

# Elk - Gram

A Fraternal Organization



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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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## Another Father's Day Brunch Success!

Fathers Day Brunch, held Sunday June 19, was a fundraiser for the ritual team. At this gathering, the team raised over \$790. Total to date raised for the Ritual Team is a bit over \$11,500. These funds will help cover travel and lodging expenses for the group to go to National Competition in Austin in July, 2012.



## Patriotic Dinner

July 14th come and join us for:

BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwiches

Baked Beans

Corn Bread

Potato Salad

Coleslaw



Dessert: Please bring along a dozen of your favorite cupcakes to share with everyone.

The cupcakes voted the favorite of the evening may take home a prize!

## An Exciting Opportunity!

The Nebraska Repertory Theatre has offered to Elk Members the special price of \$12 a ticket with a purchase of 2 tickets. Just look up the "Nebraska Repertory Theatre" to see what shows are available this month.



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

*"Special days in June to honor  
flag and father"*

The birth of our nation began with the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. Those men signing the Declaration began our struggle for freedom. Most of them had relatives living in England. Yet each of them valued liberty above material goods and life and made their commitment a part of the official document. "For the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of the Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor."

Those men kept this pledge! Five signers were captured by the British as traitors and tortured before being put to death. Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned to the ground. Two lost their sons in the Revolutionary Army. Another had two sons captured and held as prisoners of war. Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or hardships of the war. The rest saw their property and/or families destroyed. Because of the bravery and dedication of these men, we continue to celebrate them nationwide each July 4 with parades, fireworks and other demonstrations.

As a patriotic organization, it is important to stay focused on the sacrifices of our forefathers. Today, as we enjoy our freedom, we should dedicate a prayer of thanks to those men and their families whose blood and courage forged a new nation consecrated to Liberty, as well as to all who followed in their footsteps in war, fighting to preserve our freedoms through more than two centuries, regardless of the personal cost.

We owe so much to our men and women who have served in our military throughout the world. And as Elks, we proudly stand by our commitment, *"So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them!"*

Penny and I genuinely appreciate the kindness and respect shown to us during our visits throughout America. Thank you for your wonderful support of our Order and our many programs, demonstrating over and over that **"Elks Care - Elks Share!"**

God bless you ... God bless our Veterans ... God bless our men and women serving in our military, and GOD BLESS AMERICA!



**Exalted Ruler  
Lodge No. 80  
2012-2013**

**Doug Rienks**

Grand Lodge is fast approaching with many of the officers leaving this weekend to make the drive down to Austin. Some of us despise driving so we have chosen to take to the air. The Ritual team will be competing on Sunday July 1 at 11:00 AM so please keep us in your thoughts. I feel that we have put in the time to prepare and are ready to represent our Lodge and the state well. We just got done with our marathon weekend where we spend Friday night and the better part of Saturday with Ken Presner helping up prepare for the competition. I would like to thank the coaches, Steve Wirth and Rich Todd for all the help, as well as the members that have come to practices to help out, especially Jeff Sneller and Jack Jensen.

In that light, there have been some propositions for changing the Ritual. There are some that feel by shortening the Initiation Ritual and opening and closing of the meeting, we will be able to increase our membership. I do not feel this will be the case. I cannot think of someone that has not joined our lodge due to the length of the initiation ceremony. We need to increase our membership, but I feel the best way to do this is by asking nonmembers to join.

I want to take this time as a member of the Ritual Team to thank everyone that has helped the team either with your donations or by attending one of the breakfasts or the spaghetti dinner. Your support helps to relieve some of the financial burden for the travel to Grand Lodge.

The weather was not cooperating, but we were able to have our Flag Day celebration on June 14<sup>th</sup>. The officers did a nice job with this ceremony along with the help of some scouts from Troop 15 at Southwood Lutheran Church. Luke Anderson, Wyatt Jorgensen, and Zach Cepure presented the flags for the ceremony and did a very nice job.

As July approaches please remember that we will not be having a meeting the first week in July due to the officers being in Austin and it falling on July 4<sup>th</sup>. I hope to see you at the August meeting and we can catch up on all the activities. Keep an eye on the calendar for the upcoming dinners and get your cupcake recipes in order for the dessert at the July dinner. Sounds like it should be a good time!

Remember Live, Love, Laugh, Leave a Legacy!

## Knight's Tales

As you are reading this article the Ritual Team from our lodge will be either on our way to the National Convention to compete or will be competing. I would like to thank all of you that have so generously supported our team both monetarily and with your kind thoughts, words and deeds. Without this support, we would not be as successful as we have been for the past four years. You again have shown 'Brotherly Love' to us and we are hoping to make all the lodge proud of our performances in the competition. Thanks again for all of your continued support!

*-Larry Bratt, Lecturing Knight*

As the Leading Knight I am to "Inculcate" the motto of Charity, which means to "implant by repeated statement" or "to cause or influence someone to accept an idea or feeling." As Elks we are taught the Charity is the noblest of all the Graces. We give our time. We give our money. But there is more. Did you know a kindly statement is a form of Charity? Try this today. Go out of your way to compliment someone. See what response you get. It may be a funny look or even a smile. If they ask why you went out of your way to do this tell them you're an Elk and that is what we do. Next time you see me, let me know how it went.

*-Sonny Lane PER, Leading Knight*

Part of the initiation ritual for the station of the Loyal Knight is "No failure to perform your fraternal duties can be permitted to pass this station unnoticed". I appeal to all members to take this part of the initiation ritual to heart. We are in need of volunteers to help with several of our committees. Please contact any of the officers if you are interested in helping with any of the committees. Elks care. Elks share.

*-Larry Schwindt, Loyal Knight*

## ...The Quickies...

Good to see Sam Carter back in action ... Midget Football practice begins August 2<sup>nd</sup>, pictures will be August 13, first game starts August 26<sup>th</sup>. Watch for more info in the upcoming EOG ... be thinking about participating in Boo at the Zoo, not that far off ... Good Job to P.E.R. Wirth for the Girl Scout Award Ceremony at the State Capitol, nearly 130 awards were given out ... we are well on our way to our ENF goal of \$4.50, if you haven't ante'd up yet, please see Larry Bratt, ENF Chairman, and do your part ... Shenandoah, IA Lodge is itching for a golf outing with us, Denis Applebee is working on it, Labor Day weekend, please see him if you are interested in participating ... June Garage Sale went well, netted the Lodge over \$600, thanks to all who helped ... fund raising efforts really paid off with the spaghetti feed and other efforts, during the June 6th meeting a \$1900 check was presented to the lodge. Keep it up! ... sounds like we'll be getting the floor in the walk in cooler repaired this summer, really needed it ... Scouts from Troop 15 helped with the Flag Day ceremony ... Vi Berst was seen handing out birthday cards to our deserving Vets at Gramercy Hill ... Thanks to new member Dave Ulferts, we are one nearer our goal of 300 members, do your part and invite your friends to be Elks ... Eagle Flag Committee will be busy in July, 5 upcoming Eagle Ceremonies ... E.R. Rienks read several Thank You letters from recipients of Scholarships given by the Elks, and a Thank You from a Girl Scout Gold Award recipient, thanking us for her American Flag ... our ritual team will soon be off to Austin Texas for ritual competition. Keep them in your prayers for safe travels, and rally for them to do their best at National Competition...

## Midget Football

It is time to start thinking about Lincoln Midget Football. It's not too late to register for this Fall. You can go on-line at [www.lincolnmidgetfootball.net](http://www.lincolnmidgetfootball.net) to get a form or you can just do it on-line. Practices will start the first of August with the first game on August 26th. More information to come.





## A Flag Day Celebration

The Flag Day ceremony was held on June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The Chair Officers, along with 3 Boy Scouts from Troop 15 of Lincoln, did a memorable tribute to our Nation's Flag. ER Rienks conducted the ceremony and Inner Guard; Larry Bratt provided the history of the Flag. Music during the service was provided by our Lodge Organist, Wauneta Peterson. Singing of the Star Spangled Banner, God Bless America and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag added to the success of the evening, even with the stormy conditions!

If you have not attended a Flag Day ceremony in recent years I encourage you to come out next year, it is a very educational activity and allows us to reflect on how blessed we are to live in this country. We hope to see you at our next Flag Day ceremony!

## 2012 Girl Scout Awards

On Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Capital Rotunda was the place to be. A total of 129 American Flags and Certificates were handed out by Lincoln Lodge #80's Girl Scout Chairman and PER Stephen Wirth and his assistant PERs, Richard Todd and Terry Edwards. Of these, 9 were Gold, 36 were Silver and 84 were Bronze. The flags, which were given out to the Gold Award recipients, were flown over our nation's capital. The program was well directed by Homestead Girl Scout Spirit of Nebraska Coordinator, Tracy Stewart and her assistants. PERs Edwards, Todd and Wirth have been working with Tracy since June of 2008. A beautiful reception was put on by the Silver Trefoils including cake and punch for all. Thank you to all the girls receiving their awards this year and for making the world a better place.



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## Our Members...

### Sickness & Distress:

Gary Lavoie with heart surgery

### Deaths:

Robert Logsdon, passed June 4

### Members for Consideration:

none

### Members for Reinstatement:

none

### Members Initiated in June:

Dave Ulferts

### June's EOG Hidden Membership Number:

009271 - Robert Logsdon, hidden in ER Reinks' message.

**Attendance Drawing:** 21 in attendance, Doug Rienks's name was drawn and was the winner of \$17.00. He donated it to the Ritual Committee

**Membership Drawing:** \$585.50. Jeff Sneller'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 - 1 ceremony has been held and 5 more are scheduled so far for July.

**Drug Awareness** - Amy Jacobsen - Tentative reservations have been sent out for participation in Boo at the Zoo

**Girl Scouts** - Stephen Wirth - No report

**Hide Program** - Randy King - No report

**Hoop Shoot** - Doug Rienks - No report

**House Committee** - House Committee / Trustees: 1)

Randy King discussed the bid for carpet cleaning from All Care. After discussion it was voted to approve the cleaning at a cost of \$285.00.

**Hunter's Safety** - Randy King - No report

**Membership** - Sonny Lane - No report

**Midget Football** - Scott Schrage - No report

**Retention** - Denis Applebee - 278 members, 1 Candidate. 51 remain unpaid.

**Scholarship** - Dave Kirby - No report

**Soccer Shoot** - Doug Rienks - No report

**Social Community Welfare** - Doug Rienks - No report

**Veterans Committee** - Vi Berst - Vi Berst visited Gramercy Hill and received a new Vets list. He has also been in contact with Lancaster Manor and is working to get an updated Veterans list from them.

## 2012-2013

### Elks' Lodge #80 Officers

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



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## A Note From Your Trustees...

The Trustees had a meeting on June 6th and discussed the following items. We changed the dice game and eliminated the straight. This will help the pot increase for the winner of the five of a kind. Need to gather an inventory list for the food and Lounge. We would like to fix the floor in the walk-in cooler and Larry Schwindt is looking into this. It was decided that the House Committee will consist of the ER and the Trustees.

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, Mike Jurado, Randy, Allen and Kyle King. Please join us after Beer 'n Burger on July 17th to assemble the Elk O Gram for August. 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 PER, Coord.  
**Auditing:** Duane Vanderbeek, Chpers.  
**Benevolence:** Charles Meisinger PER/PDD/PSP, Chpers.  
**Community Activities:** Stephen Wirth PER, Chpers.  
**Drug Awareness:** Amy Jacobsen PER, Coord.  
**ENF:** Larry Bratt, Chpers.  
**Eagle Scouts:** Randy King, Chpers.  
**Flag Day:** VACANT  
**Gold Award:** Stephen Wirth 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 PER, Coord.  
**PER Association:** VACANT  
**Ritual:** Stephen Wirth PER, Chpers.  
**Scholarship:** Wes Durst, Chpers.  
**Soccer Shoot:** Doug Rienks, Coord.  
**Veterans:** Vilis Berst, Mgr.  
**Visitation:** Sam Carter, Mgr.  
**Youth Activities:** David Kirby PER, Mgr.

## Secretary's Corner

We are 25% behind in collecting dues this year compared to last year. Second notices will be sent out this month. It would be much appreciated if you would send in your dues as soon as possible.

A heads up that there is no meeting the first Wednesday of July and August, just the third Wednesday.

By the time you receive this, your Ritual Team will have already begun competition. Go Team! Thanks for all your support.

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

## Elk-O-Gram Editor's Note

Articles Due: **July 19**  
*(Deadline is ALWAYS midnight of the Thursday after last meeting of the month)*

Articles can be sent to Maureen and Kevin Sadler at:  
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## Happy July Birthdays!

05 - Imre A. Bonyhady      30 - Randy D. King  
 10 - Lupe Damian          31 - David E. Reiber  
      Jeff Sneller  
 11 - Greg Hansen  
 13 - James H. Ray  
 15 - Jerrie L. Simms  
 17 - Duane L. VanDerbeek  
 18 - Diane Dannelly  
 19 - James A. Reeves  
 24 - Wade A. Graft  
 25 - Christine VanDerford  
 28 - Rick Carney



## A Note From the Does

The BPOE Does Annual Convention was held June 17 - 21 in Reno, Nevada. Vicki Logan and Marjorie Wyant attended and look forward to sharing what they've learned with Drove members. With summer upon us, the next meeting will be on September 17.

In the meantime, the Drove is busy with various activities. One of which is the annual Wine Tour. Plan on joining the DOES for the event on Saturday, July 28. Five wineries are on the schedule with departure time at 9:30 a.m. from the Kohl's parking lot. For reservations call [402-325-6632](tel:402-325-6632). You'll also see Drove members helping the Elks with the dinner on July 14. And, of course, with Husker football not too far away, the Drove is gearing up for volunteers to work concession stands.

Again, I express my appreciation to all who dedicate their time and energy to the many causes of the Does and Elks.

On Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, Dave Ulferts was initiated into our order. Pictured, is Dave, his sponsor PER Amy Jacobsen along with ER Doug Rienks.



Randy King presented Eagle Scout Russell Lichtenfield, of Troop 456, his certificate and flag. The ceremony was held at St. Patricks Catholic Church, 6111 Morrill, on Saturday, June 16.

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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!**

# July 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> National Convention	<b>2</b> National Convention	<b>3</b> National Convention	<b>4</b> National Convention	<b>5</b> National Convention	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Burger Nite 5:30 American Legion	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> VFW	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Patriotic Dinner 6:30pm
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Room Rented 4pm - 8pm	<b>18</b> Lodge Meeting 7pm	<b>19</b> American Legion	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Burger Nite 5:30	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				