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

# **Re-Creation's "40 Years of Entertainment!"**

Thursday 10/16 the Elks lodge #80 helped sponsor a 1 1/2 hour performance by this traveling troop of eleven young people at the V.A. Health Center here in Lincoln. RE-CREATION is a singing, dancing salute to our nation's veterans and troops. Patriotic music and favorites from the 40's, 50's and 70's were the focus.

They really rocked the V.A. auditorium and had all attending appreciating their abundant singing and dancing talents. All RE-CREATION members made several trips into the audience to personally thank the veterans for their service to our country. A certain Elk that is always taking pictures even got a kiss on the cheek!

About ten Lodge #80 members were on hand among the crowd of about 120 and all had a great time. I know if you ask them

they will tell you that if they ever come back, you need to be there. You will be glad you did.

For those of you that were unable to attend the show, we'll have a CD of one of their performances playing at the Nov. 11th Beer and Burger. Don't miss it.

-Wade Graft, Veterans Committee Chairman



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

Don't be left out. Lincoln Lodge #80 is currently selling cash calendars to help offset the cost of the many Elks sponsored youth activities and programs provided for the children of Lincoln and surrounding communities. As you may have noticed, there were 2 inserts within your October Elk-O-Gram. These inserts are made up of 4 cash calendars, 2 calendars per sheet. You can buy all four (\$10 per calendar = \$40) which will increase your chances or you can sell some to your family, friends and neighbors. They make great stocking stuffers for Christmas too! We're selling early (3 months) so we can make this an even greater event. The drawings will begin the 1st of January, 2015. Instructions are as follows:

- Fill out the required information so we know who you are when you win. (i.e. name, address, phone number.) Please fill out this information legibly.
- Cut along the dashed line(s) and return your personal information along with \$10.00 per calendar to Lincoln Lodge #80, 5910 S. 58th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68516, to the attention of Jerry Wilson, Lodge Secretary and/or Stephen Wirth, Cash Calendar Guy.
- The calendar slips and dollars which you mail back will be collected for the drawing to be held in January of the New Year (2015).

For more details, see the back of each calendar for additional instructions/information. More calendars can be made available by copying one of the existing calendars or by contacting one of your lodge officers or one of our bartenders. Let's get excited about this event and the many youth activity programs we sponsor!



Saturday, Nov 8th 5:30 Cocktails 6:30 Dinner

**BBQ Dinner with Complementary Sides** 

**\$12 w/ Reservations** \$15 at the door.

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Grand Exalted Ruler, 2014-2015 John D. Amen Message from the GER Grand Lodge Newsletter, November 2014

"November Among Elkdom's Greatest Months"



Exalted Ruler Lodge No. 80 2014-2015

#### Larry R. Bratt

November is one of the most important months of the year in Elkdom. On the fourth Thursday we celebrate the second biggest family holiday of the year – Thanksgiving. Families across America travel for our traditional annual feast.

Another outstanding holiday this month is on November 11. That date was selected by a great Elk, General John "Blackjack" Pershing of New York Lodge No. 1, who set the date for signing the armistice to end the "Great War" – World War I – "the war to end all wars." Brother John remembered that "with us, the hour of eleven has a tender significance," and he set the signing of the documents for the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, thus, memorializing our hour of remembrance. More significant than these dates are the things we, as Elks, do during this month of special recognition and support for our military and our veterans.

If you have a VA medical facility near your community, November is a great month to give support to our hospitalized veterans. Something as simple as a personal visit and chat with a hospitalized veteran will brighten his or her life. Many Lodges will even provide a special "thank you" meal for all veterans. Plan to do something for your Elks veterans as well as the veterans in your community who will exemplify our motto of "Elks Care – Elks Share," and by so doing you will prove that we are: *"Elks: Elevating America."* In addition, you will honor and care for our veterans and help satisfy our Elks' pledge: *"So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."* 

Marcia and I wish you a happy and healthy Thanksgiving. Please take time to count your blessings, recognize our veterans, they deserve it, and give thanks that you live in America and have membership in the Elks. Greetings and salutations to all. Here we are already in to November and the holiday season is fast approaching. This past month the lodge kept very busy. To start the month off, on the 4th our ritual team performed in Cozad at the Ritual clinic. This clinic allows ritual judges to renew their certifications and our team performed a stop and go session in the morning and then the full initiation ritual in the afternoon. As usual, a good time was had by all and the Cozad lodge again did an outstanding job of providing meals and fellowship to not only our members, but also lodge members from throughout the state.

On Sunday the 6th, some of our lodge members helped with the Lincoln City Libraries book sale by assisting with the loading of all left over books into large cardboard containers. These containers were then loaded onto trucks to be taken to the recycle center. Kim and Pat Wiseman, who are already volunteers for the Library, recruited several of us to assist them in this endeavor. Big thanks to Kim and Pat as well as Harry and Laurie Montag, Randy King, and Maureen Sadler for all their help.

The PER's held their annual Oktoberfest dinner on the 11th. Chuck and Kathy Meisinger did another outstanding job planning and being the head chefs for the event. Bobby Clinkenbeard, Rich Todd, Connie Moore and Larry Schwindt all assisted as did several of our current lodge officers. Approximately 65 people enjoyed the great meal and were entertained by Wauneta Petersen playing the piano. Thanks to all who attended.

On the 14th and the 28th we held our burger nights. I encourage all of you to come to a burger night soon. It helps support the lodge and you might even find that you enjoy the company and fellowship of your fellow lodge members that are also attending.

At the lodge meeting on the 15th, we took four new members into the lodge. They were the first members to be initiated by our current lodge officers. The officers did a very admirable job considering it was their first performance in the new offices.

On the 16th, Wade Graft and some of our members attended the Re-Creation performance at the Veterans Hospital here in Lincoln. 10 of our lodge members were able to attend this musical event for our veterans and all enjoyed the music and spending time with our veterans. Wade helped make this possible and our lodge helped to sponsor the event. Way to go Lincoln Lodge #80!!!

October 21st was the Elks Midget Football banquet. Scott Schrage and other members attended and the players, parents and coaches all voiced the appreciation for what we do as a lodge to support them and the teams throughout the season.

The Haunted Armory was on the 24th at the Penterman building on the National Guard base by the airport. Our lodge again had a booth and provided the children with treats and fun at the "fishing" booth. Drug awareness literature was also handed out to all who attended. Big thanks to Larry Schwindt, Rich Todd, Connie Moore, Bobby Clinkenbeard, Samantha Montag (who played Elroy the Elk), Steve Wirth and all other elks that assisted.

You can see from the above that it was indeed a very busy but gratifying month for the lodge and its members and officers. Let's all join together and continue to support our lodge by volunteering, attending and enjoying the activities we are actively bringing to our community.

Thanksgiving is of course this month and I would like to say that I am very thankful to Nancy for all her support, all my officers for not only their support, but willingness to jump in and help with anything that need to be done. I am also thankful for all of you for allowing me to be your ER this year and for your support of the lodge. Last but not least, I thank God for the opportunities and friendships that he has provided to me during my life and through this lodge. Have a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving and may God bless you all. Remember: Faith, Commitment, Be a Beacon.

## **Knight's Tales**

The holidays are going to be upon us before we know it. I am currently in the process of getting all of my ducks in a row for the 107th annual Children's Christmas party. The Christmas party will be on Sunday December 21st this year, which is a week later than we have had it in the past.

The reason for the later date this year is due to the new location, which is the Pinnacle Bank Arena. Tom Lorenz, the manager of Pinnacle Bank Arena, is very eager to work with us to make this a fantastic event. We've had the Christmas party at Pershing Auditorium for many years, but I'm looking forward to a new chapter in the life of the best Children's Christmas Party in the city.

The date and time for the sacking party have not yet been established, but as soon as the date and time are finalized, I will

let everyone know. If you would like to help at the sacking party, and/or at the Christmas party, please let me know by either calling me at 402-416-5239, by emailing me at larryjcorvette@aol.com or call the Lodge at 402-421-6363.



-Larry Schwindt, Leading Knight

Winter is fast approaching (not sure I like that! Oh well no choice). As the winter sports guickly approaches that means the elderly may need help scooping their walks even getting some groceries (something to keep in mind).

The Hoop shoot will be in November this year (we are trying something new to hopefully get the older group to attend). It

will be November 29th at East High School at 1:00pm. If any one can attend to help it would be appreciated.

It was nice to initiate 4 new members last meeting, please keep in mind any friends or acquaintances that might make a good elk.

-Gerry Miles, Lecturing Knight



October was a busy month for the Drove, we held another successful Women's Night Out at Rachel's Boutique. A big Thank you to Cherie Travis, for all her support of Does Drove #4. We still have one Football game left to work. If like to volunteer please call Kelli 402-467-5595. We are having a booth at the holiday boutique, November 15 9:00 am to 4pm, At the Omaha Ellks Lodge #39-6410 S 96 Omaha NE.

We are still making plans for the Grand lodge convention

to be held in June 2016. We are selling are tee-shirt and bracelets. They would wonderful Christmas presents. Call Kelli 402-467-5595

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

... Oktoberfest dinner was a great time, many thanks to the P.E.R Association for sponsoring this dinner and helping prepare it ... the "Re-Creation" show at the V.A. Auditorium was the place to be, if you missed that you missed a good one. Singing, dancing, 40's and 50's music, a good time was had by all ... nice to see the red Elks polo's sprinkled throughout the crowd ... Wade Graft from the Veterans Committee mentioned that Veteran's Day falls on Beer 'N Burger night, they are inviting the American Legion, the V.F.W., the 40 & 8, and several other service groups to come to the Lodge for a free meal to thank them for their service

... the Lincoln Library Society had their annual used book sale at the Lancaster Event center, and the Elks came to help Sunday afternoon to move all the leftovers to recycle. We moved about 6 pickup loads of books in less than an hour. Many volunteers from different groups (Fraternities, Sororities, etc.) were there to lend a hand, nice to see Larry Bratt, Laurie and Harry Montag, Randy King and Maureen Sadler out there to help, along with Kim and Pat Wiseman ... hunting season is fast approaching, so our hide program will be gearing up, please contact P.E.R. Jeff Sneller on how to help. This is a great service we can do, those hides are turned into leather and gloves made, to be distributed to our Veterans ... Congrats to all on our E.N.F. donations, we met and surpassed our goal again this year, and received several nice grants. Lodge Secretary Jerry Wilson read a proclamation from National, and presented E.N.F. Chair Larry Bratt with a recognition pin ... Midget Football had another good year, several of our Elks teams made it into the playoffs. We had over 150 youth participate, and 35 coaches ... on a sad note, Swede Glover passed away, he was a big part of Elks Midget Football for well over 20 years, grooming the fields and helping with equipment. He had a big heart for those kids and really enjoyed being a part of that program ... Mary Brooks was seen with a witches hat, passing out candy from a purple pumpkin at the meeting the other night, dancing around the room to the velvet fingers of Wauneta Peterson on the organ. You really should come to these meetings, folks, you never know what you'll see ... Laurie Montag mentioned that there are light string recycling boxes at the fire stations and a few other locations starting in November, the proceeds benefit Eastridge School, You can take your old non-working strings of Christmas lights and drop them off to recycle. Keeps them out of the landfill and helps the school at the same time. Contact Laurie Montag for more information ... We initiated four new Elks at the last meeting! Please ask a friend to join, and boost our membership numbers. Many hands make light work, and it is much more fun that way ... Concessions at the Husker games are still in full swing, if you'd like to help, call Kelli Stanley Smith ... Thank You letters were read on the floor of the Lodge from the G.E.R's wife, she was given a "from Nebraska" gift basket, and since she is originally from Nebraska, that meant a lot to her ... a letter was read from the Grand Secretary regarding delinguent members, so please, if you see someone on the delinguent list that you know, call them and ask them to get their check into the Lodge. We need membership dues to pay the light bill ... our Lodge Room carpet looks much nicer thanks to Jethro Hopkins from Convergence Cleaning. They did a stellar job for a very modest cost. Please contact them for your residential carpet care, and if you have a commercial business or office, please consider getting a bid from them, they do great work ... Be sure to come to the upcoming dinner in November, this one is sponsored by Mitch Becker, and will be catered in to give our kitchen staff a break. Please thank Mitch for his generosity when you see him. Remember, Elks Care, Elks Share! ...

## **2014 Elks Midget Football**

The Elks Midget Football Team completed another great season. This is the 60th year that Elks Lodge #80 has sponsored this team. We had over 150 young men playing and 35 coaches.

The season went very well with a few of the teams competing for the league



It has been pleasure to watch this group of players and coaches this year and for the effort they put forth. It made me proud that they were wearing the Elks Uniforms.

-Scott Schrage

championship. Once again we can be proud of this group for the sportsmanship and the leadership which was shown every Sunday on and off the field. The Banquet honoring the players, coaches, and their families was held at the end of October and was a good time all around.





A special welcome to our four newest members who were initiated at the October 15th meeting. Next time you see them, stop and say hi!

Pictured L to R are: PER Stephen Wirth, Sue Kunert, Luann Hamilton, ER Larry Bratt, Daniel Ly, Dwight Thomas, and Secretary Jerry Wilson.

## ...Our Members...

Sickness & Distress:

Ray Norris has cancer, is undergoing treatment. Don Miller is recovering from broken ribs.

Deaths: None

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Members for Consideration: None

Members for Reinstatement: None

#### Members Initiated:

Luann Hamilton proposed by Stephen Wirth Sue Kunert proposed by Stephen Wirth Daniel Ly proposed by Stephen Wirth Dwight Thomas proposed by Stephen Wirth Jim Horn, transfer demit from Sioux City, IA #112

Hidden Number: 15792, Rick Carney hidden in the Committee list and 15726, Phil Sorenson, hidden in the Secretary's Corner.

Membership Drawing: the membership drawing for the October 15th meeting was for \$156. Richard Spellman was the name drawn, but he was not present to win.

The Jolly Corker Pub is open for lunch starting at 11:30 Monday—Saturday. 13019. 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: No Report

Boy Scouts: Presented a flag for a ceremony Oct 25.

Drug Awareness: Red Ribbon week was the last week of October. We were asked to mail pre-addressed postcards from the Elks to the Whitehouse. Girl Scouts:

Hide Program: No Report

Hoop Shoot: No Report

House Committee: No Report

Hunter's Safety: No Report ENF: \$13.38 as of September 30th, this year's goal is \$4.60.

Membership: Larry Schwindt read a letter from Grand Lodge indicating that canceling membership is not the solution; we must strive to encourage the delinguent members to keep their membership.

Midget Football: The season is over. The Elks teams did well, but did not take first place. The past Midget Football Director, Swede Glover, passed away.

Retention: Total members 265; 26 Delinquent; 1 candidate. Stephen Wirth has been making numerous contacts, trying to encourage members to keep their membership.

Scholarship: No Report

Soccer Shoot: Winners from the State Soccer Shoot were read, 2 girls, and 1 boy were from Lincoln. As in our budget, we will be donating \$100 to all winners to help defray their costs of going to Regional. Social Community Welfare: No Report

Veterans Committee: In honor of Veteran's Day, which falls on Tuesday (Beer and Burger night), the Veterans Committee will pick up the tab for all Veteran's. Wish it could have been steak!

#### 2014-2015 Elks' Lodge #80 Officers

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

## Elk-O-Gram Editor's Note

### Articles Due: November 20

Deadline is <u>ALWAYS</u> midnight of the Thursday after last

meeting of the month!

Articles can be sent to Maureen Sadler at:

#### eog.lodge80@gmail.com

All past issues, lodge information, and more can be seen at:

www.elks80.org

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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 to share?

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...

#### 2014-2015 Committees

Accident: Daryll Thavenet, Chpers. Americanism: Sonny Lane PER, Chpers. Auditing: Duane Vanderbeek, Chpers. Benevolence: Richard Todd PER/PDD, Choers, Community Activities: Stephen Wirth PER, Chpers. Drug Awareness: Larry Bratt, Chpers. ENF: Larry Bratt, Chpers. Eagle Scouts: Randy King, Chpers. Flag Day: Doug Rienks, PER, Chpers. Gold Award: Stephen Wirth PER, Chpers. Gov. Relations: Richard Todd PER/PDD, Chpers. Hide Program: Jeff Sneller, PER, Chpers. Hoop Shoot: Gerald Miles, Chpers. Hunters Safety: Randy King, Chpers. Indoctrination: Larry Bratt, Chpers. Investigation: Larry Bratt, Chpers. Retention: Jerry Wilson, Chpers. Lodge Activities: Richard Todd PER/PDD, Chpers. Membership: Larry Schwindt PER, Chpers. Midget Football: Scott Schrage, Chpers. Public Relations: Stephen Wirth PER, Chpers. PER Association: Doug Rienks PER, Chpers. Ritual: Stephen Wirth PER, Chpers. Scholarship: David Kirby PER, Chpers. Soccer Shoot: Doug Rienks, PER, Chpers. Veterans: Wade Graft, Chpers. Visitation: Wade Graft, Chpers. Youth Activities: David Kirby PER, Chpers.

## Secretary's Corner

It is again that time of year where we look back and reflect on what we have to be thankful for. Family and health is foremost in our minds, but we should not forget those around us and what we are a part of, which includes the Elks. For those wishing to attend, on the first Sunday in December, we will hold a Memorial Service recognizing all Elk members that passed away during the past year (November 16th, 2013 through November 15th, 2014).

Some of you are a little late in paying your dues. Sadly, in a couple of months I will have to begin the process of dropping those members who have not paid. We will be making follow up calls during the next month or so. Please check your membership card to see if it is current. It should read 2014 - 2015 along the top.

November also signals the beginning of Christmas shopping! Remember, if you are tired and in need of refreshment or food, the friendly atmosphere of the Elks Lounge awaits you. It is removed from the hustle and bustle of the everyday world.

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.

## **Soccer Shoot Champ!**

On Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Jerry Nash brought his two kids out to try their luck at the Lincoln Lodge #80 Soccer Shoot held at Wright Park. The various size goals required the kicker skills to make all the points possible. Cassie and Trevon both had excellent scores, however, Trevon walked away with the Boys 12 and Under 1<sup>st</sup> Place Award. Trevon went on to the state match, which was held in Hastings, on October 3<sup>rd</sup> and also won 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the Nebraska State 12 and Under and he was also named the Nebraska Elks State Soccer Shoot Outstanding Boy as well! Trevon will now head to Regionals for the next leg of his quest in Kansas. Congratulations Trevon, from all the members of the Order of Elks both locally as well as State.

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- Bruhn, Leon
- Caskey, Leland L.
- Cox, PER, Timothy E.
- Eliason, Nicholas, G.
- Hardesty, Patrick
- Hoppel, Lon
- Hunter, Tonia
- Keller, Dr. Scott
- Messing, Todd
- Olson, Dr. Leif
- Ostrander, Karla

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Interested? The Does Drove are selling these long sleeved t-shirts as well as bracelets to help raise funds for their National Convention to be held in Lincoln in 2016. Contact Kelli Stanley-Smith for more info!

- Petersen, Neil C.
- Pumel, PER, Glen D.
- Russell, Jack
- Smalley, Sally
- Sprague, Philip C.
- Stettinger, Phillip R.
- Stone, Jack D.
- Thone, Charles
- Traudt, C. H.
- Tucker, Melvin E.
- Walker, Karen E.
- Wicht, Rhonda
- Wingrove, Dirk
  - Happy November Birthdays!
  - 1 Burklund, Shelly
  - 2 Tomka, Jim
  - 4 Luff, Marlen R.
    Meisinger, Charles J.
    Orr, Kenneth
    Wyant, Jacob
  - 5 Palmer, William H.
  - 8 Kirby, David
  - Vician, William R.
  - 10 Northouse, Gary L. Peterson, Wauneta V.
  - 11 Darrah, David
  - 13 Petersen, Dean L.

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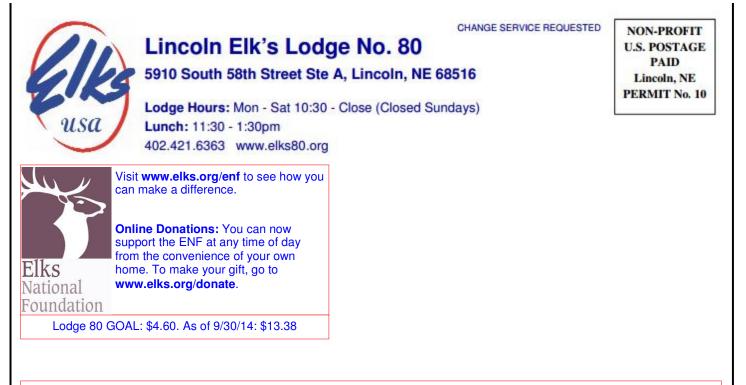
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Don't forget to look for the member number in this issue. If you find yours, call the Lodge for your prize!

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<b>23/30</b> Ritual Practice 10:30a (23rd)	24	25 Burger Nite 5.30p	26	27 Thanksgiving CLOSED	28	<b>29</b> Hoop Shoot 1:00 pm East High