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

...Upcoming Events in your Lodge...

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Soup and Chili Cookoff

Saturday, January 19th, 2013

If you have a soup or a chili dish you would like to enter in the cook-off, 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

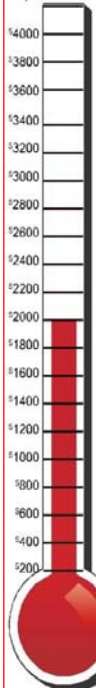


All you can eat pancakes!
With syrup, sausage, juice, coffee, and assorted toppings.

Tickets \$5 in advance, \$6 at the door!
This is a fundraiser for the Scholarship Fund, Inc.

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

Our Goal \$4,200.00



Attention all members and friends of LEL#80! I hope you're one of many individuals who are proud owners and holders of one or more of the special 2013 Cash Calendars. We're excited to start drawing out winners on Tuesday, January 1st, 2013. Remember, if your name gets drawn out on a particular day, you get those \$\$\$ and then your name goes back in the box for more chances to win. Pay special attention to the drawing scheduled for January 27th, the day of the 8th Annual Pancake Feed. The prize is \$150 to be awarded to some lucky winner during the feed. So make sure you come out and attend the pancake feed! The drawing will take place around 11:00 a.m. on that day. Winners will be notified daily by mail. Thanks to all for supporting this fun event.



Hoop Shoot

The Lincoln Lodge will be holding our local Hoop Shoot on Sunday January 13, 2013. It will be held at Lincoln East Gym with registration beginning at 1:30pm and the shoot to begin at 2:00pm. Volunteers are needed to make this a memorable event for all that participate.

The Lincoln Lodge will also be hosting the District Hoop Shoot to be held on January 26, 2013. This will take place at the Calvert Recreation Center at 4500 Stockwell with registration beginning at 3:00pm and the shoot taking place at 3:30pm. We will have representatives from Nebraska City, Falls City, Fairbury and Lincoln competing for a chance to represent their Lodge at the State competition.

We do need volunteers for this event as well. Please contact E.R. Rienks to volunteer!



Grand Exalted Ruler, 2012-2013

Thomas S. Brazier
Message from the GER
Grand Lodge Newsletter,
January 2013

*"Reach out to your Lodge and
community, and let's grow."*



Exalted Ruler Lodge No. 80 2012-2013

Doug Rienks

As we begin 2013, it is time to bring new focus to an issue that is of concern to all of us – membership. At all levels of our Order, we are looking at why our membership continues to decline and how we can stop it.

We have often observed that the BPOE is the *"best kept secret in the country."* And why is that? One possible answer is involvement. I would offer that the more visible we are in our communities, the more involved our Members will be and the more people will want to join our Order when they see what we are doing locally. It is vital that our Lodges reach out into the surrounding communities with projects and publicity if we are to survive. But how do we make this happen? How do we become "A Beacon of Hope" in our communities?

One of the ways we can become more visible locally is to look for a need and then put both our ENF grant and local charity monies to work to meet that need. It might be a backpack lunch program, a free community dinner on Thanksgiving, or a sober-graduation program. It could be building a playground or creating a community garden on previously unused land. There are many potential ways we can be involved in our communities. Reach out to your Members to find out what they have observed and then put a project into action. Look for local businesses that might want to share the work. They often have monies to invest and staff who want to help but don't know where to start.

Second, make sure the media are involved. They should be told about your plan as it begins and be kept involved as your project progresses. Invite them to join in the tasks needed to accomplish the goal. The more people see your dedication to the community, the more likely they will be to want to join our great Order. And don't forget to publicize your progress in your Lodge newsletter. Keeping our Members informed about our charitable projects helps them understand the impact their money has in their own local community.

Reach out in your Lodge and community. Together, we can stop this downward spiral in membership and make a difference going forward – both in our Order and in our community. All we need is +1! Become involved. Become *"A Beacon of Hope"* and invite others to do the same.

Dear Elks,

It is a couple of days before Christmas and as I write this my children are anxiously awaiting the holiday. It seems as though they enjoy the time off from school more than school itself. By having children around for the holidays it allows me to look at Christmas through a different lens. Sometimes the innocence of youth gives us a perspective that we have long forgotten.

Sometimes this can happen with an organization. We need to continue to look at what we do through a different lens. Spending time at the Children's Christmas party allowed me to do just that. Sure, there were people there that really did not appreciate the hard work and commitment that it took to make the event successful. However, the kids that come up to say thank you in the most heartfelt way makes it all worthwhile. So to everyone that helped with the organization of this great event, I want to pass that appreciation on to you. This includes everyone that showed up for the sacking party on Friday, the vast number of volunteers that were at the party and to those that handed out the extra treat bags to the veterans on Monday. Thank you!

I think that looking at things with a different lens not only brings fresh light to the holiday season, but can bring fresh light to our organization. This is why new members and their opinions are so important to the Elks. We need to think about how we can thrive in a changing environment. How are we to present ourselves to those that want to help their community? My goal as Exalted Ruler is to increase our membership to 300. I have done an abysmal job at reaching that goal. We have three months to get twenty-nine members that have not paid their dues to decide to join as well as recruiting another twenty-two new people to become a part of this great organization. For this to come to fruition it cannot be done by one person. I need everyone's help to achieve what I believe to be a reachable goal.

Please give me your ideas or contact people you believe would be interested in joining. Together we can begin a trend towards growth.

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



8th Annual Pancake Feed



Hey everyone, the month has arrived. Sunday, January 27th, 2012 is the date set for our scholarship fundraiser, the 8th Annual Pancake Feed from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Yes, those bubbly, soft and golden brown cakes are just waiting for you to drizzle butter, syrup or your favorite fruit toppings with whip cream on top. Tickets in advance are \$5 bucks, however, if you buy them at the door, the day of the event, the price will be \$1 dollar more (\$6 total).

Still, one heck of a deal for all the cakes you can eat. Does Drove #4 will again partner up with LEL#80 and have their tables full of all kinds of crafts, pies, cakes, cookies and other delicious treats to buy and take with you for your later enjoyment.

The griddle has been reserved and volunteers are being contacted to help out once again with this great fund raising event. The spatulas have been resting for almost a year now and are just waiting to be utilized by the master cake flippers. Come one come all for some warm food and socializing during this wintry time of the year. You won't leave hungry!

...ELK SIGHTING...



...and now for the Quickies...

... Soup Dinner and Chili Contest on the 19th, there will be several tables, each with a theme and a chili, come sample each and vote for the best, see article elsewhere in the EOG ... A Big Thank You to those who volunteered with the Children's Christmas Party and the candy sacking the Friday prior ... lots going on in your Lodge this month, read your EOG carefully ... Health department gave us a pretty clean check up, hats off to our kitchen staff for their efforts in keeping things nice ... 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 ... Hoop Shoot this month, contact E.R. Rienks for more info and on how to volunteer. This only takes a couple of hours on a Sunday, couldn't be easier. Come on out and help, this is what you became an Elk for ... rumor has it that while D.D. P.E.R. Amy Jacobsen may have moved to Omaha, she will still make the trip to Lincoln for Lodge meetings. Her loyalty to Lodge 80 runs deep! #39 eat your heart out ... nice photos of Chuck, Larry, Mike and a few other Lodge 80 members in the Husker Elk publication this month ... be sure to thank Jerry Wilson for picking up the baton on Lodge Secretary Duties since the departure of Denis Applebee, and if you see Denis, be sure to thank him for his quiet leadership and wisdom while in office ...

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The DD Tour Winds Down in November

On Thursday, November 8th, Lincoln Lodge #80 headed to Omaha Lodge #39 for the annual District Deputies visitation. What a Night it Was.

Exalted Ruler Michael, along with Secretary Jean and Chairman/Trustee Dave greeted and assisted District Deputy Amy, along with Esquire Rich, Auditor Steve and LEL#80 Deborah during the 1 ½ hour review. It is obvious that this lodge takes great pride in all the great works they're involved with and their accomplishments over the past year. In addition, the facility experienced a new



face lift on the outside and the investment results really blend in nicely with the natural surroundings. All in attendance sat down to a delicious steak dinner and light hearted conversation with other officers and members of the 39ers.

Pictured from l to r include LEL#39 Secretary Jean Averell, PER and current ER Michael Ohren, Chairman/Trustee David Olson, LEL #80 DD Amy Jacobsen, PERs Richard Todd, Stephen Wirth and member Deborah Burns.

All good things must come to an end. The final visitation for District Deputy Amy took place on Wednesday evening, November 21st, in Nebraska City. Yes, the night before the big feast (Thanksgiving Day). Elks Lodge #1049 was ready for us. Secretary Kurt and Treasurer Beth spent a good deal of their time with DD Amy while Exalted Ruler Kent escorted and assisted Rich and Steve in the tour of their facility.

Nebraska City's Elks Lodge is associated with the Golf Club at Table Creek so the building up keep is the responsibility of the golf club association. It is a very nice facility. We all sat down with ER Kent, his wife Stacy and the lodge officers for a dining experience. A nice variety of delicious foods were selected and prepared by the club chef.

All present attended lodge meeting and were entertained by DD Amy and her inspiring message. Those who could stay around after the meeting retired to the lounge for refreshments and socializing.



PERs Rich and Steve wish to express their sincere appreciation to Amy for allowing us to be a part of her Lodge 2012 Visitation Tour. We met and worked with some fine and very dedicated individuals throughout this journey. It will always be a memorable experience for us both.

Pictured from l to r are Deborah Burns, PER Richard Todd, Treasurer Beth Williamson, DD Amy, PER and current ER Kent Blum, Secretary Kurt Grotheer, Dave Ulferts and PER Stephen Wirth.

Our Members...

Sickness & Distress:

none

Deaths:

none

Members for Consideration:

none

Members for Reinstatement:

none

Members Initiated in November:

none

November's EOG Hidden Membership Number:

15632 - Russel Earnest, hidden in the Elk Sighting picture

Committee Reports

Americanism - Sonny Lane - No Report.

Boy Scouts - Randy King - No Report.

Drug Awareness - Amy Jacobsen - No Report.

Girl Scouts - Stephen Wirth - No report.

Hide Program - Jeff Sneller - No Report.

Hoop Shoot - Doug Rienks - Sunday January 13th at Lincoln East High gym starting at 1:30p.

House Committee - House Committee / Trustees: No Report.

Hunter's Safety - Randy King - No Report.

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

Membership - Sonny Lane - No Report.

Midget Football - Scott Schrage - No Report.

Retention - No Report.

Scholarship - Dave Kirby - No Report.

Soccer Shoot - Doug Rienks - No Report.

Social Community Welfare - Doug Rienks - No Report.

Veterans Committee - Vi Berst - No Report.

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!

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: **January 18**

(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: Larry Bratt, Larry Schwindt, Roxy Thomas, Bob Sindlar, and Randy King.

Please join us January 22nd to assemble the Elk O Gram for February. 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.

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!

Happy January Birthdays!

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| 01 - Thomas H. Lynch | 16 - John Lemke |
| 04 - Michael Bruhn | 18 - Sanford H. Nelson |
| Charles Thone | Charles T. Steenson |
| 05 - Watson Brower III | 19 - Terry L. Edwards |
| 06 - Betty J. Akin | 20 - Robert Taylor |
| Roger White | 21 - James M. Gray |
| 08 - Roxanne Thomas | Walter W. Powell |
| 09 - Jason C Brooks | 22 - John H. Robel Jr. |
| Leo Hill | 24 - Bob Clinkenbeard |
| 10 - Gene M. Obrecht | Terry L. Hagan |
| 12 - Linda Rienks | 25 - Ronald L. Colin |
| 13 - John E. Baker | 26 - Larry Benac |
| Willis K. Harding | Harry J. Blum |
| 15 - Tom Pallas | 31 - Glen Riensche |

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Lodge Meeting 7p	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Ritual Practice	10	11	12
13 Hoop Shoot 2pm	14	15	16 Lodge Meeting 7p	17	18	19 Chili Cook-off 7p
20 Clean Up Day	21	22 Charitable Fund, Inc meeting	23 Ritual Practice	24	25	26 District Hoop Shoot 3p
27 8th Annual Pancake Feed 8a-2p	28	29	30	31		



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