

# Elk - - Gram

Home of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Vincent R. Collura, Past Grand Exalted Ruler George B. Klein, & Past Grand Secretary Jack M. Jensen



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

## Teens of the Year Honored

Teen of the Year was another great success. We had over 20 schools participate. Each school nominated and 8th grade boy and girl to receive recognition for their good citizenship, scholarship and leadership. We held this event over three Sundays in March. Because of the late spring snow storm we had a sell-out crowd for the final day. Our lodge room was filled to the brim with award winners and their extended families! We even spilled over into the bar area.

Thanks to all the Elks that came out to help. It was both needed and appreciated. Each winner received a plaque and a \$25.00 gift card to celebrate their accomplishments. Cookies, soda, and coffee were enjoyed by everyone after the ceremonies. If you would like to get involved in helping with this event next year, please call Amy Jacobsen PER 402-699-2201.



## Installation of Officers

*Lincoln Lodge #80*

*Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks cordially invites you to the installation of*

*Larry Schwindt*

*Exalted Ruler Elect  
for the Fraternal year 2013-2014  
and his fellow officers*

*Wednesday, April 3, 2013 at 7:00pm  
5910 South 58th Street Lincoln, Nebraska*

*Reception following installation*

## Strikes & Spares Dinner

*Saturday, April 20 6.30pm*

*Family, Friends, and Strangers alike are welcome to come and enjoy!*



*Meatloaf  
Baked Potatoes,  
Green Beans  
Salad  
Dessert*



*Cocktails at 5.30p  
Sponsored by our Bowling Team!*

*Thank you to Sam and Vi for your many years of service to our Veterans!*





## Grand Exalted Ruler, 2012-2013

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

*“Spring renews push to get  
Members involved.”*



## Exalted Ruler Lodge No. 80 2012-2013

**Doug Rienks**

Welcome to all of the new Officers and Lodge and District Committee Chairs as we begin our 2013-14 fraternal year. Elections are behind us and our focus now becomes how to achieve the goals we set for the year.

Spring is a time of renewal, and the markers of our accomplishments have all been re-set to zero. Our ENF and State Major Project per capita goals begin anew. Our membership drives are starting, and we look for new and stimulating ways to get our Members involved in the Lodge.

As we know, some Members originally joined the Lodge solely for the fraternal aspect of our Order. They enjoy coming to Lodge, knowing it is a good place to bring the family or for dinner or a swim. They often meet with their friends for a drink or to participate in the special events. These Members make a significant contribution to the success of our Lodges.

It is essential that we provide the activities that meet their needs in our Lodges. Don't be afraid to try new things. Just because "We tried that (20 years ago) and it didn't work!" doesn't mean it won't work now. You might be stunned what that event will do this year!

However, your Lodge will not succeed if it focuses on the fraternal side alone. Our charitable work is the heart of what we do and who we are. This is the time when we Officers should look at how to engage our Local Lodges more in our communities, whether through the schools, veterans' services or a project that can serve a need.

Many tools are available to help you to find and fund valuable projects. Your newsletter is a prime communication tool. Let your Members know you are looking for project ideas and for their contributions. Brainstorm with your Officers and PER Association to find where your Lodge should focus its attention. Invite in local community leaders for their ideas. Then set your priorities and work on those projects that have merit and can make a significant impact in your community. As you are out in the community, be sure to invite the media to cover your event. Personal contact cannot be overdone. Let our "Beacon of Hope" shine on all involved.

Thank you all for continuing your leadership in our Order. It's an extraordinary experience to be a Lodge Officer and one you should cherish. Take pleasure from the year and enjoy yourself!

Dear Elks,

This will be the last letter that you will have to endure from my pen. Our new Exalted Ruler Larry Schwindt will be the source of your entertainment in this area for the next year, I am confident he will do an excellent job. As I finish my year as Exalted Ruler I cannot help but reflect back on what good has happened and things I wish I could have accomplished. Most of all I am happy for all the support that has been given to me from the members but primarily I want to thank my family for their support. Without their support it would not have gone as well so to Linda, Alexis and Nicholas, I thank you and appreciate the love you have shown me even in my "grouchy" times.

There are so many times in the last year that makes me proud to be a part of such a great organization. Seeing the exuberance of the children at the Christmas party or the pride on the faces of parents at Teen of the Year presentation mean so much that words cannot do justice. The expressions at the Memorial Service as we honor those members that have passed away and recall their virtues that have been written on the tablets of love and memory will continue to make me proud to be a member. These and many other moments answer the question of why I want to be an Elk.

As we continue to try and grow and thrive in the coming years as we have in the past I think it is important to remember the purpose of our organization, benevolence. Benevolence, the disposition to do good, answers the questions we present to ourselves as Elks. This includes but is not limited to; Why should I pay my dues? Why should I contribute to ENF? Why should I interrupt my schedule to attend a youth activity? Why should I ask others to join the Elks? I think if we keep benevolence in mind for our endeavors as Elks we come to realize our purpose.

So in conclusion, it has been a great honor to lead this great Lodge for the past year and I look forward to helping Mr. Larry Schwindt continue the great tradition.

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



## Knight's Tales



I want to thank everyone for their support this past year. Having been your Lecturing Knight for the past year has been a pleasure.

I also want to thank Doug Reinks for his year as our Exalted Ruler and the way he conducted the activities of the lodge. The way our lodge shows Brotherly Love by supporting each other, becoming involved and helping the community has always been a source of pride for me and our officers.

I am looking forward to this next year and having the pleasure to serve as your Leading Knight. God Bless and again, thank you for your Brotherly Love.

*-Larry Bratt, Lecturing Knight*

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our soon to be PER for all of the time and effort that he has given to the Lodge during the past year. We all know how hectic his life is, running a business, chauffeuring two very active kids back and forth from all types of events and being the leader of our Lodge. He was also chairman of the Hoop Shoot and the Soccer Shoot, and helped out in the kitchen after dinners as time allowed.

Doug has shown that he is extremely dedicated to the Ritual and to our Ritual team. There are not too many people who would leave a business conference in Florida, fly to Denver and then rent a car and drive from Denver to North Platte. The next morning, Doug then performed in the ritual competition (he was the highest scoring officer of the competition), drove back to Denver and then flew back to the conference in Florida. Now that is dedication to the Elks and to the Ritual!

*-Larry Schwindt, Loyal Knight*

Thank you for letting me serve as your Leading Knight. See you next year!

*-Sonny Lane, Leading Knight*

## A New Way to Pay Dues

At our last meeting the membership voted to approve automatic withdraw for the payment of dues. This will allow members not to have to write a check for their dues on an annual basis. It will also allow you to budget the dues over twelve equal installments. At this time the cost will be \$7.80 per month for 12 months.

It is our hope to provide an easy way for the membership to stay current and to avoid the hassle of members having to write the check as well as saving the lodge money in postage for dues reminders. Please consider this as an economical way for dues payment.

If you have questions feel free to contact the Lodge.

## ...and now for the Quickies...

... Thank You's were read from several Teen of the Year award recipients, the last award ceremony was standing room only at the Lodge, very well attended ... nice job by Nancy painting the Lodge Room, looks fantastic. She repaired every bump and blemish in the sheet rock, cleaned light fixtures, ceiling fan blades, everything ... Stephen Wirth is overseeing the Lodge's entry into the Nebraska State Best Youth Contest ... It was decided to change the rules on the attendance drawing on Lodge nights, since the original idea was to encourage people to come to the Lodge meetings, and that hasn't really helped. We will still have the attendance drawing, but you only need to be present the current week to win. When the pot hits \$500, the excess will be put in the "Kitchen renovation fund" to help upgrade our kitchen equipment ... Stephen Wirth presented the Lodge with \$18 tip money from our Football Concessions last fall, \$22 from recycled cans to the Ritual Fund, and \$377 from the raffle for the Rick Logan Memorial Hockey Tickets, to be placed in the general Lodge building fund ... E.R. Rienks said the two special citations from the G.E.R. are in the works ... Plaques were ordered for Elk of the Year, Citizen of the Year, and Officer of the Year, award winners TBA ... It was decided to allow automatic dues withdrawals for convenience of paying your dues, so if that interests you, contact E.R. Rienks or Jerry Wilson ... sometimes a few dollars a month is easier than \$90 all at once ... Please recruit more members for our Lodge, our Pub really needs the income. We were able to balance the budget, but the Pub is in the red. Come to lunch weekly, bring a couple friends. Stop down for a cold one a couple times a week, the more the merrier ... St. Patty's Day dinner was a great success, hat's off to B.J. Aman for donating all the food, and to the many volunteers who set up, cleaned up, served, etc. ... Thanks to Randy King and new member Troy Pederson's wife Heather, for providing live Irish music during Happy Hour, that was a welcomed treat ... We will be working to install new speakers in the ceiling of the Lodge, which will keep our newly painted walls crisp and clean ... E.R. Rienks got to say "hands down" for the last time Wednesday night, as he finishes his reign as Exalted Ruler ... Job well done Dr. Rienks! ... Our new E.R. Larry Schwindt will do a stellar job as leader of our Lodge, and has a talented and capable crew to assist him in this upcoming Fraternal Year ...

## News From Your DOES

Best wishes to Larry on a successful year as Exalted Ruler, and to the new officers who will be supporting him in his new role.

DOES Drove #4 continues to collect Campbells soup labels. You are welcome to turn them in to the Lodge any time you are there for lunch, dinner, or enjoying fellowship with other members.

Thank you to all who supported the DOES sponsored bake sale. We look forward to ongoing support of Lodge #80

## St. Patty's Dinner

Saturday, March 16th was St. Patty's day, and you all know what that means. Another fantastic corned beef and cabbage dinner courtesy of John Aman. The festivities began Friday evening with prep work in the kitchen. John set to work preparing the corned beef for its journey into the ovens the next day.

Saturday arrived and John started cooking while his son Charles decorated and set up the tables and chairs. As the crowd filtered in, they were greeted with the lovely Irish music provided by Heather Pederson and Randy King. The air was filled with the aroma of corned beef and all of the fixins. Maureen and Kevin Sadler were in charge of collecting money at the door while the Lodge filled with people anticipating a great meal, and they were not disappointed. There was plenty for all to eat and no one went away hungry. The Larry's (looking dashing in their kilts), sold raffle tickets for the prizes that were donated for the evening and a good time was had by all.

The Boy Scouts were again on hand to clear the tables and wash the dishes, pots and pans. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the members who came out to support the Lodge (and enjoy a fantastic evening). Without the support of our members who attend these functions, and without the help of the members who sponsor and prepare these meals, the Lodge would not be here.



## Our Members...

### Sickness & Distress:

Mark Long - Back surgery  
Esther Way - at Tabitha

### Deaths:

Gene Obrecht passed March 16

### Members for Consideration:

None

### Members for Reinstatement:

None

### Members Initiated in March:

None

### March's EOG Hidden Membership Number:

12405 - Marlin Kelley, hidden in the EOG Folding crew notes.

**Attendance Drawing:** 25 in attendance, Wauneta Peterson's name was drawn and was the winner of \$21.00.

**Membership Drawing:** \$824.00. Bob Clinkenbeard's name was drawn. He was present, but hadn't been at two consecutive meetings 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!*

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## Committee Reports

**Americanism** - Sonny Lane - No Report.

**Boy Scouts** - Randy King - There are Eagle Scout ceremonies scheduled for April 7th and 13th.

**Drug Awareness** - Amy Jacobsen - No Report.

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

**Hide Program** - Jeff Sneller - No Report.

**Hoop Shoot** - Doug Rienks - Finals in 2 weeks, stay tuned!

**House Committee** - House Committee / Trustees: 1) Next year's budget was distributed. 2) The St. Patty's Day dinner was a success John Aman and his crew were congratulated on a job well done. 3) The icemaker has been fixed.

**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** - Jerry Wilson - Total members 263, with 146 paid for 2013/14, 2 candidates for initiation.

**Scholarship** - Dave Kirby - Youth Recognition night will take place on May 6th at 7pm at SECC.

**Soccer Shoot** - Doug Rienks - No Report.

**Social Community Welfare** - Doug Rienks - No Report.

**Veterans Committee** - Wade Graft - Wade Graft has taken over Chair of this Committee.

## 2012-2013

### Elks' Lodge #80 Officers

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

## Elk-O-Gram Editor's Note

Articles Due: **April 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](mailto:eog.lodge80@gmail.com)

All past issues, lodge information, and more can be seen at [www.elks80.org](http://www.elks80.org)

Created and managed by webmaster Larry Klein

Our March EOG Folders were: Randy King, P.E.R Jim Andersen, P.E.R Stephen Wirth, Larry Bratt, E.R. Elect Larry Schwindt, Imre Bonyhady, and Gerry Miles.

Please join us April 23rd after Beer 'n Burger Nite to assemble the Elk O Gram for May.

*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, 15803, 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.  
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**Investigation:** Larry Bratt, Coord.  
**Retention:** Jerry Wilson, 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

April 1<sup>st</sup>, Happy New Year...Yep, the beginning of the new year for our Lodge, April 1, 2013 – March 31, 2014. For those of you that have sent in your dues already, I give you a big Thank You!

I probably sound like a broken record, but that is my mission at this time of year to keep reminding everyone to send in their dues payment. Also, I have had the opportunity to make contact with numerous members over the past two weeks, and the task was not an easy one. Some of you have changed phone numbers, email addresses, and home addresses; **PLEASE, if you have changed phone numbers, or addresses in the past 6 months, please contact the Lodge office. Thanks!**

Please, if you have any questions or comments of how I can better serve you, please contact me. My phone number is 402-570-2555 and there are two emails that you can use to contact me: [lodge80secy@yahoo.com](mailto:lodge80secy@yahoo.com) or [lodge80secy@gmail.com](mailto:lodge80secy@gmail.com). See you all around the lodge.

- Jerry Wilson

We will have new Lodge polo shirts available sometime in April. They will be made out of a microfiber material. Microfiber is a light, soft, easy-care fabric that holds its color very well. They will be red in color and will be embroidered with the Elks logo on one side and Lincoln Lodge #80 on the other side. The price will be \$28.00 for sizes XL and smaller. Sizes over XL will add \$1.50 for each size above XL. XXL will be \$29.50, XXXL will be \$31.00 and so on.



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](mailto: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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### Past Exalter Rulers Meeting Highlights

Meeting called to order on Wednesday, 02/06/13 at 6 P.M. by President Jacobsen with 9 present: Dale Anderson, Edwards, Jacobsen, Lane, Meisinger, Sneller, Todd, Wieting and Wirth. John Aman (10) was excused, temporarily, until he completed his dinner preparation duties at time of roll call. Minutes of two previous meetings approved as read.

Treasurer Report: Meisinger presented the following report: Balance in account \$1218.61, plus a CD worth \$1006.88. CD is coming due Feb.8 – he recommended leaving it there as he called several financial institutions and nobody pays anything on a small CD. Todd moved to accept his report and recommendation, Wirth seconded and it was approved. All bills against the association are paid.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Selection of Officer of the Year was voted on and approved. Further, it was agreed that previous winner should present the award to new winner hence, Wirth will make presentation to the newly selected Officer of the Year at the installation of lodge officers for the 2013-2014 year.

Election of Officers for Assn.: A unanimous ballot was cast for Wirth, President, Todd, Secretary and Meisinger, Treasurer. Todd and Meisinger graciously accepted the job for another year.

Sponsorship of Lodge Activities: Moved by Meisinger, seconded by Wieting and unanimously agreed that if the Ritual team goes to Nationals, we would continue our \$500 donation and that we would continue to sponsor a dinner at the Lodge for the Lodges' benefit by donating \$400 plus the work force.

Good of the Assn.: It was suggested that we meet informally at the 2<sup>nd</sup> burger night (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday) to: 1) boost the burger night attendance so it can continue and grow, 2) we can discuss needs of the Lodge and ways we can help. No decisions will be made EXCEPT when all members have been notified in advance that a formal meeting will be held. John Aman sponsored the dinner and Connie Moore provided the dessert. Because of their generosity, the dinner, dues and fines collected equaled \$465. Wirth will research bringing Officer of the Year plaque up to date. Jeff Sneller issued an invitation to all PERs attending the State Convention, along with the ritual team, to visit him and his wife Deb at their cabin on Jeffers Lake. More information to follow as the State Convention nears.

Adjourned: @ 6:35 P.M.

Dinner, buffet style, was then served to PERs, current lodge officers and members totaling 19. The meal included stuffed pork chops, mushroom gravy over stuffing, green beans and dinner roll. A delicious cherry / whipped cream / graham cracker crust dessert finished out a terrific meal. Thanks again to John Aman, his son Charles (new Elk member) and Connie Moore for making the evening so wonderful. It took a lot of work feeding this hungry group and they met the challenge. Lodge meeting then followed at 7 p.m. which was conducted by the PER's. Remember, PER DUES are due. If you have not sent in your dues, please send \$15 payment to 5330 Stonecliffe Dr, Lincoln, NE, 68516, Secretary, Richard R. Todd, PER

### Happy April Birthdays!

- |                      |                        |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| 01 - Bob Schipman    | 15 - Amy Jacobsen PER  |
| James Searle         | 16 - Brianna Bergholz  |
| 02 - William Bray    | Thomas Roper PER       |
| 03 - Vilis Berst     | 17 - Milan Knezovich   |
| 05 - Clayton Tomjack | 20 - Theodore Paulson  |
| Brent Travis         | 22 - Dennis Smith PER  |
| 08 - Donald Leising  | 24 - Wesley Durst PER  |
| Jack Stone           | Neil Petersen          |
| 09 - David Caudy     | 26 - Derek Horalek     |
| 10 - Denis Applebee  | Ken Krupicka           |
| 11 - Tamera Mowrey   | 27 - Larry Klein       |
| Robert Wise          | Richard Todd PER       |
| 12 - Scott Schrage   | 29 - Walter Dondlinger |

### ...ELK SIGHTING...



Elk Roger Pickering showing off a delicious apple pie



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Lodge 80 GOAL: \$4.50. As of 3/10/13: \$9.39

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

# April 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Officer Installation 7pm	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Burger Nite 5.30p American Legion	<b>10</b> Room Rented	<b>11</b> VFW	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Room Rented
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> DOES 7p	<b>16</b> American Legion	<b>17</b> Lodge Meeting 7p	<b>18</b> American Legion	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Strikes & Spares Dinner 6.30p
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Burger Nite 5.30p EOG Folding	<b>24</b> Ritual Practice	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> State Convention	<b>27</b> State Convention
<b>28</b> State Convention	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>				