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...Upcoming Events in your Lodge...



BPOE Lincoln Lodge No. 80

105th Annual

Children's Christmas Party

Sunday December 16th, 2012

1:00 pm

(Gates open at 12:15pm)

Pershing Center

226 Centennial Mall



Fried Chicken Dinner



Fried Chicken
Mashed Potatoes
Salad
Rolls and Butter
Dessert



Saturday, December 8th

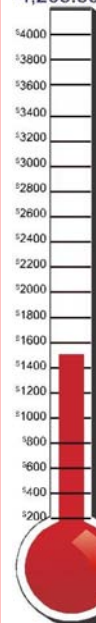
5.30 Cocktails

6.30 Dinner

Help your Lodge by attending dinners. Bring the family!
Tickets are \$12

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

Our Goal
\$4,200.00



Attention all members and friends of No. 80, don't be left out on your chances to win a fist full of dollars from our January 2013 Cash Calendar event! We have one month left to get those calendars sold and in before the deadline of Monday, December 31, 2012.

These calendars make great stocking stuffers and gifts! Let's make this fundraiser the best ever to date!



*Elk's Annual Memorial Service
Sunday Dec. 2nd, 2012, 2:00 PM
at Lincoln Elks Lodge No. 80*



Grand Exalted Ruler, 2012-2013

Thomas S. Brazier
Message from the GER
Grand Lodge Newsletter,
December 2012

*“Tis the season for outreach,
celebrating Lodge successes.”*



Exalted Ruler Lodge No. 80 2012-2013

Doug Rienks

As we enjoy this holiday season, many of us find ourselves working at various events at our Lodges. It is a time of year when the guiding principles of our Order should manifest themselves with outreach to our Members and communities. Perhaps your Lodge sponsors a free dinner for those who may not have a place to go, or perhaps a food drive for those who are struggling to feed themselves.

Some Lodges put together an entire holiday celebration for families, including dinner, decorations and presents for the kids. We reach out to our veterans, whether they are far from home or in local V.A. hospitals, with cards and packages. And there are always events at our Lodges for our Members to celebrate the fellowship that binds us together as Elks. Regardless of what your Lodge chooses to do, please remember to be a “Beacon of Hope” to those whom you touch during this busy time of year.

We are two-thirds of the way through our fraternal year and the various goals you set for your year need to be evaluated to ensure that you are on track to achieve them. By now, your charitable goals should be either complete or within reach. Has your Lodge reached the GER per capita goal for ENF of \$4.50? Remind your Members that donations can be made online until 11:59 p.m. Central Time Dec. 31 to count for the 2012 tax year.

Review your monthly membership goals to see if you need an extra push for Members. The goal of +1 is attainable with a concerted effort of your Members. Look at your Lodge activities to make sure you are providing Members with the fraternal support which is so important to an active Lodge. And don't forget to celebrate the achievements of your Members and Lodge. Share your milestones both internally via your newsletter and externally with photos and articles for the local media. Show them that *“Elks Care - Elks Share!”*

Venita and I wish all of you and your families a joyous and peaceful holiday season. We have met so many wonderful Elks in our travels, and we know that you truly care about our great Order. Thank you for everything you do to promote Elkdom. Happy holidays!

Dear Elks,

Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!! I guess you could call this the holiday issue of the Elk-O-Gram. I hope it finds you healthy and happy coming off a food coma from your Thanksgiving feast.

During the holidays we have the opportunity to look back on the previous year and give thanks for everything we are blessed with. I can say that I am truly a lucky person to have the supportive family I have and could not imagine tackling life without them. I am also thankful for all the friendships I have developed in the years that I have been an Elk. This month we have the chance to remember these friendships at our Memorial Service. I look at the Memorial Service as not only a way to honor those Elks that have passed away in the previous year but to also to celebrate the relationships we have built within the organization. The Memorial Service is a time honored ceremony that holds true to the belief that “Elks are never forgotten never forsaken”. I hope to see you there on December 2nd.

As we are busy at home so is the Lodge busy during the holiday season. We will be having our annual Children's Christmas Party December 16th. This is a time for us to give back to our community and make quite a few kids very happy. Come enjoy whether at the sacking party or the Christmas party.

I hope everyone got the news that we did not have a meeting on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. If not I hope you stayed around and had a beverage in the club as we can always use the revenue.

If you see Denis Applebee in the next few weeks please give him your best wishes. As you may know he will be moving to Des Moines in the near future to start another chapter in his life. I for one, have enjoyed his company and dedication to making Lincoln Lodge the best it can be. Denis your calm demeanor and great sense of humor will be missed by me and many others.

Marry Christmas!

Remember *Live, Love, Laugh, Leave a Legacy!*



Knight's Tales



I trust that everyone had a good Thanksgiving and did not eat too much. It is hard to believe that it is December already and that the Elks Christmas party is in a couple of weeks. Hope to see everyone at the sacking party (Dec. 14th) as well as the Christmas party itself (Dec. 16th) as we can use as many "Elves" as possible.

I hope that each of you will have a blessed Christmas and have time to enjoy family and friends. With all the shopping hype this time of year, it is easy to forget that we are really celebrating the birth of Christ and what that means in our daily lives. Please take a moment to stop and reflect on what this season means and how we can pass along to others the true meaning of the Holidays. Our order has been built on benevolence and I believe that as Elks, we can be a shining light to show others what it means to be truly benevolent in the world today.

Have a Merry Christmas and may God bless you all.

-Larry Bratt, Lecturing Knight

This is the time of year that can put a lot of stress on everyone. We are all worried about preparing the perfect Thanksgiving dinner for everyone and buying just the right gift for everyone. Now is the time when we should all step back and look at everything that we can be grateful for. We may not be thrilled about the outcome of the latest election, the traffic on the way to work, or the many things that, in the long run, are of really no great importance. But the one thing that we need to keep in mind is the great country that we live in and the freedoms that we have.

We should all be thankful that there are people willing to put their lives on the line to protect our way of life. I personally am thankful for the great organization that we all belong to. Being actively involved in an organization like the Elks is a very rewarding experience. We are able to go out into the community and make a difference in people's lives. Sometimes we forget exactly why we joined the Elks. I ask each and every one of you to ask yourself "Why did I join the Elks in the first place?", and to rededicate yourself to helping this organization.

-Larry Schwindt, Loyal Knight

As we continue to struggle to maintain membership in the lodge, we are constantly looking for ideas on adding value to our membership. We hope if we add value, you will continue to be a part of what we do for the community. As you know, our dinners are a big part of what we do to add value. Sadly, attendance has continued to decline at these functions. We are serving really good food and charging a reasonable amount for what you get.

The officers have decided that for the next few dinners, we will have some sort of musical entertainment. At Oktoberfest we had a Polka band and just as the Huskers were putting the final touches on another nerve wracking game, the band played the Nebraska Fight song. It was wonderful entertainment. At our December 8th dinner we will be featuring a Jazz ensemble.

If you have ideas on how we can add value to our membership, please share them with me. We want to have some fun while doing our part for the community.

-Sonny Lane, Leading Knight

...and now for the Quickies...

... Soup Dinner and Chili Cookoff Contest coming in January, see article in the January EOG ... Plan for helping sack candy for the Children's Christmas Party on Friday Dec 14 at noon in Pershing's Basement ... get a coupon for a free drink at the Jolly Corker's Pub, and enjoy the Christmas Party there Friday evening. Then be at Pershing Sunday the 16th to help with our annual Children's Christmas Party ... hats off to those who helped with Concessions at the Nebraska Football Games this fall ... lots going on in your Lodge this month, read your EOG carefully ... Memorial Service Dec 2 Sunday at 2 pm, please come to the Lodge to honor those who have departed this last year ... Health department gave us a pretty clean check up, hats off to our kitchen staff for their efforts in keeping things nice ... Lodge hosted a Hunter's Safety clinic, about 45 kids who'll be safer in the field ... Oktoberfest was a success, over \$900 raised for our Lodge. Larry Schwindt won the drawing for \$17, donated it to the Ritual Team fund ... Willis Harding was not present to win the attendance drawing, missed out on \$709 ... it pays to come to the meetings! ... get your cash calendars sold and turned in, the drawing starts Jan 1st ... Larry Bratt received a Lodge Leadership pin in recognition for his efforts in getting grants for our Lodge ... Be sure to come to the Lodge for a good fried chicken dinner December 8th, this is one you won't want to miss ... Jeff Sneller was seen retrieving deer hides from the collection bin on the south side of the Lodge, be sure to thank him for his efforts ... Sonny was sending out letters to schools for participation in the Americanism contest ... Sam Carter, D.D. Amy Jacobsen, and Midget Football chair Scott Schrage attended the Elks Midget Football Appreciation Dinner, over 700 in attendance, Prince Amukamarah was the featured speaker ... received a letter from Jackie Norris, Nebraska Elks Association Youth Activities Chair, encouraging all Nebraska Lodges to participate and be involved in Youth Activities in our local lodge ... be sure to drop past the Pub for an adult beverage, enjoy lunch at the Pub Daily, and also take note of short order available in the evenings now ...



Does Football Fundraiser



We would like to thank all of the volunteers who worked selling concessions at the games this year. Here is a list of those who donated their time.

Butch Bergholz, Deborah Burns, Brian Dennis, Aylissa Eichorn, Dorothy Ann Haar, Lisa Hoppe, Randy and Allen King, Sonny, Roseanne and Dr. Rob Lane, Sonny Lane, Vicki Logan, Tamera Mowrey, Denise Pohlman, Sarah Pohlmeier, Maureen and Kevin Sadler, Scott Schrage, Kelli Stanley Smith, Karen Walker, Kay and Roger White, Stephen Wirth, Kim Woodlard, and Margie Wyant.

Without all of you, this would not have been possible. We're looking forward to seeing you next year for an 8 game home schedule!

Hunter's Safety

On Oct 30, Nov 1 and Nov 3 Elks Lodge #80 hosted a Hunter's Safety Clinic. People of all ages attended the clinic and earned their Nebraska Game and Parks Hunter's Safety certificates.

Hunter's Safety Instructors Mike Wurfele, Duane Austria, and Randy King lead the clinic, demonstrating safe handling techniques for firearms, safety instruction on handling firearms at home and in the field, and game laws and regulations for the State of Nebraska.

All of this was done without charge. Elks Lodge #80 donated the use of the Lodge Room, and the Jolly Corkers Pub provided drinks and snacks to the participants. A total of 45 adults and youth participated and received their certificates.



Military Kids



Once again, Lincoln Lodge No. 80 has stood proud and provided financial support to the kids of our military families. PER Wirth has been the spokes-person the past 3 years between the soldiers and airmen of the Nebraska National Guard and LEL#80.

On Friday evening, October 26th, PER Wirth attended the military's Haunted Army and presented a check for \$2,500 to Brigadier General Daryl Bohac. These dollars will help support not only the (scary but friendly) activity which was currently taking place that evening, but also upcoming events planned between the months of November through next April. The Haunted Army continues to be a huge success and LEL#80 has been asked if they would like to join in and arrange a booth for next year, 2013. The Hastings Lodge #159 have represented the Army of Hope booth for the 2nd year now.

Pictured for \$,,\$,\$ donation are from left to right; Mr. David Hall, Child and Youth program Coordinator, Ms. Kelli Czarnick, Lead Child and Youth program Coordinator, LTC Robert Kadavy Director, Warrior and Family Support, PER Wirth, Brigadier General Daryl Bohac, Assistant Adjutant General – Air and his wife Kris. The members of LEL#80 stand tall and thank all our military friends and families for serving our great land – The United States of America.

Girl Scout Awards

On October 21, 2012, PER Amy Jacobsen was on hand to receive the Spirit of Giving Community Benefactor Award from the Girl Scouts. The ceremony was held at the Nebraska Club. Many groups and persons were chosen to receive this prestigious award. At the presentation, Elks Lodge 80 was honored for renewing their very active role in the Girl Scout Gold Ceremony each year at the capital. PER Stephen Wirth was unable to attend. PER Amy Jacobsen reported that special acknowledgement was given to Stephen for his personal work in making this event meaningful each year.

The award Lincoln Lodge #80 received consists of a crystal plaque and a certificate, which will be displayed at the lodge. Lodge 80 has been providing American Flags and certificates to Girl Scouts since 2008. While the Elks operate as a group, Stephen was the push behind the Lodge receiving this award. Please thank him when you see him and ask to see the beautiful glass award and certificate.

Pictured: Fran Marshall, CEO Spirit of Girl Scouting of Nebraska, Amy Jacobsen PER DDGER Lincoln Elks Lodge #80



Our Members...

Sickness & Distress:

Jerry Gorton is recovering.
 Bill Darrah - knee surgery
 Daryll Thavenet - broken ribs

Deaths:

Joseph Silverman passed Oct. 3
 Paul L. Douglas passed Oct. 5

Members for Consideration:

Angel Medina by Larry Bratt

Members for Reinstatement:

none

Members Initiated in November:

none

November's EOG Hidden Membership Number:

15782 - David Darrah, hidden in the Birthdays

Attendance Drawing: 16 in attendance, Larry Schwindt's name was drawn and was the winner of \$17.00, which was donated to the Ritual Team.

Membership Drawing: \$709.00. Willis Harding'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. Now also serving light suppers!

Chef Salad specials on Wednesdays! Come in and enjoy good food and good company!


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Committee Reports

Americanism - Sonny Lane - Information to be sent out to area teachers.

Boy Scouts - Randy King - No Report.

Drug Awareness - Amy Jacobsen - Boo at the Zoo was a success with approx. 20,000 people attending. Thinking about switching to the Haunted Armory for next year.

Girl Scouts - Stephen Wirth - No report.

Hide Program - Jeff Sneller - Nebraskaland Magazine had an article about the Elks Hide Program. Hide bin is located on the south side of the building.

Hoop Shoot - Doug Rienks - Date set for January 13th from 2-2:30pm at East High School.

House Committee - House Committee / Trustees: 1) Larry Schwindt is arranging for the walk-in cooler floor to be fixed. 2) Upcoming dinners were discussed: Dec 8th Fried Chicken with a Jazz band, Jan 12th Soup & Chili Cook-off. 3) Regi Buckmaster was hired to do the money counts.

Hunter's Safety - Randy King - Clinic held Oct 30, Nov 1, and Nov 3, 45 attended.

ENF - We have reached our goal of \$4.50.

Membership - Sonny Lane - Idea of having day staffers make calls was received positively. Decided to have them start by calling delinquent members.

Midget Football - Scott Schrage - Season has concluded and was successful. Banquet was held Oct 23rd with good attendance.

Retention - Denis Applebee - Total members 275, with 29 unpaid. One candidate.

Scholarship - Dave Kirby - 1) Meeting was held Oct 23rd, scholarships will go to \$4000 beginning Jan 1, 2013. 2) Benefits of donating through the Lincoln Foundation were discussed.

Soccer Shoot - Doug Rienks - We had one participant winner who will go on to Regionals. ER Rienks to give Imre the names to prepare expense checks.

Social Community Welfare - Doug Rienks - No Report.

Veterans Committee - Vi Berst - No Report.

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

Elk-O-Gram Editor's Note

Articles Due: **December 20**

(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 December 27th to assemble the Elk O Gram for December. Remember, many hands make light work...

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.

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: Doug Rienks, ER, Coord.

Gold Award: Stephen Wirth PER, Chpers.

Gov. Relations: Richard Todd PER/PDD, Coord.

Hide Program: Jeff Sneller, PER, Chpers.

Hoop Shoot: Doug Rienks, ER, 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: Amy Jacobsen, PER, Coord.

Ritual: Stephen Wirth PER, Chpers.

Scholarship: Wes Durst, Chpers.

Soccer Shoot: Doug Rienks, ER, Coord.

Veterans: Vilis Berst, Mgr.

Visitation: Sam Carter, Mgr.

Youth Activities: David Kirby PER, Mgr.

Secretary's Corner

The Holiday Season is here and we will have plenty of activities to keep us all busy. While you're out and about, stop by for lunch in our Lounge.

December 5th will be the only meeting in December.

We will be sending out one more letter asking those members who have not paid their dues to do so. Unfortunately we will need to begin dropping the delinquent members in February. Help us keep our Lodge strong by encouraging those delinquent members to pay their dues. If you know of someone who has not paid due to a hardship, please let one of our Officers know.

Don't forget your help is needed for the Children's Christmas Party, either packing candy or at the Party.

Please check the calendar for our December 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.

Thanks for your support while I was Secretary. This will be my last Secretary's Corner.

Denis Applebee- 2012-2013 Lodge Secretary

Did you see something missing? Was there something that the Lodge has coming up that you want to announce? Did you have an advertisement that you wanted to add? Do you have pictures from a recent Lodge activity? Have suggestions or updates?

Please! Contact the Editors at: **eog.lodge80@gmail.com** with any tidbits you would like to see included in your Elk-O-Gram.

Remember, if it's important, let us know! You might have been the one to remind us!

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Boo at the Zoo Greeted Over 19,000 Visitors

Once again, our lodge had some fun trick or treating with area youth. The annual Boo at the Zoo was held at the Lincoln Children's Zoo the five days leading up to Halloween. Boo at the Zoo provides safe trick or treating for area youth while raising money to feed the animals over the winter.

19,000 people went through the zoo and over 11,000 kids were given candy and greeted by Elks. Thanks so much to everyone who participated. We are discussing doing a different project next year around Halloween. We would sure like your help next year. You joined for a reason. If you haven't been out to help at an event lately, try to find some time. Kids really appreciate what we do. It is heartwarming to see their little faces light up. Come see what it is all about. You truly take away more than you give. Nothing beats the feeling of putting a smile on any face.

Give me a call to discuss what you can do next! 402-699-2201
Respectfully, PER Amy Jacobsen.

PER News

The Lodge's Past Exalted Ruler's committee sponsored an Oktoberfest dinner on November 3rd. Though the attendance was less than hoped for, those that did attend had a great evening.

PER Chuck Meisinger, along with Kathy and their crew, served up Germanwurst sausage, pork loin and kraut, green beans, German potato salad and rye bread. The meal was topped off with some of Larry Schenkel's German chocolate cake. Before, during, and after dinner, the Less Talk More Polka band kept the place rocking.

Thanks to the PERs for doing this dinner and furnishing raffle prizes. Others who contributed to the success of the dinner were: Amy Jacobsen and Eben, Connie Moore, Joani Hagan, Bob Sindlar, Larry and Larry, Jeff Sneller, and everyone who tossed a generous free will offering into the jar. We need your continued support of all of our dinners and daily lunches if the club is to continue to operate in the way we all would like.

-Rich Todd, PER

Happy December Birthdays!

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|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 03 - Laurie K. Artt Montag | 12 - Maureen Lamski |
| Bill Danley | Bobby D. Livingston |
| Dale R. Hansen | Dwain Spatz |
| 05 - Wilbur H. Amen | 13 - Tim Horsham |
| Phillip D. White | 14 - Xan S. Johnson |
| 06 - Sarah Pohlmeier | 19 - Ben Novicoff |
| 07 - Roger Eskra | 21 - Jack D. Campbell |
| Russell W. Raybould | James Wood |
| 08 - William Haberman | 24 - Frederick R. Rickers |
| 09 - Donald G. Hanway Jr. | James B. Smith |
| Rod Rozanek | Pat Wiseman |
| 10 - Sandra Earnest | 27 - Buford W. Jones |
| Dewitt Harouff | Ed Peeks |
| Robert S. Sindlar | 28 - Donald B. Andersen |
| 11 - Dr. John W. Bengston | 29 - William J. Noel |
| | Harlan R. Zwiebel |

...ELK SIGHTING...



Elks and Does volunteering at the Nebraska Football stadium concessions

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Members of the Less Talk More Polka band take a picture break during the November Oktoberfest Dinner.

Apple Dumplings

On Saturday, October 27th, while in town for the Nebraska vs Michigan football game, Dr. Aaron Walters, PER and PSP from Norfolk Lodge #653, dropped off 4 dozen apple dumplings to PER Todd and Wirth at LEL#80. Norfolk Lodge uses the profits from the dumpling sales to support many of their youth activities. Three consecutive Monday evenings in a row during the month of October, members make around 2,400 hundred dumplings ready for sale.

The cost is \$2 each or \$22 per dozen. While on Amy Jacobsen's DD visit to Norfolk's lodge, 4 dozen were purchased in advance. Dr. Walters and his wife Laura delivered the dumplings prior to heading out for the game. PERs Todd and Wirth entertained them at the Jolly Corker Pub and even sold a couple cash calendars before they parted. Thanks for the in-person delivery Aaron and Laura and may your sales be successful! We will enjoy our apple dumplings over the holidays.

Pictured are PERs Todd, Dr. Walters and Wirth with their fists full. Yummy, Yummy, Yummy!



PER Wirth has been dropping off bags to the bartenders (Roxy, Nancy, Jody and Vicki) at the Jolly Corker Pub, to be filled with empty beverage bottles and aluminum cans for about 2 years now. He then separates the glass from the cans and the glass is placed in special bags in case of breakage during the recycling collection process.

Recycle Link is the service that provides pickup. The aluminum is crushed, recycled, and the money received is returned to the lodge by PER Wirth to support the Ritual Team. It does take a lot of crushed cans to make a pound, however, for every pound recycled means that much less in the landfill. The price of aluminum does fluctuate, however, the more weight (quantity delivered) the better the price returned.

Pictured is PER Wirth standing next to a massive pile of glass which is only 3 week's worth collected at various sites in Lincoln. The pile is 5 ft. tall, 21 ft. wide and 55 ft. deep. Remember, recycling is good for the environment and everyone is encouraged to continue to do their part.

Recycle is the Word



...The Tour Continues...

On Thursday, October 18th, DDGER Nebraska East, Amy Jacobsen, along with her loyal minions, traveled to Falls City Lodge #963 for the annual District Deputy's visit. Falls City Lodge was the 4th on DD Amy's list of visitations. PERs Todd and Wirth assisted in her evaluation of the lodge, which is nestled in the south-eastern corner of Nebraska.

Their house was in order with only minimal opportunities suggested for improvement. It was a cold, damp, and windy journey to this rural town, however the membership welcomed us with warm greeting, genuine neighborly hospitality, and good food. In addition, Lodge #963 officers initiated three new members during their meeting.

Pictured are PERs Wirth, Todd, Lodge Secretary Kristy Gerweck, DDGER Amy, ER Steve Hoy and Esquire Andy Armbruster.



On Wednesday, November 7th, Lincoln's dynamic trio headed to Fairbury Lodge #1203 for the 5th of DDGER Amy Jacobsen's lodge visitations in the Nebraska East region. This lodge, located about 90 minutes southwest of Lincoln, was built back in 1957. When entering the building, it was like stepping back in time. The building is very well maintained inside and out. DD Amy, along with PERs Todd and Wirth met Lodge Secretary Jim Schroeder, PER, PSP and ER Chuck Bauer, PER outside and they all posed behind a parking stall reserve sign just for the District Deputy. That set the tone for the rest of the visit.

PER Wirth has enjoyed these visits because he gets to perform the inspections of the building and grounds, stating: "I can assure you that Elks take pride in the lodges that I have had the opportunity to review". Every one of them are different, yet many things are the same. Tradition is the key. DD Amy provided positive suggestions and comments while speaking before the lodge members. She continues to encourage active individuals to provide mentoring for their future replacements so that the great works of our order may continue and the excitement will never die. All the members and officers were cordial and very active in the projects they sponsor.

Soup and Chili Cookoff

Saturday, January 12th, 2013

If you have a soup or a chili dish you would like to enter in the cookoff, please contact Randy King: rdking@diodecom.net or 402-450-0978 and get your entries in! The more, the merrier!

The lodge will be providing a chicken and noodle soup and a dessert as a compliment to the meal.

BPOE No. 80's 8th Annual

PANCAKE FEED

Sunday, January 27th, 2013

8am - 2pm

All you can eat pancakes!

With syrup, sausage, juice, coffee, and assorted toppings.



This is a fundraiser for the Scholarship Fund, Inc. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the lodge!



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December 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Memorial Service 2pm	3	4	5 Trustee's Mtg 6p Lodge Meeting 7p	6	7	8 Dinner 5:30pm Cocktails 6:30pm Dinner
9	10	11 Burger Nite American legion	12 Room Rented	13 VFW	14 Candy Sacking party Pershing 12pm	15
16 Children's Christmas Party American Legion	17 Does Meeting	18	19	20 American Legion	21	22
23	24	25 CLOSED 	26	27	28	29
30	31					