

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

Elks National Foundation Awardees

Pictured is ER Larry Schwindt presenting recognition to individuals who believe strongly in the Elks National Foundation. Our GER Millard Pickering's goal nationally is \$4.60 per member. Lincoln is currently at \$9.38 per member, thanks partly to these members pictured.

Mary Brooks was presented a pin and letter for achieving the "JUSTICE" level of giving to ENF this year, (minimum of \$250). Larry Klein and Terry Edwards were presented an ENF sticker for their M-card for donating to ENF 9 and 6 consecutive years, respectively. Larry Bratt, Lincoln's ENF Chairman, was presented a pin for achieving the "FAITH" level of giving to ENF for this year, (minimum of \$1,000). He was also presented a framed certificate for achieving the level of "HONORARY FOUNDER" for monies donated to ENF. Congratulations to all.



Fairbury Veterans Came to Town



On Tuesday afternoon, July 23, a bus carrying 25 veterans and supporters came to Lincoln for a fun trip of food, socializing and baseball. The bus arrived at Lincoln Lodge No. 80 around 4:30 p.m. to enjoy burgers, hot dogs, pork & beans, curly fries, macaroni and potato salads with all the usual condiments and refreshments. LEL#80 Veterans Committee Chairman, Wade Graft worked with Fairbury Lodge No. 1203 Secretary James Schroder in putting this event together.

Both lodges worked together to help fund this outing through their veteran resources. Lots of pictures were taken of the group while dinning and then separate photos taken of those representing the different military branches. Since this was a Beer and Burger night, many other home town members of LEL#80 attended as well. After all the stories and pats on the back were given, the veterans were whisked off to Haymarket Park to enjoy a baseball game between the Trois - Rivieres Eagles and the Lincoln's Salt Dogs. James and Wade said that they want to make this an annual event and hope to add more veterans each year. Thanks to all the veterans who attended, their Fairbury Lodge chaperones and the excellent staff from Lincoln Lodge No. 80 for a job well done.

Our Sights Are Set

The 2013-2014 Lincoln Ritual Team is setting their sights on another successful year in Ritual. The team is currently practicing and will perform the Stop and Go and Ritual Judges Certification and Recertification at Cozad Lodge #2250 on Saturday, October 12th when Grand Lodge Area 6 Ritual representative Allen Lenort from Colorado comes to town to put on our states Ritual clinic. Coaches Clinkenbeard, Todd and Wirth plan to have the team ready to give everyone a memorable experience.







Fri, Cet. 4 Free Will Offering Cocktails 5.30p Dinner 6.30p ktobert 25

Surprise Breakfast! Come and see what's cookin' on Sunday Oct 20th! Serving from 8a-12p

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Grand Exalted Ruler, 2013-2014 Millard C. Pickering Message from the GER Grand Lodge Newsletter, October 2013

"Checkpoints help gauge Lodge progress."

In the Elks calendar, there are a number of checkpoints – times to step back and take a cold, hard, objective look at how things are going. October is one of those times for Local Lodges. It is the mid-point for Lodge operations. The District Deputy is either on the way or the report letter is in the works.

Although the specifics will certainly vary from place to place, some things should be universal to every Lodge.

How is the business plan going? Is the budget working out? We all know a budget doesn't create income, it manages it. Everyone starts the year with target figures but do you take the time to make comparisons? Use the audit report and comments from your District Deputy, if available, as the tools they are intended to be to craft management decisions and adjustments to the plan or determine if a modification to the budget is needed.

From a strictly-business point of view, Lodges market fraternity. Club facilities exist to provide social opportunities for our Members. What do you have planned for your membership as the busy holidays approach? Have you considered the needs of all concerned including veterans, families and auxiliaries in your planning?

Those events finance charitable and community service projects. They also figure into the success of the State Association and Grand Lodge. How close are you to meeting your goals for State Major Projects, National Foundation and other priorities set as you started the Lodge year last April?

It is obvious that this article is more about suggesting questions than giving universal answers. While there is no single, one-size-fits-all answer, if you take a hard look at the questions in October, there is time to find the solutions needed to close the Lodge year in good form.

I think I'll take my own advice.

See you down the road.



Exalted Ruler Lodge No. 80 2013-2014

Larry Schwindt

All I have to say, is "WOW" and "THANK YOU" to all of the people that have helped out at the concession stands! We put out a call for volunteers to work at the concession stands for the football games and have had a great response for the first four games. We even had a couple of last minute replacements when the Larry's were ill and couldn't be there for one of the games. A huge thanks goes out to Kevin and Maureen Sadler for jumping in on short notice to cover for us. As of this time we have enough people for the October 5th game, but there are still three games after that, so if you want to come out and join in the fun, just let either me (<u>larryjcorvette@aol.com</u>) or Kelli Stanley-Smith (<u>kss0891@windstream.net</u>) know.

The end of October marks the halfway point of the Lodge year, and it's time take stock of our time spent as Elks. Have we done as much as we could to "spread the word" about all of the good things that this order does? Have we done everything that we could to bring new members into our Lodge? The only way that we are going to flourish and grow as an organization is to let people know about all of the good things that we do. Let people know that you are proud of the organization that you belong to. Bring a friend, coworker, relative or neighbor to one of the dinners. Tell them about our scholarship program, the hide program, teen of the year, the thesaurus program, midget football and all of the other great things that we do.

Keep those donations coming in! By the time you read this, the installation of the new heating/air condition system should be complete. This has been a very expensive undertaking and we have not raised nearly enough to pay for the new equipment. As of the Lodge meeting that was held on September 18th, we had only raised around \$3000, far short of the \$19,000 that it is costing the Lodge. We have had several generous people come forward with donations, but we need much, much more. Please give generously to help defray the cost of the new system.

Remember to "Dream, Dare, Do"!



Knight's Tales



It is the time of year that temperatures are getting cooler and the days a little shorter and Fall has arrived. This month we will be participating in the "Haunted Armory" for the military kids' Halloween. This will be held on Oct. 25th. We will also by this time have had our HVAC system replaced. This was not a cheap investment and as the fund raising efforts to pay for this is ongoing, I have donated \$500.00 for the replacements. I am now challenging all current and past lodge officers to match this donation as well as all current and former ritual team members. Remember that Charity starts at home and our building is the home of the Lodge.

Continuing with our charity of aiding fellow Elks, it was decided at the last Lodge meeting to assist two of our members that have fallen on hard financial times and are unable to pay their National Elks dues. We passed the hat around the room and all present donated to cover the costs. This was just another reminder to me of what a great organization we belong to and that we really do hold to the belief of helping our own members in times of need.



Have a great Halloween and I look forward to seeing you all around the Lodge.

-Larry Bratt, Leading Knight

Greetings all! As your Esteemed Lecturing Knight, my station is dedicated to Brotherly Love. Part of that is good fellowship. At the last lodge meeting a committee was formed to look into a free gathering for our own membership and their families. We have two officers and two trustees on the committee. We would welcome any members to join us in exploring what could be a fun and fellowship building activity. If you have any ideas or would like to serve, please call me at 402.483.0426.

A breakfast is planned for Oct 20. funds raised will be used for ENF and the building fund. Volunteers are needed and you can contact the lodge or Larry Bratt. Be sure and put this on your calendar.

You still have a number of chances to join in the fun at the football concessions. If you want to help, call our ER Larry Schwindt. It's a great way to get involved and you just might make a new friend!



-Mary Brooks, Lecturing Knight

As the summer comes to an end and football season starts I would like to thank the Elks that have gone the extra mile to help the DOES at the UNL stadium with concessions. It takes a lot out of their weekends and we need to thank them for their efforts.

I have been away from the lodge and its activities since the end of July as my mother and brother-in-law have passed away. This has given my family a lot of time to be introspective of our relations with family and friends. It has also given myself and family

a chance to add to the scholarships given to the future leaders of our City, County, State and Country. This is something that I have wanted to do in memory of my father for a long time.

Now my brother, sister, and I can honor both of my parents (Bob and Edith Miles) with something they would have been proud to put their name on. Neither were Elks as there were no Elk organizations in our area (Dad belonged to other organizations). With their beliefs, morals, and the willingness to do the right thing, I know they would have been proud to be members of the BPOE as I am also proud to be a member of the Elks.

Jerry Miles, Loyal Knight

interesting to see the essays the kids come up with on that one ... The DOES added to their Scholarship fund by \$350, money raised from their wineries tour. Maybe we should all dripk more wine and wine created to the wineries

should all drink more wine and run around to the wineries! ... rumor has it that Jason Brooks is getting more involved in the Scouting Program. Watch and see how that unfolds in the coming months ... HVAC installation will be well underway, if not completed, by the time you read this. Keep those checks coming in for the Building fund, we need to get these units paid for ... a big "Thank You" to those who have already stepped up and written a check. I have heard a few challenges around the Lodge to match donations, etc. The DOES donated \$250 as a group, and you can too. Or in memoriam of someone, or perhaps in honor of someone...be creative! Larry Schwindt donated \$18 in tips they received working Concessions at the Football games. Every little bit helps, lets make that thermometer rise quickly! ... Mary Brooks offered to form a Committee to explore a "Family Fun Day" for the Lodge members and their families, as a way to give back to those who give so much of their time, talents and resources. For more info or to help her, contact Mary Brooks ... a change to our by-laws is published elsewhere in the Elk O Gram, this allows us to use a shortened opening and closing to the Lodge Meetings, which helps manage time on busy nights ... come to the next meeting to discuss and vote on measure like these! ... our card reader system is closer to reality, the receipt printer has been ordered, card reader ordered, when they come in, it won't be long to get them in service ... Haunted Armory is coming right up, be prepared to help with it. It's only one night, and sounds like a lot of fun ... Drug Awareness materials are in. contact Larry Bratt for info on how to help with this ... Hoop Shoot dates are set, February 8 for State, January 25 for District, and January 11 or 12 for local, contact Chair Gerry Miles for more info and how to help ... Elks Midget Football is in full swing, come out to Sherman Field, 1st & South St., Sundays from 10 am to 4:45 pm, Elks teams playing all day. Each game lasts about 90 minutes, and the kids appreciate the audience and support ... come to the Pub for lunch, Nancy or Roxie always has something good cookin', the prices are reasonable, good friends and conversations, and we need your support ...

...and now for the Quickies...

... The Elks Bowling League added \$50 to its scholarship

fund in a special way the other day. One of their members,

who is not an Elk, donated \$50 to the Elks for that

scholarship. Seems the larger group of bowlers had voted

down the League's sponsorship of a bowlers dinner at the

Lodge. Remember, most of the members of the League

are not Elks, and since the Bowlers Dinner didn't benefit

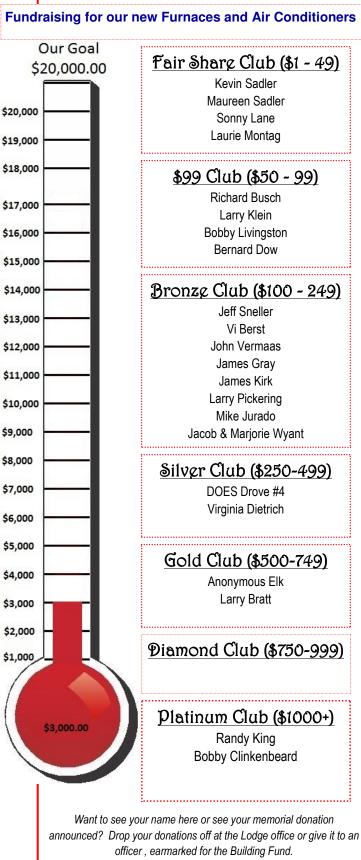
them in any direct way, they didn't want to support it. Hopefully the Larry's can twist John Young's arm a bit and

get him on board as a fellow Elk. It is that kind of

benevolence we are known for ... Americanism Theme this

year is "What does Veteran's Day mean to me?" It will be

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We're a long ways off from that \$20,000.00 mark, lets see how fast we can make that thermometer rise!

Scholarships - Attention All Members!

It's that time of year when all High School Seniors start applying for scholarships. This article is to inform the membership of scholarships available through the Lodge and its Charitable Fund. All information needed to apply is available by going to the Lodge's web site: *www.elks80.org* and clicking on Scholarships.

For those members not directly applying for a Scholarship, you should know that your Lodge supplies 34 scholarships annually with a combined value of \$35,000. These are made possible by the Paulding and Esther Smith Endowment and the Lincoln Elks 80 Charitable Fund.

Six Scholarships are available exclusively for children of Elks #80 Lodge members. See the Legacy Scholarship Program on the web site for application information.

Under the General Academic Scholarship Program 15 more Scholarships are listed. These scholarships are available to any High School Senior in our jurisdiction. They range in value from \$775 to \$1600, with restrictions noted on some of them. All of this is on the website: *www.elks80.org/scholarships.*

Four more are listed under Vocational/ Business Scholarship Program and the last category is the Teaching Scholarship Program where two Scholarships are funded that are worth \$4,000 each over a perod of four years. These are provided by Wes Durst, PER. Check the website for details.

As noted on the web site, there are additional Scholarships available through the State Association and the Grand Lodge National Program. Be sure and visit the Elks Most Valuable Student National Level Scholarship.

All members are urged to check out the web site and see the names of the current and former members and groups that have funded a Scholarship. To create a Scholarship in your name, currently it is necessary to provide \$4500. If you are interested, contact the Lodge Secretary at 402-421-6363 and ask to have a Fund Board Member contact you regarding a Scholarship in your name.

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Our Members...

Sickness & Distress:

Lowell Poague - stroke, recovering at Madonna Pat Wiseman - sprained knee Rich Todd - fall

Deaths: Dr. John Bengtson passed Sept 5, 2013

Members for Consideration: Thomas Vifquinn by John Aman

Members for Reinstatement: None

Members Initiated in September: Harry Montag

August's EOG Hidden Membership Number: 11426 - Mary Brooks, hidden in the quip about our awesome pub lunch specials.

Membership Drawing: The Membership drawing for the September 18th meeting was at \$36. The name drawn was Jack Stone, but was not present to win.

Remember, it pays to come to meetings!

The Jolly Corker Pub is open for lunch starting at 11:30 Monday-Saturday. Now also serving light suppers!

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



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Committee Reports

Americanism - Sonny Lane - 2013 theme is "What Does Veteran's Day Mean To Me?". Boy Scouts - Randy King - One Eagle ceremony scheduled for October. Drug Awareness - Amy Jacobsen - Some materials needed for the Armory have been received Girl Scouts - Stephen Wirth - Ceremony at State Capitol went well. Hide Program - Jeff Sneller - Deer season is just around the corner! Hoop Shoot - Doug Rienks - Local Event either Jan 11 or 12, Districts Jan 25, State is Feb 8 House Committee - House Committee / Trustees: New cooler floor installed. Hunter's Safety - Randy King - No Report. ENF - Larry Bratt - No Report. Membership - Sonny Lane - No Report. Midget Football - Scott Schrage - Games have started! Teams play on Sundays at Sherman Field at 2nd and South St. Retention - Jerry Wilson - 266 Members, 40 Delinguent, 2 Candidates. Scholarship - Dave Kirby - Received funds from the DOES (\$350) and a donation was made by a member of the bowling team (\$50). Soccer Shoot - Doug Rienks - September 28th at Wright Park. 10a-2p. Social Community Welfare - Doug Rienks - Check presented to Forever Angels. Veterans Committee - Wade Graft - 11 Birthday visits made to Gramercy Hill and the VA hospital.



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 PER		
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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PER Meeting Minutes 8/27/13

Meeting called to order by PER President Wirth at 6:55pm.

Following PERs were present: Clinkenbeard, Durst, Edwards, Jacobsen, Jensen, Lane, Meisinger, Pickering, Rienks, Todd, Wieting, and Wirth.

Current Lodge Officers attending the meeting were: ER Schwindt, Led. Kt. Bratt, Esq. Montag, Inner Guard Pedersen.

Minutes of February 6 meeting approved as presented. Secretary Report: Todd reported that 18 PERs have paid their dues for 2013-14.

Treasurer Report: Meisinger reported no bills outstanding and we have a balance of \$1238.68. He noted that \$400 of that is committed to the OKTOBERFEST dinner we are sponsoring on Oct. 4, 2013. We also have a CD worth \$1,011.53. Possible cashing of this item discussed and tabled to next meeting.

Old Business: Larry Bratt's selection by the PERs as Officer of the Year for Lincoln Lodge was followed by his selection as State Officer of the Year. He was duly congratulated by the group. Past Officer of the Year list is now on elks80.org.

The group was reminded that we will need raffle prizes for the dinner Oct. 4. We are asking each of you to donate a prize or cash to buy prizes. Something useful that you have and don't need is fine – bottle of wine, something Husker, etc.

New business: Pres. Wirth presented criteria for selecting Officer of the Year (this is our job each year). He will provide criteria to those absent.

Vote required on most recent PER – Doug Rienks. After considerable discussion, Jensen moved we accept him and Jacobsen 2nd. Motion carried unanimously.

No suggestions on pursuing a new project to sponsor, but did agree to support Lodge's fund raiser – purchase of new heating and cooling system. Letters will follow to members. Discussion regarding PER's paying for engraving ritual plaques. Consensus that ritual fund should pay.

Current Lodge Officers present discussed upcoming Lodge activities which include Soccer Shoot, Halloween at the Armory, Thesaurus program for all LPS 5th graders, and Children's Christmas party.

Lead. Knight Bratt, Chairman of ENF, reported we have met GER's goal for donation, but since we get back over \$2 for each dollar given, we should continue to give if we haven't already done so. Also, reported that the Lodge has received \$4,000 in grant money to be used on the Thesaurus program and the Halloween party.

Good of the Association – Ritual team members and Coaches present thanked the Association for the \$500 donation made by the association to help defray travel expenses to National Contest.

Next Regular meeting is Feb. 5, 2014. Special meeting will be held Oct. 22nd, 2014.

Adjourned: 8:00 P.M.

Richard Todd, Secretary.

Elk-O-Gram Editor's Note

Articles Due: October 17

(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 Secretary's Corner

We are busily getting back into full swing now that Lodge meeting schedules are back to normal and everyone has returned from vacation. Thank you all for being patient with me while I was vacationing during August.

My goal of having everyone's dues paid up when I returned from vacation was not reached. If there are concerns about paying them, please contact me. If you are unsure whether you are current, check your membership card, it should state **2013-2014 Member Card (in red)** across the top of the card.

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:

<u>lodge80secy@yahoo.com</u> or <u>lodge80secy@gmail.com</u>. See you all around the lodge.

- Jerry Wilson

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 only one to remind us!

Our September EOG Folders were: Bob Sindlar, PER Stephen Wirth, Esquire Laurie Montag, PER Virgil Wieting, Inner Guard Troy Pederson, Maureen Sadler and Randy King.

Please join us October 22nd after Beer 'n Burger Nite to assemble the Elk O Gram for November.

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Happy October Birthdays!

- 01 Melvin A. Brydl
- 02 Erwin W. Vosta
- 12 John A. Herrod III
- 17 Donald E. Wendelin 30 Scott Thaver
- 20 Douglas J. Haggart
- 21 Steven Blomgren
- 25 Martin A. Massengale
- 26 Thomas J. Bennett

Accident: Randy King, Mgr.

ENF: Larry Bratt, Chpers.

Americanism: Sonny Lane PER, Coord. Auditing: Duane Vanderbeek, Chpers.

Eagle Scouts: Randy King, Chpers. Flag Day: Doug Rienks, PER, Coord. Gold Award: Stephen Wirth PEB Choers

Hoop Shoot: Gerald Miles, Coord.

Indoctrination: Larry Bratt, Coord.

Ritual: Stephen Wirth PER, Chpers Scholarship: David Kirby PER, Chpers

Veterans: Wade Graft, Mgr.

Visitation: Sam Carter, Mgr. Youth Activities: David Kirby PER, Mgr.

Investigation: Larry Bratt, Coord. Retention: Jerry Wilson, Mgr.

Hunters Safety: Randy King, Chpers.

Drug Awareness: Amy Jacobsen PER, Coord.

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

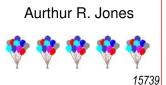
Lodge Activities: Richard Todd PER/PDD, Coord. Membership: Sonny Lane PER. Chpers. Midget Football: Scott Schrage, Coord.

Public Relations: Stephen Wirth PER. Coord. PER Association: Stephen Wirth, PER, Coord.

Soccer Shoot: Doug Rienks, PER, Coord.

Hide Program: Jeff Sneller, PER, Chpers.

Benevolence: Charles Meisinger PER/PDD/PSP, Chpers. Community Activities: Stephen Wirth PER, Chpers.



27 - Warren W. Barth

31 - Russell Bergholz

28 - C H Traudt

Darrell Bryceson

By-Law Amendment Proposal

Proposed By-Law Amendment; the purpose of the amendment would allow the Lodge to use the shortened ritual version of opening and closing the Lodge Meetings.

Article IV-A: Exemplification of Rituals; Sec. 1. The officers of this lodge are authorized to use alternative forms of the Opening, Closing and Initiatory Rituals as approved by the Grand Lodge. At any time, the lodge may utilize the original Rituals. The Presiding Officer of the meeting and/or Initiation Ritual would determine which form (original or shortened) would be used during that meeting.

2013-2014 Committees

Forever Angels

On Wednesday, August 21st, LEL#80 presented a check in financial support to a group called Forever Angels. PER Wirth became involved with this organization in 2008 and has been a strong supporter ever since. Forever Angels is a non-profit organization founded by Jaime Sanks which is based out of Lincoln. Representative Sarah Wunderlich spoke for the group and explained to the members present what Forever Angels is about. Through financial and community support, their mission is to help families with children who have serious medical conditions and disabilities.

Each year, Forever Angels holds a children's carnival to help raise money for families in need. The children this fine group represent and support face more difficulties in their lives than we will ever comprehend; therefore they are our Forever Angels. The guests of honor, for this year's carnival, are Christian Newcomer, Leyna Ahischwede and Samantha Frank. Also, Sarah presented ER Schwindt with his very own Forever Angels T-shirt which he will wear proudly. The carnival was held on Sunday, August 25th at ASPEN Athletic Clubs, 1801 Pine Lake Road.

Check out their website at forever-angels.org. Click on SPONSORS tab and see the many supporters including your very own Lincoln Elks Lodge No. 80; one of the main sponsors of this great event.

A Note from the Trustees

Look around the Lodge and you should notice some changes. The New Heat and A/C unit should be up and working. Also with us combining phone, TV and internet we now have the Big Ten network all at a lower monthly cost for the Lodge. The Card Reader will be up and working for members use in the club area, so you can use your credit/ debit card for drink purchases. Don't forget the up coming dinners listed in our Elk-O-gram. Remember to help support the ongoing fundraiser for the new Heat and A/C units.



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Lodge 80 GOAL: \$4.60. As of 9/7/13: \$9.23

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

October 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Lodge Meeting 7p	3 Ritual 6.30p	4 Oktoberfest Dinner op	5
6 Ritual 10a	7	8 Beer 'n Burger 5.30 American Legion	9 Room Rented	10 Ritual 6.30p	11	12 Ritual Clinic at Cozad #2250
13	14	15	16 Lodge Meeting 7p	17 VFW American Legion	18	19
20 Surprise Breakfast 8a-12p	21 DOES	22 Beer 'n Burger 5.30p PER Mtg 7p	23	24	25 Haunted Armory	26
27	28	29	30	31		

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