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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

State Ritual Champions for the 5th Year in a Row!

Lincoln Lodge No. 80 was successful in defending their previous 4 crowns once again. On Saturday evening, April 27^{th} , 2013 at the awards banquet, it was announced that Lincoln won the State Ritual contest and will represent Nebraska at the National Ritual Contest to be held at the 149^{th} annual Elks National Convention in Reno, Nevada July 13^{th} through the 17^{th} . The team scored a record 98.0860, the highest of any Lincoln Ritual Team to date. All seven officers were awarded individual 1^{st} place trophies for their respective positions.

Our candidate, Laurie Montag, took 2nd place honors for competing for her first time at state level. Larry Bratt, Lecturing Knight, won the Nutzman Award which is presented to the overall highest scoring officer with a score of <u>96.665</u>. Other awards received were the 1st place Hope Blackledge team plaque along with the Hope Blackledge traveling trophy which will stand in Lincoln's trophy case for another year. It looks real



nice along side of the other traveling trophy which doesn't need to travel anymore. Once the team wins 3 state titles in a row, the trophy is then retired. So the 2nd trophy needs one more state title from Lincoln to be able to land permanently in our trophy case. Ritual coaches, Richard Todd and Stephen Wirth, both PERs, are very proud of the individual and team efforts put out by this fine group.

In addition, Larry Schwindt won the 1st place Flag Tribute and 1st place 11 O'clock Toast award competition. Lincoln also won 1st place in the Lodge Bulletin as well as 3rd place in the All-American Lodge contests respectively. Please support the Ritual team with the many fund raising events listed in this issue of the Elk-O-Gram as they make their way to the Final Four in Reno.

L to R Candidate Laurie Montag, Chaplain Jeffrey Sneller, Lecturing Knight Larry Bratt, Leading Knight Sonny Lane, ER Doug Rienks, Loyal Knight Larry Schwindt, Inner Guard Bob Sindlar and Esquire Gerald Miles

First Golden Heart of Elkdom Award Presented.



At the Nebraska Elks Spring Convention held the weekend of April 26-28 in North Platte NE, our Lodge presented the first Heart of Elkdom John Brooks Memorial Award. This award is to honor John Brooks who, during his years with the Elks, gave from his heart without asking for anything in return, but instead just because he believed in and cared for the BPOE and what it does for the community.

The selection committee had sent out emails to all Nebraska lodges asking for nominations for this award. Several nominations were received and all were very viable nominees. The selection committee reviewed all the nominations and chose a recipient from those.

During the evening awards banquet on April 27th, Larry Bratt, ER Larry Schwindt, Gerald Miles, and Mary Brooks presented the award to Michael Ohren of Omaha lodge #39. The nomination letter for Michael was read and then he was presented with a beautiful engraved plaque. Michael has given of himself over and over to his lodge, the Nebraska State Elks Association, and to the National

Association and was truly deserving of this award.

Our Past Grand Exalted Ruler and State Sponsor James M. McQuillan had eagerly agreed to allow us to present this award at this banquet and to be able to continue to present the award annually at spring award banquets. We are extremely pleased and grateful to him for allowing us to honor John's memory in this way.

John's memory and spirit will continue to live on through this award, as well as in all of our hearts and lives.

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

"Lodges mark June with Flag Day celebrations."

As Rodgers and Hammerstein sang, "June is busting out all over!" June features a special event at our Lodges – Flag Day. I have seen many celebrations for our Stars and Stripes, but I have always been most impressed by those done in our Local Lodges. Some share the history of Old Glory through their collection of antique flags. Some have veterans from every branch of service who participate in the ceremony. Boy Scout troops are frequently asked to take part. But no matter what form it takes, we all are proud of our flag and what it represents, and this celebration always carries great meaning for us as Elks. Be sure to make this a special day for your Members and guests alike.

Next month we will be in Reno, Nevada, for our 149th Grand Lodge Session. To the Exalted Rulers of our Order, you will be the official representative of your Lodge. As such, you have a responsibility to review the proposed changes to the laws of the Order, which have been sent to your Lodge, and to have discussed them with your Members before arriving. You will be asked to vote on these issues and report back to your Lodge.

But you will also be asked to vote on issues that will not have been previously sent to your Lodge. These are frequently housekeeping issues to resolve conflicts in the statutes and have been proposed by a Grand Lodge Committee. However, sometimes there will be discussion on the floor of the Grand Lodge and points made on issues that were not considered by your Lodge. Fortunately, we are not robots – we can listen, reason and understand when information is given to us. And then we can act on that information. So I ask each of you to pay close attention to the proposed changes to the laws of our Order this year, discuss them with your District and State leadership at the convention and then vote as your good sense would dictate. In this manner, we will continue to keep our Order up to date with the changing needs of our membership. Please don't come to the convention with your mind made up, or perhaps as instructed how to vote by your Lodge. There will be a lot of discussion, and you need to be free to act on the information in a way that most benefits your Lodge and the Order.

While at Grand Lodge, be sure to take advantage of the wealth of information available to you. There are always ENF and membership seminars, and committee promotional materials on the exhibit floor. Take time to talk to your fellow attendees from other Lodges and states about what they are doing. If there is an issue that concerns you, seek someone out to ask your questions. Grand Lodge provides you with many expert resources and experienced staff. Make good use of your time with these Elks. It will stand you in good stead going forward. See you in Reno!



Exalted Ruler Lodge No. 80 2013-2014

Larry Schwindt

The state convention was held the last weekend in April, where our Lodge received several awards. The Lincoln Lodge was awarded a plaque for first place in the Lodge bulletin contest and a third place plaque for All American Lodge. The Ritual team finished first in the competition and will be representing Nebraska at the national convention ritual competition in July. Our very own Chuck Meisinger was elected to a five year state Trustee position (congratulations Chuck!). The Lincoln Lodge Ritual team also did a wonderful job in conducting the memorial service.

The month of May is only half over as I am writing this article, but it has been an extremely busy time. The Cinco de Mayo dinner was held on May 4th (many thanks to Mary Brooks for sponsoring this dinner and to the many people who worked long and hard to prepare it).

We had our Youth Recognition night at Southeast Community College on Monday night May 6th, which was attended by over 500 students, relatives and friends. We gave out over \$30,000 to scholarship recipients, and recognized many other students for their achievements. Thank you to Dave Kirby for organizing this event and to Sonny Lane for being the master of ceremonies. Thank you to all of the people who took time out of their lives to judge all of the scholarship applications that we received. Well done!

The Mother's Day brunch was held on May 12th (thanks to the many people who put in long, hard hours to make this event great).

The Lincoln Ritual team was asked by the Omaha Lodge to come to their Lodge on May 16th and initiate three new members into their Lodge. We were treated to a salad and pizza dinner which was hosted by Omaha Exalted Ruler Jerry Deterding and several other officers. Denise Sanders was kind enough to buy a round of drinks for the visiting ritual team. We had a wonderful time and thanks to our friends in Omaha for their gracious hospitality.

And practice, practice, practice. Your lodge ritual team is putting in hour after hour of practice to be the best that they can be to represent your Lodge at the national convention. Please help support our team in any way that you can. The team has received an abundance of congratulations from our members for winning the state competition, but there is still a lot of hard work ahead.

Be the best Elk that you can be. Come to our events and support our Lodge. The way to make our organization great is by participating in the activities that we sponsor. Come to some of the events and see the great things that we do.

Remember to "Dream, Dare, Do"

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Knight's Tales



Your Ritual Team has returned from the State Convention, and won the competition for the 5th consecutive year. I would like to thank everyone for all their support. We will strive to represent our lodge and our state with the best of our abilities at the National Convention in July. We will be having two more fundraisers for the ritual team. Those will be Friday June 7th which is the Spaghetti Feed and the Father's Day Brunch on June 16th. Please plan on attending one or both of these events to help sponsor the team's expenses for the trip.

I would also like to thank everyone that attended our Mother's Day Brunch. We served almost 140 people and all seemed to enjoy the menu choices and food.

The scholarship night at SECC on Monday May 6th was a big success and approximately 600 people were in attendance. We were able to hand out more than \$30,000 in scholarships. This is definitely one of the ways we show our charity to the community. Thanks to everyone who attended.

If you have any suggestions of activities you would like to see the Lodge become involved with or provide, please contact me so we can discuss your ideas. As a charitable organization we need to continue to help our community out.

-Larry Bratt, Leading Knight



Well I made it through the first month, didn't make too much of a fool of myself (don't ask the Larry's, they may say differently). The month flew by pretty quickly, a few new members initiated and some more coming up in the near future. We should all think back to the reason we became Elks and strive to find that desire to help the youth, Veterans, and members of our community.

There was a wonderful Mother's Day brunch and the Cinco de Mayo dinner that all that were present seemed to enjoy. There is the upcoming Spaghetti Dinner and Father's Day brunch to look forward to as well.

We were also privileged to be a part of the Youth Recognition Night where the Elks gave out scholarships and awards to many deserving youth.

This upcoming month will be a busy one for your officers, with the ritual practices, Flag Day, burger nights and the dinners.

May god bless and keep safe the youth and veteran service members of our country

-Jerry Miles, Loyal Knight

-Mary Brooks, Lecturing Knight



What a month since our last Elk-O-Gram. Many traveled to North Platte for the State Convention. Lodge #80 really stood out from the rest. We truly have a lodge to make us proud. We could have the top ritual team in the nation! I must say they made Rich, Deb, and I cry from their performance at State. It reminded me of Phoenix when we were "Best in the West". They are having several fundraisers in the next month, please show your support.

Our own Chuck Meisinger has been elected to a 5 year term as a state trustee, thank you Chuck for your dedication at the state level!

Thank you to all who attended the Cinco de Mayo Dinner. My family is proud to offer this

fundraiser in John's honor. The dishes served were some of his favorites and all were made from scratch. It takes many hands to prepare a dinner like this, so if YOU would like to join in, let any of us know or just show up!

I also want to give a BIG thank you to Wauneta Peterson, our Organist, for her music at our meetings and other special events. What an addition! During the painting of the lodge, she couldn't play and I really missed her music. If you haven't been to a meeting recently to hear her play, please plan to attend. I might even get to "grasp your hand in friendship." Hope to see YOU around the lodge!

...and now for the Quickies...

... Voices can better be heard in the Lodge Room, thanks to some new ceiling speakers. You'll have to look hard for them, but they sound great. Look for them to appear in the Pub too, as it is hard to hear the raffle ticket numbers during dinners ... A big Thanks to Vi and Helen Berst for donating a very nice handmade latch hook Elks Medallion to our Lodge. This was given to them by Helen's sister in Colorado, she knows how much the Elks are a part of their lives ... Several new members to be initiated into our Lodge soon, come to the Jolly Corkers Pub and buy them a round, get to know them. One reason they joined the Lodge is for the fellowship with people like you, so reach out and befriend them ... As most of you know, our Lodge did very well at State Competition, and will be going to Reno in July ... Great turnout for the Mother's Day Brunch fundraiser for the ritual team, the proceeds were over \$1000. Great way to support the Lodge and help them shine at National ... Upcoming Father's Day Brunch too, so plan on attending, June 15 from 8 - 2 pm. Great food, great service, great cause ... Hats off to Carrie Fiedler and Mary Brooks, Kim and Pat Wiseman, Bob Sindlar, the Larry's, Rich Todd and Connie Moore, Laurie Montag and many others who volunteered their time and efforts to serve and cook for Cinco de Mayo ... Scholarship night at Southeast Community College was well attended, nice to see kids getting awards and recognition for doing it right ... Thank You to all the Officers who gave up a Monday night to attend and help give out the scholarships ... The Lodge's laptop has gone astray, it is in a blue bag. If you borrowed it and forgot to return it, bring it down to the Lodge and drop it off at the office or the Pub ... The Bowler's have donated another \$693 to the Bowling Scholarship ... This scholarship was started in 1997, and the Bowler's have added to it every year since. They have donated over \$10,000 to this scholarship since inception. Please thank our Elks Bowling Team for not only being the longest running league in the City, but the most generous, too ... Wauneta Peterson thanked the Lodge on behalf of the Does for the use of the Lodge Room for their flower and plant sale, she reported that it went very well ... We are glad to help, that is what Elkdom is all about ... Rumor has it that another Taco's n Talent dinner will be held in July, watch next month's Elk O Gram for details ... Brush off that fiddle, tune up the washtub bass or sharpen your saw, and plan on providing the entertainment. See Randy King to help ... And while you're at it, please, call in and reserve for our dinners ... It helps the kitchen know what to plan for ... The last dinner (meatloaf) we had nearly 90 attend (which is great, wish they were all like that!) but only 6 called in and reserved ... they nearly ran out of food ... so please let the office know, or the Pub ... P.E.R. Stephen Wirth has been busy, taking checks to kids for special camps, dropping off Soccer Shoot trophies, and an endless list of other tasks around the Lodge. Be sure to Thank him for his efforts; he gives a ton of time and thoughtfulness in what he does for our Lodge ... Be sure to attend the Flag Day celebration June 14, that is a Friday, 7 pm at the Lodge. It is a very moving ceremony, and helps us stop and consider our Nation's history, the freedoms we enjoy, Heraldry, and the role the Elks play in this ongoing and unfolding experiment in self-governance ... There are still a few new microfiber polo's available, see E.R Schwindt for details, they are \$28 each, and so much lighter and nicer than the old cotton ones. They won't fade, and are much cooler to wear ... E.R. Schwindt was seen handing out stars from dismantled American Flags to Vi Berst and Sam Carter, neat idea on promoting Patriotism ... Seems Vi Berst had eye surgery, they fixed it so well he was able to drive 3 days later ... amazing what modern medicine and techniques can do ... speaking of techniques, ask E.R. Schwindt about having two keyboards and hitting the wrong "delete" key, and all the fun that ensued. Just a reminder of why we love our IT crews ...

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Abbigail Goes to Diabetes Camp

Lincoln Lodge No. 80 will once again be providing financial support to Abbigail Beaudette who will be heading to Summer Camp for youth with Diabetes from June 23rd through the 29th, 2013. Camp Floyd Rogers (60 years plus) is located between Omaha and Lincoln, just south of Interstate 80 within Schramm Park Recreation Area (10 years now) on a bluff overlooking the Platte River. Abbigail is 10 and this camp provides opportunities for kids with diabetes up through age 18.

Jean Bergholz and Stephen Wirth are Abbigail's sponsors and we look forward to a long lasting friendship with Abbigail's family and Camp Floyd Rogers. Have fun Abbigail and we look forward to hearing about your many experiences and making of lasting friendships. Take lots of pictures as well!

Pictured is the Beaudette family: Amy, mother of Brody, Abbigail and Keaton.



Spaghetti Pinner

Spaghetti, Meatballs, Garlic Bread, Salad, and Dessert

Cocktails 5.30p Dinner 6.30p

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July's Jaco's 'n Jalent Nite is around the corner! Keep your eyes out for upcoming information!





Lincoln Lodge No. 80's own Lecturing Knight, Larry Bratt, won Officer of the Year both locally as well as at the State level. Past Exalted Rulers of LEL#80 nominated and voted Larry as Lincoln Lodge No. 80's Officer of the Year back on February 6th. Presentations were made by PER President Wirth to Larry on Wednesday, April 3rd. Then the local committee decided to submit Larry's name and outline/narrative for a chance at State Officer of the Year.

Larry was awarded his State recognition the night of the awards banquet at the State Convention held in North Platte the end of April. Thanks to Amy Jacobsen, Charles and Kathy Meisinger, Richard Todd, Nancy Kennedy for assisting President Wirth in gathering the information required to allow Larry to be nominated and win this most impressive and deserving award!

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Our Members...

Sickness & Distress:

Vi Berst - Eye surgery

Deaths:

Art Berthold passed April 19

Members for Consideration:

None

Members for Reinstatement:

None

Members Initiated in May:

None

May's EOG Hidden Membership Number:

15428 - Tom Roper, hidden in a Boy Scout award pictures.

Attendance Drawing: 21 in attendance, Mary Brooks's name was drawn and was the winner of \$20.00 which was donated to the Ritual Team fund.

Membership Drawing: \$304.00. Buford Jones's name was drawn. He was not present to win that pot, so it carries over to next month. It pays to come to meetings!

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Committee Reports

Americanism - Sonny Lane - No Report.

Boy Scouts - Randy King - There were 5 ceremonies by Sunday May 12 and another scheduled for the end of May.

Drug Awareness - Amy Jacobsen - No Report.

Girl Scouts - Stephen Wirth - There will only be 1 Gold Award this year, 17 Silver, and 48+ Bronze. The ceremony will take place June 15th.

Hide Program - Jeff Sneller - No Report.

Hoop Shoot - Doug Rienks - No Report.

House Committee - House Committee / Trustees: 1) Scott Schrage was elected Chairman of the Trustees, Kim Wiseman was elected as Secretary. 2) Upcoming dinners will be June 7, July 20, and August 24. 3) We were inspected by the Health Department and we need a new cooler floor. 4) It was proposed and approved that we support Abbigail Beaudette to attend a Diabetes Camp with a donation of \$500.

Hunter's Safety - Randy King - No Report.

ENF - The current "unofficial" amount for this Lodge year so far is \$1.72.

Membership - Sonny Lane - A list of the delinquents was requested to begin the followup process, versus waiting until the end of the year.

Midget Football - Scott Schrage - No Report.

Retention - Jerry Wilson - Total members 262, with 56 unpaid for 2013/14, 6 candidates for initiation.

Scholarship - Dave Kirby - The Youth Recognition night at SECC was a success.

Soccer Shoot - Doug Rienks - No Report.

Social Community Welfare - Doug Rienks - No Report.

Veterans Committee - Wade Graft - Five birthdays coming up. Wade is looking for an assistant who is aware of Vet's needs. The Vets from Fairbury will be here for Beer and Burger July 23rd.

2013-2014 Elks' Lodge #80 Officers

Exalted Ruler	Larry Schwindt		
Leading Knight	Larry Bratt		
Loyal Knight	Gerald Miles		
Lecturing Knight	Mary Brooks		
Esquire	Laurie Montag		
Inner Guard	Troy Pedersen		
Tiler	Sam Carter		
Secretary	Jerry Wilson		
Treasurer	Imre Bonyhady		
Chaplain	Doug Reinks		
Organist	Wauneta Peterson		
Trustee 1 Year	Kim Wiseman		
Trustee 2 Year	Scott Schrage		
Trustee 3 Year	Amy Jacobsen PER		
Trustee 4 Year	Daryll Thavenet		
Trustee 5 Year	Terry Edwards PER		

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Elk-O-Gram Editor's Note

Articles Due: June 20

(Deadline is <u>ALWAYS</u> 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

Our May EOG Folders were: Bob Sindlar Chuck Meisinger, E.R. Larry Schwindt, Larry Bratt, Daryll Thavenet and Randy King.

Please join us June 25th after Beer 'n Burger Nite to assemble the Elk O Gram for July.

Remember, many hands make light work...

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!

2013-2014 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: Gerald Miles, Coord. Hunters Safety: Randy King, Chpers. Indoctrination: Larry Bratt, Coord. 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: Stephen Wirth, PER, Coord. Ritual: Stephen Wirth PER, Chpers.

Scholarship: David Kirby, Chpers.
Soccer Shoot: Doug Rienks, PER, Coord.

Veterans: Wade Graft, Mgr. **Visitation:** Sam Carter, Mgr.

Youth Activities: David Kirby PER, Mgr.

Secretary's Corner

You all can be proud of being a member of one of the best Lodges in the State. We received many awards at the State Conference held in April. We continue to move forward with our programs, dinners, and other Lodge activities. Membership is one of our key objectives for this year; we all should make it our goal this year to ask just one person to be a member.

Just a reminder, "I sound like a broken record", please make every effort to pay your dues for the current Lodge year, which began April 1st. As of the end of May 78% of the membership has paid, and I thank you. The new membership cards are sent out immediately after I receive your payment, so if you do not receive your card, please let me know. Mistakes either in the Lodge office or with the Post Office do happen. If you are wondering whether you are current, check your membership card, it should read 2013 – 2014 (the card is a tan color).

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 or lodge80secy@gmail.com. See you all around the lodge.

- Jerry Wilson

I would like to have anyone that is the chairperson of a committee to please document exactly what you do to make these activities happen. Please include step by step instructions on how to complete all of the tasks necessary, along with typical start dates. We all know that there is a lot of stuff that goes on behind the scenes to be able to make these functions run smoothly, and we need to get all of this documented in case one of the chairpersons falls ill and someone has to step in and take over duties temporarily.

Many of our activities need to be coordinated with people outside of our organization, so please include all contact information necessary to rent facilities (soccer fields, auditoriums, gymnasiums, etc). Several activities need to be started well ahead of when the event takes place. For instance, I reserve Pershing Center a year in advance for the Christmas party, start lining up entertainment in October, etc.

Please document these milestones. It would be great if this could all be done by the July meeting. The documentation would then be kept in the office in a binder, so it will be accessible in case the unforeseen happens.

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Happy June Birthdays!

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04 - Glen Pumel 19 - Patrick McCashland PER

05 - Lowell Poague D. Kim Wiseman

06 - Daniel Holland 20 - W. Richard Baker

Kevin Rhodes 25 - James Dill

07 - Curt Prohaska 26 - Dale Anderson

08 - Rex Jensen Russell Earnest

09 - Scott Keller Thomas Ferneau III

10 - J. Richard Spellman Alan McCready

Leon Vinci 27 - Harold Harpster PER

11 - Richard Bergholz 28 - Thomas Holland

14 - Sharon Buss 29 - Darlene Brocksmith

16 - Paul Pocock

Dinners at the Lodge are a great time for everyone to get together and socialize with our friends. Please call ahead if you are thinking about attending the dinners. As one of the people that goes out and buys and helps cook the food for these events, it is hard to gauge how much to prepare if we have no indication of how many people will be at the dinner. We try to guess based on past attendance, but this is not always accurate.

At the meatloaf dinner we had a total of six reservations and over eighty people came for the dinner. For the last people were going through the serving line, we had to reduce the amount of food that we were giving to them just to make sure that everyone would get something to eat.

At the Cinco de Mayo dinner we had eight reservations and almost seventy people showed up. Luckily we decided to cook for many more, so there was plenty for everyone to eat. The problem then was that there was lots of food left over.

Please call ahead so we can have an accurate count. If you call ahead and cannot make it, or decide to come at the last minute, that is OK, but we would at least like to be close on the count!

... May Dinner Reflections...

Once again, under the guidance of Mary Brooks and Carrie Fiedler, the kitchen crew put on a fantastic Cinco de Mayo dinner. The festivities started out Friday afternoon with Mary, Larry Bratt and Larry Schwindt doing the shopping and then working their fingers to the bone doing hours of prep work. The chicken was browned, the seasoning for the pork was made and carefully slathered over the pork, and the pork was then put into the oven so it could cook overnight. Mary then schooled the Larry's in the fine art of making empanadas. They labored for hours rolling the dough, cutting the perfect circles, filling the dough with fruit, folding them over and crimping the edges. They were then popped into the oven where Mary watched over them until they were a golden brown. They were then taken out of the oven and sprinkled with a cinnamon and sugar mixture (only Mary knows the proper portions).

Then Saturday afternoon, after a wonderful lunch at the Lodge, the work started in earnest. Under the guidance of Carrie and Mary, the real work began. The sauces were made, the chicken was cooked, the pork was pulled, the tortilla soup was made and the margaritas were blended. All of this hard work culminated in a fantastic dinner that was enjoyed by all. A big thank you goes out to Mary for sponsoring this wonderful dinner and to the crew of Mary, Carrie, the Larry's, Kim & Pat Wiseman, Jerry Miles, Bob Sindlar, Ryan Fiedler and Jason Brooks for preparing this dinner.

And with that, another Mother's day has also come and gone, and the tradition of having Mother's day brunch at our Elks Lodge has continued. It was very well attended (around 140 people were served). Everyone raved about the food, which was prepared by Carrie Fiedler, Pat and Kim Wiseman, Jerry Miles and Connie Schwindt.

Rich Todd, Connie Moore, Spencer Hagan and Steve Wirth roamed the floor delivering menus and order sheets, putting down placemats and silverware, cleaning off tables and serving coffee. Larry Bratt and Laurie Montag took food orders and Larry Schwindt helped them take orders out to the tables. Bob Sindlar and Jeff Sneller worked tirelessly in the kitchen keeping the cooks supplied with clean dishes. When you see these people around the Lodge, give them a well-deserved pat on the back. As said by some of the people who attended, "this is the best breakfast in town"!

...ELK SIGHTING...



Vi Berst and ER Larry Schwindt with the new latch hook wall hanging

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June 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5 Lodge Mtg 7p	6 VFW Ritual 6p	7 Spaghetti Dinner 6.30p	8 Room Rented
9	10	11 Burger Nite 5.30p American Legion	12 Room Rented	13 Ritual	14 Flag Day 7p	15 Girl Scout Ceremony 2-4p
16 Father's Day Brunch 8a-2p	17	18 American Legion	19 Lodge Mtg 7p	20 American Legion	21	22 Room Rented
23/30	24	25 Burger Nite 5.30p	26 Ritual 6p	27	28	29 Rib Dinner 6.30p

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