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Upcoming Events in Your Lodge...



BPOE Lincoln Lodge No. 80

106th Annual

Children's Christmas Party

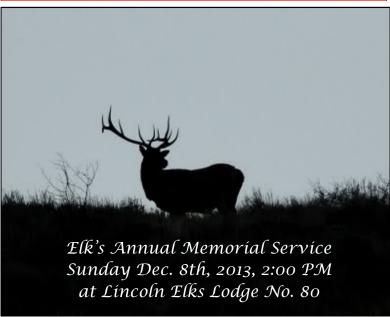
Sunday December 15th, 2013 1:00 pm



(Gates open at 12 pm) **Pershing Center** 226 Centennial Mall









Pork Roast Mashed Potatoes Corn Medley Salad



Rolls and Butter Dessert

Saturday, December 7th

5.30 Cocktails 6.30 Dinner

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

Our Goal \$3,500.00 53400 \$3200 \$3000 \$2800 \$2600 \$2400 \$2200 s1800 81600 \$1400 \$1200

Attention all members and friends of No. 80. Don't be left out on your chances to win a fist full of dollars from out January 2014 Cash Calendar event! We have a couple months left to get those calendars sold and dollars and entry slips turned in before the December 31, 2013 deadline.

These calendars make great Christmas stocking stuffers as well as Birthday

gifts. Let's make this a fundraiser

remember!



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

"Holidays Offer Chances for Your Lodge to Shine."

The holiday season is a wonderful time for family, friends and, naturally, Elks. Every community "decks the Halls" with symbols of the season and commemorations of all kinds. Many sponsor public events such as parades, Christmas tree lightings, socials, dinners, food drives and other gatherings to celebrate the holidays, the upcoming New Year and help those in need.

What better time to put your Lodge and your membership on display?

Whether it be a holiday open house, sponsorship of a float or car in the parade, participation in food basket programs or supporting charitable projects on the home front, your Lodge has the opportunity to make a difference and gain some positive attention like no other time of the year.

If your Lodge is not in a position to sponsor an event, consider participation as a group in a public activity. Just a few Elks lending a hand in a community program raises public awareness of your Lodge and reminds people of the good works you do all year round.

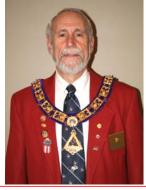
That kind of attention also attracts people of like mind who may find themselves thinking about membership. Nothing is more appealing than actually seeing people enjoying each other's company while doing good works for a worthy cause.

While every Lodge uses the checkbook for community support, nothing has greater potential influence and impact than having others see your membership actively engaged in public projects, functions and events.

It is a chance to let everyone in your hometown see you and your Lodge shine!

From the Pickering household to all of our Brother and Sister Elks, we wish you Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and all the blessings of the Holiday Season.

See you down the road.



Exalted Ruler Lodge No. 80 2013-2014

Larry Schwindt

I hope that everyone had a great Thanksgiving and that everyone is looking forward to an awesome Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

We had our visitation from our district Deputy Kent Blum, accompanied by his wife Stacy and assisted by Bill Roker. The business end of the visitation started with Kent and Bill examining our paperwork in the office and finished with an inspection of our Lodge room, bar, and kitchen areas. Thanks to the hard work by our Treasurer, Imre Bonyhady, and our Lodge Secretary, Jerry Wilson, everything went very smoothly. Kent was very impressed by all of the activities that we, as a lodge, participate in.

When Kent addressed the Lodge meeting, he pointed out, that as members of a very active Lodge, we need to be proud of the things that we accomplish. We need to let people know of all of the activities that we sponsor, and that we need to be more vocal about the good things that we do. I agree 100% with what Kent said. The only way that we can continue to exist as an organization is to let people know who we are and what we do. Be Loud, Be Proud. Be Visible.

Out 106th Annual Christmas party will be held on December 15th at Pershing Auditorium, with the sacking party taking place on December 13th. For the sacking party, we will need at least 32 people to make everything run smoothly. We will start sacking at noon and are usually done within an hour. It is a very busy time with everyone filling the bags with goodies, but it is also a fun time. For the Christmas party on the 15th, we will be opening the doors a little earlier this year. Instead of opening the doors as 12:15, we will be opening them at 12:00 to give us a little more time to hand out the toys. We will need at least 30 people to help with the event. If you want to help out on either (or both) days, please arrive early so we can get everyone to an assigned spot and be ready when the mayhem begins. I would like to get a list of the people who will be helping. Please either call the Lodge and leave your name, and which day(s) you will be helping, or email me at larryjcorvette@aol.com

I would truly like to thank all of the people who volunteered at the football concessions stand. This has been a cooperative effort between the Elks and the Does and without the help and participation of all involved, we would not have been successful. There have been times when someone had to cancel for various reasons, and there was always someone there to step up and fill the vacant spot. That type of dedication is what made things run as smoothly as they have.

Remember to "Dream, Dare, Do"!

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Knight's Tales



It is hard to believe that December and the Holidays are again upon us. With this season being very busy, please don't forget what is really important. The motto of my station is "Charity" and that is what this time of year is really about. Helping others in what ever way we can. Unfortunately this is also a very tough time of year for many people for varied reasons. Take the time to extend the hand of friendship and help those that are struggling or having difficulties. We as Elks have a duty to be "Charitable to all mankind" including our fellow lodge members that might need some assistance.

Our 106th Children's Christmas party is coming up on the 15th of December, with the sacking party being at Pershing Auditorium on December 13th. Please come and help us celebrate with the children and community of Lincoln.

I pray that all of you have a blessed and safe Christmas season.





As the holiday season grows closer let us not forget the lodge activities that offer us the chance for some good fellowship and the opportunity to do good for others. For the Children's Christmas Party in December we can join with many fellow Elks for the sacking party at Pershing on Friday the 13th at noon, If you have never taken part in this please come on down. To see 1,000's of sacks filled with goodies in about an hour is something not to miss. That evening we will have the lodge Christmas Party. Hope to see many of you there. I am amazed at all the good food that appears. A great way to get in the Christmas spirit. Then on Sunday the 15th you can attend the Children's Party. What a wonderful time for local families and us as well. It just warms your heart and puts real meaning into Christmas.

The Memorial Service on Dec. 8th is also a very moving experience for an Elk. One of the many things we treasure as Elks is to cherish the memory of the dead and there is no better way than this yearly ceremony.

See you at the Lodge!

-Mary Brooks, Lecturing Knight

DOES Corner

As the year winds down and we look towards 2014, next year's proposed slate of Officers was presented at the November meeting. Voting for the elected Officers will take place at the December 16th meeting with installation to take place in January.

Invite a friend to join the DOES at the Annual Holiday Luncheon which will be at Hillcrest Country Club on Saturday, December 7th. RSVP to Marjorie Wyant or Kelli Stanley-Smith by December 4th. We look forward to seeing you there!

Regards,

President Vicki Logan

...and now for the Quickies...

... Good to see so many at the Pork Tenderloin Dinner, that was fun! Also a very good turnout at the Veteran's Day dinner, lots of fun listening to Wauneta play the organ, sure adds to the evening and you sure missed out on some awesome chili and chicken noodle soup ... Amy Jacobsen and Kim Wiseman are working on upcoming Teen of the Month events, scheduled for March 16 & 23. I know that's a ways out there, but get it on your calendars now, lets come and support recognition of kids that are doing it right ... Hide collection bin is on the south side of the Lodge, encourage hunter's in your family to donate their deer hides, just drop them off in the bin, let a bartender know. They will notify Chair Jeff Sneller so he can see they are handled promptly ... December 7 is the next dinner, a nice pork roast dinner, let's have a great turnout for that event ... Candy sacking party is December 13, Friday, noon to 1, Pershing's basement. Be there, for this is the last time it will ever be at Pershing ... our Jolly Corkers Pub Christmas party is that evening, bring some munchies or a side dish, always more fun when there are lots of goodies to nibble on ... sounds like Wauneta will be playing some Christmas music for Beer n Burger's in December, plan on coming to those. The food is good, the club can use the support, lots of friendly banter, plus we get the benefit of Wauneta's flying fingers, how can you pass that up? ... Speaking of our Lodge and music, the Lodge voted to donate \$250 to the Lincoln Music Teachers Association for scholarships to pay for music lessons to the less fortunate (children) ... Mary Brooks matched that with another \$250 in memory of John, and another Elk matched it once again in honor of Inner Guard Troy Pedersen's wife Heather, a violin and voice teacher. She gives generously of her time and talent, many of you will remember her performing at our Taco's n Talent a year or two ago ... so we raised \$750 for the cause. Elks Care, Elks, Share! ... The thermometer is rising on the furnace fund, folks, keep those checks coming in, let's finish strong. Mary Brooks donated \$7 in tips she got working concessions at the Husker game. Every little bit helps. If you haven't sent a check yet, please do, mark it "building" or "furnace" fund ... ENF is well over \$11 per person, I think that's the highest amount in over 15 years. A huge "Hat's Off" to Chairman Larry Bratt for leading the charge ... Randy King was seen handing out American Flags at a couple Eagle Ceremonies last month, and there is one upcoming on December 28th to attend one, see what an Eagle Court of Honor is like, please contact Randy King. He'd love to have you come to one, see what it's all about ... Remember the Memorial Service Sunday December 8, 2 pm at the Lodge. We lost 7 Elks this last year, and our service remembers our departed members, and honors their lives and contributions to Elkdom and society. This is a pleasant way to spend a Sunday afternoon ... Thank You letters were read on the floor of the Lodge from Forever Angels for our continued support of their program, and from several Scholarship recipients ... John Young, a member of the Elks Bowling team, but not actually an Elk, stepped up and donated \$50 a while back to the Elks Bowling League Scholarship Fund, to help offset the loss of some funding from the Board of that group. He stepped up once again and donated another \$50. I think that speaks volumes of what folks think of our scholarship efforts. We need to publicize the fact that we are Elks, we care, we share. Let's brag about what we do, let others know of the fine and varied works of the Elks. Once they learn what we are about, that may pique their interest in joining us, in the benevolent works we do ... 8439 ... time to get your cash calendars filled out and sent in with your check. We still need at least 80 or so to break even, after that the ones we sell will benefit the Lodge. Money from cash calendar sales is what pays the light bill the last quarter of our Lodge year, we really need the support ... January 19 is a clean up day at the Lodge, it's a Sunday, so come on down ... look for more info in January's Elk O Gram ... January 18th dinner will be a meatloaf dinner, and January 26 is the annual Pancake Feed. Look for more info on that in the January Elk O Gram as well ...

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Fundraising for our new Furnaces and Air Conditioners



Fair Share Club (\$1 - 49)

Sam Carter Laurie Montag Kevin Sadler Maureen Sadler Mary Brooks

\$99 Club (\$50 - 99)

Richard Busch Bernard Dow Larry Klein **Bobby Livingston** Bill Palmer

Bronze Club (\$100 - 249)

Vi Berst John Hoppe Mike Jurado James Kirk Bernice Peterson Larry Pickering John Vermaas Gary Weber Jacob & Marjorie Wyant Jeff Sneller James Gray Kim Wiseman

Silver Club (\$250-499)

Virginia Dietrich DOES Drove #4 **Bob Sindlar**

Gold Club (\$500-749)

Mitch Becker Imre Bonyhady & Family Sam Carter J. Richard Spellman Larry Bratt

Piamond Club (\$750-999)

Platinum Club (\$1000+)

Bobby Clinkenbeard Jack Jensen Randy King Larry Schwindt PER Association

Want to see your name here or see your memorial donation announced? Drop your donations off at the Lodge office or give it to an officer, earmarked for the Building Fund. We're a long ways off from that \$20,000.00 mark, lets see how fast we can make that thermometer rise!

Elk Sightings!



District Deputy to the GER Kent Blum, Stacy Blum, ER Schwindt, and Auditor Bill Roker

ER Schwindt. Dixie Bredemeier, and ESQ. Laurie Montag



ER Schwindt, Bill Biggs, and SEC Jerry Wilson

Leading Knight Larry Bratt with Eagle Scout Wyatt Vandenhul

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Our Members...

Sickness & Distress:

Lowell Poague - stroke, recovering at Tabitha

Harry Montag - appendix removal

Deaths:

None.

Members for Consideration:

Roger Trautwein by Jerry Wilson

Members for Reinstatement:

None

Members Initiated in November:

Bill Biggs

Membership Drawing: The Membership drawing for the November 6th meeting was at \$53. The name drawn was Glen Pumel. The drawing for November 120h was at \$112. The name drawn was Kevin Rhodes. Neither were present to win.

Remember, it pays to come to meetings!

The Jolly Corker Pub is open for lunch starting at 11:30 Monday-Saturday.

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Committee Reports

Americanism - Sonny Lane - This year's theme is "What Does Veteran's Day mean to me?"

Boy Scouts - Randy King - No Report.

Drug Awareness - Amy Jacobsen - The "Haunt" at the Armory was a success. There was a good turnout, we had about 135 kids, and gave away over 200 Frisbees, Drug Awareness materials, and comic books. We have decided to do this event next year. **Girl Scouts** - Stephen Wirth - No Report.

Hide Program - Jeff Sneller - The collection bin is alongside the South side of the building

Hoop Shoot - Doug Rienks - Notifying schools about the event.

House Committee - House Committee / Trustees: 1) The sacking for the Children's Christmas Party will be Dec 13th at noon. 2) The Children's Christmas Party will be held on Dec. 15th, doors open at noon. 3) Budget requests are due by March 1st. 4) There is a dinner Dec 7th. 5) Lodge Clean Up will take place in Jan/Feb. 6) The request from the Lincoln Music Teachers group that was presented in October was discussed. A motion was made and approved to donate \$250. Mary Brooks and Randy King each made an additional matching contribution.

Hunter's Safety - Randy King - No Report.

ENF - Larry Bratt - \$11.69 as of 11/04/2013. This year's goal is \$4.60.

Membership - Sonny Lane - Latest delinquent list was given to ER Schwindt.

Midget Football - Scott Schrage - Banquet was held Oct 22nd. About 600 attended, and the Elks were thanked for our support

Retention - Jerry Wilson - 268 Members, 34 Delinquent, 1 Reinstatement pending. Scholarship - Dave Kirby - MVP scholarship applications are due by Dec 31st. Soccer Shoot - Doug Rienks - No Report.

Social Community Welfare - Doug Rienks - No Report.

Veterans Committee - Wade Graft - 1) Celebrated the birthdays of two Veteran's, one of which was a General who served in Vietnam. There were lots of stories. 2) There were ~50 Veteran's and spouses at the Veteran's Day dinner.

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 | | |
| | | | |

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Happy December Birthdays!

- 03 Bill Danley Dale R. Hansen
 - Laurie K. Montag
- 05 Phillip D. White 06 - Sarah Pohlmeier
- 07 Roger Eskra Russell W. Raybould
- 09 Donald G. Hanway Jr. 27 Buford W. Jones Rod Rozanek
- 10 Saundra Earnest **Dewitt Harouff** Robert S. Sindlar
- 12 Bobby D. Livingston 31 Angel Medina **Dwain Spatz**
- 13 Tim Horsham
- 14 Xan S. Johnson

- 17 Dixie Bredemeier
- 19 Ben Novicoff
- 21 Jack D. Campbell James Wood
- 24 Frederick R. Rickers James B. Smith Pat Wiseman
- Ed Peeks
- 28 Donald B. Andersen
- 29 William J. Noel Harlan R. Zwiebel



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.....! Yep, we are entering the peak of the holiday season; hopefully you had a great Thanksgiving, and are looking forward to the many year-end festivities. If you need some normalcy from those many holiday activities of shopping, decorating, etc., stop by the club for lunch. Speaking of many activities, there are many going on in the Lodge, please check the calendar.

Secretary's Corner

A reminder, there is only one Lodge meeting in December, which will be the first Wednesday, December 4th. Also, because the first Wednesday of January is the 1st, there will be no meeting that day.

Thank you to those of you who have responded in paying your dues. In January, we will begin the activity to drop those members who have not done so.

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

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 November EOG Folders were: Kevin and Maureen Sadler and Randy King.

Please join us December 23rd after Beer 'n Burger Nite to assemble the Elk O Gram for December. Remember, many hands make light work...

Elk-O-Gram Editor's Note

Articles Due: December 19

(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

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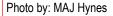
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Lincoln Elks Support Military Kids

Lincoln Lodge No. 80 supports our community's Nebraska Army and Air National Guard once again. On Friday, October 25th at the military's Halloween Haunted Army function, PER Wirth organized a check presentation of \$2,500 to support our military kids with Kelli Czarnick, the pink human crayon (in photo) who is the Lead Child & Youth Program Coordinator for the Nebraska National Guard. Our Theme was "Fishing For Treats". Making the Catch of

the Day presentation is ER Larry Schwindt to State Adjutant General Daryl L. Bohac. Also pictured are members of the Nebraska National Guard as well as Elroy (Spencer) the Elk. LEL#80 has been a strong supporter of our military kids since 2010 and we plan to continue this relationship in the years to come. We had a total of 418 people that attended and 240 of those were children under the age of 12. A big Thank You to Carrie Fiedler for making the banners and stands that looked like the ocean, complete with fish and waves. Thank you as well to ER Larry Schwindt for his help, and Rich Todd and Connie Moore for hooking the frisbees on the fishing lines. This was a very successful event and thank you again to everyone that helped!







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, PER, 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 PER, Chpers. Soccer Shoot: Doug Rienks, PER, Coord.

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

Youth Activities: David Kirby PER, Mgr.

Food For Thought...

On 10-20-13, the Lodge held a fund raiser breakfast for both the Heating and Air Conditioning fund and ENF. One quarter of the proceeds went to ENF while three quarters of the proceeds went to the HVAC fund.

The turn out was less than hoped for as a total of 70 people came for the breakfast and of those only 48 were Elk members. It is rather discouraging to take the time and effort to put on a fund raiser like this and have such a small turn out. We were able to raise \$137.00 for ENF and \$413.00 for the HVAC fund.

Thanks to all that did turn out and support this fund raiser.



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Lodge 80 GOAL: \$4.60. As of 11/4/13: \$11.69

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

December 2013

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--------|---|-------------------------------|-----------------------|--|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 Lodge Meeting 7p | 5 | 6 | 7 Pork Roast Dinner 7p DOES Holiday Party |
| 8 Elks Memorial Service 2p | 9 | 10 Beer 'n Burger 5.30 American Legion | 11 | 12 | 13 Sacking Party at Pershing 12p | 14 |
| 15 Children's Christmas Party | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 American Legion | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 Christmas Eve Closed 2pm | 25 Christmas Closed | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | 31 New Year's Eve | 1 New Year's Day Closed | | | |