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#### ...Elks on Tour...

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Lincoln Lodge #80s very own DDGER Amy Jacobsen, PER has been visiting lodges in our state's East District to ensure lodges are in compliance with Grand Lodge statues. In addition, Rich Todd, PER and Stephen Wirth, PER are assisting her as Esquire and Auditor, respectively. As of this printing, Amy has visited Lincoln #80, Norfolk #653 and Columbus #1195. The visits to these three lodges, to date, have been very positive, rewarding and hospitality some of the finest. Pictured are those who assisted during the audits from each lodge. Next on her agenda are visits to Falls City #963, Fairbury #1203, Omaha #39 and finishing up with Nebraska City #1049.







## ()ktoberfest!



\$1200 \$1000

The Past Exalted Rulers of your Lodge are sponsoring the traditional Oktoberfest Dinner that began many years ago with Bud Dietrich furnishing his homemade sausages and wonderful dill pickles. We don't have the pickle recipe, but we DO have his sausage recipe that will be part of our main course.

In addition, we will serve pork loin, kraut, German potato salad, rye bread, and pickles. For dessert, Larry Schenkle's German Chocolate cake, which is always a big hit.

Last, but not least, the *LESS TALK, MORE POLKA* band will play both before and after dinner.

Come out for a great night of food, fun, and music! Saturday NOVEMBER 3rd at 6:30pm. Cocktails at 5:30pm.

## \$\$\$\$ CASH CALENDARS \$\$\$\$

Our Goal Attention all members and friends of \$4,200.00 No. 80, don't be left out on vour chances to win a fist full of dollars from our January 2013 Cash Calendar event! 53400 We have two months left to get those \$3200 calendars sold and in before the \$3000 \$2800 deadline of Monday, December 31, 2012. \$2200 These calendars make great stocking stuffers and \$1400

stuffers and gifts! Let's make this fundraiser the best ever to date!



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Grand Exalted Ruler, 2012-2013 Thomas S. Brazier Message from the GER Grand Lodge Newsletter, November 2012

"We remember those who 'Let Freedom Ring'."

During the month of November, we all turn our thoughts to those things we are thankful for. It is important we all remember that our way of life is protected by our men and women serving in the armed forces, and to make sure that they know how much we appreciate the sacrifices they make on a daily basis. We honor and care for our veterans, and daily we live by our pledge, "So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."

There are a number of ways we can make sure our military and veterans are remembered. Your Lodge could sponsor a group of soldiers overseas with care packages. You can provide them with telephone calling cards to help them stay in touch with their families when they are deployed. You might want to sponsor a dinner honoring all present and past military in your community. A number of Lodges have committees that meet our men and women at their local airports when they are returning from overseas, just to let them know they are appreciated.

Of course, if you have a veterans hospital in your community, there are many ways in which you can be supportive. Organizing a BBQ or other meal for our hospitalized veterans is one way of reaching out to them. Working through the Elks Veterans Program to find out what needs the Veterans Hospital might have and then meeting those needs through activities or fundraising is also helpful. Something as simple as a visit or a card can brighten a day in the hospital.

Veterans Day is November 11. Take the time in your Lodge to honor your military heroes and to thank them for all they have done. They have given much in service to our country and have protected our great nation. They deserve our undying gratitude.

Venita and I want to wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. As you join together with your families, take time to count your blessings as an American citizen and as an Elk.

Remember, "Elks Care - Elks Share!"



Exalted Ruler Lodge No. 80 2012-2013

**Doug Rienks** 

Dear Elks,

Halloween is almost here and that means we will get to see Christmas advertising very shortly. Although that does tend to get old, I do love the holiday seasons for what they represent. It also gives us as Elks many opportunities to volunteer for our community activities. At the end of October we had Boo at the Zoo. The annual Children's Christmas party will be held in December, and then Hoop Shoot following shortly after.

What I am trying to say is that there are several chances for you as Elks to support the community. We need your help! The same people seem to show up for these events and we simply need more help. Please strive to become more involved with our community activities.

Cash calendar sales are also underway. You will see more on this in your Elk-O-Gram, but please do take the time to sell the calendars. Every one that you sell will help to fund various activities within the lodge and helps out with the monthly dinners we all enjoy.

We are trying to get information out to you as quickly as possible, so we are looking to try a new way of doing so by sending brief email to members about weekly activities at the Lodge. Please let us know if you like the updates and if you would like to have your Elk-O-Gram sent to you electronically.

Until next time!

Remember Live, Love, Laugh, Leave a Legacy!

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## **Knight's Tales**

I am sure that most of you know that we are losing our Lodge Secretary, Denis Applebee. I wanted to take a moment and thank him for all he has done to help the lodge over the past couple of years. Denis stepped in almost as soon as he became a member and has gone above and beyond what was expected of him. He has not only been the Lodge Secretary, he has volunteered for many of our activities and whenever asked he has stepped up to the plate and assisted in everything he could. Thank you Denis for being an upstanding Elk, Secretary, and friend. We will miss you and wish you and Kathy the best in lowa.

While I was writing this, I realized that Denis is a role model for all of us in the way he became involved, and just jumped in to help with whatever his schedule and outside activities allowed him to. He has been a shining star at our Lodge and if we all could follow his lead and get involved in just one activity the Lodge has, we would be a much stronger and vibrant Lodge.

Thanks again Denis!

-Larry Bratt, Lecturing Knight

WOW. Talk about stepping up!!!! Our members known as "The Bar Crowd" really put on a great dinner on October 23rd. The food was fantastic and so was the service. There were raffle prizes the likes of which we have not seen in a long time (like I was told that night "It's not what you know, it's who you know"). And they obviously know the right people. Gift cards to Cabela's, T.O. Haas tires, an abundance of jewelry from Rachel's Botique, books, pictures, wine, vacuums, pickled veggies and some things that I have probably forgotten. We also had entertainment provided by Prime Suspect. It was very nice background music and really added a nice touch to top off the evening.

This is the kind of participation that we need from our members in order to keep the Lodge open. The people that put this on not only gave of their time and money, but they also gave from the heart. The Lodge thanks you all! You are true and loyal Elks!

-Larry Schwindt, Loyal Knight

#### ...The Quickies...

... Ever wondered what it would be like to stop into all the Elks Lodge across the country? Well elsewhere in this issue is an article about two Elks trying to do just that ... they might not hit every one, but are making a big dent in it ... Deer season just about to start, deer hide collection bin on the south side of the building ... encourage your fellow hunters to drop off their cleaned hides for our Veteran's Committee ... Nice turn out at the Fish Fry the other night, big thanks to Vicki Logan, Butch Burgholz and others who made that possible ... it was great to see the Lodge brimming with people ... stop by in the evenings at the Club for a drink, they are now offering a light supper for those who are hungry ... sandwiches and chips for a few dollars ... BLT's, grilled cheese and tomato soup ... pop in and see what Nancy has cookin' ... support your Club and help pay the light bill ... new smoking station for the front entry of the lodge, hats off to Larry Benac for the donation ... Hunters Safety clinic was held at the Lodge, about 40 participants are now declared to be safe with firearms while out in the field, pictures next month ... Ocktoberfest this weekend, be there Saturday night for good food and good friends ... we still have two more home games to work concessions for ... you need to step up and volunteer. With nearly 300 Elks it is puzzling why we have a hard time finding 6 volunteers for this ... the Does need the help and it is a lot of fun. The dates are November 10 and 17, so clear your calendar, call Kelli Stanley-Smith and volunteer ... Boo at the Zoo was another success, chilly but fun ... ask Deb Foreman Kendle about chasing down Scooby Doo at Boo at the Zoo ... preparations are under way for the annual Christmas Party at Pershing, ask the Larrys how you can help ... a big Thank You to Wauneta Peterson for her organ contributions to our meetings ... it really adds to the ambiance ... if you haven't been to a meeting in a while, you need to come and see how it has changed. E.R. Rienks knows how to move a meeting along...

#### From Your Does...

Thank you so much for volunteering for the first four Nebraska football games. We are down to the home stretch with 3 games left. PLEASE call Kelli Stanley-Smith at 402-467-5595, if you can help.

<u>Mark Your Calendars</u> for the upcoming DOES Events: Does Christmas Party, Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at Noon at Dino's.

Annual Bake & Craft Items Sale on January 26, 2013 Annual Wine Tasting Trip on July 27, 2013

- Vicki Logan, President

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#### **Visitors From The Northwest**

On Friday evening, September 28<sup>th</sup>, two Elks from Lodge #2032 out of Milwaukie, Oregon stopped by to enjoy some friendly hospitality at Lincoln's No. 80. Sarah Jenkins and Deanna Taylor were traveling through Nebraska and decided to stay for the evening in one of our city's local camp sites. What these two ladies enjoy doing is seeking out Elks Lodges across this great land of ours and Lincoln just happened to be their next stop.

Over the years, Sarah and Deanna have visited 180 lodges across the country and have collected 177 local lodge pins. That evening was our lodge's Tailgate Party sponsored by the Rienks family which was the night before the Nebraska / Wisconsin football game. Pictured to the left are Sarah, #80's Larry Klein and Deanna. Many Husker type prizes were raffled off with many lucky winners. Sarah and Deanna were heading



east the next morning to visit friends and family in Illinois and Indiana before heading to the Bahamas where they spend 8 months out of the year. Both ladies were very impressed with all the youth, veterans and ritual work that Lincoln's Officers and lodge members are involved with. They are two of the nicest people you ever want to meet.

If you get the chance, check out Milwaukie, Oregon's Elks Lodge No. 2032 on line. They have an 8 lane bowling alley, 5 lounges, full kitchen serving up to 500 people, swimming pool to open soon, exercise room, full lottery games available and much, much more. Enjoy your travels ladies and come back in the future.



The Lincoln Elks' Lodge is about community. It's about friends. It's about benevolence. It's about ritual. It's about comradeship, fellowship, and friendship. And sometimes, it's about making the necessary money to allow the "lights to stay on."

The Fish Fry held on October 13, 2012 was sponsored by a group of Elks who were concerned about the financial state of the lodge. This group plays cards in the Card Room most every Monday and Tuesday afternoons. The celebrate birthdays, retirements, and happiness. Recently, they mourned the loss of member Rick Logan. Combining their feelings of loss with a desire to keep the club going, they sponsored a dinner. And it was a success!

Butch Bergholz obtained a donation of \$300 from Sherwin Hudson, BNSF Shop

Superintendent to cover expenses. When shopping for the fish, he spoke to Ron Pleasant, Hy-Vee manager, who discounted the purchases greatly. Next, Fred Finchum, General Electric Services for BNSF donated four \$50 gift cards to Cabela's. All in loving memory of Rick Logan, BNSF employee for 35 years.

Card club members Scott and Jody Schrage donated three framed prints of Scott's award winning photography, Jim Tomkin secured \$100 in gift cards to T.O. Haas, Randy and Sara Bergholz donated \$100 in hair products and services from Sara's beauty salon at the Tangled Up Salon, Brent and Cherie Travis donated items from their boutique valued at \$175. Rusty Bergholz secured two \$50 bottles of wine from Issara, Blue Orchid's new restaurant. Dennis and Kelly Stanley-Smith donated three filled baskets of home grown and canned produce and food items. Roxy Thomas donated a \$25 fishing themed t-shirt, Jean Bergholz donated best selling hard cover novels and spicy Jalapeno jelly and peppers, Larry Benac donated an Oreck auto-vacuum and an Oreck child's toy vacuum, Vicki Logan donated Rick's favorite campfire drink "Hot Damn". With Elk Nancy Halstead at the door collecting donations, the raffle and dinner netted a high profit of nearly \$1500.

Support your lodge, frequent the club for daily noon lunches, daily evening sandwiches and snacks, or even sponsor a dinner. Lets all work together to "keep the lights on"!

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#### Our Members...

#### Sickness & Distress:

Jerry Gorton is recovering.
Bill Darrah - knee surgery
Laurie Montag - knee replacement

#### Deaths:

Robert Wittstruck passed Sept 23

Members for Consideration:

none

**Members for Reinstatement:** 

none

**Members Initiated in October:** 

none

October's EOG Hidden Membership Number:

14146 - Doug Haggart, hidden in the Committee Reports

Attendance Drawing: 23 in attendance, Robert Sindlar's name was drawn and was the winner of \$16.50, which was donated to ENF.

**Membership Drawing:** \$692.00. James Reeves'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 Monday-Saturday.

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### **Committee Reports**

Americanism - Sonny Lane - No report.

Boy Scouts - Randy King - 2 Eagle Scout ceremonies last month

**Drug Awareness** - Amy Jacobsen - Updates about Boo at the Zoo which was held Oct 26-30.

Girl Scouts - Stephen Wirth - No report.

**Hide Program** - Jeff Sneller - Nebraskaland Magazine to have an article about the Elks Hide Program.

**Hoop Shoot** - Doug Rienks - Tentative date set for December 9th with site confirmation pending.

**House Committee** - House Committee / Trustees: 1) Will be having music at an upcoming dinners to see how it goes prior to making an annual commitment. 2) Dinners coming up - Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> Veterans Soup & Sandwich from 11-2, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> dinner TBA, Jan. 12 dinner TBA and Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>. Valentine Dinner. 3) Lounge to begin serving a light dinner snack from 5 to 7. Will see what interest this brings. 4) Will begin selling tickets again for our dinners. Cost will be \$12.00. Doing this to control food costs. 5) A donation to the Military Kids projects in the amount of \$2,500.00 was approved by all present.

**Hunter's Safety** - Randy King - Clinic scheduled Oct 30, Nov 1, and Nov 3. **ENF** - Larry Bratt reported that our Gratitude Grant has been approved. Also received our \$2000.00 check for the Promise Grant

**Membership** - Sonny Lane - General discussions held on how to make better use of our day staff and EOG to reach out to members.

Midget Football - Scott Schrage - Season has concluded and was successful.

Retention - Denis Applebee - Total members 277, with 29 unpaid.

Scholarship - Dave Kirby - No report.

**Soccer Shoot** - Doug Rienks - Had 16 Elks and 6 non Elks help with the Soccer Shoot. Had 85 participants. State Soccer Shoot is Oct 6, 2012 in Hastings.

Social Community Welfare - Doug Rienks - No report.

**Veterans Committee** - Vi Berst - Received the Lancaster Manor list of Veterans, there are 33. Gramercy Hill also had an updated list of 25.

## 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	Kim Wiseman		
Trustee 3 Year	Scott Schrage		
Trustee 4 Year	Amy Jacobsen PER		

Trustee 5 Year..... Daryll Thavenet

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#### Elk-O-Gram Editor's Note

Articles Due: November 22

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

Articles can be sent to Maureen and Kevin Sadler at: 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

Those who helped assemble, fold, label, and deliver the Elk O Gram to bulk mail this month were: Nancy Halstead, Vicki Logan, Larry Schwindt, P.E.R. Jeff Sneller, and Randy King.

Please join us November 27th to assemble the Elk O Gram for December. Remember, many hands make light work...

## **2012-2013 Committees**

Accident: Randy King, Mgr.

**Americanism:** Sonny Lane 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: Jeff Sneller, 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 will be honoring our fellow Elks who have passed this last year at our Memorial Service on December 2, 2012.

Take note of the Oktoberfest Dinner on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and our soup and sandwich brunch on November 11<sup>th</sup>.

If you have not sent in your dues for this year please do so.

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

Just as a reminder! Our deer hide collection bin is set up on south side of building. Bring your cleaned hides and drop them off, tell your friends and fellow hunters too. The more, the merrier!

Call Jeff Sneller 402-499-4100 for more information.

BPOE No. 80's 8th Annual

# DAUGHE FEED

Sunday, January 27th, 2013 8am - 2pm

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## 105th Annual Children's Party

It's never too early to be thinking about Christmas!

The annual Christmas party at Pershing is scheduled for **December 16th**, with the sacking party on the 14th. We are counting on our members and friends to help out at the sacking party and help out the day of the Christmas party.

If you are interested in participating, contact Larry Schwindt at 402-416-5239 or email (preferred) at larryjcorvette@aol.com. If you have a preference for what you would like to do on the day of the Christmas party, please let us know.

We will need at least 30 people for the day of the Christmas party:

- 4 people to hand candy out at the door.
- 1 person to keep candy bags filled.
- 4 people to count attendees as they come in the doors
- 3 people to direct prize winners to the gift line
- 1 person to assign kids to the gift escorts
- 10 people to escort kids through the gift line
- 4 people to hand candy out in the crowd
- 1 person to act as MC

## **Happy November Birthdays!**

- 01 Shelly Burklund Kay Kletchka
- 02 Jim Tomka
- 04 Charles J. Meisinger 25 Bruce McKeag Kenneth Orr Jacob Wyant
- 05 William H. Palmer
- 08 David Kirbv William R. Vician
- 10 Gary L. Northouse Wauneta V. Peterson
- 11 David Darrah 15782
- 13 Dean L. Petersen
- 15 Donna B. Davis
- 17 Paul V. Eldien
- 21 Richard L. Rumbolz

- 22 Keith Kirstine Gerald Miles
- 23 Donald C. Salmonson
- Debra S. Sneller
- 26 Timothy E. Cox
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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!

## November 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Oktoberfest Dinner 7pm
4	5	6	<b>7</b> Trustees Meeting 6pm Lodge Meeting 7pm	<b>8</b> VFW	9	10 Room Rented
11	12	13 Burger Nite 530pm American Legion	14	<b>15</b> American Legion	161	17
18	19 Does Meeting	<b>20</b> American Legion	21 Lodge Meeting 7pm	22	23	24
25	26	27 Burger Nite 530pm	28	29	30	

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