

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

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

ENF Grants Sharpen Lodges' Community Focus

October is Elks National Foundation Month, a time to focus our attention on the "Great Heart of Elkdom" and the remarkable services provided by our Order. These services can be funded either directly by the Foundation, through State Associations or through the Lodges via the ENF Community Investments Program.

This year, the Elks National Foundation is celebrating the 10th year of the Community Investments Program, a program specifically developed to support Local Lodges with their Community Service Projects. The program, which was rolled out in July 2005 with a very modest budget of only \$350,000, has met with tremendous success and incredible growth in its brief history. This year, the Foundation Trustees have budgeted \$9,765,590 for the Community Investments Program, an increase of 2,690 percent since its inception!

The Community Investment Grants are offered by the Foundation to help you make a difference in your community with new and continuing programs tailored to meet the specific needs of your community and help you further demonstrate how " Care – Share." As we use our "Community Focus" to take full advantage of these grants, we will continue to build even stronger relationships proving that we are a reliable partner for our communities. In addition to the Community Investment Grants, this year there will also be an increased number of Freedom Grants available through the Veterans Services Commission. Please do not leave this essentially "free" money on the table!

For 2015-2016, in addition to the Community Investments Program, the Elks National Foundation has budgeted nearly \$17,000,000 for other program services, including (in round figures): Scholarships (\$4,300,000), State Grants (\$8,720,000), Veterans Service (\$1,485,000), Youth Programs Maintenance (\$640,000). A total of \$27 million goes toward the many meaningful programs supported by our great Order.

A strong Elks National Foundation perspective in your Lodge is another means of helping develop an even greater "Elks Pride" among your membership. The per capita ENF goal for 2015-2016 is \$4.65 per member, and I ask that each Lodge and every Member renew your commitment to support the Foundation. I have no doubt that you and I can exceed this goal, knowing that the ongoing benefits to be derived from our contributions will far exceed the value of our gifts, proving once again that " Care – Share."

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Exalted Ruler Lodge No. 80 2015-2016

Gerry. R. Miles

The year is flying by, can you believe it is October already? The next thing you know, it will be Thanksgiving and Christmas and New Years around the corner. Ritual practice has started and we are all trying to learn our parts.

Have you thought about recruiting your friends and coworkers to join our Order? If not, think about recruitment and helping our lodge to grow bigger and more viable in the community. Bigger and better things all start with you whether it is an idea or helping us to grow with out your commitment and hard work we become stale and stagnant, remember why you joined the organization in the first place and help us to grow and make those ideas grow and come to fruition.

Hide collection is just starting let all your friends know we collect the deer hides to make gloves for the veterans, thank you Jeff and Randy for your hard work in this project. I am positive that our Veterans will appreciate the fruits of your labor.

## **DOES News**

I would like to thank every one that worked the first three Nebraska games. The first game was very warm! The second game we were asked come early, which we did. I truly appreciate the people that helped make this project work smoothly!! We still have 4 games to go, if you like to help please give me a call 402-467-5595!

We are again holding a Women's Night Out on Wednesday October 28th, from 4:30 pm till 7:30pm at Rachel's (7121 Pioneers Blvd). Come in and see the new fall fashions and enjoy food, beverages, and raffles. Bring a friend!! Tickets are only \$10.00. Receive \$10.00 off your purchase of \$40.00 or more at Rachel's Boutique. A percentage of evening sales will be donated to Does Drove #4.For more information call Marjorie at 402-423-5939.

We are still selling t-shirts, quilt Raffle tickets, and bracelets!!

# **Knight's Tales**

#### Greetings All!

Time seems to move so much faster with each passing year. Summer is gone and fall is here. So many opportunities to take part in Elk activities. The October dinner, done by our own PERs, is always a great one.

Our Elk football teams play on Sundays. The kids would love to have your support.

Don't forget lunch is served everyday at the lodge. The food is great and your support is so important. Another date to put on your calendar is our Annual Children's Christmas party. This year it will be December 23rd. You don't want to miss it!

See you at the lodge!

-Mary Brooks, Leading Knight

This year is just flying by and here it is October already and Halloween is just around the corner. We will again be taking part in the Haunted Armory with the National Guard at the Penterman building on October 30th. This event is for the children of Military personnel both who are here and abroad which brings some normality to their lives. We are very proud to be part of this event.

Nancy and I recently took a vacation and went to the Wisconsin Dells area. While on our trip, we visited both the Portage and the Baraboo Wisconsin Lodges. It was very interesting talking with the ER's and members of these lodges and finding out that they also are struggling with retaining members and getting more of their members to get involved in keeping members and bringing new members in. These conversations reminded me that when we assumed our obligation, we learned that Justice was the motto of this station. It occurred to me that part of that Justice is that each one of us needs to do our part in

retaining and recruiting new members, as well as becoming more involved in some of the lodge activities to help our youth, veterans and community. I am challenging to each of you to follow through with these responsibilities. Together we can make our lodge stronger and more viable to our community and other members.



-Larry Bratt PER, Loyal 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...

...Football season is in full swing, the DOES can use volunteers for the concession stands at the home games ... remember, this is their main fundraiser, and they are generous enough to share it with the Elks when we help, so volunteer to work a game or two. Lots of fun, for a good cause, and you get to see a lot of Nebraska fans! Contact Kelli Stanley-Smith for info or to work a game ... everyone be sure to come out for Oktoberfest, the info is elsewhere in this issue ... 08692 ... as you may notice, Cash Calendars are in this issue. 4 of them. They make good stocking stuffers, and it is a good fundraiser for our Lodge operating expenses. Even if you aren't selling them to others, fill out the bottoms and send into the office with a check. Someone has to win, it could be you! Buy more, they are at the Pub. You have 30 chances to win with each purchase; if you win, your name goes back in the pot for the next drawing ... Elks Midget football is in full swing. They play Sundays at Sherman Field, 1st and South, nearly all day Sunday. Go on out and support the kids, cheer them on ... come on down to the Pub for lunch, it's open 6 days a week, they cook short order. We need to patronize the Pub to pay the bills. We have a nice Lodge, and one of few open daily, we need to utilize it to keep it open. While you're at it, bring a friend or three, explain to them why they should join ... Christmas Party upcoming, see more info in upcoming Elk-O-Grams ... We'll once again participate in the Haunted Armory for children of service personnel, see PER Wirth for more information ... hunting season is not far away, soon the "skin bin" will be in the south parking lot. Bring your deer hides to the Lodge to be made into gloves and tanned leather. Salted and folded or just plain (let someone know you're dropping them off; in the warm weather we have to salt them right away for preservation!) for more info, contact PER Sneller ... be sure to scan the Elk-O-Gram for more information on upcoming events, dinners, and activities that you can be involved in. Not sure how? Call the office and ask! They'll put you in contact with the correct people. Many of us joined to volunteer a bit, now's the time to step up and help with a dinner, work a concession stand, go to a football game. Then head to the Jolly Corker Pub for a cold one, I'll see you there! ...

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# **Soccer Shoot Success!**

On Saturday September 12, 2015 the Lincoln Elks Lodge held the local soccer shoot. The weather cooperated nicely with cool weather during set up but warming during the day. The event was held at the East Softball complex at YMCA Wright Park. A total of 76 young people participated.

Without the help of the many volunteers, this would not have been possible. Elk volunteers included, Steve Wirth, Bob Sindlar, Larry Schwindt, Larry Bratt, Doug Rienks, Linda Rienks, Rich Todd, Larry Jurgens, and Mark Long. Non Elk Volunteers were Taylor Steger and Nicholas Rienks. Thank you to everyone that volunteered their time for the shoot. Several of the volunteers went from the Soccer Shoot to the Nebraska Football game to work the concession stand for the Elks. I am sure they received multiple tips for their "fresh as a daisy" look and smell. These and all Elks are committed to the youth of our community and your participation in these events shows the public our commitment.

The first place winner in each age division will be eligible to participate at the State Soccer Shoot held on October 3rd in Hastings. The winners from State are invited to the Regional shoot in El Dorado, KS. Trophies awarded to the top two places. Trophies are delivered to the participants homes and all were excited to see their hardware.

**Doug Rienks** 



1st Place: Julia Srb 36 points 2nd Place: Natalie Carmicheal 30 points Under 10 Girls 1st Place: Alisyn Behne 33 points 2nd Place: Lucy Willis 31 points Under 12 Girls 1st Place: Reese Lutz 37 points 2nd Place: Hannah Warnke 26 points **Under 14 Girls** 1st Place: Aliya Owens 50 points 2nd Place: Kierra Kahm 32 points

1st Place: Charlie Graff 36 points 2nd Place: Charlie Tomka 35 points Under 10 Boys 1st Place: Alex Cabela 27 points 2nd Place: Jacob Baum 23 points Under 12 Boys 1st Place: Erik Acton 37 points 2nd Place: Porter Unruh 35 points Under 14 Boys 1st Place: Jerry Nash 32 points 2nd Place: Aquiles Elsaum 24 points

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

Once again, Lincoln Lodge #80 will be 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 notice, there are 2 inserts within your 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 starting to sell early (3 months) so we can make this an even greater event. The drawings will begin the 1st of January, 2016. 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 perforated line(s) and return your personnel information along with \$10.00 per calendar to Lincoln Lodge #80, 5910 South 58th Street, Ste A, 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 (2016).

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. Stephen F. Wirth, PER

Cash Calendar Chairman





Eagle Scout Brenden Trail of Troop 76. His project was rebuilding the bleachers for the tractor pull area at Camp Creek Threshers

Eagle Scout Galen Kramer of Troop 25. His project was to build an equipment shed for the Council Office in Walton.



Eagle Scout Jacob Smith of Troop 49. His project was the creation of flowerbeds at the Army National Guard buildings.

## ..... Autism, Sam's Dream to Communicate .....

A Certificate of Commitment was given to Sam and his family from the Nebraska State Elks Association for \$1000 from the State Benevolence Commission. The presentation was made at LEL#80's September 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting by Exalted Ruler Miles prior to the business session. Sam's parents Bill and Carrie Wheeler, with their oldest son Liam, were present for the presentation. Also, an additional \$500 donation was voted on and approved by the members of Lincoln Lodge No.

80. Past Tiler, Samuel Carter, Jr. and his wife Virginia added another \$500 to help offset the cost of a specialized communicator/computer. A number of officers and members present purchased \$15 T-Shirts in support of the recent Autism walk held on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> in the Haymarket Railyard area.





## **Midget Football**

The season has started and the Elks are looking good with the "A" team leading the way with a

52-0 victory on Sunday. The schedule is on the Elks web page and it is also posted down at the Lodge so take time to look at it and make plans to go and support these young men, they will have games into the end of October.



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!!

## **Elks National Foundation**



The mission of the Elks National Foundation is to help Elks build stronger communities. We fulfill this pledge by investing in communities where Elks live and work. We provide tomorrow's leaders, our youth, with lifelong skills; honor the Elks' pledge to never forget our veterans; help the state Elks associations accomplish their charitable objectives and fund projects that improve the quality of life in local Elks communities. At its February 2015 meeting in Tucson, Arizona, the ENF Board of Trustees approved appropriations and distributions for the 2016 fiscal year totaling a record \$28.95 million to be given out during the upcoming year.

Currently, Nebraska is ranked 28th amongst the 50 States and 4 Areas who participate in donating to the Elks National Foundation. Nebraska has 6,217 members who have contributed 16,953.95 through the first 5 months of the 2015-2016 fraternal year. Currently, leading the way this year is (Central) York #1024, \$7.935 per member, (East) Lincoln #80, \$7.176 per member and (West) Scottsbluff #1367, \$6.057 per member.

Won't you consider making a donation to the Elks National Foundation during ENF October month? It is fast and easy if you go online. Visit the ENF website at www.elks.org/enf/OnlineGiving or contact the ENF office at enf@elks.org or 773.755.4728. Let's have the membership of LEL#80 jumpstart October ENF month and be number one again in the state for the most donations per capita. You can also contact your local lodge ENF Chairman, Larry Bratt, PER, Esteemed Loyal Knight at larrycop317@yahoo.com. Thank-you for your continued support of ENF.

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# ...Our Members...

Sickness & Distress: PER Jeff Sneller - cancer William Vician - Tabitha Eldon Brodd - broken ankle Denis Applebee - cancer Vi Berst - recovering

Deaths: None

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Members for Consideration: None

Members for Reinstatement: None

Members Initiated: Bob Gade, Reinstated

Hidden Number: 08469 Richard Lahr, hidden in the committee list

**Membership Drawing:** The membership drawing for the September 2nd meeting was \$143. Larry Schenkel was the name drawn, and he was not present to win. The membership drawing for the September 16th meeting was \$157. Carrie Fiedler was the name drawn, and she 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!



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Committee	Reports
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Americanism: Waiting to receive the forms/applications from the State Boy Scouts: No Report. Drug Awareness: The "Haunted Armory" will be October 30th . Girl Scouts: No Report. Hide Program: The Hide Bin will be placed along the South side of the parking lot. Hoop Shoot: No Report. House Committee: Working a solution to replace the cable trucks on the flag poles. Hunter's Safety: No Report. ENF: \$7.56 as of September 7th, this year's goal is \$4.60. Membership: The Membership Committee will start calling those who are delinguent Midget Football: The games started this past Sunday. The teams are looking good. All Elk members were encouraged to attend and watch a game. The games are any Sunday in September or October. . Retention: Total members 258, 27 Delinquent; 1 reinstatement. Second dues notices have been sent out. Delinquent members are published in the October newsletter. Phone calls to follow. Scholarship: The Most Valuable Student application deadline is December 4th. Legacy Scholarship applications are due January 28th. Soccer Shoot: No Report. Social Community Welfare: Sam Wheeler and family were present to accept a gift

of money to purchase a communication machine/computer. The lodge donated \$500, Sam Carter and family donated \$500, and the State Association donated \$1000. Veterans Committee: 1) We will celebrate 10 birthdays this month. 2) Vi Berst,

was recognized on August 21st as a WWII Vet, and for the numerous medals that he earned. He received a Quilt of Valor from the VA. Elks in attendance at the event were Mary Brooks, Sam Carter, and Wade Graft.

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

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

## Elk-O-Gram Editor's Note

## Articles Due: October 22

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...

Please Join us **October 27** 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: VACANT 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

## 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.

Members that are delinquent in paying their dues have been published in this month's Elk-O-Gram. Second dues notices were sent out several weeks ago. 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: <a href="https://lodge80secy@gmail.com">lodge80secy@gmail.com</a>. See you all around the lodge.

## Happy October Birthdays!

- 01 Brydl, Melvin A.
- 02 Vosta, Erwin W.
- 12 Herrod III, John A.
- 14 Trautwein, Roger
- 17 Wendelin, Donald E.
- 20 Haggart, Douglas J.
- 21 Blomgren, Steven
- 22 Richart, Kent Zabokrtsky, Charles
- 25 Massengale, Martin A.
- 26 Eagan, Allen
- 27 Bryceson, Darrell O'Connor, Linda
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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!

# October 2015

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