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Successful 7th Annual Pancake Feed

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Stephen F. Wirth, ER, PER, Pancake Feed Chairman

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Lincoln Lodge #80 Charitable Scholarship Fund, Inc. held its 7th Annual Pancake Feed on January 29th, 2012. Many hours of preparation, set-up, pre-ticket sales, as well as volunteer efforts the day of the feed, went into this fund raising event. The board members of this fund thank all the participants for helping to raise over \$2,900 which will be divided equally amongst the number of scholarships administered. A big THANK YOU goes out to the following sponsors who continue to support this wonderful project: The Jack & Cindy Pickel Family, Richard Todd, Albert Francke, Nanette Hessee, Gary and Jean Weber, Dennis Lyon Architects, Butherus-Maser & Love Funeral Home, Scott Stream w/Image Inflators, Tom Bennett w/ B & B Lawn Service, Greenfield's, IHOP, Sign Solutions of Lincoln, Lincoln Poultry (A Sysco Company), Roper & Sons Funeral Care, Super Saver, Village Inn and McCashland Kirby Insurance. Also, thanks to our many wonderful volunteers who helped get the day started and worked the event until clean-up was complete. Richard Todd was the \$200 Cash Calendar winner drawn that morning. Spencer Hogan was our mascot Elroy, who did some amazing advertising for us by welcoming members and friends starting at the corner of Old Cheney and Highway 2 and finishing up in the dining room. Our very own John Brooks, PER, DDGER attended, ate and stayed around for some wonderful visits with coworkers and his many Elk friends. And thanks to Wauneta Peterson for providing us with the wonderful organ tunes throughout this event.

St. Patrick's Dinner

Saturday, March 17th

Come and join us for our annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner! Cocktail hour starts at 5:30, come and enjoy the evening's bar special Blarney Stone Green Beer. Dinner will be served at 6:30 PM.

On the menu for the evening is John Aman's much anticipated Corned Beef Brisket, complete with Cabbage, Carrots, Parsley Potatoes, Salad, Rye Bread and a Dessert.



Please make your reservations today so we can be sure to have enough for everyone! 402.421.6363

As in the past, the corned beef will be available for purchase but please call and reserve yours now. 402.421.6363





Grand Exalted Ruler, 2011-2012 Hon. David R. Carr Message from the GER Grand Lodge Newsletter, March 2012

"Compliance is a key part of Lodge success"

In today's economy, many Lodges are experiencing financial and other difficulties. The cost of supplies, utilities and taxes continues to increase while dues income continues to decrease with the loss of Members. Too often problems arise from poor business practices and/or a disregard for proper or required procedures.

Successful Lodges are those that comply with the requirements spelled out in the statutes and manuals of the Order. A lack of success is often a result of Officers being inexperienced, unaware of the requirements and/or purposely disregarding the statutes and rules.

Lodges are encouraged to adhere to sound business practices, comply with our manuals and statutes, and follow the requirements of state and local governments where Lodges reside. Lodges operating properly are generally better run, making them stronger – thereby ensuring the long-term viability of both the Lodge and our Order.

Each Lodge should have an independent accountant under contract to prepare the Lodge's Annual Financial Report for the year ending March 31, 2012. The accountant should be either a Certified Public Accountant or Public Accountant, who performs work for the general public and is knowledgeable of accounting for not-for-profit organizations. He or she should also be independent of the Lodge in order to render impartial opinions as to the Lodge's financial condition and be familiar with filing IRS tax forms applicable to non-profits.

Thank you for "Giving from the Heart" your talent, time and financial support to help your Lodge programs achieve success. You have helped make a difference in the lives of many youngsters, victims of disaster, veterans, children and adults with disabilities, and others who look to us for assistance. Your continued dedication demonstrates that "Elks Care - Elks Share."



Exalted Ruler Lodge No. 80 2011-2012

Stephen Wirth PER

Dear Elks and Does,

Like a fine exciting race to the end, we are now moving into the home stretch of our lodge year. What started out on April 6th of 2011 until now has been very rewarding. With just one month to go we still have a few things we want to accomplish.

Our members can rest assured that the new officers soon to be elected for the 2012 – 2013 year will continue Lincoln's fine tradition of carrying on the many events and programs which have made us an outstanding lodge within our State and Nation.

No one person can do it alone. I, for one, stand on the shoulders of many individuals who have come before me. Exalted Rulers like Klein, Burnett, Harding, Barth, Boshart, Collura, Jensen Sr., Spahnle, Love, Jacobs, Blazek, Blomgren, Reger, Goodwin, Betts, Blanc, Zimmer III, Jensen Jr., Pickering, Giebelhaus, Andersen, Kruse, Clinkenbeard, Collin and Rakers preceded me before I became ER in 1984.14606.

Many of our older members can still remember these names and their wives from the past and some who still continue on with us in the present. They have truly touched our lives in many ways. I have taken a little of them with me along the way and I have learned from each as I reflect back over this past year. The strong beliefs and inspirations of Elkdom they instilled in me then make me a better person today. I can still hear their laughter; see their smiles and the glow in their eyes as they too believed in what Elks stand for.

Sure, our membership numbers were greater then, however, over the years we have adjusted and have become a leaner and more active organization within the community. As we fast forward to 2011-2012, we currently have 27 committees chaired by 15 dedicated individuals. They work hard in promoting their activities and stand proud when the thanks start pouring in. Yes, many fine individuals have come before me, however, I wouldn't trade a one of my current officers, committee person members or Does our lodge has today. They are the hardest workers and most positive and fun people I know. Together, we all continue to make things happen. **Believers are Achievers**.

Knight's Tales

The charity that our members continue to exhibit continues to amaze me. This makes me proud to tell others I am a part of such a wonderful organization. Thank you!

-Doug Rienks, Leading Knight

Although Justice is the Motto of this station, Membership is the life blood of our order. It is important every opportunity you get to speak of the Elk's and what we stand for.

There is a bill in the Legislature as we speak about requiring the Pledge of Allegiance to be said in schools every morning in the first period. Most elementary schools do this already but it is the middle and senior high schools that are lacking.

This would be a better place if we were all reminded about the great country we live in on a daily basis. Thank your lucky stars we don't live in the middle east. America and caring for one another are what we are all about.

-Sonny Lane PER, Loyal Knight

People are unreasonable, illogical and self-centered.

Love them anyway.

If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives.

Do good anyway.

If you are successful, you will win false friends and true enemies.

Succeed anyway.

The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow.

Do good anyway.

Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable. Be honest and frank anyway.

The biggest person with the biggest ideas can be shot down by the smallest person with the smallest mind.

Think big anyway.

What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight.

Build anyway.

People really need help but may attack if you help them.

Help people anyway.

Give the world the best you have and you might get kicked in the teeth.

Give the best you've got anyway.

-Anonymous

John Brooks PER, Lecturing Knight

CASH CALENDAR RESULTS AND WINNERS

Stephen Wirth, ER, PER

Thanks for making the January 2012 Cash Calendar fund raiser a success. We raised \$3,440 and gave back to the lucky winners, per the fund rules, a total of \$2,100. The winners are as follows: Some of you luckier ones won twice!

1/1 Phil Schenkel = \$70

1/2 Mary Cox = \$65

1/3 Dorothy Garrett = \$60

1/4 Vilis Berst = \$55

1/5 Virginia Dietrich = \$85

1/6 Mary Cox = \$55

1/7 Mike Jurado = \$60

1/8 Andrea Kotrous = \$65

1/9 Tom Eckery, Jr. = \$50

1/10 Mike Jurado = \$65

1/11 Jacque Prai = \$70

1/12 Stephen Wirth = \$55

1/13 **Jeff Breunig = \$50**

1/14 Barb Stuthman = \$70

1/15 Donald Wright = \$60

1/16 Deborah Burns = \$55

1/17 **Jeff Breunig = \$65**

1/18 James Gray = \$70

1/19 Jeff Clark = \$80

1/20 Art Jones = \$70

1/21 Rick Ramer = \$60

1/22 Jeff Clark = \$50

1/23 Sam Carter = \$65

1/24 Art Jones = \$55

1/25 Steve Samuelson = \$70

1/26 Vilis Berst = %60

1/27 Virgil Weiting \$50

1/28 Steve Samuelson = \$75

1/29 Richard Todd = \$200

1/30 Jerry Wilson = \$75

1/31 Bruce Trautwein = \$65

Names in bold indicate double winners





Clean It Fix It, Make it Faster Better Stronger!

Larry Schwindt



We held a clean-up / fix-up marathon on Sunday January 15th, and thanks to the people that volunteered their time, we were able to accomplish many things. We started at 8:00 in the morning and finished at around 6:00 in the evening. Randy King replaced the locks on the liquor cabinets and Nancy Halstead and Dave Darrah made some built—in shelves in the card room.

Doug and Nicholas Rienks cleaned out the clutter and hung the dart board and Veterans plaque in the card room and did some sheetrock repair. Bob Sindlar and Kim & Pat Wiseman removed all of the loose laminated covering the bar are and re-glued it. Larry Bratt and Larry Schwindt removed the damaged parquet flooring and replaced it with new flooring that was donated by Chuck and Kathy Meisinger (Note to self – next time, rope the off the area where the exposed adhesive is so people don't walk through it).

Denis Applebee and Scott Schrage removed the old faucets and toilet paper dispensers in the rest rooms and replaced them with new ones. Steve Wirth and Daryll Thavenet repaired all of the tables and chairs that are used for events in the Lodge room. All of the cold air returns and heating/cooling vents were cleaned by Larry Bratt, Amy and Eben Jacobsen. Imre Bonyhady painted the inside of the cabinets in the kitchen (they were getting kind of worn). There were a lot of other things that were taken care of that are too numerous to mention.

I hope that I have not left out any of the people that helped to make this a successful day (I am relying on my memory, and we all know how good that is). Our thanks and gratitude goes out to everyone who helped. All of this could not have been accomplished without their time and dedication.







A Valentine's Dinner to Remember

Larry Schwindt



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To say that the Valentines dinner was a success would be selling it short. It did my heart good to see people crowding the dance floor to the melodies of Michael Walker, The Vintage Vocalist. The visions of a crowded dance floor brought back memories of days gone by at the Elks.

There were many compliments on the food, which head cook Carrie Fiedler and crew spent most of the day Friday preparing. Kim and Pat Wiseman burned the midnight oil Thursday night and slaved away part of the day Friday baking the fabulous lava cakes. Larry Bratt and Larry Schwindt used their potato peeling and onion slicing talents and a secret recipe to make the scrumptious au gratin potatoes.

Bob Sindlar used his amazing knife skills to chop and slice the ingredients for the delicious asparagus salad. After getting off of work, Jerry Miles arrived, pitched in, and began preparing the filet mignon before changing into his tuxedo to serve the dinner. The kitchen crew and serving corp worked very hard to make this a memorable experience. An assembly line in the kitchen (consisting of Carrie Fiedler, Mary Brooks, Pat Wiseman, Kim Wiseman, Bob Sindlar and Emily Hernandez) did an excellent job of "plating" the food so the tuxedoed servers could guickly serve the meal.

After the meal was served and all of the dirty dishes were cleared, our Exalted Ruler to be, the fantastic Doug Rienks, quietly slipped into the kitchen to wash all of the dirty dishes and silverware, allowing the kitchen staff to enjoy the rest of the evening. Once again, my sincere thanks, Doug.

Our Members...

Sickness and Distress:

John Brooks PER, Cancer

Published for Membership:

Shelly Burklund by Roxie Thomas, Eric Ebeler by Randy King, Marvin Logan by Stephen Wirth

January's EOG Hidden Membership

Number: 15573, Larry Bratt. It was hidden inside the pancake on the front page.

The Jolly Corker Pub is open for lunch starting at 11:30 Mon-Sat, 12:30 Wed.

Committee Reports

Hoop Shoot: We had another great Hoop Shoot and District was Saturday January 28th. Thank you for all the help the volunteers provided.

Soccer Shoot: Thank you to Steve Wirth for getting the final trophies delivered. It will be time for the next soccer shoot before we know it.



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2011-2012 Elks' Lodge #80 Officers

Exalted Ruler.....Stephen Wirth PERLeading Knight.....Doug Rienks

Loyal Knight..... Sonny Lane PER
Lecturing Knight..... John Brooks PER

2011-2012 Committees

Accident: Randy King, Mgr.

Americanism: Sonny Lane PER, Coord. Antlers: Stephen Wirth ER/PER, Coord. Auditing: Duane Vanderbeek, Chpers.

Benevolence: Charles Meisinger PER/PDD/PSP, Chpers. **Community Activities:** Stephen Wirth ER/PER, Chpers.

Drug Awareness: Amy Jacobsen PER, Coord.

ENF: Larry Bratt, Chpers.

Eagle Scouts: Randy King, Chpers. **Flag Day:** Randy King, Coord.

Gold Award: Stephen Wirth ER/PER, Chpers. **Gov. Relations:** Richard Todd PER/PDD, Coord.

Hoop Shoot: Doug Rienks, Coord. Indoctrination: Larry Bratt, Coord. Investigation: Larry Bratt, Coord. Retention: Denis Applebee, Mgr.

Lodge Activities: Richard Todd PER/PDD, Coord.

Membership: Sonny Lane PER, Chpers. **Midget Football:** Scott Schrage, Coord.

Public Relations: Stephen Wirth ER/PER, Coord. **PER Association:** John Brooks PER, Presiding Officer

Ritual: Stephen Wirth ER/PER, Chpers. Scholarship: Wes Derst, Chpers. Soccer Shoot: Doug Rienks, Coord.

Veterans: Vilis Berst, Mgr. **Visitation:** Sam Carter, Mgr.

Youth Activities: David Kirby PER, Mgr.

DOES News

President Jody Schrage, along with members of the Does, presented Lincoln Lodge #80 with checks totaling \$2,912.50.

The \$\$ included one half of the money received from the football stadium project (\$2,012.50), as well as donations to the 104th Annual Children's Christmas Party (\$100), BPO Does #4 Scholarship (\$300) and to the lodge's general fund (\$500).

On behalf of all the members of LEL#80, we thank you for your contributions and all the great works your organization does for our lodge and community.



Does President elect, Vicki Logan, current President Jody Schrage, ER Wirth, Past Presidents' Kelli Stanley Smith, Marjorie Wyant and member Kay White. Photo: by Larry Schwindt.



There's A New Doe In Town!

On Wednesday, January 25th, 2012 BPO Does Drove No. 4 held their public installation of officers for the 2012 calendar year. Deputy Supreme President, Barbra Dennis, swore in Vicki Logan as the new Drove President along with her chair officers. Past Does President, Anne Pluta, from BPO Does Drove No. 1 (Omaha) and Exalted Ruler Wirth, PER were present along with Lodge #80 Officers, Does, members and friends, who witness the ceremony.

ER Wirth provided comments associated with the Does regalia as well as stories about past services. He also pledged that the Elks will continue to work together to assist the Does on future projects and events. An arrangement of flowers (tulips) was presented to President Logan from Doe/Elk member Deborah Burns and ER Wirth. Refreshments, along with an assortment of pot-luck goodies, were provided by the Drove.

Congratulations to immediate Past President Jody Schrage for having a successful year in 2011. Your hard work and dedication has continued to move the Drove in the right direction. Congratulations to all the new officers of BPO Does Drove No. 4.

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Secretary's Corner

Elks Lodge year 2012/2013 membership dues statements will be mailed out by the first week of March. Our new year begins April 1st and the dues payments should be received prior to that date.

The first meeting of April will be the initiation of the officers for 2012/2013. Everyone is welcome as the meeting is open to the public.

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.

Happy March Birthdays!

05 - William J. Frye

06 - Bernard E. Dow Martin A. Fehringer

07 - Kenneth D. Tenhulzen
Donald V. Zeiss

08 - Dennis M. Dickerson

09 - Jack Jensen

10 - Dr. Dan L. Mosier

12 - Robert E. Logsdon

13 - Paul Koehrsen

14 - John G. Boosalis

17 - Mark Whitehead

19 - Richard McCashland Larry D. Ossenkop John J. Weber 21 - Steve A. Ahrens Larry D. Jurgens

25 - Charles Cordes

26 - Robert L. Kloch Roger L. Pickering

28 - Donald W. Wright

29 - Don A. Svoboda



Teen of the Year Award

Amy Jacobsen, PER

The 2012 Teens of the Year will be announced during three Sunday ceremonies in March.
Please come out at 2:00 p.m. on March 11th, 18th and 25th. Each year Elks #80 invites all the area Middle Schools to submit names of an eighth grade boy and girl to receive our awards for Teen of the Year.

The award winners are chosen by their teachers as an example of future leaders and good citizens. Lodge #80 is fortunate enough to have the means to give each of these winners a \$100.00 U.S. Savings bond. Each girl and boy from each school is introduced.

A representative from his and her school explains why each student was chosen for our award. Refreshments are served after the ceremony. It is very satisfying to know our community is full of good examples of future leaders. Please attend.

A Great Response

Randy King, Chairman of LEL#80's Hide program was pleased with the results of the deer hides delivered by many hunters to our lodge this past season. The hides were collected, salted and kept cool prior to final delivery to Dr. Theodore Sherbeck, State Chairman of the Elks National Veterans Service Hide program in Ansley, NE.

A total of 157 hides were collected which is a 35% increase from the previous year. Once all the hides are collected from those Nebraska lodges participating in this program, Dr. Sherbeck then trucks them to a tannery in Tennessee, and once tanned, the hides will be shipped to Minnesota where the 'hide to glove conversion' takes place.

These gloves are then made available back to the lodges' veterans' committeeman for presentation to wheel chair recipients. Any leftover leather from these hides is used for leather craft kits. Randy, along with his daughter Maureen spent 8 ½ hours traveling to, unloading, and returning from Ansley on Saturday, January 21st. **Job well done**.

Initiation Took Center Stage

On Wednesday evening, January 18th, the night was full of excitement. Seven individuals were indoctrinated and initiated into LEL#80. What a nice group of young professionals who answered the call when asked by their sponsors.

The lodge officers, in preparation for Practice Under Pressure (PUP), performed almost flawlessly, as they welcomed our newest members to Elkdom. After the initiation, all were able to take part in the rest of the evening's business session as well as entitled to all of our Elks rights and privileges. Thanks to both Larry's for assisted with indoctrination and the performing initiating officers.

Tonia Hunter and Carrie Stone by Larry Schwindt, Chairman of Trustees

Janet Jurado by Mike Jurado, member Sarah Polmeier by John Brooks, PER, Esteemed Lecturing Knight

Pat Hardesty by Sonny Lane, PER, Esteemed Loyal Knight

Alan McCready by Imre Bonyhady, Treasurer Sharon Buss by Diane Dannelly, member



PERs Take The Reigns, Again

Richard Todd, Secretary PER Association

On Wednesday, February 1st at 7:00 p.m. the PERs took charge of the regular business meeting. They filled the Lodge Officer positions and conducted the session which included nomination of new officers for the upcoming 2012-2013 fraternal year.

The elite cast of PERs consisted of (1984) Stephen Wirth, Exalted Ruler, (1989) Dale Andersen, Est. Leading Knight, (2004/2005) Sonny Lane, Est. Loyal Knight, (2007/2008) Terry Edwards, Est. Lecturing Knight, (2010) Amy Jacobsen, Chairman of the Trustees, (1999) Richard Todd, Esquire, (2000) Virgil Wieting, Chaplain, (1997) Patrick McCashland, Inner Guard, (1996) Charles Meisinger, Tiler, (2009) John Brooks, Organist, (1976) Jack Jensen, Secretary and (2006) Jeff Sneller as Treasurer.

Prior to conducting the lodge meeting, the PERs met at 5:30 for social, 6:00 for business meeting and 6:25 for a catered Chinese Buffet. PER Jeff Sneller was acting President (standing in for PER and President, John Brooks) and conducted the meeting. The group decided and voted to continue to sponsor the Oktoberfest dinner this fall.

In addition, they also voted (\$500) to support the lodge Ritual Team if they win state (April) and go on to Nationals (July). Election of officers took place and Amy Jacobsen was voted in as the new President of our Association while Richard Todd, Secretary and Charles Meisinger, Treasurer were voted in respectively and will retain their seats for another year. Dues (\$15) were collected from PERs present as well as those received by mail.

Those of you who have not sent in your \$\$, please mail to Richard Todd at 5330 Stonecliffe Dr. Lincoln, 68516. Newly elected President Jacobsen plans to hold and conduct meetings quarterly instead of once per year. Thanks go out to Connie Moore for providing a very delicious dessert consisting of layered chocolate cake, cherries and whipped cream.

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Don't forget to look for the member number in this issue. If you find yours, call the Lodge for your prize!

March 2012

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				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM	8 VFW	9	10
11	12	13 Burger Night 5:30pm American Legion	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Dinner 6:30PM
18	19 DOES 7:00 PM	20 American Legion	21 Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM	22	23	24
25	26	27 Burger Night 5:30 PM	28	29	30	

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