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104th Annual CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

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

Our Goal \$4,200.00

Cash Calendars!

Attention all members and friends of No. 80, don't be left out on your chances to win a fist full of dollars from our January, 2012 Cash Calendar event. We have one month left to get those calendars sold and in before the deadline of **Saturday, December 31, 2011**. These calendars make great stocking stuffers hanging from the fireplace mantel or the Christmas Trees. Excellent Birthday gifts as well. So...

**Sell, Sell, Sell
and
Buy, Buy, Buy.**

Let's make this fundraiser the best ever to date.

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.



**Grand Exalted Ruler
2011-2012**

Hon. David R. Carr

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

*"Tis the season for,
Giving from the Heart"*

During the holiday season, Elks Members nationwide support Lodge Christmas Charities programs that assist citizens who are alone and lonely or need a helping hand. Many Lodges hold a free dinner for these citizens. Others contribute to the Toys for Tots Program as well as to local food pantries. Thanks to "Giving from the Heart" at Christmas time throughout America, Elks bring cheer to many children and adults as well as to veterans in VA Hospitals and Nursing Homes who sincerely appreciate our assistance.


A simple Christmas card can bring a smile to a lonely veteran. Sending veterans Lodge Christmas cards that have been signed by several Members reinforces our commitment, "So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."

As Elks, we have a very special opportunity to give a gift that will make a difference for years to come. One gift to the Elks National Foundation will offer care and comfort to veterans, help deserving students attend college, and provide healthy activities for youth, now and in the future. And this gift has tax benefits!

The year 2011 is coming to a close, but first we are obliged to ensure all tax-deductible donations for 2011 are applied to this calendar year. The ENF must receive donations in their office on or before December 31, 2011, in order to count the donations toward your 2011 taxes. You can donate online until midnight, December 31.

I hope you will "Give from the Heart" this holiday season by contributing what you can in support of your Lodge's efforts to bring Christmas cheer to others less fortunate as well as by contributing to the Elks National Foundation, if you have not already done so.

Thank you for "Giving from the Heart" and proving once again that "Elks Care – Elks Share." Happy holidays!

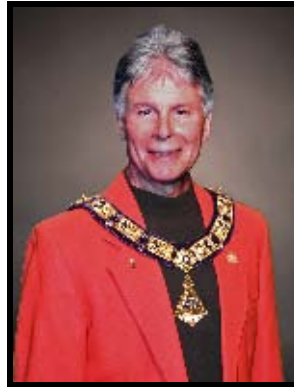


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**Exalted Ruler
Lodge No. 80
2011-2012**

Stephen Wirth PER

Dear Elks and Does,

As I write this message to all, I can't help but reflect on the great works that our lodge has accomplished recently. Eating events, which include Octoberfest, Tailgate Parties (during away games), Midget Football Banquet, Veterans Dinner, John Brooks Fundraiser and not to forget our Burger nights. You can count on it, I will be serving, or eating, or doing both where food is available. Carry-outs are always a plus. Mark your calendar for the upcoming Ulbrick's Dinner, the Sacking Party at Pershing and following that evening at the Lodge a Pot Luck to say "Thanks". Additional events which are very special include Soccer Shoot, Midget Football (since 1955), Boo at the Zoo (I was a candy fairy), all the volunteering at the home Nebraska football games (Does & Elks), The Dictionary and Thesaurus Project, Hunters Safety, Cash Calendars, the incredible Larry duo raffle ticket selling machine and the big one coming up on December 18th, 2011 1:00 PM, the 104th Annual Children's Christmas Party. Think about it, we became a lodge back in 1888 and just 20 years later, in 1907, the Children's Christmas Party was born. When you receive your issue of the EOG, Thanksgiving will have been, we will have survived Black Friday and the sun still shines over HuskerLand. No. 80 will pay a special tribute to our departed members during a public Memorial Service, Sunday December 4th. Christmas is just around the corner and the New Year is illuminating on the horizon. May each of you experience in your own traditions, the beauty and wonders of the holiday season. As sleigh bells ring, Believers are Achievers.

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Our Members...

Deaths:

Ed Herstein passed August 10, 2011
 Donald J. Evans passed October 2, 2011
 Gary Aksamit passed November 17, 2011

Sickness and Distress:

Charles Meisinger PER is recovering from surgery.
 John Brooks PER has cancer. He is recovering at home from surgery on his leg.

Members Initiated in November:

None

Published for Membership:

Carrie Stone by Larry Schwindt
 Tonia Hunter by Larry Schwindt
 Janet Jurado by Mike Jurado
 Sarah Polmeier by John Brooks
 Thomas Bennett by Sonny Lane
 Pat Hardesty by Sonny Lane

Candidate being Transferred:

Donald E. Poysa by Robert Sindlar

Members for Reinstatement:

None

November's EOG Hidden Membership Number:

13710, William Haberlan. It was hidden on page 3 inside the Articles Due Section.

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!

11/02/11 meeting was \$383. **Walt Dondlinger** was the name drawn. He was not present to win.

11/16/11 meeting was \$397. **Ronald Urban** was the name drawn. He was not present to win.

Thank You...

Thank you to the volunteers of our Elk-O-Gram! November Issue: Carrie Fiedler, Scott Schrage, Brandi Naranjo and Stephen Wirth.

Next Month

Articles coming up in the January 2012 Elk-O-Gram,

**Kitchen Clean Up,
 Veteran's Dinner,
 The John Brooks Fundraiser / Silent Auction,
 Ulbrick's Dinner and
 The 104th Annual Children's Christmas Party**

Thank you all for your hardwork!!

Knight Tales

Leading Knight - Doug Rienks

The influence of a good deed honestly and promptly performed will continue forever." Those of you that have done so much to help a fellow Elk in need make me proud to be an Elk. I would also like to thank Sam Carter for taking on the task to call or visit those Elks unfortunate to fall on the sickness and distress list.

Loyal Knight - Sonny Lane PER

Members all, You recently received a phone call from me telling about all of the functions that will be going on at the Lodge. I just wanted you to know that it is a service that is provided by a company called Calling Post. So if you see a weird name and a 405 area code on the caller ID it is a message from the Lodge. As the last message stated just call me at 421-9100 if you do not want these phone call update and reminders. Please be loud and proud you are an Elk.

Lecturing Knight - John Brooks PER

To love and be loved is to feel the sun from both sides.
 - David Viscott

Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless.

- Sherry Anderson

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www.elks80.org.

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Secretary's Corner

The Holiday Season is here and we will have plenty of activities to keep us all busy. While you're out and about, stop by for lunch in our Lounge. Only one Lodge meeting in December, the 7th.

We will be sending out one more letter asking those members who have not paid their dues to do so. Unfortunately we will need to begin dropping the delinquent members in February. Help us keep our Lodge strong by encouraging those delinquent members to pay their dues. If you know of someone who has not paid due to a hardship, please let one of our Officers know.

Don't forget your help is needed for the Children's Christmas Party, either packing candy or at the Party. Please check the calendar for our December events.

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

Military Kids

By Stephen Wirth ER

Lincoln Lodge No. 80 continues to support the kids of our military families of the Nebraska National Guard. For the past two years, our Lodge has donated money toward the programs of the Family Assistance Program of the NEARNG that help kids of our uniform soldiers.

On November 2nd, Major Robert Kadavy of Headquarters Operations and David Hall, civilian contractor with Family Assistance received another donation from the Lincoln Elks to help make kids lives a little more enjoyable while parent(s) are away on deployment. MAJ Kadavy informed us of events that occur during a soldier's mobilization and how it affects the family. The great activities that come from donations; Haunted Armory, Holiday Christmas Party at the Children's Museum, are priceless when it comes to helping kids. "Families think the members of No 80 are awesome" said Mr. Hall. So, Be LOUD and Be PROUD of what your membership does in supporting the activities within our community.



L-R David Hall, Maj. Robert Kadavy and ER Wirth. Photo by Gerald Miles

HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



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

Cash Calendars!
SELL, SELL, SELL, SELL, SELL, SELL

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 |

Reports of Committees

Hoop Shoot

The date had to be changed due to conflicts with the gym rental. The date for the local shoot is January 21, 2012, at Lincoln East Gym. The shoot will start at 2:00 PM with registration at 1:30. Please note this is a Saturday unlike in years past when we have held it on a Sunday. District will be held the following Saturday, January 28, 2012, at Calvert Recreation Center. This will begin at 3:00 PM.

Scholarship

Three new scholarships that have been established.

The Agricultural Scholarship, which was established by an anonymous donor. This scholarship is for someone that will major in agriculture.

Richard "Dick" Blomgren Scholarship, which was established in part by donations and in part by the Blomgran family. This scholarship is for someone that will major in the Arts.

Adam "Curly" & Leata Schwindt Scholarship, which was established in part by donations and in part by the Schwindt family. This scholarship is for someone that will major in engineering.

Hide Program

Collection box is on the South Side of our Lodge. From that point, the hides are delivered to the Taxidermist in Adams, NE.

Eagle Scouts

An American Flag, flown over our Nation's Capitol, was presented to new Eagle Scout Brent Saunders, Troop 76 of Waverly. Brent is only 14 years old, but a he is a very accomplished Scout. Congressman Jeff Fortenberry spoke at his ceremony, as did other dignitaries. The Mayor of Waverly proclaimed November 20th, 2011 as Brent Saunders Day, in honor of his achievement. Brents Eagle project was to restore and paint the gazebo in the city park in Waverly.



Brent Saunders and Randy King

Soccer Shoot

Regional Soccer shoot was held in Eldorado, KS on November 6th. There were two shooters from Lincoln representing Nebraska. Kyle Anderson for the U14 boys and McKenzie Cline for U14 girls.

McKenzie Cline won her division by one point in a very close contest. Congratulations, she and her family are very happy and looking forward to trying to repeat next year. This is the second Lincoln shooter to bring home the regional award.

From the Fox Hole of the Veterans Committee

On 11-11-11, Sam, Vi, and their wives were invited to Gramercy Hill for a "Salute to Veterans" Day Celebration. Gramercy Hill put on a very nice breakfast with scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, fruit, muffins, coffee and juice.

A flag raising ceremony was held at 7:15 am. Some of the Veterans wore their service uniforms, including our own--Vi Berst. Vi and Sam handed out American Flag lapel pins. They were all very appreciative for the pins.

Sam, Vi and wives attended the Veteran's Day spaghetti dinner at the Elk's Lodge that evening. We had a very nice dinner; great folks, delicious food (plenty of it) and a good time. Flag Pins were also handed out to members.

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** - Wes Derst, Chairperson
- Soccer Shoot** - Doug Rienks, Coordinator
- Veterans** - Vilis Berst, Manager
- Visitation** - Sam Carter, Manager
- Youth Activities** - David Kirby PER, Manager

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2011 Boo At The Zoo Was Another Success!

By Amy Jacobsen PER



Over 18,000 people attended the 5 day event to provide safe trick or treating for kids and to raise money to feed the animals over the winter at the Lincoln Children's Zoo. Of those 18,000 people, 10,000 were children eager to get some candy and Elks Drug Awareness coloring books. Thanks for everyone who helped. Larry Schwindt as Kermit the Frog was a big hit with all the children. Larry Bratt as the Sock Monkey was found swinging through the trees to greet kids. Vi Birst was out in his Superman costume and was extra popular with all the little Supermen running around the zoo.

Every year, it warms all our hearts to see the excitement of the all the kids out having fun during an unseasonably warm week. Steve Wirth as the "Candy Fairy" did not even get cold in his tights and pink tutu. That was a sight. The pictures do not even do it justice. One little boy was overhead saying, "Mom, that girl is a BOY!" ER Wirth made lots of people laugh just by standing there. The big chicken returned this year worn by Gerry Miles. He may even have laid an egg or two for the children. A big thanks to Mark Flohr, State Public Relations Chair, who came from Scottsbluff to help the last night of the event. If you have never taken part in Boo at the Zoo, put it on your list of things to do next year. It truly is a lot of fun and you are missing out if you do not take part. A number of businesses and organizations sponsor booths. It has been a great way for all those groups, in addition to all the zoo guests, to see us out doing good work in the community. It is a pleasurable to keep company with others who see the importance of spreading benevolence in our city. **See you next year!**



Great Turnout for Hunter Safety

By Randy King

Hunter Safety was taught by the Hunter's Safety Instructors Randy King and Mike Wurfele on Thursday November 18th and Saturday November 20th. A total of 30 people signed up for the class. The Elks sponsored the event; hosting the room, the A/V equipment and providing a lunch on Saturday. The lunch was cooked by volunteer Eric Ebeler. Eric will hopefully soon become a member of our Lodge. A big Thank You to Roxie Thomas for helping Eric in the kitchen and to ER Wirth for helping serve the lunch. This is a great way to provide a service to our community.



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.

Dine with your **Valentine**

Bring your special someone!
 Enjoy a fabulous evening filled of food, love, laughter and The Vintage Vocalist, Michael Walker!

February 10, 2012 5:30 PM Cocktails/ 6:30 PM Dinner

Serving Filet Mignon, Au Gratin Potatoes, Green Bean Almondine, Asparagus Salad and Chocolate Lava Cake w/Raspberry Sauce

\$20.00 Per Person

Reservation Required. Make yours today! 421.6363

Friday February 10th will be the Valentines dinner. Michael Walker (The vintage vocalist) will be our entertainment for the evening. Bring your dancing shoes. Michael sings easy listening and dancing music from days gone by. Michael's 'Velvet Voice' will take you back to the days of the Rat Pack, Camelot, and a time when crooning was cool. After you hear Michael, you'll realize that it still is! Close your eyes and you might believe you've entered a time machine back to the hay day of Sinatra, Tony Bennet, or Nat King Cole. Michael has recorded several albums, made national TV appearances and appeared live on stage across America. Enjoy a fun filled, magical evening. We expect this dinner to sell out fast, so get your reservation in as soon as possible.

Visit www.vintagevoice.com to get a taste Of Michael and his "Velvet Voice"





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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 DECEMBER	2	3  Cocktails 5:30PM Dinner 6:30PM
						
4 Elk's Annual Memorial Service 2:00 PM 	5	6	7 Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM	8 VFW	9	10
11	12	13 Burger Night 5:30 PM American Legion	14	15 American Legion 15770	16 Sacking Party Pershing NOON Pot Luck at Jolly Corker Pub Evening	17
18  104 th Annual CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY 12:15 PM Gates Open 1:00 PM Show Starts	19 DOES Meeting 7:00 PM	20 American Legion	21 NO LODGE MEETING	22 Elk-O-Gram Articles Due for January	23	24  Christmas Eve Lodge Closed
25  Christmas Day Lodge Closed	26	27 Burger Night 5:30 PM	28	29	30	31 Happy New Year 

January Events:

- 1 Cash Calendar Drawings Begin
- 21 Local Hoop Shoot-East High School 1:30PM - 4:00PM
NOTE DATE CHANGE OF LOCAL HOOP SHOOT
- 28 District Hoop Shoot-Calvert Rec Center 3:00PM - 4:30PM
- 29 7th Annual Pancake Feed 8:00AM - 2:00PM

February Events:

- 10 Valentine's Dinner 5:30PM / 6:30PM

SAVE THE DATES!