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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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A Time of New Beginnings...



The new slate of officers for Elks Lodge #80 were installed April 4, 2012, for the 2012-2013 Fraternal Year. Doug Rienks was installed as the new E.R., we look forward to his leadership accompanied by his lovely wife Linda and family, and we encourage everyone to help make Doug and Linda's motto of "Live, Love, Laugh, Leave a Legacy" come true...

Mother's Day Brunch



Sunday, May 13

8:00am - 12:00pm

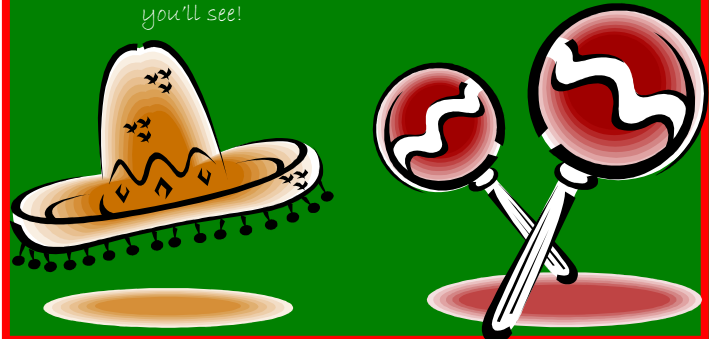
Breakfast cooked for you, just the way you like it!

Menu full of your favorites, and Mom's too.

Cinco de Mayo Dinner

Saturday, May 5
5:30 cocktails 6:30 Dinner
\$4.00 Margaritas

Come let loose and get your Sombrero on, you never know what you'll see!





**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
2012-2013**

Doug Rienks

Great organizations don't just happen. They evolve as a result of important goals and objectives managed by outstanding leadership at every level throughout the organization.

Thanks to 144 years of exemplary leadership at the Lodge, District, State and National levels, the Order of Elks has developed into one of the nation's greatest organizations providing service to our nation's youth, victims of disaster, veterans, children and adults with disabilities, and others in need in those communities our Lodges serve.

We have worked hard to get where we are today and we must ensure that our Members are kept aware of our many activities. The Lodge Bulletin is the primary link between the Lodge and its Members. When you schedule an event, publish an article about it. Make sure the committee chairpersons speak at meetings about upcoming events and encourage the Members to participate.

A united team can accomplish unbelievable feats that ensure program success. However, we are a widely diverse organization and as such there will always be instances of disagreement, frustrations and questions. It is important that before voting on any issue the Members are allowed to voice their opinions. After the discussion phase is complete and the decision is made by the majority, the Member has the obligation to accept the situation and to be supportive of those decisions.

We need to make sure the public is aware of our activities. Invite the community to all Lodge-sponsored public events. Provide pamphlets, posters and placemats that tell what your Lodge is doing. Once you have finished reading your Elks Magazine, take it to your local library, doctor's office, dentist's office, etc., for others to read. Many citizens who learn of what we do as an organization will share our pride and perhaps will want to become a part of our efforts.

As my first report as ER I thought I would write about all of my goals and ambitions for the coming year. But, due to some of the events of the last week I would like to spend some time thanking a great member that we have lost. John Brooks passed away on Wednesday, April 18. He was a friend that will be missed. We shared many hours together at the lodge over the years. He was always able to add humor to the situation as well as keep us on task when needed. I sit back and laugh about how the band director in him would come out as he tried to get us to walk in step for Ritual. He was a stickler on how to properly pronounce the words in Ritual, but would accept our jabs at his wobbles. Please remember him and his family in your prayers. We will be announcing his death at the next meeting so please come join us in this time of remembrance.

We have the Officer positions filled for the 2012-2013 fraternal year. We have nominated the last two Trustees, Darryll Thavenet and Kim Wiseman, will be voted on at the next meeting. I am excited to continue on the great leadership that the previous ER's have shown. My goals for the year are simple but require all members to help reach them. I would like to see the membership grow to over 300. This will require us to bring in at least 38 new members in the next year. I would also like to see more involvement in the committees. We are still working to fill committees for different activities in the lodge and I would love to see more of our members take an active role. I am excited and encouraged by seeing different faces taking leadership roles within the lodge and club activities.

Lastly I would like to continue the tradition of Lincoln Lodge competing in the different contests put forward by Grand Lodge. We have received national and state recognition for many different things in the past and I want this to continue. Our Ritual team is starting to be recognized as a consistent well prepared team and the hours of work is showing its dividends. We will compete at the state contest next week and I hope we can perform at the high standard we have set for ourselves.

Please come out to the meetings. The benefit to this is that you can see what is going on and come away with a little extra cash. Our member drawing is over \$500, your name could be the next one drawn but you cannot win unless you attend a meeting. We will try to keep them entertaining and efficient so that we can spend some time in the bar afterwards to enjoy the company.

Remember Live, Love, Laugh, Leave a Legacy!

Knight's Tales

As we all know Brotherly Love is the Motto of this station and with this Motto in mind as your new Lecturing Knight I would like to share the best example of Brotherly Love that I know.

The best example for me would be simply the life of our dearly departed John Brooks. John lived this motto every day of his life. He was always willing to help in any way that he could. Some of these ways would include coming up with menus for dinners at the lodge and then preparing the food to perfection, all the while making it fun, and a time of fellowship for the ones assisting in this process, as well as for those enjoying the fruits of his labor. John never met an entree that he could not make and usually made it better than the original recipe was. He loved to cook and to share that talent with others.

John was a true friend to all and would take time to help anyone. Sometimes it would just be listening to you and other times it would be giving you advice or an idea on how to look at the situation in a different light. His positive attitude and love of life was infectious to all those around him. He lived the very ground work of our order "The faults of our members we write upon the sand, their virtues upon the tablets of Love and Memory".

John also gave so much to our lodge by serving in numerous positions and on committees, including being an Exalted Ruler during which he led by example. He was a ritual man through and through and believed that doing the ritual made you a better Elk and a better person. John also provided the lodge with many services like making signs for not only Lincoln Lodge #80 but also for the State association and any other Lodge that needed something, without asking for anything in return and usually refusing to take any type of compensation for the work that he did.

When I first met John he seemed to be very quiet and reserved. He would just listen and laugh to our stories and comments back and forth in the Lodge kitchen. I soon learned however that he had a very quick wit and would suddenly come up with a comment or story out of the blue that would have you laughing and smiling. John would also come up with some comments and ideas that would blow you away with how deep and insightful they were.

I believe that if Webster's dictionary placed a picture next to the definition of Brotherly Love it would be the picture of John Brooks. I believe that there is not a person that came into contact with John that did not leave as a better person. I believe that the Elk's helped make John the person he was and he in turn helped make the Elk's what they are today.

"We shall meet, but we shall miss him,
There will be the vacant chair,
But though we no more possess him,
Still our hearts his memory bear.
But a while ago we gathered,
Friendship beaming in each eye,
Now the golden cord is severed,
He has passed to realms on high."

I know that having the opportunity to know and be a friend of John has left me a better person, friend and Elk. God Bless You John, and thank you for showing all of us what "Brotherly Love" truly means.

-Larry Bratt, Lecturing Knight

Our Order is based on the principals of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity. Our hard work and Kindness affect many people in our community. We as Elk's get satisfaction knowing a good deed has been done. It has been proven if you give money to 100 strangers and ask half of them to do what they like with the money and ask the other half to do something good for someone else a survey of their satisfaction show that those who did good with their money have a much happier feeling than those who did nothing with the money. I suppose that is why we do what we do. Ask someone else to join so they may have the opportunity to share that feeling too.

-Sonny Lane PER, Leading Knight

The motto of the Loyal Knight's station is Justice, but, as the Loyal Knight, I would like to focus on loyalty. The passing of John Brooks has greatly affected all of us in the Lodge who knew him. John was a person who was extremely loyal to the Elks. There was nothing that he wouldn't do to better the Lodge.

He gave freely of his time, advice, wisdom, talents and money in any way that he thought would benefit the Elks. He would accomplish things in a calm quiet manner and not draw attention to himself. If we needed signs for events like the soccer shoot, posters for the Christmas party or a tent for Boo-at-the Zoo, they magically appeared (at no charge to the Lodge).

Those of us that have worked side-by-side with John over the years while preparing dinners at the Lodge have formed a special bond. When you work as closely with a person for as long as we have, you get to know them pretty well. As anyone that has been to the dinners that he has prepared will confirm, he really knew his way around the kitchen and brought out the best out in his helpers.

John was proud to be an Elk and I am grateful to have had the opportunity to have him in my life and be able to say the he was a true and loyal friend.

-Larry Schwindt, Loyal Knight

...The Quickies...

Congratulations to our newest Elk, Ivan Gearhart. Ivan volunteered to help with Scouting events within our Lodge. Great way to set an example for everyone to "get involved" ... A big "Thank You" to Diane Dannelly for asking Ivan to be an Elk ... People won't join unless you ask! ... Rich Todd and Grandson Spencer Hagan presented a flag to Thomas Petersen, the Eagle Scout who's project was restoring the Vince Collura Memorial Garden adjacent to our flagpoles, see picture elsewhere in this issue ... Trustees approved 4 requests for special funding, 3 for youth attending a DECA conference in Washington D.C., and one for an expansion of the Community Crops program, a food growing program at some of the middle schools, teaching about raising crops and tending them ... It was decided the Lodge will reimburse the registration fees for the Ritual Team at State Convention, they will be performing about the time you receive your Elk O Gram, so wish them well ... Thank You to Daryll Thavenet and Kim Wiesman for volunteering to fill the vacant Trustee Positions, E.R. Rienks will go into his year with a full slate of Officers and Trustees ... Scott Schrage was elected Chair of the Trustees, and Amy Jacobsen graciously offered to take over as Secretary, Thank You for stepping up and giving of yourselves to this great organization ... Amidst the sadness of losing John Brooks, was the giving of ourselves as we celebrated the 11 o'clock toast with Mary, John, Carrie, and Jason Brooks at their home Wednesday evening, April 19th at 11 pm. About two dozen Elks were in attendance along with many family and friends, the brotherhood and fraternity of the group couldn't have been felt stronger as we honored John. P.E.R. Stephen Wirth did a magnificent job with his oration, and there wasn't a dry eye in the place. My sincerest "Thank You" and "Well Done" to P.E.R. Wirth for his solemn and flawless recitation of that toast, it just doesn't get any better than that. As anyone who was close to John knew, he loved the Elks, he cherished the time spent with the group, he gave selflessly and tirelessly, and was truly the perfect example of what Elkdom is all about. His absence will be sorely missed, but he will never be far from us. Godspeed, John.

In Remembrance...

I knew Gaylord Becker as a Realtor for Woods Brothers Realty in Lincoln, and also as an old car enthusiast. He loved old Chryslers, and Kaisers. He had a Kaiser Darrin, which was a fiberglass bodied sports car with retractable doors, a 1954, I believe. Actually had two of them, quite rare. Gaylord loved car shows, and was en-route to a show when an accidental fall took his life. He was 80 years young, and will be sorely missed.
-Randy King

Gaylord Becker has been a member of the lodge for the past 15 or so years and most of you have seen him at the various lodge dinners with his wife Marilue or his entire family. When Gaylord returned from the Army, he worked in a garage in Exeter, Nebraska, and while there he fell in love with Kaiser and Frazer cars. He started a museum in Exeter displaying the cars he collected. He then moved to Lincoln and was a sales manager for Nebraska Book Store and later a successful realtor with Woods Brothers.

In addition to work he was an energetic supporter of various activities in Lincoln. For many years he went weekly to an elementary school and read stories to third graders; he served for years as president of Friendship Force. He has been very active in his church and the Optimists. Gaylord served as Manager (president) of Heart of America Kaiser Frazer Club where I first met him. Gaylord and I passed this job of manager back and forth for many years.

Gaylord had gradually reduced his inventory of cars by donating many to the Minden, Nebraska museum. At the time of his death, he still owned several Kaisers and was actively passing his love of them on to his grandsons. When you see a bright yellow Kaiser Darrin, remember Gaylord, a great person dedicated to helping any and all who needed help. He is a dear friend who should be known as "Mr. Kaiser of Nebraska", a great man and great friend to all who knew him.
-Wesley N. Durst PER, PDDGER

Elk-O-Gram Editor's Note

Articles Due: **May 17**

(Deadline is ALWAYS midnight of the Thursday after last meeting of the month)

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

Our Members...

Deaths:

John Brooks, PER passed April 18

Members for Consideration:

Larry Sovereign for reinstatement by Roxy Thomas

Members Initiated in March:

Ivan Gearhart by Diane Dannelly

March and April's EOG Hidden Membership Number:

041700 - Don Svoboda, hidden amidst the Quickies



New Elk Ivan Gearhart with sponsor Diane Dannelly and ER Doug Rienks

Attendance Drawing: 19 in attendance, Scott Schrage's name was drawn and was the winner of \$13.50

Membership Drawing: \$523.00. Brent Travis'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 - 2 ceremonies were held

Drug Awareness - Amy Jacobsen - No report

Girl Scouts - Stephen Wirth - PER Wirth is working on ceremony to be held at the Capitol Rotunda June 10, 2012.

Hide Program - Randy King - No report

Hoop Shoot - Doug Rienks - No report

House Committee - House Committee / Trustees: 1) Scott Schrage was elected Chairman of the Trustees and Amy Jacobsen was elected Secretary at their meeting. 2) It was recommended that Kim Wiseman be nominated for the 2 year Trustee position and Daryll Thavenet for the 5 year Trustee position. All voted in favor. Election will be held at the May 2, 2012 meeting. 3) Trustees recommended that \$500 be spent to repair the Flag hardware. All members voted in favor. 4) Trustees recommended we continue our support of the Girl Scout Gold/Silver Reception with a \$200 donation. All members voted in favor. 5) Four applications were received for the Smith Fund.

Trustees recommended that we donate \$50 each toward 3 DECA Convention attendees and \$150 toward the Community Crop Project. All members voted in favor.

Hunter's Safety - Randy King - planning Hunters Safety clinic for May, date TBA

Membership - Sonny Lane - the Lodge was only down 3 members at year end, Mar 31, 2012

Midget Football - Scott Schrage - No report

Retention - Denis Applebee - 279 active members, 2 candidates.

Scholarship - Dave Kirby - Scholarship winners will be honored on May 7 at SCC.

Soccer Shoot - Doug Rienks - Date is being established and should be some time in September

Social Community Welfare - Doug Rienks - No report

Veterans Committee - Vi Berst - No report

Kim Wiesman and Daryll Thavenet volunteered to serve as Trustees, they will be voted on May 16th at the Lodge meeting.

2012-2013 Elks' Lodge #80 Officers

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


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Secretary's Corner

We have received 70% of our Dues to date. If you have not mailed your dues please do so. Your support is needed to carry out the many programs your Elks Lodge offers.

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- 2012-2013 Lodge Secretary

Those who helped assemble, fold, label, and deliver the Elk O Gram to bulk mail this month were: Larry Schwindt, Larry Bratt, Bob Sindlar, Nancy Halstead, 011426, Randy and Allen King.

Please join us after Beer n Burger on April 24th to assemble the Elk O Gram for May. It's lots of fun, adult beverages are available, and many hands make light work...

2012-2013 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: VACANT
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.

By-Law Updates...

At the Lodge meeting held on April 18, a very good discussion was held concerning the by-laws of the Lodge. The changes that were agreed upon, and are listed below, will be on the agenda on May 16 at which time we will vote on the by-laws that will govern our Lodge for the next 5 years. In that time, of course, amendments may be presented and added, but Grand Lodge statutes do not require us to again review the entire set of by-laws until May of 2017.

Here are the changes agreed upon:

1. Article IV - Sec. 2. Since our last review we amended the by-laws to change the meeting starting time to 7 P.M. (previously it was 7:30). This new time will now be included in the printed by-laws.
2. Article V - Sec. 6 (Of the Tiler). Regarding compensation - no change in meaning, just deleted some extra language that was not needed. New will read: "current annual dues plus Grand Lodge per capita fees and State Association dues".
3. Article VI - Sec. 8. This section is new. It was voted in at the Grand Lodge meeting in Phoenix. It is optional whether or not we include it and the members in attendance voted to do so. It will read: Of the degree team - "The Degree Team shall consist of Members of the Lodge, especially qualified in rendition of the Initiatory Ritual appointed by the Exalted Ruler with approval of the Lodge, and shall perform the Initiatory Ritual from memory. All elected and appointed Officers shall have the right to be a part of the Degree Team at their elected or appointed station."
4. Article X: Fees and Dues. Add, 2nd Paragraph: "During the sixty day period between Oct.1 and Nov. 30 of each year, the fee for reinstatement in this Lodge of a member stricken from the rolls of this Lodge for non-payment of dues shall be one (1) dollar."
This paragraph was dropped last time because the 60 day period we had chosen could not be used. As such, we are merely putting back in a by-law we previously included and this time using a time period that is acceptable.
5. Article XV - Correct the spelling of Does Drove #4 (a printers error caused it to read "Does Drive.")

House rules and harassment policies will remain the same.

Attend the meeting on May 16 if you wish to be heard on any of these changes or if you have any suggestions. The revised by-laws will be accepted that night.

Thanks to Chuck Meisinger for his valuable assistance.

- Rich Todd

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Happy May Birthdays!

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| 03 - Carrie E. Fiedler | 21 - Randy Strope |
| 04 - James M. Kirk | Neil Stuthmann |
| Phil Maddern | 22 - Larry R. Bratt |
| 05 - Eric Ebeler | Sonny Lane |
| Jack Russell | 25 - Phillip C. Sprague |
| Jacqueline A. Scholz | 29 - Judson B. Douglas III |
| Rick Westfall | Marvin J. Goodding |
| 06 - Elton Brodd | 30 - Mary Jane Brooks |
| 07 - Phil Sorensen | |
| 08 - Walt W. Hays | |
| Larry L. Schmutte | |
| 09 - Mitch Becker | |
| 10 - Lawrence E. Wulf | |
| 13 - Wade Russell Kendle | |
| 14 - Joseph L. Hanigan | |
| 15 - Mark Long | |
| 20 - Nicholas G. Eliason | |



Elks Garage Sale Coming Soon!

Saturday, June 2nd, the Lodge will open its doors and sidewalks for a garage sale. Please bring things to donate that you no longer use, but still have value. We will be preparing for the sale on Friday evening, June 1st. Plan to stay and help and come on Saturday to shop or help with the sale. All proceeds will go to the Lodge.

We do not have room to store things at the Lodge pending the sale so please hold on to them until Friday night. If you cannot make it Friday, give PER Amy Jacobsen a call at 402-699-2201 to make other arrangements. She would also appreciate a call to let her know if you plan to donate or want to help with the sale.

Scouting in Action



Rich Todd PER with Eagle Scout Thomas Petersen, Troop 52. Thomas's ceremony was held Saturday March 31 at Christ Lutheran Church in Lincoln. Thomas's project was rehabilitating and landscaping the Vincent R. Collura Memorial garden and area around Lodge 80's flag poles. Stop out and take a look the next time you're at the Lodge.



Randy King with Eagle Scout Joe Preston, Troop 144 from Ceresco. Joe's ceremony was held at American Legion Post in Valparaiso, Ne Sunday April 16. Joe's Eagle Project was organizing a food drive in several of the small towns in north Lancaster County, including Raymond, Valparaiso, Touhy, Garland, Malcom, Davey, etc. His goal was to collect 750 lbs of food, final tally was well over 1,500 lbs of food.

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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!

May 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Lodge Meeting 7pm	3	4	5 Cinco de Mayo Dinner 6:30pm
6 Scholarship Awards at SCC	7	8 Burger Nite 5:30 American Legion	9	10 VFW	11	12
13 Mother's Day Brunch 8am	14	15 40/8 #103 & #832	16 Lodge Meeting 7pm	17 8/40 #92 S.A.L. #3	18	19
20 DOES 7pm	21	22 Burger Nite 5:30	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		