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

## Mission Accomplished! Back to Back Champions!!

Elk members of Lincoln Lodge No. 80, as well as all Elks across the State of Nebraska, can be proud of the accomplishment of our Ritual Team in Indianapolis, Indiana during the 151<sup>st</sup> National Elks Convention the week of July 5<sup>th</sup> thru the 8<sup>th</sup>. Another stellar performance was presented by LEL#80 Officers, which brought the National Ritual Championship back to Nebraska for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row. Lincoln performed in the Western Division on Sunday, at 1:00 p.m. and finished with a score of **97.6560** to win the West and a berth in the Final Four. In addition, by winning the West, Lincoln received 7 All American awards. On Tuesday, Lincoln performed for a second time at 2:00 p.m. in the Final Four and finished with a team score of **96.9103**. The announcement of the National Championship team wasn't known until Wednesday morning at the awards presentation portion of the convention. The teams of the Final Four finished as follows: Dalton, GA (#1267) 4<sup>th</sup>, Blue Springs, MO (#2509) 3<sup>rd</sup>, Bridgeport, PA (#714) 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Lincoln, NE (#80) 1<sup>st</sup>. With that announcement, the hollering, cheering, and general whooping it up commenced! Your All Americans included Exalted Ruler Larry Bratt, Esteemed Leading Knight Larry Schwindt, Esquire Carrie Fiedler, Chaplain Troy Peder-

Guard Laurie Candidate and Coach Wirth. In addition, teemed Loyal Brooks and Lecturing Miles turned in solid performances additional coaches Clinkenbeard Todd, the Back to Back Champion-gratulations Your dedication has set the many years to



sen, Inner Montag, Harry Montag Stephen addition, Es-Knight Mary Esteemed Knight Gerald in solid per-and with the guidance of B o b b y and Richard team won (2014/2015) ships. Con-one and all-tion to Ritual standards for come.

## HOT BEEF SANDWICH DINNER

### FRIDAY SEPT. 18

### Hot Beef Sandwiches with Mashed Potatoes, Veggies, Salad, Dessert

Cocktails: 5.30p Dinner 6.30p  
Tickets: \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door

## Oktoberfest

### Friday, October 2

### Pork Loin with Kraut, GermanWurst Sausage, German Potato Salad, Green Beans, Rye Bread, and German Chocolate Cake

Cocktails: 5.30p Dinner 6.30p  
Tickets: \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door



**Grand Exalted Ruler,  
2015-2016  
Ronald L. Hicks  
Message from the GER  
Grand Lodge Newsletter,  
September 2015**

### **Orientation is Key to Membership and Retention**

The strength and vitality of any organization largely depends on its ability to maintain and increase membership, and in that regard, I expect us to soon begin reversing the decline in membership that we have been experiencing since the 1980s. However, membership is like anything else; you cannot keep doing the same old thing and expect to get better results. What is your Lodge really doing to address membership? Do you have an active Membership Committee, or do you simply pay lip service to membership, and hope that people will knock on your door for an application?

Every Lodge should have an "active" Membership Committee that reviews and becomes familiar with the Grand Lodge Membership Manual that offers many great ideas for attracting new Members, reinstatements and Stray Elks. It should be a committee that meets at least monthly to set goals, publicize membership classes, discuss incentives, review delinquents, develop collection strategies and find ways to take advantage of social media and the Lodge website.

Even the Lodges that seem to do a good job with recruiting new Members often have difficulty with retention. This may be because we fail the new Member at orientation by not doing enough to assist them in getting quickly involved at the Lodge and actually "experience" Elkdom. Orientation should be considered the "First Step in Member Retention," and I urge every Lodge to adopt an "Orientation Process." This process begins with the application for membership, and does not end until after an informative orientation, an impressive initiation, and, most importantly, not until we get the new Member quickly involved in his or her very first Lodge activity.

Seek a commitment from the candidate at orientation to get quickly involved in an upcoming event, and establish a follow-up program, thereby assisting the new Member to "jump-start" his or her career in Elkdom. This will give each new Member a reason to return to the Lodge, get comfortable with their surroundings, meet active Members, experience the sense of accomplishment that comes from participation, and provide a real sense of belonging and contributing to "their" Lodge. In short, it creates a better opportunity to become a true and faithful Member – one who will be more inclined to life membership in the Order, and less likely to become dissatisfied and drop out.

I hope that each of you will join with me this year to help strengthen the compelling message that "Elks Care – Elks Share" by promoting "Elks Pride and Community Focus" in your Lodge and by working to increase your membership numbers.



**Exalted Ruler  
Lodge No. 80  
2015-2016**

**Gerry R. Miles**

I would like to challenge everyone to look at your friends and coworkers and ask yourselves if they would make good Elks. If that answer is yes, think about approaching them about joining the greatest charitable organization there is! Maybe they would like to join and just haven't been asked yet.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Laurie Montag for agreeing to take Dave Kirby's place as the Youth Activities Chairman. Dave has been an excellent chairman for years and is ready to pass on to Laurie the mantle of leadership for this endeavor. We know Laurie will excel as the chairwoman of Youth Activities (and I know she will be looking for some help, see her if you're interested).

We will have just returned from the Nebraska State Fall Conference (by the time you read this) and should have some great ideas to pass on to the lodge. Be looking forward to the Soccer Shoot, which is coming up quickly, and we will be in the planning stages for the Hoop Shoot, which is to be around the first of the year. Hopefully I will see you at the next dinner or meeting, till then everyone have safe journeys.

### **DOES News**

Summer is winding down, and the busy fall season begins! The Drove is still working on several fundraisers. We are selling tee-shirts, bracelets, and raffle tickets for our quilt!! And of course, fall brings football season and concessions. We need volunteers to work all home games. If you know any one that can help please call Kelli at 402-467-5595. This project bring in much needed revenue for both the Elks and the Does!

Please save the date Wednesday, October 28th. We are having our Women's night out at Rachel's Boutique. Details will be in the October Elk-O Gram. I would also like to thank our wine trip Committee for hosting another successful wine trip!!! Kelli Stanley-Smith, President

## Knight's Tales

Greetings All!

The motto of my station, as your Leading Knight, is charity. My part for Ritual reminds us that as Elks we should practice the "higher and nobler charity of thought, word and deed." Our lodge offers so many opportunities for us to make a difference in our community and in the lives of our members, children and veterans. I challenge you to find some event or activity in this newsletter that you can use to get involved. There are many activities coming up in the next several months that need you.

We offer our monthly dinners to help with the operating costs of the lodge. You get a good meal for a fair price. The members who work to make this night a success would love to see more members take part. Invite friends or family and come to your lodge.

We have five teams in the Elk Football League. They play on Sunday afternoons and would love to have your support. Check our lodge bulletin board for their schedule.

See you at the lodge!

-Mary Brooks, Leading Knight



Talk about brotherly love! The Elks Grand Lodge Convention for 2015 in Indianapolis had plenty to spare. Everywhere you went, you could talk to people from Lodges all over the country, and find out about all of the good things our order does. Every lodge has different projects that they specialize in, and it all adds up to doing good deeds for those in need. We are fortunate to have a number of people that keep all of our programs running smoothly, and allow us to be an organization that can give back to our community.

For those of you who have not yet paid your dues, please do so as quickly as possible, so we can focus our energies on the good thing we do, rather than on collecting dues. Without an active membership we will not be able to continue to be a shining star in our community.

-Larry Schwindt PER, Lecturing Knight



### OKTOBERFEST IS COMING – FRIDAY, OCT. 2ND

It's that time of year again. We're talking about our annual OKTOBERFEST dinner which will be held Friday, Oct. 2nd and sponsored by your Past Exalted Rulers Association. Cocktails at 5:30 and dinner at 6:30. Come early as the popular LESS TALK, MORE POLKA band is returning to play for us, both before dinner and after!

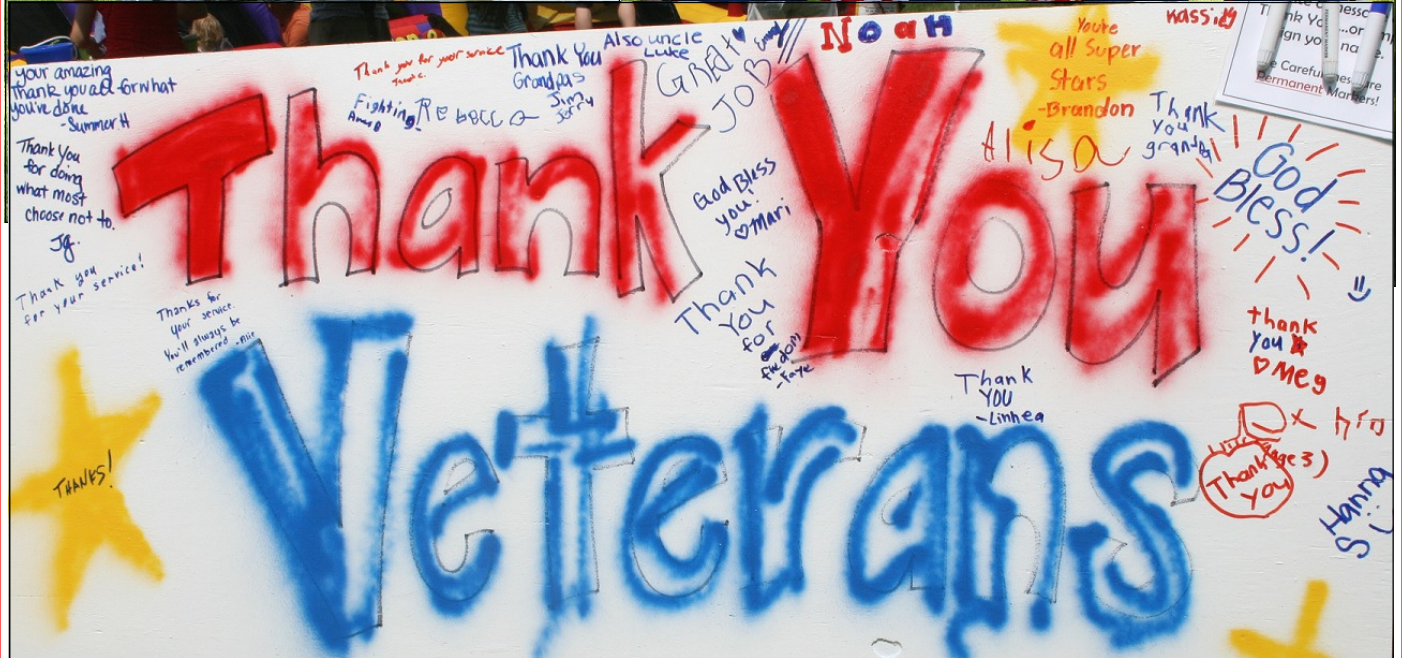
Dinner includes pork loin with kraut, GermanWurst sausage, German Potato Salad, green beans, rye bread and Larry Schenkel's wonderful homemade German Chocolate cake.

All this for only \$10 with reservations, \$12 at the door! Be sure and save Friday night, Oct. 2nd and come out and dine and dance with your fellow BPOE members - the Best People On Earth!

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

...Well, by now I'm sure you've heard that your Elks Lodge #80 Ritual Team are back-to-back National Champions in the ritual. We had quite a celebration a couple weeks ago for our team, with Elks from across the State attending to show solidarity and support of our winners. Back to back Champions in the Ritual has been accomplished a few other times, but it is few and far between. And there has never been a three-peat! Hmm ... I think I hear the wheels turning in the Ritual participants ... it has been a busy summer for your Lodge, Elks Midget Football is in full swing, see Scott Schrage for more information. Games are Sunday mornings at Sherman Field, 1<sup>st</sup> & W. South St. ... We have had several wonderful dinners with a great time had by all that attended. Please come to the dinners and bring your friends and family, the Lodge needs the support of those dinners to keep the lights on ... the keg cooler has been repaired so we once again have tap beer, come on down and have a pitcher or a red beer. Thank You to our Trustees for their vision in this decision ... please come and enjoy a cold one, show your support for your Pub by patronizing it. Bring a friend or three, buy them a beer. Explain to them why it is a great idea to belong to the Elks. Applications are beside the office door! ... by the time you read this, State Convention will have come and gone. Your Officers took time out of their busy lives to attend and participate, please thank them for volunteering and for their service. Much good information is shared back and forth at State convention, good way for Lodges to learn how other Lodges manage their activities, create fundraisers, serve the public, and a zillion other ideas to share with each other ... Randy King was seen handing out flags to Eagle Scouts a few times in the last two months ... speaking of flags, we are renovating our flagpole ropes on the Lodge Flags north of the building, Thanks to Wade Graft for obtaining new flags for us, ours were tattered, and to P.E.R. Stephen Wirth and Rich Todd, for looking into renovating our ropes and pulleys ... our condolences go out to Elk-O-Gram Editors Kevin and Maureen Sadler, upon the loss of his grandmother recently ... kitchen crew could use some help, so if you've ever had a hankerin' to help cook a meal, serve, clean up, or just pitch in, please contact Carrie Fiedler, Mary Brooks, Kim or Pat Wiseman, and let them know you'd like to help ... many hands make light work, and it's a lot of fun ... remember, our Lodge Room is available for dinners, meetings, receptions, business lunches, etc. We have nice Audio/Visual equipment that is available for use as well, please see Jerry Wilson or Roxie for information on how to schedule your event ... Does are working on fundraisers to host the National Meet next year, they could use some help at the Football Concessions ... if you have never done concessions, it is a lot of fun and for a good cause, contact Kelli Stanley-Smith for more information ...

# Veteran's Day Music Festival



## Ritual Party? Awesome!

On Saturday, August 15 the National Champion Ritual Team was honored at a potluck dinner. Nearly 100 people showed up for this event, including our State Sponsor and Past Grand Exalted Ruler Jim McQuillan from Ogallala Lodge. Elks from Ogallala, Kearney, Hastings, Grand Island, York, Omaha, Lin-Oma and State President Rich Hurless from Ainsworth Lodge came to Lincoln to honor the team.

A good number of local Lodge members attended and contributed to the dinner with their favorite side dishes as well. The Officers of the Lodge contributed the meat and member Mitch Becker donated a keg. Chuck and Kathy Meisinger were unable to attend and sent an "edible bouquet" which was enjoyed by many.

Each member of the team was honored individually and presented with a new 2015 Champions polo shirt and a certificate of participation in the National contest. Shirts and certificates were also presented to the Coaches. All in all it was a great day for Ritual and our "Back to Back: National Ritual Champions". The team expressed its Thanks and Appreciation to the State Association and our members who support the team's fundraising events. Without them, we would not be able to afford participating. Save a date next August so you can help us celebrate our "Back to Back to Back" party. ANY TEAM, ANY TIME, ANY WHERE!!

## Soccer Shoot

Just a quick reminder! The Soccer Shoot will be on September 12th at Wright Park on the East Softball field from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Come on out and enjoy the weather and lend a helping hand!

## Midget Football

Midget Football is up and running, this year we have about 130 young men playing for us. We found out that this is the 69th year that the Elks Lodge #80 is sponsoring the team, going all the way back to 1946. All games are on Sunday's starting Aug. 30th and run through Oct. 18th. All games are played at the Runza Sports Complex located at 2nd & South St.

Games start at 10:45a with the last game at 4:45p, so come on out and support these young men this fall and GO ELKS!!



## Sam Wheeler

Dear Fellow Elks: My co-worker, Bill Wheeler and his wife, Carrie Wheeler have a child named Sam. Sam is a very loving, outgoing 3 year old. Sam was born January 30th 2012. At a very early age, Bill and Carrie knew something was a little off with Sam. Before the age of one he was diagnosed with a seizure disorder. Throughout Sam's short three years of life he has had multiple surgeries on his eyes, MRI's and EEG's. Back in April this year, he was diagnosed with severe Autism due to medication he has taken in the past. Sam is non-vocal. He communicates through some sign language and banging his head.

We are trying to raise money so Bill and Carrie can purchase a specialized communicator/computer so that Sam can communicate with them. They are in need of \$5,000 to cover the cost of this communicator/computer for Sam. The Elks Lodge #80 has already donated funds to this cause, along with several members donating to this cause through the [www.gofundme.com/bwvdj5c](http://www.gofundme.com/bwvdj5c) site for Sam. Bill and Carrie have had to spend lots of money for Dr. appointments and equipment to keep him safe at home.

Sam goes to Maxey Elementary School during the school year and attends Sheridan Lutheran preschool. Carrie is a preschool teacher and has been for 12 years. Bill works at BNSF Railroad doing track maintenance. Even though they work very hard to support their two kids there are things that Sam needs that insurance does NOT cover. I believe Bill and Carrie could use a little help to give Sam everything he deserves. Please feel free to donate through the website or you can contact Scott Schrage or Mary Brooks at Elks Lodge #80. Carrie is also in the process of doing a walk September 27th at the Haymarket for Autism awareness and all proceeds go to find a cure for Autism.

Thank you for your support. Scott Schrage



## Newest Member, Bruce Reinhardt



At Wednesday evening lodge meeting, 07/15/15, the Officers of Lincoln Lodge #80 initiated Bruce Reinhardt. His sponsor is his dad Bob Reinhardt. Both Bruce and Bob attend many of the lunches and dinners held at the Jolly Corker Pub and lodge banquet room. Congratulations Bruce and thank-you Bob for making our lodge even stronger.

## Nebraska Football and You!

It's that time of year! We are looking for football workers. The September games are:

Sept. 5, kickoff 2:30 p.m.

Sept. 7, kickoff 7:00 p. m.

Sept. 26, kickoff 11:00a.m.

Can anyone help us out?? If you're interested, contact Kelli Stanley-Smith at 402-467-5595!

## ...Our Members...

### Sickness & Distress:

PER Jeff Sneller - cancer  
 William Vician - Tabitha  
 Eldon Brodd - broken ankle  
 Denis Applebee - cancer  
 Susan Kunert

### Deaths:

None

### Members for Consideration:

None

### Members for Reinstatement:

Bob Gade

### Members Initiated:

Bruce Reinhardt by Bob Reinhardt

**Hidden Number:** 15695 Gary Buckmaster, hidden in the DOES t-shirt picture

**Membership Drawing:** The membership drawing for the July 15th meeting was \$109. John Vermaas was the name drawn, and he was not present to win. The membership drawing for the August 19th meeting was \$127. Melvin Brydl was the name drawn, and he was not present to win.

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

**The Lodge Kitchen is open for lunches! Come join us for phillies, soups, shrimp, burgers, salads, and more!**

## Committee Reports

**Americanism:** This year's essay theme is "What Can I Do to Promote Americanism and Love of Country".

**Boy Scouts:** No Report.

**Drug Awareness:** Materials for the "Haunted Armory" event have been ordered. Requests for additional materials from the Soccer and Hoop Shoot Chairpersons were also made.

**Girl Scouts:** No Report.

**Hide Program:** No Report.

**Hoop Shoot:** No Report.

**House Committee:** 1) The event insurance requirement edicted by Grand Lodge when renting out the facility has been resolved. We will procure the event insurance for the renter. We have raised the room rent by \$100 to cover the cost of the insurance. 2) New flags were put up. There is a need to replace the cable trucks. Quotes are being obtained; the estimated cost is \$160.

**Hunter's Safety:** No Report.

**ENF:** \$ 6.92 as of August 6th, this year's goal is \$4.60.

**Membership:** No Report.

**Midget Football:** Games begin August 30<sup>th</sup>. It was noted that the Midget Football program began in 1946. Only the Elks, Police and Sheriff's departments continue to support it.

**Retention:** Total members 258, 27 Delinquent; 1 reinstatement. Second dues notices have been sent out. Delinquent members will be published in the October newsletter. Phone calls to follow.

**Scholarship:** Laurie Montag is the new Scholarship chairperson. She made a request for those to help.

**Soccer Shoot:** The Soccer Shoot will be September 12<sup>th</sup>, 10am to 2pm.

**Social Community Welfare:** No Report.

**Veterans Committee:** 1) We will celebrate 2 birthdays this month. 2) Vi Berst, will be recognized on August 21st, as a WWII Vet, and for the numerous medals that he earned and will be awarded the Quilt of Valor.

### 2015-2016 Elks' Lodge #80 Officers


<b>Exalted Ruler.....</b>	Gerald Miles
<b>Leading Knight.....</b>	Mary Brooks
<b>Loyal Knight.....</b>	Larry Bratt PER
<b>Lecturing Knight.....</b>	Larry Schwindt PER
<b>Esquire.....</b>	Troy Pedersen
<b>Inner Guard.....</b>	Harry Montag
<b>Tiler.....</b>	Larry Jurgens
<b>Secretary.....</b>	Jerry Wilson
<b>Treasurer.....</b>	Wauneta Peterson
<b>Chaplain.....</b>	Laurie Montag
<b>Trustee 1 Year.....</b>	Kim Wiseman
<b>Trustee 2 Year.....</b>	Carrie Fiedler
<b>Trustee 3 Year.....</b>	Terry Edwards PER
<b>Trustee 4 Year.....</b>	Robert Sindlar
<b>Trustee 5 Year.....</b>	Scott Schrage
<b>Presiding Justice.....</b>	Amy Jacobsen PER



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**Articles Due: September 17**

**Deadline is ALWAYS 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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## **Secretary's Corner**

Hopefully you all have had a great summer so far. To me it seems like it went by way too fast. We are now back to our regular meeting schedule, which is the first and third Wednesday of each month.

Some of you have received a second dues notice. Please make every effort to pay your dues. Delinquent members are not considered Elks in "good standing". This status affects children or grandchildren applying for scholarships, special rates when renting the Lodge, life changing events, etc. When returning your dues, please note any changes to your phone number or other personal information that may have changed. Thanks!

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

**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...**

## **Happy September Birthdays!**

- 03 - Ruliffson, Wayne J.
- 04 - Rienks, Doug C.
- 05 - Gordon, James E.  
Wachter, Ronald J.
- 06 - Hoppe Jr., John L.
- 07 - Pohlmann, Gary R.
- 11 - Mock, Joe
- 12 - Pickering, Larry B.
- 20 - Flamme, Donald L.
- 21 - O'Shea, Robert D.  
Olson, Leif
- 22 - Jurgens, Scott  
Pedersen, Troy
- 23 - McGreer, J. Thomas  
Schwindt, Larry J.
- 27 - Paulson, Steven
- 29 - Jurado, Mike
- 30 - Hoppel, Lon



Please Join us **September 22** to assemble the Elk-O-Gram for October!  
*Remember, many hands make light work...*

**Did you know that you can receive a free drink at the Lodge for your birthday? Come down to the Lodge to celebrate your birthday. Present this coupon and have a free drink on us! (Coupon is good two days before your birthday, on your birthday, and two days after your birthday.)**



## **2015-2016 Committees**

**Accident:** 08469  
**Americanism:** Mary Brooks  
**Auditing:** Imre Bonyhady  
**Benevolence:** Richard Todd PER/PDD  
**By-Laws Changes:** Richard Todd PER/PDD  
**Christmas:** Larry Schwindt PER. Larry Bratt PER  
**Community Activities:** Mary Brooks  
**Drug Awareness:** Larry Bratt PER  
**ENF:** Larry Bratt PER  
**Eagle Scouts:** Randy King  
**Flag Day:** Larry Schwindt PER  
**Gold Award:** Stephen Wirth PER  
**Gov. Relations:** Richard Todd PER/PDD  
**Hide Program:** Jeff Sneller PER

**Hoop Shoot:** Gerald Miles ER  
**Hunters Safety:** Randy King  
**Indoctrination:** Larry Bratt ER  
**Investigation:** Larry Bratt ER  
**Retention:** Jerry Wilson  
**Lodge Activities:** Carrie Fiedler  
**Membership:** Larry Schwindt PER  
**Midget Football:** Scott Schrage  
**Public Relations:** Stephen Wirth PER  
**PER Association:** Larry Schwindt PER  
**Ritual:** Stephen Wirth PER  
**Scholarship:** Laurie Montag  
**Soccer Shoot:** Doug Rienks PER  
**Veterans:** Wade Graft  
**Visitation:** Wade Graft  
**Youth Activities:** David Kirby PER

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PER Larry Schwindt in his element at one of the many dinners this year.

PERs Bratt and Schwindt both have a blast coming up with the next entertaining characters to be at these dinners, often bringing their loyal minions into the fun as well! Come join us at the upcoming dinners and see what they come up with next!

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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!

# September 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 Trustee mtg 6p Lodge mtg 7p	3	4	5
6	7	8 Burger Nite 5.30p American Legion	9 Room Rented	10 VFW	11	12 Soccer Shoot 10-2
13	14 Scout mtg	15 American Legion	16 Lodge mtg 7p	17 Burger Nite 5.30p American Legion Parrot Heads	18 Hot Beef Sand- wich Dinner 6.30p	19 Room Rented
20	21 DOES	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			