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THE FAULTS OF OUR MEMBERS, WE WRITE UPON THE SAND - THEIR VIRTUES UPON THE TABLETS OF LOVE AND MEMORY

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Teens of the Year Honored

2012 Teens of the Year were honored on March 11th, 18th and 25th. A total of 21 area middle schools took part in the program. The award winners were chosen by their teachers as an example of future leaders and good citizens. Lodge members met a girl and boy from each school chosen by their teachers as winner of a \$50.00 U.S. Savings bond. Details of these teens' accomplishments were explained by a representative from each school. Refreshments and great conversation were enjoyed after the ceremony. Our community is fortunate to have these fine future leaders and it is a privilege for our Lodge to honor them.



Installation of Officers

Lincoln Lodge #80

*Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks
cordially invites you to the installation of*

Doug Reinks

*Exalted Ruler for the Fraternal year 2012-2013
and his fellow officers*

*Wednesday, April 4, 2012 at 7:00pm
5910 South 58th Street Lincoln, Nebraska
Reception following installation*

Mystery Dinner



Come and see what the cooks have come up with! It's always a good time!

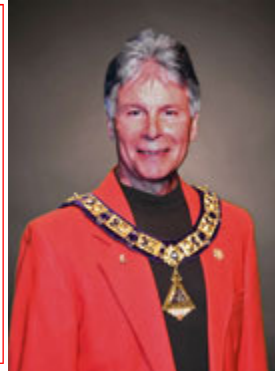
Cocktails starting at 5:30pm,
Dinner served at 6:30pm





**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"



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

Stephen Wirth PER

Our Order was originally founded to provide community service and to help those less fortunate in time of need. As Elks, we serve as faithful servants to the communities in which we reside. In our changing society, with so many one-parent or two working-parent families, offering family activities can make a positive difference in attracting Members.

It's important for the new Lodge leaders to focus on family and community involvement when planning Lodge activities throughout the year. Try conducting a monthly informal activities meeting with the Lodge Officers and invite the Trustees and House and Lodge Committee Members. Extend an open invitation for all Members and their families to attend.

Also, invite representatives from any organization soliciting Lodge support to attend this meeting to explain the purpose of their request. Explore the possibilities that their members can work with Elks Members to help meet their goal. During each activity meeting, discuss the Lodge activities planned for the next several weeks. Open the meeting so everyone can express opinions and concerns regarding planned activities and potential new ones. This will give you more time to focus on other agendas for your regular meetings.

Involving the family and community in our many programs, as well as offering family activities, helps to generate Member and public confidence and support of our Lodges and programs. Family activities will help in procuring new Members and keeping existing Members by giving families "together time" to better utilize the continually shrinking hours families have in a fast-moving society.

Family involvement can make a difference in the success of our Lodges because those parents and children who visit and learn about our programs today will be the Members and leaders of our Lodges tomorrow. And involving community leaders from other organizations can certainly help the general public better understand our purposes and programs that fully demonstrate our motto, *"Elks Care - Elks Share."*

Dear Elks and Does,

All good things **do not** have to come to an end. Within LEL#80, the tradition and groundwork that was laid back in 1888 by our then Exalted Ruler, Frank Zehrung (1888-1890) has continued for more than 124 years. This past year has been filled with excitement every step along the way. Sure, it has been busy! That is what makes and keeps our lodge so strong in everything we are part of.

Positive attitudes are catching, and that is what makes it enjoyable to be a part of this great organization. Many of the members and Does have come out and supported the various functions including Dinners, Veterans, Scouting, Youth Activities, Flag Day, Football Saturdays, Memorial Service, Cash Calendars, Pancake Feed, all the fundraisers and of course, **Ritual**. Thanks to each of you for making the Officers proud to serve.

We are ready to begin a new year with the Installation of Exalted Ruler Elect, Doug Rienks and his solid group of officers for 2012-2013. I know you will continue to support Doug, his wife Linda and their family as you have supported Deborah and me these past twelve months.

Some excitement is still to be unfolded. We have Elk, Officer, and Citizen of the Year as well as Outstanding Service Awards still to be announced so stay tuned.

I want to take this opportunity to **THANK** a very dedicated individual who has been the editor of our lodge bulletin for the past 3 years. Carrie Fiedler turned our Elk-O-Gram into an informative and award winning document. She worked many hours under extreme conditions recently while raising a family, helping to keep her parents business running, since her dad's illness, and as editor of the EOG. Her duties were very demanding which left little time for she and her husband Ryan.

And now, as we move forward, we have a new Editor who has taken on the responsibility where Carrie has left off. The issue of the Feb/Mar EOG was the first attempt with new program software and in due time, the Elk-O-Gram will take on an even brighter and bolder look of its own. Thank you (mystery editor) for stepping up to serve our order and our lodge. Name(s) to be announced.

As Edward 'Ted' Kennedy said, "The work goes on, the cause endless, the hope still lives and the dreams shall never die." I will continue to be your humble servant. **Believers are Achievers.**

Knights Tales

See you next month!

-*Sonny Lane PER, Loyal Knight*

Let me take this time to thank Steve Wirth for his year of service as Exalted Ruler of our Lodge. He has done a great job and I appreciate his dedication. I hope I can continue the tradition that has developed from the past Exalted Rulers. Steve's leadership has left the lodge a better place. We may not agree on every topic but we do agree on always trying to improve the organization. Thank you Steve!

-*Doug Reinks, Leading Knight*

There is time for everything. -Thomas A. Edison

-*Lecturing Knight*

Lodge By-Laws

It is time to review the Lodge by-laws, House rules and harassment policies. We don't feel that any big changes are necessary since they were reviewed very thoroughly last time.

However, some small changes need to be discussed and will be at the meeting on April 18th. Then, after publishing those proposed changes in the May EOG we will vote on them at the May 16th meeting.

Please plan to attend the April meeting, especially if you want to discuss any changes in our by-laws.

Elk-O-Gram Editor's Note

Articles Due: **April 19**

Articles can be sent to eog.lodge80@gmail.com

All past issues, lodge information, and more can be seen at www.elks80.org

Created and managed by webmaster Larry Klein

...The Quickies...

Good Job to the Trustees for getting our new budget balanced and approved in record time...nice turnout for the St. Patty's Day Dinner, P.E.R. John Aman sponsored and cooked his famous corned beef and cabbage, and our Lodge benefited over \$1700 as a result, Thank You John!...Fairbury Lodge has invited us to their Officers Ball, Dinner and Dance, April 14th, sounds like a good time, live band and all...Hats off to our Ritual Team, they placed 1st at "Practice under Pressure" in York, and our Officers won 6 out of 8 of the individual competitions...Need volunteers to help the Does work concessions at the football games, including the spring game April 14th, call Kelli Stanley-Smith for more details...Sad to hear of the passing of Melvin Nespor's wife, keep him in your prayers...A big Thank You to Rich Todd and Jerry Wilson for their work on revising and updating our Lodge Bylaws, thanks for staying on top of this...Our ENF totals continue to rise, we have more than doubled our yearly goal of \$4.50, Elks Care, Elks Share...Eagle Scout ceremonies are popping like mushrooms lately, there were at least six in this month alone, more to come...Nice to see four new members join in our benevolent work, they were initiated March 21, see photos elsewhere in this issue...If you haven't been down to the Jolly Corkers Pub lately, come on down on a Thursday night and welcome Bridgette, our newest Bartender...A big shout out to Dave Kirby and his crew, working hard to judge scholarship entries, lots of work, and many worthy applicants to review...Thank You to the House Committee for repairing the leak on our icemaker, no more drip pans to trip over...014700

March 7, 2012

Concerning: Resignation of John W. Brooks, D.D.G.E.R./P.E.R.

Fellow Officers and Members of Lincoln Lodge No. 80,

It is with great regret and a heavy heart that due to health reasons, I must resign my position as Lecturing Knight.

The last 9 years as a member of Lodge No. 80 have been very rewarding. I hope in the future, with some kind of miracle, that I may return to actively participate. I will miss you all so much. All the memories of my fellow brothers and sisters, I will treasure forever. You are such wonderful people!

I don't think I could ever give the Elks as much as you have given me. At this time it is hard to find the words but I must start with a Thank you. Through the hard times you have brought many smiles to my face; the countless phone calls, stacks of thoughtful cards, your beautiful faces at my door paying me a visit, the laughs, the FOOD and not to forget the Larry's! Last but not least, the money raised by the Elks and BNI for me and my family was so unexpected. I was speechless. You took the time out of your busy schedules to help. It has and is going to help in so many ways.

We hope to have some news, in the near future. We are in communications with one of the best Sarcoma hospitals in the United States. We will fly for a one day consultation to MD Anderson Cancer Hospital in Houston Texas. My daughter wasn't ready to give up on me. If anyone can help me, it will be them. I am currently on Hospice. Basically, I don't have to leave the house to attend doctors visits.

I love you all!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John W. Brooks".

John W. Brooks

Thank you John, for everything you have done for the Lodge and the Elks! Words cannot express the impact of your immeasurable acts of kindness, selflessness, and quiet leadership you brought to the Elks Lodge 80 all these years past. We all look up to you as a shining example of what Elkdom is all about.

Our Members...

Deaths:

Gaylord Becker passed Wednesday March 21
 John R. Lemke passed February 23
 Mark Butler, Superior
 W.K. (Bud) Rynearson, PSP

Sickness and Distress:

John Brooks PER, Cancer
 Sam Carter
 Larry Klein, by-pass surgery
 Bill Darrah, knee surgery
 Bob Rinehardt, surgery

Members Initiated in March:

Rick Carney
 Nicholas Eliason
 Shelly Burklund
 Mark Long

March and April's EOG Hidden

Membership Number: 015726 Phil Sorensen.
 Hidden in the hearts on page 5. 14606, Gene Obrecht. Hidden inside the ER's message.

Membership Drawing: PER Amy Jacobsen's name was drawn, she was present and donated her \$18 winnings to the Ritual Team fund.

Attendance Drawing: \$509.50. Greg Hansen's name was drawn, but was not present to win that pot, so it carries over to next month. It pays to come to meetings!

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

Committee Reports

Americanism - Sonny Lane - No report
Boy Scouts - Randy King - at least 6 Eagle ceremonies in March, flags given out.
Drug Awareness - Amy Jacobsen - No report
Girl Scouts - Stephen Wirth - No report
Hide Program - Randy King - No report
Hoop Shoot - Doug Rienks - No report
House Committee - Larry Schwindt - Budget accepted and approved, icemaker leak repaired.
Hunter's Safety - Randy King - planning Hunters Safety clinic for April, date TBA
Membership - Sonny Lane - Membership contest ongoing, recruit new members!
Midget Football - Scott Schrage - No report
Retention - Denis Applebee - 17 delinquent members deleted March 19. 278 active members, 1 candidate.
Scholarship - Dave Kirby - judging of scholarship applicants ongoing.
Soccer Shoot - Doug Rienks - No report
Social Community Welfare - Doug Rienks - No report
Veterans Committee - Vi Berst - No report

2011-2012 Elks' Lodge #80 Officers

Exalted Ruler	Stephen Wirth PER
Leading Knight	Doug Rienks
Loyal Knight	Sonny Lane PER
Lecturing Knight	Robert Sindlar
Esquire	Larry Schwindt
Inner Guard	Larry Bratt
Tiler	Sam Carter
Secretary	Denis Applebee
Treasurer	Imre Bonyhady
Chaplain	Gerald Miles
Organist	Wauneta Peterson
Trustee 1 Year	VACANT
Trustee 2 Year	Randy King
Trustee 3 Year	VACANT
Trustee 4 Year	Scott Schrage
Trustee 5 Year	Amy Jacobsen PER



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Secretary's Corner

We have had an excellent return of Dues for 2012-2013. If you have not sent in your dues please do so along with any address changes.

We will have our Installation of Officers on April 4, 2012. Everyone is welcome.

The Elks State Convention will be held April 27, 28 & 29, 2012 in North Platte. Please let me know if you need a registration.

Thank you all for your support of our Lodge. Check out the April Calendar for upcoming 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

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.
Hide Program: Randy King, Chpers.
Hoop Shoot: Doug Rienks, Coord.
Hunters Safety: Randy King, Chpers.
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.

It's Ritual Time Again!

The PRACTICE UNDER PRESSURE Ritual Contest, originally scheduled for February 4th was held Saturday, March 17th in York. This contest is just what the name implies. Instead of holding a practice session at home, Lincoln and teams from 3 other Lodges performed before a panel of Nebraska ritual judges and each team and each officer's score was computed.

Your Lodge officers, coming off of a very successful year when they finished 2nd in the nation, started this year by competing against York, Grand Island and Hastings - and defeating them soundly. Lincoln's team score was 97.901 and the nearest team was Grand Island with a score of 95.089.

Individually, each Lincoln officer ranked No. 1 in his chair, with Doug Rienks being the highest scoring of all at 95.556 (the individual scores are always about 2-3 points less than the overall team score because team appearance is added to the team score for the final overall total). Each returning officer has a different part than last year. Three new members have joined the team - Gerry Miles, Bob Sindlar and Mike Jurado.

The team will compete in North Platte on April 27th for the chance to represent Nebraska for the fourth consecutive year at the Grand Lodge National Contest. The contest is in Austin, TX. this year.

The Elks initiation ritual is very impressive when performed well for new members. That is the reason we have competition. It is an important item among the Grand Lodge programs and as we do with the other Grand Lodge programs, we try our very best to be the best we can be.

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| 01 - Bob Schipman
James Searle | 17 - Milan Knezovich
20 - Theodore C. Paulson |
| 02 - William A. Bray | 21 - Paul E. Collicott |
| 03 - Vilis L. Berst
Jerry Gorton | 22 - Dennis K. Smith
24 - Wesley N. Durst |
| 05 - Clayton Tomjack
Brent Travis | Neil C. Petersen
26 - Derek Horalek |
| 08 - Donald L. Leising
Jack D. Stone | Ken Krupicka
27 - Larry J. Klein |
| 09 - David W. Caudy | Richard R. Todd |
| 10 - Denis Applebee | 29 - Walter D. Dondlinger |
| 11 - Tamera Mowrey
Robert H. Wise | |
| 12 - Steve Noren
Scott Schrage | |
| 15 - Amy G. Jacobsen | |
| 16 - Brianna Bergholz
Thomas H. Roper | |



DOES Founders Day Luncheon

Our own BPO Does Drove #4 held their Founders Day Luncheon on Saturday, February 25th, 2012 at LEL#80. The Mexican theme, which consisted of a variety of special pot luck dishes, was attended by 17 members as well as Doe/Elk member Deborah Burns and Exalted Ruler Wirth, PER.

President Vicki Logan, presiding, introduced Barbra Dennis, Past President, who provided the history of the Does organization. The order was founded by Gertrude R. Craddock, February 12, 1921 and was incorporated in the State of Nebraska.

This organization united groups of women under one national charter, the membership of which was open to wives, mothers, daughters, sisters and widows of Elks, and required as a condition for membership verification of the Elks sponsor from the particular Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks in which the husband, father, brother or son was a member in good standing or was at the time of his death.

Gertrude was Supreme President, 1923 – 1924. In 1996, the qualifications for membership were changed. Membership now into the BPO DOES is by invitation of a DOE, who is the proposer.

Elks Garage Sale Coming Soon!

Clean out your closets and dust off those old “gems” you have not used or seen in years. It is time to get ready for an old fashioned garage sale. Saturday, June 2d, the Lodge will open its doors and sidewalks for a garage sale and we need your help.

We are selling many items that are taking up space in the Lodge. You have probably already enjoyed our new banquet hall chairs. The old chairs will be one of the many items offered for sale.

We are also asking members to bring things they no longer use, but still have value to the Lodge so we can take them off your hands. All proceeds will go to Lodge. More details will come in the May EOG. In the meantime, give PER Amy Jacobsen a call if you have questions at 402-699-2201



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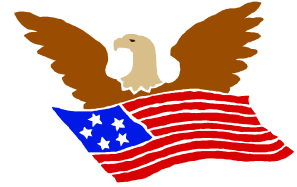
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The Call of Eagle is Heard...



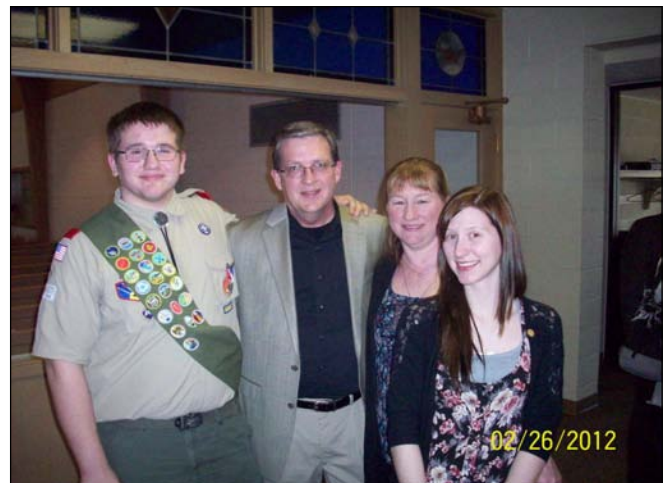
Elks Lodge #80 Eagle Scout Chair Randy King presented an American Flag to Troop 25's newest Eagle Scout, Joel Weinhold. The ceremony was held on Saturday February 25 in Lincoln, Ne. Joel's Eagle project was rebuilding seating at a campfire ring at Camp Carol Joy Holling in Ashland.

Elks Lodge #80 Scouting Chair Randy King presented American Flags to two new Eagle Scouts at their Court of honor Sunday February 26, in Waverly, NE. They and their three brothers who preceded them are members of Troop 76. Randy has had the honor of presenting flags to all five sons, who have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, of the Mike and Eileen Faughn family.



Elks Lodge 80 Eagle Committee Chair Randy King presents an American Flag flown over our Nations' Capitol to Eagle Scout Devin Heusenkvelt, Troop 64 in Hickman on March 4. Devin is the last of 8 Patrol mates in the "Eagle Patrol" to accomplish the rank of Eagle. It is very rare for an entire Patrol to make it all the way through Scouting, to Eagle.

Eagle Scout Daniel Schreiber, Stepfather Nathan Claassen, mother Nancy and sister Elizabeth. The ceremony was held on Sunday February 26 in Hickman, NE. Daniel's Eagle project involved painting a mural on the outer wall of the Norris High School band room. The mural has the theme "Music...Magic beyond all we do here". Representing LEL#80 was Est. Loyal Knight, Sonny Lane, PER.



...Resounding Joyfully From a Far Off Summit.

Eagle Scout Dallas Drapal, Troop 54 of Lincoln, NE stands with parents Craig and Kim Drapal. Representing LEL #80 and presenting Dallas' flag was Exalted Ruler, Stephen Wirth, PER. Dallas' Court of Honor was held on Sunday February 26th at United Lutheran Church.



Eagle Scout Joseph Anderbery stands with LEL #80 members Richard Todd, PER and Stephen Wirth, PER, ER, after receiving his American Flag. Joseph is a member of Lincoln Troop 15. His project was landscaping the outdoor worship area just east of Southwood Lutheran Church, which is used for sunrise services. Joseph's Court of Honor was held Saturday March 3rd at Southwood Lutheran Church.

Eagle Scout Alex Hageman of Troop 144 stands with parents Ward and Kathy Hageman and Stephen Wirth, PER, ER, representing LEL #80. Alex's project consisted of fixing and refinishing over 100 picnic tables at Branched Oak Lake. His Court of Honor was held at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Ceresco, NE on Sunday February 12th.



P.E.R. Amy Jacobsen presented flags to Justin Gilg and Austin Bricker in a combined eagle scout ceremony at St. Mark's United Methodist Church on Sunday, February 26.

St. Patty's Day Dinner

Saturday, March 17th was St. Patty's day, and you all know what that means. Another fantastic corned beef and cabbage dinner courtesy of John Aman. The festivities began Friday evening with prep work in the kitchen.

John "The Cabbage Killer" Aman was hard at work carving up the cabbage, Larry "The Spud Scrubber" Bratt was making sure that all of the potatoes were sparkling clean, and Larry "Slice and Dice" Schwindt was busy cutting up the carrots. John's son Charles decorated and set up the tables and chairs. John also carefully prepared the corned beef for its long awaited journey into the ovens the next day.



Saturday arrived and John started cooking while his kitchen minions were in York performing the Ritual at "Practice Under Pressure". When the kitchen minions finally arrived at the lodge, the air was filled with the aroma of corned beef and all of the fixins. Jerry Miles was in charge of collecting money at the door while the Lodge filled with people anticipating a great meal, and they were not disappointed. There was plenty for all to eat and no one went away hungry. The Larry's (looking marvelous in their kilts), sold raffle tickets for the prizes that were donated by John Aman, Steve Wirth and Scott and Jodi Schrage.

Dinner was served by Bob Sindlar, Larry Bratt and Larry Schwindt as John Aman and Scott Schrage worked furiously in the kitchen to keep the servers supplied with food. After the dinner, the deserts, consisting carrot cake, brownies and ice cream with a special topping were served (the special topping was donated by Amy Jacobsen).

After the meal and raffle were over, Mike and Janet Jurado cleared the dirty dishes, took the tables down and stacked the chairs so the floor could be vacuumed. Imre Bonyhady & Doug and Linda Rienks (using liberal amounts of elbow grease) washed all of the silverware, dishes, pots & pans and cleaned the kitchen. The cleanup crew did an awesome job. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!!

John Aman deserves a HUGE thank you for sponsoring and cooking this wonderful meal. If you see him, give him a well-deserved pat on the back. We need more people like him to step up and sponsor meals. These sponsored meals are what help keep the doors of the Lodge open and give us a great reason to come to the Lodge and socialize with our fellow Elks.



A New Addition

Many thanks to Harold Harpster, PER, for the donation of the new banquet chairs to the lodge!



Lincoln Lodge #80 & Nebraska National Guard

On Thursday, March 15th, ER Wirth, on behalf of the membership of LEL#80, presented a donation to State Adjutant General Judd Lyons of the Nebraska National Guard.

The dollars are in support of upcoming Family Assistance programs called Operation Hidden Eggs (March) and Military Kids Month (April). The children love it when events like these are put on for them because it helps to take their minds off of their moms or dads, and sometimes both, who are deployed overseas.

Also pictured are LTC Dubois, Director of Warrior and Family Support, David Hall and Jessica Shottenkirk-Coolley, (holding the egg baskets) who are Youth Coordinators/Civilian Contractors for the Nebraska National Guard. ER Wirth explained to General Lyons that Lincoln Lodge No. 80 have supported the military kids' project since July, 2010.

In addition, the Haunted Armory and Kids Christmas Party are also assisted by donations from the LEL#80. General Lyons whole heartedly thanked the Elks for their kind generosity and encouraged us to continue our strong relationship within the National Guard community.



ER Wirth explaining Elks activities to Adj. General Lyons and others



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Lodge 80 GOAL: \$4.50. As of 03/11/12: \$9.34

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

April 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Officer Installation 7pm	5	6	7
8	9	10 Burger Nite 5:30 American Legion	11	12 VFW	13	14 Mystery Dinner 6:30pm
15	16 DOES 7pm	17 American Legion	18 Lodge Meeting 7pm	19 8/40	20 Room Rented	21
22	23	24 Burger Nite 5:30	25	26	27 State Convention	28 State Convention
29 State Convention	30					