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

Walk Now For Autism Speaks



Haymarket Park was the setting for Sunday's, September 27th fund raising event. More than 800 attendees participated in Nebraska Walk Now for Autism. Lincoln Lodge No. 80 participated not only financially, but members also participated in the walk around Haymarket Park. PERs Larry Bratt, Larry Schwindt and Stephen Wirth, along with 42 other supporters of Sam Wheeler, his parents Bill, Carrie, and Sam's brother Liam were present for a day full of happy, hopeful hearts, as the autism community came together to create awareness and to raise funds for vital research and family services.

Also, Miss Nebraska Kennedy Schaefer, and radio announcing personality, Matt McKay and his

daughter, were providing meet and greets, along with music and autism announcements which are supported by a 35+ business Resource Fair. To date, over \$60,000 has been raised in support of Autism Speaks to fund research, increase awareness and family services and advocate individuals with autism and their families. The green and white T-shirts said: Sam I Am, Made Stronger.

Veteran's Day Breakfast Sunday, November 8

World's Best Egg Lasagna Fresh Fruit, Toast, Crème Brule, Juice

Breakfast served from 9 - 11am Tickets: \$7 for Non-Veterans, Veterans eat free



Guaranteed to make you forget it's chilly out!
Come and see if the Larry's have managed to
find a pig to roast...

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

As We Give Thanks, Please Remember Our Veterans.

November is Veterans Remembrance Month. The Order of Elks remembers our veterans throughout the year, but in November, as we give thanks for all of our blessings, we pay special tribute to our Veterans for their sacrifices. It is yet another occasion to strongly proclaim our solemn pledge: "So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."

November 11 is Veterans Day, a day for all Americans to reflect upon the freedoms we enjoy and to honor our Veterans by saying "Thank You" to the men and women who have served in the Armed Forces. Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military Veterans, and should not be confused with Memorial Day, which is specially dedicated for remembering those who died while serving.

November is also the month of Thanksgiving, and as we give thanks, please remember our Veterans, directing much of your thanks toward them. Please invite Veterans, military personnel and their families to be a part of the Thanksgiving and holiday activities at your Lodge.

You can also show gratitude by organizing a special trip to a hospital, nursing home or VA medical center, or by writing cards and collecting gifts to provide comfort and to meet their needs. Also, don't forget the Veterans in your own Lodge; recognize and pay tribute to them during your Lodge activities.

The Elks National Veterans Service Commission oversees programs like Adopt-A-Veteran and Army of Hope, and supports the work of VAVS representatives in VA hospitals nationwide. With funding from the Elks National Foundation, the commission strives to provide aid and comfort to any veteran in need. This year the number of Freedom Grants has been increased to help more Lodges expand their veterans programs. To learn more about the Elks National Veterans Service Commission, visit www.elks.org/vets.

Nancy and I wish you a very happy and peaceful Thanksgiving and a healthy and joyous holiday season. God bless you, our Veterans and the men and women serving in our military around the world. And, God bless America!



Exalted Ruler Lodge No. 80 2015-2016

Gerry. R. Miles

The Holidays are almost here, which brings a busy time of year for your lodge, with the Christmas Party, Hoop Shoot and all the other things that go with the holiday season. I hope yours is a great one, and I hope that you can make it to the many Lodge activities planned for the upcoming months.

The District Deputy visit will be November 4th. We will be eating dinner at 6:00pm and holding a Lodge meeting at 7:00pm. For those who want to attend the dinner in the District Deputy's honor, we MUST have a head count! You can call the lodge to make reservations or e-mail me at gshebam@yahoo.com. There will be a \$10.00 charge for the dinner, payable that night. All Officers should be there if at all possible.

With that, I have run out of thoughts, so everyone have a great month!

DOES News

We had another wonderful Women's Night Out! A big thank you to Cheri Travis, the owner of Rachel's Boutique. Her support is amazing!!

There is still time for to help with football!! We have two games in November. The 7th and 27th. Please call Kelli if you can help out, 402-467-5595.

The grand lodge convention plans are rolling along! We have just started selling ads for our program book, this book will go out to 400 to 500 people! So if you would like to buy ad space, please call Diane at 402-601-4164.

Of course, we are still selling tee-shirts, bracelets, and raffle tickets for our quilt.

Mark your Calendars for the Drove Christmas party for December 5!

Knight's Tales

Greetings All!

One of my duties as your Leading Knight is to report on those in sickness or distress. As an Elk this is an important part of our obligation.

During the last few months it seems we have had more names on this list than usual. Many are faces we often see around the lodge. Please take some time to let them know we are

there for them. Know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers. You are not forgotten. If we can do anything for you, your family, or friends, please contact myself or the lodge. Our Elk family is very important to all of us. My phone number is 402-770-3500. I would love to help anytime I can.

See you at the lodge!

-Mary Brooks, Leading Knight

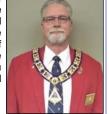


Happy Fall to everyone. This time of year gives us pause to celebrate nature with all of beautiful foliage and nice temperatures to be able to get outside and enjoy. I hope that all of you have a chance to relax and take time to appreciate all the scenery.

November brings us the opportunity to make a special effort to thank all the Veterans who have served our country and that have been willing to make the ultimate sacrifice for us all. I would like to take this opportunity to say Thank You to all the veterans in our lodge and across our country for all they have done. Please take the time on November 11th to thank all the veterans that you know. Something as simple as a genuine Thank You can really make a difference in their lives.

With Thanksgiving approaching at the end of the month, I would also like to give thanks to all the members of our lodge and especially to those that are involved in the everyday operations with our local lodge and also nationally. The Elks have shown the way throughout history of

how to be benevolent to, and assist our communities. I know that without my support of my family and my family of Elks, I would not be the person which I am today. I thank God everyday for all of you that have helped to make my life as full and complete as it is. I urge all of you to make a concerted effort to let those people in your life that have been there for you to know how much you appreciate them and thank them for being a part of your life.



-Larry Bratt PER, Loyal Knight

I would like to take this opportunity to ask our members to get more involved in our Lodge activities. It doesn't take a lot of time to volunteer for one of our events. We have lots of opportunities to help out around the Lodge. We have dinners every month, and would like to have more people get involved in the preparation of the meals. You don't have to have any specialized skills to help in the kitchen, as we have a very capable person that is in charge of preparing our dinners (Carrie Fiedler), and she is very good at directing all of us minions.

If anyone is good at cooking for large groups, and would like to be in charge of cooking one or more dinners, please let Carrie know. If anyone is employed in the fields of plumbing, carpentry, electrical, etc, and would like to donate your services when we need repairs done around the Lodge, please call the Lodge and leave your contact information.



-Larry Schwindt PER, Lecturing Knight

...and now for the Quickies...

... Be sure to come to the Veterans Breakfast on November 8th, call the Lodge with your reservations ... Kelli needs more help with football concessions ... she has really struggled to fill the roster this year folks. unless more step up to help, they won't be able to commit to this in the future. This is their major fundraiser, and they generously split it with our Lodge. We can't afford to lose that \$2000+ it brings in. There are 5 or 6 regulars that work nearly every game, but they could use a breather, and that still leaves 6 or 7 needed each time; it takes 12 ... If you each only worked one game a year, we'd have plenty of help. Please volunteer one Saturday a year and help. It is a worthy project, and that is what being an Elk is all about ... Midget Football continues to roll along, end of the season is not that far off, come on out to Sherman Field and watch a game, contact Scott Schrage for more information ... Sorry to hear that Eldon Brodd took another tumble and re-injured that ankle, he was just starting to get around good on it ... give him a call, send a card, or stop in to chat ... Falls City Lodge 963 is dedicating it's Lodge remodel November 21st with a Prime Rib Dinner, call for reservations ... that is also the same night (unfortunately) as our November Dinner at our Lodge ... Soccer shoot went well, we were a little short on Volunteers, but we made it through ... Thesauruses are being delivered to the schools in the area, many thanks to the Volunteers helping with that project ... Hide program is in operation, the skin bin is in the south parking lot, so if you know deer hunters, encourage them to donate their deer hides to our bin, these get made into gloves and given to Veteran's ... There is a list elsewhere in our Elk O Gram listing the members who's dues are vet unpaid. Please call these people and encourage them to renew, we need all the members and dues we can get ... and while you're at it, invite someone to the Pub for lunch or a cold one, show them our Lodge and encourage them to become a member ... someone asked you one time, remember? We've had a beautiful fall this year, but soon cold will be upon us ... come to the dinners, support your Lodge, stop in for a cup of coffee or a quick hot lunch when you are out shopping ... come on down and play cards with some friends, lots of reasons to stop in your Lodge ...

Oktoberfest Recap!

It was a

great Night for everyone that attended the OKTOBERFEST dinner on Oct. 2nd. Nearly 100 members and guests dined on the great array of food that PER Chuck Meisinger and his minions prepared. Thanks to everyone that attended and made it an exceptional night at the Lodge, both in fun and fund raising.

Of course, the biggest thank you goes to Chuck and Kathy, but many others helped in the kitchen including PER Bobby Clinkenbeard, PER Larry Schwindt, PER Terry Edwards, Kelli Stanley-Smith and PER Larry Bratt.

Bob Sindlar was our right hand man for the band, Connie Moore was in charge of decorations and



The Less Talk, More Polka Band Members:

Fred Scott; Trombone, Matt Erb; Tuba, Jason Smith and Zach Black; Trumpet, Molly Boyd; Alto Saxophone, Kristin Page and Lisa Keown; Clarinet.

PER Larry Schwindt, PER Stephen Wirth and Kelli Stanley-Smith furnished raffle prizes. If I've omitted anyone that helped out, I apologize, and your donation of time or prizes is still very much appreciated!

-The PER's Association



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\$\$\$\$ 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 noticed, there are 2 inserts within your Elk-O-Gram. These inserts make up 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. 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, 012717

Cash Calendar Chairman

Midget Football

The Elks Midget Football season has ended. This year the teams played exceptionally well and showed great

sportsmanship in all their games, winning or losing. This was a great year and everyone should be proud of how the young Elks played. They will cap off their season with a banquet November 3rd to honor and highlight the players and the teams accomplishments this season. With guest speaker, Chris Dishman a former NU player and NFL Rams & Cardinals. If you are interested in attending the banquet, contact Scott Schrage at 402-499-4114. Tickets are \$5 each and catered by Hy-Vee. Please let me know as soon as possible.



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.

...Our Members...

Sickness & Distress:

PER Jeff Sneller - cancer
William Vician - Tabitha
Eldon Brodd - broken ankle - Tabitha
Denis Applebee - tumor is inactive
Vi Berst - recovering
Jack Jensen - pancreatitis

Deaths:

None

Members for Consideration:

Ashley Vaughn, by Jerry Wilson

Members for Reinstatement:

None

Members Initiated:

None

Hidden Number: 08692 Richard Spellman, hidden in the quickies.

Membership Drawing: The membership drawing for the October 7th meeting was \$174. Jerry Witte was the name drawn, and he was not present to win. The membership drawing for the October 21st meeting was \$187. Eldon Brodd 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!



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Committee Reports

Americanism: No Report.

Boy Scouts: Had 1 Ceremony this month with several planned for the

near future.

Drug Awareness: The "Haunted Armory" will be October 30th .

Girl Scouts: No Report.

Hide Program: The Hide Bin is placed along the South side of the

parking lot.

Hoop Shoot: The local shoot will be December 19th at Southwest

from 3-5pm. District shoot will be January 30th.

House Committee: Working a solution to replace the cable trucks on the flag poles. Still need to install the baffle between the fryer and grill.

Hunter's Safety: No Report.

ENF: \$7.82 as of October 7th, this year's goal is \$4.60.

Membership: The Membership Committee will start calling those who

are delinquent.

Midget Football: End of season banquet will be November 3rd at

5:30pm at the Park Center.

Retention: Records are still showing 16 delinquent members.

Scholarship: No Report. Soccer Shoot: No Report.

Social Community Welfare: No Report.

Veterans Committee: We will celebrate 7 birthdays this month. 2) The SAC Museum is offering free admission to Veterans and attendance to

a Program on Nov 11th.

2015-2016 Elks' Lodge #80 Officers

Exalted RulerGerald MilesLeading KnightMary BrooksLoyal KnightLarry Bratt PERLecturing KnightLarry Schwindt PEREsquireTroy PedersenInner GuardHarry MontagTilerLarry JurgensSecretaryJerry WilsonTreasurerWauneta Peterson

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Trustee 4 Year...... Robert Sindlar

Trustee 5 Year..... Scott Schrage

Presiding Justice..... Amy Jacobsen PER

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Elk-O-Gram Editor's Note

Articles Due: November 19

 $\textbf{\textit{Deadline is}} \ \underline{\textbf{\textit{ALWAYS}}} \ \textbf{\textit{midnight of the Thursday after last}}$

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

Created and managed by Webmaster Larry Klein

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 **November 24** 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/

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

Trick or Treat is over, and now we can concentrate on the year-end Holiday experience. It has been a fast year!

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, 2014 through November 15th, 2015).

Seems like I am broken, all you hear me talk about is "for those of you who are delinquent, please pay 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 2015 – 2016 along the top. Delinquent members are not considered Elks in "good standing".

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.

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, or lodge80secy@gmail.com. See you all around the lodge.

Happy November Birthdays!

01 - Burklund, Shelly

02 - Tomka, Jim

03 - Witte, Jerry

04 - Luff, Marlen R Meisinger, Charles J Orr, Kenneth Wyant, Jacob

05 - Palmer, William R

08 - Kirby, David Vician, William R

10 - Northouse, Gary L Peterson, Wauneta

11 - Darrah, David

13 - Petersen, Dean L

15 - Davis, Donna B

17 - Eldien, Paul V

22 - Kirstine, Keith Miles, Gerald

25 - McKeag, Bruce Sneller, Debra S

26 - Cox, Timothy E

27 - Overman, William A











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- Pallas, PER Tom

- Petersen, Neil C.
- Pickering, Roger
- Poague, Lowell
- Thayer, Scott
- Thone, Charles
- Weber, John J.
- · White, Phillip D.

As a reminder! Save your pop tabs! Take the tabs only, place them in a ziplock bag and delive them to the Lodge, attention S. Wirth. Any tabs donated will be donated to the Ronald McDonald house.

Thanks all, for your support!



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!



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Lodge 80 GOAL: \$4.60. As of 10/7/15: \$7.82

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

November 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 Scout Meeting Midget Football Banquet 5.30	4 Lodge Meeting 7p DD Visit	5	6	7
8 Veteran's Breakfast 9-11a	9	10 Burger Nite 5.30 American Legion	11 Room Rented	12 VFW	13	14
15	16 DOES	17 American Legion	18 Lodge Meeting 7p	19 Burger Nite 5.30 American Legion	20	21 Hawaiian Aloha Dinner 5.30p
22	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving Closed	27	28
29	30					