It takes a lot of time and dedication as a Ritual Team member. Your lodge is stronger for it. When you believe in what the Elks can do, which is obvious by the awards listed, that achieving is the ultimate satisfaction.Believers are Achievers

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Deaths:

Leo Hill passed on April 14, 2011

Sickness and Distress:

Ken Studier PER, is at Gold Crest.

Ed Herstein at Tabitha.

Paul Mussack heart catheter surgery recovery.

Jack Jensen PER, hospitalized.

Members Initiated in May:

Walter Dondlinger (pictured with ER Wirth)



Membership Drawing: Attending meetings pays in more than just one way! To be eligible to win, you must be in attendance at the previous and current meeting.....Make it easy, GO TO ALL MEETINGS!

5/4 meeting was \$255. Robert Payne was the name drawn. He was not present to win. Sorry!!

5/18 meeting was \$268. Larry Schenkel was the name drawn. He was not present to win. Sorry!

May's EOG Hidden Membership Number:

was 10232, Russell Raybould. It was hidden in the 2011-2012 Committees, very bottom, on page 7.

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Knight Tales

Leading Knight - Doug Rienks

Keeping up to date on Sickness and Distress is a new responsibility for me. Your help with this would be greatly appreciated. If you know of someone that should be recognized but is not on the board at the Lodge please let me know. You may either call me at **402-430-6002** or email DrRienks@nebraskaeyes.com. I will return your call or email to confirm receipt.

Since I am writing this on Memorial Day, God Bless and thank you to all that have served or are currently serving our country in the Armed Services.

Loyal Knight - Sonny Lane PER

No tales to tell.

Lecturing Knight - John Brooks PER

"A Brother may not be a Friend, but a Friend will always be a Brother." -Unknown

Volunteers, WE NEED YOU!

WE NEED DINNER HELP!!

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Please contact Officer or Lodge!

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Julius (Bud) and Darline Haes with Deborah and ER Wirth The Haes's are long time friends and protectors of Deborah and Stephen's extended pet family on the farm. In addition, the Elks helped their grandson Elliott monetarily during his time of need which they are forever grateful.

Secretary's Corner

Our goal is to have all dues collected by July 1st and we have 80% collected to date. Please help support the many programs your lodge sponsors by mailing in your dues today.

Next month our ritual team will be competing at the Grand Lodge Convention in Phoenix. Our Father's Day Breakfast and Spaghetti Dinner this month will help defray the costs of the trip. Come and join us, you will enjoy the wonderful food.

We have initiated three new members since our new year started April 1st. Welcome Curt Prohaska, Scott Thayer and Walt Dondlinger to our lodge. This is a great way to begin.

Please let me know if you have any thoughts or suggestions to help our lodge grow. You can reach me at lodge80secy@yahoo.com or 402-540-4115.

Denis Applebee, 2011-2012 Lodge Secretary

Does News

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN JUNE!



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|---------------------|----------------------------|
| 02 Karen Walker | 17 Alex Borchardt |
| 03 James Baruth | 19 Patrick McCashland PER |
| 04 Glen Pumel PER | Kim Wiseman |
| 05 Lowell Poague | 20 Richard Baker |
| 06 Daniel Holland | 24 Kenneth Studier PER |
| Kevin Rhodes | 25 James Dill |
| 07 Curt Prohaska | 26 Dale Anderson PER |
| 08 Rex Jensen | Russell Earnest |
| 10 Richard Spellman | Thomas Ferneau III |
| Leon Vinci | 27 Harold Harpster PER/PDD |
| 11 Richard Bergholz | 28 Thomas Holland |
| 14 Jeffrey Ogle | 29 Darlene Brocksmith |
| 16 Paul Pocock | Christopher Turner |

Breakfast at The Lodge Full Breakfast Menu

Sunday, June 19 (Father's Day)

Serving 8am - 12pm



Fundraiser For Ritual Team
Free Will Donation

Spaghetti Feed Fundraiser



\$12.00
DONATION

Help Send The Ritual Team To Nationals!

Saturday June 25th 5:30 Cocktails 6:30 Dinner

Spaghetti & Meatballs, Vegetable, Rolls, Melon Salad & Dessert

2011-2012 Elk's Lodge #80 Officers

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|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 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 |

Elks National Youth Week

by Richard Todd PER



Lincoln Elks Lodge #80 celebrated Elks National Youth Week by honoring the scholastic abilities of our area youth, on Monday, May 2, 2011, at Southeast Community College.

Before a crowd of approximately 500 parents, grandparents, relatives and friends, the youth from all Lincoln schools, both public and parochial, and nearby schools - Raymond Central, Waverly, Milford, Malcolm, Crete and Norris - were honored. The Seniors honored received Scholarships and the Juniors class members received Certificates of Achievement in 16 different Academic and Extra Curricular categories.

In total, nearly \$30,000 in financial aid was presented. The Paulding and Esther Smith Memorial Youth Fund and the Lincoln Elks #80 Charitable Fund underwrite all of the scholarships given. A complete list of the 27 individual winners will appear in the next ELK-O-GRAM.



New Scholarship

by Stephen Wirth ER

The Board of Directors of the Lincoln Elks Lodge #80 Scholarship Fund, Inc. are happy to announce that there will be additional scholarship awarded at the Elks Youth Recognition night in 2012 on behalf of Richard H. Blomgren (P.E.R.1970), who passed away on 12/30/2010.

Dick was a local and very loyal photographer for many years in the city of Lincoln. If you stop out and view the Wall of Honor at the Lodge, you will see many of the PER pictures that Dick was responsible for. His wife, Sue; son, Steve and Linda, his daughter-in-law, have taken funds received from memorials in Dick's name and from family donations to meet the minimum \$3,500 scholarship criteria. The interest made off of the principal investment is then used for the dollar amount of the scholarship. The Board members thank the family for allowing the Blomgren name to continue in support of higher education.



(L-R) Steve Blomgren, Deborah Burns, Linda Blomgren and ER Wirth

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Reports of Committees

Trustees

The trustees have started addressing the issue of the clutter in the card room. We realize that there are a lot of things that are being stored in the card room that need to be removed.

We will be putting the old laser copier and the copier stand on Craig's List. There are several new toilet paper dispensers which will need to be mounted in the rest rooms. There are more tables than are needed in the room, so we will be moving a couple of them to the store room. The extra chairs will also be moved to the storage area. The old plaques have been removed from the room and will be used for future awards (old labeling will be removed and new labeling will be added). -Larry Schwindt

Social and Community Welfare

I am happy to report that the Board of Trustees has recommended and the members approved the funding to help send 8 year old, Abbie Beaudette to Camp Hertko Hollow in Boone, Iowa. This camp is for youth with diabetes. Abbie has been diagnosed and is a Type 1 diabetic. She says; "I'm just a regular kid, but what really makes me special is that I have diabetes". She needs to figure out every day how to take care of her condition since her pancreas doesn't function. At this camp, she will learn more about her insulin pump, doing blood tests, counting carbs and how exercise helps. It won't be all classroom type work. Abbie will get to experience fun activities like canoeing, swimming, archery, a climbing wall, crafts and horseback riding which is one of her favorites.

All the kids attending this camp have the same special condition as Abbie. The staff at Camp Hertko Hollow includes doctors, dietitians, nurses, pharmacists and counselors who volunteer their time to help kids with diabetes. This is an excellent opportunity for children with diabetes to spend a week together, make new friends and learn to manage this chronic disease. Abbie's sponsors for this request are Jean Ann and Richard (Butch) Bergholz along with Abbie's mother, Amy. Jean Ann or as her student call her, Mrs. B, is Abbie's Second Grade Teacher at Morley Elementary School. Also, thanks are in order and go out to Does Drove #4 for providing funding for the purchase of incidentals Abbie will need during her week long experience.

On behalf of Abbie, her mother Amy and Mrs. B, Thank-You for making this an event we will never forget. God Bless you all. -Stephen Wirth ER

Eagle Scouts

Randy King pictured with A.J. Hudson of Troop 15, on May 15th, at his Eagle Scout ceremony which took place at Southwood Lutheran Church.



House Committee

The Lodge freezer compressor malfunctioned and shut down. Quick thinking on the part of Jewels Reynolds, the evening bartender, loss of the frozen goods was averted. Jewel contacted the management of Super Saver and they suggested transporting the items to them and they would store it in their walk-in freezer until other arrangements were made. With the help of Scott Schrage, Denis Applebee and ER Wirth, items were moved. A loaner freezer was brought into the kitchen as a temporary replacement until warranty parts could be ordered, received and installed.

The freezer is now functioning and is cold enough to bring a smile to a Polar Bear. A thank you letter has been sent to Super Saver's management for their neighborly gesture. -Stephen F. Wirth ER

Hoop Shoot

National Hoop shoot has been completed. Once again Nebraska and Eastern Nebraska were well represented by Holton Harmon. Although he did not have his best day he did finish 4th. Holton lives in Lincoln and goes to St. Peters. He represented Fairbury due to schedules but if you get a chance to see him please tell him congratulations on a job well done.

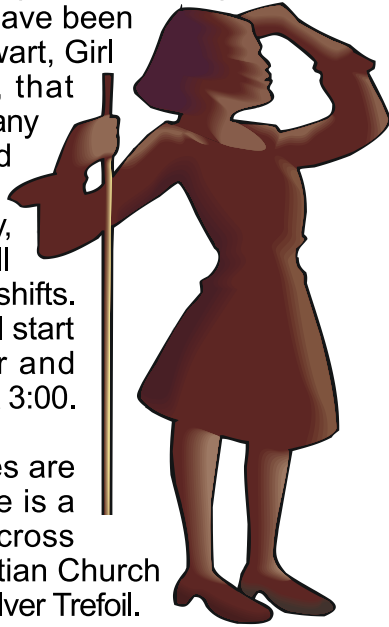
Soccer Shoot

Please keep September 24th open. I am going to try and schedule the soccer shoot for that Saturday. Huskers are away at Wyoming.

Bronze, Silver and Gold

by Stephen Wirth ER

On Sunday June 12th, 2011 Lincoln Lodge #80 will again participate in the Spirit of Nebraska Council Homestead Service Center's Girl Scout award ceremony which will take place in the Capitol Rotunda starting at 1:30 p.m. I have been informed by Tracy Stewart, Girl Scouting coordinator, that because there are so many girls receiving awards and the number of guest coming for each category, that the presentations will have to be done in two shifts. The Bronze Awards will start at 1:30 and the Silver and Gold Awards will start at 3:00.



While these ceremonies are being conducted, there is a reception scheduled across the street at First Christian Church which is hosted by the Silver Trefoil. All are invited to enjoy refreshments. Your lodge helps support the funding for this event. Guest speaker for this event is retired Brigadier General, Roma Amundson, Nebraska Army National Guard. She will be an inspiration to all in attendance. I encourage as many Elks member to attend. You will be impressed with the accomplishments of these young girls receiving their awards.

Now for the Quickies

Please attend the Flagpole / Vincent Collura Memorial Garden Dedication and Flag Retirement Ceremony on June 25, 2 pm at the Lodge. Eagle Scout, Thomas Petersen will conduct the Flag Retirement ceremony.

Thank you to everyone that attended the Cinco de Mayo Dinner, Mother's Day Breakfast and Phil Stettinger's Rib Dinner. We appreciate your support!

Apologies to Spencer Hogan for leaving his name out in the May EOG. Spencer was the third photographer at installation of Officers. Thanks for all the help you give to the Lodge and your not even old enough to be a member.....yet! (Spencer is the grandson of Rich Todd PER and Connie Moore)

What a Pleasant Surprise

by Stephen Wirth ER

For those of you who are not aware, back in 1979, then, ER-elect Don Andersen appointed Stephen to be his Inner Guard during the fraternal year 1979-1980. Don and his wife Polly were very active then and still are in teaching all types of Ballroom dancing at Southeast Community College and in-home private lessons. In those earlier years, the Andersen's would take all their dance students down to the Elks at 15th and 'P' Street so they could show to the members how good we were. By doing this, Don and Polly not only mentored us more while we danced at the Elks as guest, but also, it brought in good business to the club. Oh by the way, Deborah was the person responsible for getting Stephen interested in Ballroom dancing. At ER Wirth's installation, Don held the longest tenure of any PER present that night. In addition, Don was voted in as a Life Member (50 Years) of Lodge #80 at the April 20th lodge meeting. Don was also responsible for getting Stephen hooked on Ritual. Don and Polly had just arrived back the night before from a long flight from Hawaii when Lincoln competed in the Ritual contest in Nebraska City the following day. Don won 1st place as ER and Stephen won 1st place as Inner Guard. Ritual is deeply seeded within Lincoln Lodge #80's history. Thanks Don and Polly for being so special in so many people's lives.

2011-2012 Committees

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



(L-R) PER Don and Polly Andersen, Deborah Burns and ER Wirth



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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!

 **JUNE EVENTS** 

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 May 2011	30	31	1 June Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM	2 Ritual Practice 6:30	3	4
5	6	7	8 Ritual Practice 6:30	9 Ritual Practice 6:30 VFW	10 Room Rented	11 Room Rented
12 Gold Scout Awards at Nebraska State Capital Rotunda 1:30 PM	13 Flag Day Ceremony 7:00 PM	14 Burger Night 5:30 PM American Legion	15 Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM	16 American Legion	17	18
19 Father's Day Breakfast at the Lodge 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	20 DOES	21 American Legion 11139	22	23 Ritual Practice 6:30	24	25 Flag Pole Dedication 2:00 PM Spaghetti Dinner 5:30/6:30
26	27	28 Burger Night 5:30 PM	29	30 Ritual Practice 6:30	1 July	2

SAVE THE DATE! July 15-19 B.P.O.E. National Convention in Phoenix National Ritual Competition **SAVE THE DATE!**