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From The Fox Hole Of The Veterans Committee...

Vi Berst, Chairman / Sam Carter, Vice Chairman

Our featured Veteran for the month of November and Veteran's Day is Col. Paul Adams, Retired Colonel of the Air Corps and retired Lincoln High teacher. Col. Adams spent twenty five years in the U.S. Army Air Corps, flying missions in Europe. As a fighter pilot with the Tuskegee Airmen, he helped protect the flying fortresses of World War 2 bombers. He is quite a hero. After retiring from the Air Corps, he taught at Lincoln High for nineteen years. Col. Adams says being flown to Washington and attending President Obama's inauguration was one of his proudest experiences, along with his Air Corps and teaching careers. Because he is a hero and due to his many accomplishments, the Lincoln Public Schools named one of their new schools after him Adams Elementary.

We are all proud to know him and to call him our friend.



L-R Sam Carter, Paul Adams and Vi Berst

Celebrate Veteran's Day

Let's have dinner together and celebrate our Veteran's and their service to our country!

Friday, November 11, 2011 5:30 Cocktails 6:30 Spaghetti Dinner

Adopt-a-Veteran, bring them to our Lodge and let us say "Thanks!"



MIDGET FOOTBALL

....UNTIL NEXT YEAR!

By Scott Schrage

The football season is over and we again, can be proud of these young athlete's. All the teams played well and best of all, they had fun. We need to thank all of the coaches for the time and effort they put in teaching and being role models for their teams.

This year the Scwaller Award Winners were Dylan Gushard and Trevor Petersen. These young men were leaders both on and off the field. This years banquet guest speakers were Cole Pensick and Jeremiah Sirles. Both are linemen with the Nebraska Cornhuskers.

Again, we want to thank all the volunteers that put in their time to make this season another success. It was great to see red coats in the audience at the October 24th banquet; Larry Bratt, Larry Schwindt, Amy Jacobsen PER, Sam Carter, Rich Todd PER, Stephen Wirth PER/ER and chairman, Scott Schrage.



L-R Jeremiah Sirles, Dylan Gushard, Trevor Petersen, Matt Honke (Assistant Athletic Director) and Cole Pensick



Grand Exalted Ruler 2011-2012

Hon. David R. Carr

**Message from the GER
Grand Lodge Newsletter
November 2011**

***"Some veterans are in
need of a helping hand"***

Since 1917, the Order of Elks has responded to the needs of our nation's veterans and their families. As the men and women serving in our military continue to face ongoing conflicts abroad, we continue to have veterans who deserve our attention.

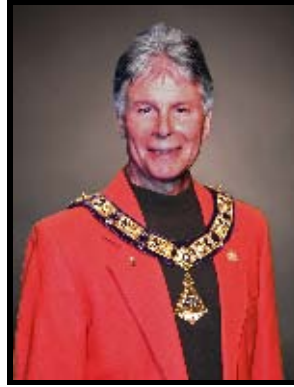
In recent years, our veterans have faced many new challenges in combat with an atypical adversary. As a result, many veterans, despite a successful tour in the military, return home to a difficult adjustment to civilian life. According to the United Veterans of America, drug abuse, social, marital and psychological difficulties are more common among veterans than any other identifiable group in society.

On any given night, more than 275,000 homeless veterans are sleeping on the streets in the United States. One in every three adult male homeless persons is a veteran. One-half of all homeless veterans have substance abuse problems.

Under the Elks National Veterans Service Commission, the Order of Elks has long enjoyed a rewarding relationship with our nation's veterans. Years ago we adopted the motto, "So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them." Throughout the years our Lodges and Members have honored our pledge with visits and gifts to hospitalized veterans and sponsored events such as bingo, picnics, boating and fishing trips, attendance at sporting events, and various other outings.

Over the years, Elks have donated millions of dollars worth of cash and in-kind contributions for those who gave so much to preserve our freedom. Thousands of veterans enjoy the comfort provided through our Adopt-A-Veteran program. Veterans appreciate being invited to an Elks Veterans' Day dinner sponsored by the Lodge in their honor. And local Boy and Girl Scouts, as well as other youth groups, appreciate being asked to assist in serving that dinner.

We have not made an idle pledge. We steadfastly adhere to its challenges and we will continue our service to those who gave so much that we may live in peace. Indeed, some veterans need a helping hand...ours! We owe a debt to them that can never be fully repaid, but the Order of Elks will continue to be in the forefront of those who try because "Elks Care – Elks Share."



Exalted Ruler Lodge No. 80 2011-2012

Stephen Wirth PER

Dear Elks and Does,

As many of you know, the officers of LEL#80 have been very active in Ritual competition for many years and at this year's National convention in Phoenix, Lincoln won 2nd place in the nation at the Final 4. It has been customary that the team representing Nebraska at nationals also perform at the fall Ritual Clinic for the Judges' certification/recertification test.

October 15th, in Grand Island, No.80 performed the Ritual during the morning Stop & Go critique portion of the clinic hosted by National Ritual Committeeman, Ken Priesner of Ogallala, for the purpose of showing fundamentals of deportment, pronunciation as well as impressiveness. In the afternoon, we performed for the floor, word and computer judging section of the clinic.

Because of prior commitments of four of Lincoln's officers, Grand Islands Dean Schafer, PER (Leading Knight), Jeremy Brandt, (Lecturing Knight), Janice Schafer PER (Chaplain) and Hastings Brad Norton, (Loyal Knight) stepped in to fill these positions. This newly formed group did an outstanding performance and were commended by State Ritual Chairman Don Gatzke (Omaha #39) and Ken Priesner. The remaining chair positions were filled by Jeff Sneller, PER (Inner Guard), Larry Bratt, (Esquire), Larry Schwindt, (Candidate) and myself, (Exalted Ruler).

Getting back into competitive mode was exciting. Thank you to all that participated. Huge appreciation goes out to Rich Todd PER for organizing our replacement officers. Great job to Grand Island No 604 for hosting this event and G.I. PERs Dennis and Jane Berggren for providing an excellent lunch. Many individuals attending the clinic stayed around for refreshments and "tall" story telling. From start to finish, the day was just one more way which proves, Believers are Achievers.

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Deaths:

Gillford E. Feis passed September 21, 2011
 Norval W. Stewart passed October 29, 2011

Sickness and Distress:

Ed Herstein, at Tabitha in Alzheimer Unit.
 John Brooks PER has cancer. He is recovering at home from surgery on his leg.

Members Initiated in October:

Nancy Halstad



L-R ER Wirth, new member Nancy Halstad and Larry Bratt

Published for Membership:

None

Members for Reinstatement:

None

October's EOG Hidden Membership Number:

13214, Arthur Jones. It was hidden in the header on the front page.

MEMBERSHIP DRAWING

Coming to No. 80 Lodge meetings can be sweet in more than one way! Attend to see what your lodge is doing, share ideas, make new friends and to have a chance to win a pot of cash! To be eligible to win you must have attended the previous and current meeting! Make it easy, GO TO ALL MEETINGS!

10/05/11 meeting was \$352. **Rod Rosanek** was the name drawn. He was not present to win.

10/19/11 meeting was \$368. **James Searle** was the name drawn. He was not present to win.

Thank You...

Thank you to the volunteers of our Elk-O-Gram: October Issue: Carrie Fiedler, Larry Bratt, Sonny Lane, Larry Schwindt and Andy Fiedler.

Thank you to everyone that came out in support of your Lodge; Octoberfest on the 7th and Breakfast on the 23rd. We can't do it without you.

Knight Tales

Leading Knight - Doug Rienks

We always try to help our fellow Elks as much as possible. As you may be aware one of our very active members and officer is in need of our help. Please set aside the time to attend the benefit dinner and auction on November 18th. Just being there and showing support is a great thing. If you find something at the auction and would like to help more that would be a bonus. John has done so much to help the Lodge, let us show him and his family how we can help them.

Loyal Knight - Sonny Lane PER

Each One Reach One. Are you proud yet?

Lecturing Knight - John Brooks PER



Life is an opportunity, benefit from it.
 Life is beauty, admire it.
 Life is a dream, realize it.
 Life is a challenge, meet it.
 Life is a duty, complete it.
 Life is a game, play it.
 Life is a promise, fulfill it.
 Life is sorrow, overcome it.
 Life is a song, sing it.
 Life is a struggle, accept it.
 Life is a tragedy, confront it.
 Life is an adventure, dare it.
 Life is luck, make it.
 Life is too precious, do not destroy it.
 Life is life, fight for it."

- Mother Teresa

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www.elks80.org. 13710

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Secretary's Corner

Let's not forget to honor our fellow Elks who have passed this last year Our Memorial Services will be held Sunday December 4, 2011 at the Lodge.

Our Membership has grown this last month. Welcome Daryll Thavenet who transferred from Grand Island and our own Nancy Halsted was initiated.

Take a look at the many events on the November Calendar. We have two dinners this month. Take time to get involved. Your help would be appreciated.

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

Members of Lincoln Drove 4 attended the East District, held October 14-15 in Omaha. We worked on our ritual with Supreme President Connie Jo Goochey. The meeting had over 100 Does from the district. The Does are looking for craft ideas to sell at the National meeting, June 2012 in Reno/Sparks NV. Please call Kelli or Jody with ideas! (402-430-4114)

I would like to give a personal thank you to Elks No.80 ER, Stephen Wirth. The October Elk O-Gram had a picture a Stephen shopping in the recycle bins. Stephen helped me look for Pepsi bottle caps. The Capital Humane Society, Capital Campaign, was competing in a Pepsi Challenge to raise funds for a new adoption center for Lincoln.

Kelli Stanley-Smith, Past President Lincoln Drove 4

HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY'S



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|----------------------|--------------------|
| 01 Kay Kletchka | 17 Paul Eldien |
| 02 Jim Tomka | 21 Richard Rumbolz |
| 04 Charles Meisinger | 22 Keith Kirstine |
| Kenneth Orr | Gerald Miles |
| Jacob Wyant | 25 Bruce McKeag |
| 05 William Palmer | Debra Sneller |
| 08 David Kirby | 26 Timothy Cox |
| William Vician | 27 William Overman |
| 10 Gary Northhouse | 28 Leon Bruhn |
| 13 Dean Petersen | |
| 15 Donna Davis | |

Cash Calendars!
SELL, SELL, SELL, SELL

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 |

AWAY-GAME TAILGATES AT THE LODGE!

Come join us for a Husker Tailgate every away-game at the Lodge. Bring a snack to share.

Nothing is more fun than enjoying food, drinks and football with good friends.

The fun will start about two hours before game time.

Mark your calendars for
November 12th @Penn State
November 19th @Michigan

Reports of Committees

Hoop Shoot

The Local Hoop Shoot is scheduled for Sunday, January 15, 2012, 2:00 to 3:30. Registration will begin at 1:30. Please try to put this on your calendar so that we can get plenty of volunteers. We can use 40 people to make everything go very smoothly. The District Hoop Shoot will be held on Saturday, January 28, 2012. The time will be 3:30 to 4:30, with registration at 3:00. For the District shoot we need to have 18 volunteers. Please mark these dates on your calendars.

Soccer Shoot

Lincoln sent several young people to State competition and two of those young people will represent Lincoln at the Regional Soccer Shoot in Eldorado, KS the first weekend of November.

Drug Awareness

See December EOG for summary of Boo at the Zoo.

Trustees / House Committee

There have always been questions about whether or not we will be open on major holidays. The House Committee has discussed this and have decided that we will be closed on the following holidays:

New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas

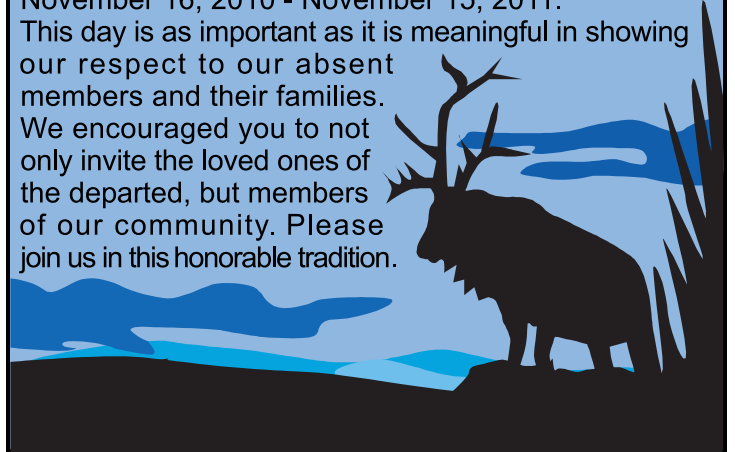
If there are any special events that arise on these dates, we will consider whether or not it is cost effective to open the Lodge.

Annual Elk's Memorial Service

Sunday, December 4, 2011, 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, 2010 - November 15, 2011.

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.



Elks Care - Elks Share

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
Retention- 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



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Greet our ENF Chairman

By Stephen Wirth ER



He is no stranger to our lodge. As if Larry Bratt doesn't do enough for our Lodge, ER Wirth has appointed him as our Elks National Foundation Chairman. Ever since Larry raised his hand and said "I Do", he has been participating in many lodge activities as well as fundraisers. Grand Lodge has recognized his devotion to ENF and has awarded Larry with a stunning ENF pin as well as a signed, certificate.

As chairman of ENF, Larry accepts money from individuals, that in turn, is sent to the Elks National Foundation and credited to the donor. Now with Larry being Larry, he has become resourceful in raising money for ENF by assessing fines on individuals who become easy targets. This has happened during lodge meetings and dinners when something unique occurs. Examples; misplacing car keys, an officer leaving their name badge unattended, cell phone ringing during a special function. Fines have ranged from \$10 to \$20 dollars each occurrence. ER Wirth has made his share of donations. (Don't forget Larry, you offered \$20 to ENF if ER Wirth could keep his talk at the Midget Football Banquet under 2 minutes...he did it! Don't forget to credit that donation in behalf of ER Wirth.)

Congratulations Larry! You deserve it because you are one in a million! Thank you for all you do for our Lodge and Elkdom!

Dathin's New Ride!

By Stephen Wirth ER

Take a look at these fancy wheels! In the January 2011 EOG, we published an article pertaining to Dathin Cooper, son of CJ and April Cooper of Lincoln. Your lodge, along with assistance from the Nebraska Benevolence Commission, donated funding to aid Dathin in his medical costs.

During that time, Dathin was using a borrowed wheel chair specially designed for his condition. Well, this coming January, Dathin will turn 4 and he will be riding high on a brand new wheel chair, of his very own! ER Wirth received a nice follow-up message from the Cooper family informing the Elks of the excitement in their house. "Perhaps this isn't what normal people get excited about, however, we aren't normal people" according to CJ and April. They just wanted to share their blessing and let us know that God is good, even in ways that they didn't know possible.

This is one more way that as Elks, we can Be Loud and we can Be Proud.



Elks Care - Elks Share

Fundraiser Raffle, Supper and Silent Auction For **JOHN BROOKS**

WHEN:

November 18th, 2011
Raffle & Silent Auction 5:30pm-9:00pm
Cocktail Hour 5:30pm
Dinner 6:00pm-9:00pm

WHERE:

Elks Lodge #80
5910 South 58th St
Lincoln, NE 68516
(Behind Skeeter Barnes)

WHAT:

- Raffle for a Remington Model 870 Express 12 gauge pump shotgun donated by Wellness One and a Spa Day donated by Salon MohVi & Spa.
- Silent auction of donated items.*
- Music and entertainment will be provided throughout the evening.
- Chili, Cinnamon Rolls, Chicken Noodle Soup, Cornbread and dessert will be served. A free will donation will be accepted for dinner.



Raffle tickets will also be sold prior to event as well, if you are unable to attend please contact Carrie at (402) 710-1682 or Sarah at (402) 984-4944 if you would like to purchase raffle tickets in advance.

* All donations can be taken to Sarah's office at Adams Dental Center, 8251 Northwoods Drive (84th and Holdrege), M-F 8am-5pm, 402-984-4944 or Sonny at the Elks Lodge #80 (402) 421-9100. Please attach the donating business name, address and phone number and minimum bid for each item donated.

**SELL..
SELL..
SELL..**

Cash Calendars!

B.P.O.E Lincoln Lodge No. 80

**104th Annual
CHILDREN'S
CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Sunday, December 18, 2011
 1:00 PM (Gates open at 12:15 PM)
 Pershing Center 226 Centennial Mall

**Ulbrick's Family
Style Dinner**

Famous Landmark from Nebraska City, NE

December 3rd
 5:30 Cocktails
 6:30 Dinner

Free Will Donation

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

Help your Lodge by attending dinners. Bring the family!
 Call the Lodge 421-6363 to reserve your ticket!

**7TH ANNUAL
PANCAKE FEED**

Sunday, January 29th, 2012
 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKES
 WITH SYRUP, SAUSAGE, JUICE, MILK, COFFEE AND ASSORTED TOPPINGS

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



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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!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 UPCOMING EVENTS		1 November	2 Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM	3	4	5
6	7	8 Burger Night 5:30 PM American Legion	9	10 VFW	11 Veteran's Dinner 5:30PM Cocktails 6:30PM Dinner Veteran's Day!	12 Tailgate Party NE vs. Penn St.
13	14	15 American Legion	16 Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM	17 American Legion	18 John Brooks Fundraiser Dinner & Auction See Page 7	19 Tailgate Party NE vs. Michigan
20 EOG Articles Due by Midnight	21 Does Meeting 7:00 PM	22 Burger Night 5:30 PM	23	24  Lodge Closed	25	26
27	28	29	30			

- December Events:**
- 3 Ulbrick's Dinner 5:30PM / 6:30PM
 - 4 Memorial Service 2:00 PM
 - 7 Lodge Meeting (One in December) 7:00PM
 - 16 Sacking Party, Pershing Basement NOON
 - 18 104th Children's Christmas Party 12:15/1:00 PM
 - 22 EOG Articles Due for January

- January Events:**
- 1 Cash Calendar Drawings begin
 - 15 Local Hoop Shoot 1:30PM - 3:30PM
 - 28 District Hoop Shoot 3:00PM - 4:30PM
 - 29 7th Annual Pancake Feed 8:00AM - 2:00PM
- SAVE THE DATES!**