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...Upcoming Events in your Lodge...

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Rick Logan Memorial Sports Raffle

Lincoln Stars Hockey
4 Passes



Galaxy Seating
Private Bar and Bathroom



Games are:

March 22, 2013 - Sioux Falls Stampede
April 5, 2013 - Omaha Lancers

Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5
contact Steven Wirth for details

Valentine's Day Dinner



February 9, 2013

Cocktails: 5:30p, Dinner: 6:30p

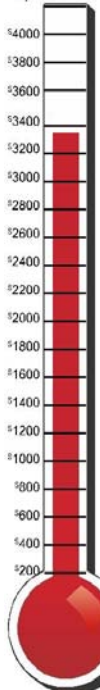
Filet Mignon
Green Bean Almondine
Scalloped Potatoes
Salad
Red Velvet Cake



Tickets are \$25.00 per person, \$45 per couple.
Please call in your reservations by February 6, 2013
402.421.6365

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

Our Goal
\$4,200.00



Attention all members and friends of LEL#80.
I hope you're one of many individuals who were proud owners of one or more of the special 2013 Cash Calendars. Total amount raised for this event was \$3,340 of which \$2,100 was paid back to the winners. We started drawing out slips on Tuesday, January 1st, 2013. The excitement built every day with anticipation as to who the lucky winner would be. If your name was drawn out on a particular day, you won those \$\$\$ and then your name went back in the box for more chances to win. A complete list of winners, including the grand prize winner of \$150, will be in our March 2013 issue of the Elk-O-Gram. Thanks to all for supporting this fun event. Looking forward to doing this again in the fall!



Thesauruses!

For the 5th straight year Lincoln Lodge #80 delivered 2900 student Thesauruses to every student in the 5th grade in the Lincoln Public Schools and Norris School. This has been made possible by the Paulding and Esther Smith endowment the Lodge received a few years ago.

The project is headed by Chuck Meisinger, PER, and his wife Kathy. They order the books, receive them and schedule the delivery times. Before delivery, Cynthia Tramel. Kathy's sister, places Elks identification stickers in each book so the student can print his/her name in it. This is a major project and they all deserve our Thanks. Delivery this year was handled by Chuck, Sam Carter, Rich Todd, Bob Sindlar and Mary Brooks. Five full days were required to make all the deliveries and the group was fortunate to have five nice days.

Each student is individually handed his Thesaurus, an Elks "Say no to Drugs" pencil and an Elks bookmark from the drug program. Their comments and obvious enjoyment these gifts bring to them should be enjoyed by every Lodge #80 member. ELKS CARE AND ELKS SHARE big time.



Grand Exalted Ruler, 2012-2013

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

*“Reach out to your Lodge and
 community, and let’s grow.”*

February brings an awareness of the limited time remaining to achieve our goals for the year. It is not too late to complete many of those goals, but it will require a concerted effort if you are going to finish strong before the new Officers are installed.

First, has your Lodge met the per capita goal of \$4.50 for ENF? If not, there is still time to publicize where you are to your Members and make a special push to achieve that goal. Look at having a special event targeted to benefit the ENF. Include a special ENF donation request in your March newsletter with a form that the Members can use to donate. Include the online donation information to make it even easier for them to donate. Make special announcements and pass the hat at your Lodge dinners and meetings. All of this will add up in the long run and help you meet your goal.

This is also the time of year when the membership renewal forms go out. Your lapsation committee should be in high gear to ensure that you don’t lose Members during this process. It is unfortunate when a Lodge works so hard to bring in new Members, but then doesn’t do the work to keep them nor pay attention to those who are not renewing. Don’t let this happen to your Lodge. Make personal contact. Call the Members who have not paid and find out both why they have not renewed and what might be done to bring them back into the Lodge. Always keep in mind our goal of +1 and work toward that end.

You should also be working to complete next year’s budget. Look at where your Lodge was successful this year and expand on areas. Look at where the budget was not sufficient for Lodge needs and adjust accordingly. Finally, work out how you might increase revenues to ensure that your Lodge will have the monies to operate successfully and perhaps even expand its offerings for the upcoming year.

Finally, take time to enjoy the completion of another year. Celebrate the 145th birthday of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks on February 16. How lucky we all are to be a part of this great Order. Pat yourselves on the back. You are all “A Beacon of Hope” in this world.

Secretary’s Corner

“2013”, marks the beginning of a new year, and a change in the position of Secretary. December was Denis Applebee’s final month as Secretary, he is moving out of state. He will be missed, as he did a great job. Your new Secretary is Jerry Wilson; yes, I am back! For those who may not be aware, I was the Secretary before Denis took the position.

Two months from now, April 1st, is the beginning of a new year for the Elks Lodge. With the new Elks Lodge New Year, there will be the election of new officers, and getting ready for the annual (April) conference to be held in North Platte. Also, the Elks Lodge New Year will begin the task of renewing your membership with the payment of your annual dues. Statements will be mailed out late February, early March.

Sadly, this month we will begin the process of dropping those members who did not pay their 2012 – 2013 dues. If you do not have a membership card reflecting those dates or if you have received a 2nd notice statement during the past few months, mail in your payment or contact the office if you feel there is an error.

Please, if you have any questions or comments of how I can better serve you, please contact me. My phone number is 570-2555 and there are two emails that you can use to contact me: lodge80secy@yahoo.com , or lodge80secy@gmail.com. See you all around the lodge.

A Note From the PERs

Past Exalted Rulers Association of Elks 80 are meeting on Wednesday, February 6. We will have cocktails at 5:30, a PER meeting at 6, and dinner at 6:30. John Aman is cooking for us and the cost of the dinner is \$10. Please try and be there, and if you haven’t made reservations yet, please call Rich Todd at (402) 421-6932. This is the most important meeting of the year for the PERs.

This is a regular 7pm meeting night as well and the meeting will be handled by a team of PERs, so if Amy Jacobsen calls and asks you to help, please say you will. It is an important Lodge meeting as well, for we will be nominating officers for next year.



Oops...we forgot! A big Thank You is owed to Doug Haggart for volunteering for concessions at the Michigan game, his name was inadvertently omitted in our previous Elk-O-Gram. We also forgot to honor Francis W. Darrah on Jan 2nd...his name was inadvertently omitted. Yes folks, occasionally Gremlins do get in and bollox things up...



Knights Tales



I hope that you have had an enjoyable holiday season. In January, we had our Chili cook-off on Saturday the 19th and everyone that attended had a very enjoyable time. We had 11 different chili's to taste and chicken noodle soup to also enjoy. On Sunday the 20th we had our lodge clean up day. Thanks to everyone that was able to assist in this endeavor. Scott Schrage, Steve Wirth, Sonny Lane, Kim and Pat Wiseman, Mark Flohr (West DD) and Larry Bratt were all there and gave the lodge a thorough cleaning and repaired several items that were in need of attention.

We have the Valentines Day dinner coming up on Feb. 9th and hope to see you there for a night of good food, as well as great entertainment by Michael Walker who is a tremendous singer and entertainer. Hope everyone will make it a priority this year to attend lodge events and help to support our benevolent projects so that we may continue to help our community.

-Larry Bratt, Lecturing Knight

The Valentines dinner will be Feb. 9th and the menu will consist of Filet Mignon, Green Bean Almondine, Scalloped potatoes, salad, and Red Velvet cake for dessert.

Michael Walker will be providing the evenings entertainment with his smooth style of singing the romantic songs we all remember. The price will be \$25.00 per person and \$45.00 per couple. Please call in your reservations by Wed, Feb. 6th so that we can have an accurate number for the dinner as reservations for this dinner are required. Hope to see everyone there for a night of great food and entertainment that will make your valentines day a day to remember.

FROM THE FOX HOLE OF THE VETERAN'S COMMITTEE:

Vi and Sam have been busy during the Holiday Season. In November, we were invited to Gramercy Hill for a Veteran's Day ceremony and breakfast. There was a color guard along with the flag raising ceremony. It was quite impressive and quite cold that morning. We visited with as many Veterans as we could that morning, along with Sen. Bill Avery, who was also in attendance. He is the Chairperson of the Military and Veteran's Affairs committee within the Legislature.

In December, we were invited to a Christmas pot luck luncheon for volunteers of the Veteran's Medical Center. There was quite an assortment of delicious food and the camaraderie was great. Vi and Sam made a \$100 donation to the Veteran's Medical Center coffee fund. We were recognized for that along with other volunteer services. Also in December, we again visited the Veteran's Medical Center to give out sacks of goodies and our usual bags of toothpaste, soap, lotion, slippers, Kleenex, decks of cards, etc. As usual, they were most appreciative and thanked the Elk's for their generosity and remembering.

Veteran's Committee
Vi Berst - Chairperson
Sam Carter - Vice Chairperson

...and now for the Quickies...

... Over 500 kids participated in the Hoop Shoot citywide, and 30 top shooters gathered at Lincoln East on Sunday Jan 13 for the contest ... Thanks to the Volunteers who came to help with the shoot ... Vi and Sam could use a little help on the Veteran's Committee, if you have a desire to ensure our Veteran's are not forgotten, and have a few hours a month to spare, please contact them and lend a hand. We'd all appreciate it. ... P.E.R.'s running the first meeting in February, that ought to be entertaining, come see them in action ... Hats off to Jeff Sneller, Chair of the Hide Program, he delivered 68 hides to Ansley on behalf of Lodge 80 ... ENF has created a "Beacon Grant" and is being looked into by our Lodge, with the Veteran's Committee in mind ... Thank You's were read from Randolph and Sheridan Elementary for the Thesauruses presented by the Elks ... By the time you read this, the Pancake Feed will be history, look for photos in next month's EOG ... Hats off to all the participants in the Chili Competition, there were some tasty dishes to sample, along with the efforts of the Does ensuring chicken soup for the not-fond-of-chili crowd, and tasty cinnamon rolls ... A big Welcome to Charles Aman, Kevin Anderson, Leland Caskey, and Angel Medina, our newest members. Be sure to invite them to events and get them involved in our Lodge right away, make them feel welcome ... Vi and Sam received a nice letter from the VA Hospital thanking them for distributing the goodie bags and gifts to the Veterans at Christmastime ... Practice under Pressure in York February 16, cheer on our ritual team as they strive to perfect their parts in time for competition ... Rich Todd won the raffle drawing (again!) at the last meeting, and Elton Brode unfortunately was not there to win the Membership Drawing, missed out on over \$760 ... you have to attend meetings to be eligible to win, it pays to come to the meetings ...

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From Your DOES

The DOES installed the newly elected and appointed officers for Drove #4 on Monday, January 21. We look forward to another year of supporting the Elks and our local community.

Please join us for the Founder's Day potluck luncheon on Saturday, February 16. The year is shaping up with some traditional activities and new ones are also being planned!

-Vicki Logan, President

Have You Ever...

...wanted to learn to play guitar? Well, now is your chance! Beginning Guitar Lessons will be offered at the Elks Lodge, times and dates to be determined based on response.

This will be a six week course for those who have never played. Bringing a guitar is helpful, but not mandatory. There may be a nominal fee to help cover your book and materials.

We will learn about the parts of the guitar, variations of guitars (electric, acoustic, 12 string, bass, etc.), basic playing positions, chording (open and bar), and strumming patterns.

Knowledge of basic music theory may be helpful, but is not necessary. While we will be learning chording and some tablature, you do not need to know how to read music.

Contact **Randy King** at (402) 450-0978, or drop an email to rdking@diodecom.net if you are interested. Those who play a little and want to increase their knowledge, or need an excuse to get their guitar out and practice are welcome too!

Hoop Shoot

The District Hoop Shoot was held at the Calvert Recreation Center on January 26th. We were host to the winners from Nebraska City, Falls City, Fairbury and Lincoln's city shoots. The winners from this contest will be competing at the State Hoop Shoot in York on February 9th.

Clean Up Day



Our Members...

Sickness & Distress:

none

Deaths:

Jerry Gorton, passed 12/03/12
Richard Bjorklund, passed 12/29/12

Members for Consideration:

none

Members for Reinstatement:

none

Members Initiated in January:

Charles Aman, Kevin Anderson, Leland Caskey, and Angel Medina

January's EOG Hidden Membership Number:

There was no number printed

Membership Drawing: Jan 2nd: \$740.00.

Buford Jones's name was drawn, but was not present to win. Jan 16th: Elton Brode'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!

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 - 68 hides delivered to Ansley, NE.

Hoop Shoot - Doug Rienks - No Report.

House Committee - House Committee / Trustees: Cleanup/Fix It day was held Jan 20.

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 - Unpaid members to be dropped in February.

Scholarship - Dave Kirby - No Report.

Soccer Shoot - Doug Rienks - No Report.

Social Community Welfare - Doug Rienks - No Report.

Veterans Committee - Vi Berst - Goodie bags were given out to Veterans at the VA Hospital, along with a \$100 donation from the Veteran's Committee.

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO SAVE MONEY! Last month we were billed \$15 from the US Post Office for undeliverable Elk-O-Gram's (EOG). It was \$8.50 the month before. The Post Office marked the EOG's with the following: "temporarily away", "mail on hold", "new address", "insufficient address", and "no longer at this address". These identifiers are automatically returned and billed back to the Lodge. The Lodge gets a special bulk rate from the Post Office for mailing the monthly newsletter; unfortunately there are penalties and costs that are incurred for receiving that special rate.

PLEASE: If you are going to be on vacation, or snow-birding for an extended period of time, or just plain moving; please call the Lodge (402-421-6363) and let us know, so we can make the appropriate changes. Your assistance in this matter will be greatly appreciated. Thanks!

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: **February 21**

(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 to assemble the Elk O Gram for March. 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: 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: Sonny Lane, 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!

Did you ever wonder where the heading "Now for the Quickies" came from? It was derived from part of our Initiation Ritual! "...strong of limb, fleet of foot, quick and keen of perception..." we should all be quick to help others, volunteer a little time, donate a few dollars to our worthy cause...

The Quickies are one line snippets of information that occur in the life of our Lodge and we want to share them with you, to encourage you to get more involved, attend the meetings, help with an event, and be proud to be an "Elk"

Happy February Birthdays!

01 - Todd Speidell	16 - Jack Crowley
04 - Samuel R. Carter Jr.	19 - Ken Geisler
06 - Ron Hoffman	Karla Ostrander
09 - Thomas J. Eckery Jr.	20 - Franklin Mills
Dirk Wingrove	26 - Lewis Cooley
12 - Richard A. Lahr	Robert W. Payne
14 - Lyle R. Paul	
Larry Sovereign	
Rhonda Wicht	



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The Chili Cookoff!

The Elks Lodge sponsored a Chili Cookoff on Saturday January 19. Each entrant prepared a chili of their choosing, and decorated a table reflecting something the Lodge supports. There were entries from our Elk O Gram staff, a table highlighting Taco's n Talent, featuring a chicken taco chili, and musical instruments, reminding us of our many talents and the fun of sharing them with each other at the Lodge. They was also entered a table showing the evolution of our Elk-O-Gram over the last 3 decades, complete with manual typewriter and laptop computer...we have come a long way!

Boy Scouts entered a table reflecting Scouting and our Lodge's involvement with it, from Merit Badges to American Flags. The chilis on that table were Reggie Buckmaster's white chili recipe, and "Boy Scout Barbeque Chili Con Carne", complete with Dutch Oven and camp stove, which seemed to be a hit. Hunters Safety had a table with both a good old fashioned Camp Chili, and King's 9-Alarm chili, which would make your eyes water...

Mike, Janet, and Dawson Jurado created a table with a Hawaiian theme, and had delicious Hawaiian chili, complete with pineapple. The Kitchen Crew created a nice themed table and served Wino White Chili and It Takes A Village Chili. The Card Players and Pub Crowd, via Scott and Jody Schrage, had a nice booth decorated with a poker tablecloth, and a delicious beef chili. Jeff Sneller created a table highlighting our deer hide program, and had venison chili, complete with fresh peppers, onions and all the fixin's. And our E.R. Doug Rienks entered his E.R. Chili, in absentia. He called it "Chili without any body"...but it was all but gone by the end of the evening.

The DOES had a lovely display with wine from the different wineries highlighting their popular wine tours they host, and a delicious chicken noodle soup, for those who didn't care for chili. Carrie Fiedler and the Kitchen Crew passed out hot cinnamon sticky rolls, many people brought cinnamon rolls complete with sour cream frosting, and there were some cookies and brownies as well. Those disappeared quickly!

Allen King and Kevin Sadler sold the raffle tickets, and with Allen's long arms, when you gave \$5 you got a lot of tickets! Many people donated the raffle items, including fresh pineapples, gift certificates to Skeeter Barnes, candy buckets, stuffed animals, bottles of wine and more. The Highlight of the night was the Chili Competition, and the voters declared...a tie! It came down to the Scouting table with the white chili and the barbeque chili, and Jurado's Hawaiian Luau Chili...so we will share the traveling trophy and do it again next year.

A big Thank You to Bob Sindlar for setting up and helping with electrical for all the crock pots, and to Kim and Pat Wiseman, Mary Brooks, Larry Bratt, and the many others that brought food, decorations, and helped make this a fun event!





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Lodge 80 GOAL: \$4.50. As of 10/24/12: \$6.31

Don't forget to look for the member number in this issue. If you find yours, call the Lodge for your prize!

February 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6 PERs Mtg 6p Trustee's Mtg 6p Lodge Meeting 7p	7	8	9 Valentine's Dinner 6:30p
10	11	12 Burger Nite 5:30p American Legion	13 Ritual Practice 6:30p	14 VFW	15	16 DOES Founders Day Luncheon PUP York #1024
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