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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 upon us I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and will have a merry Christmas and a Happy New year.

The Elks Christmas party for the kids of the Lincoln area is a great program that always have great reviews and as a participant is a lot of fun to work at. I know that the Larrys would greatly appreciate all the help they can get for sacking and for the program itself, look further in the elk-o-gram for further details.

The Hoop Shoot for Lincoln Ares will be held December 19th at Southwest High school Starting at 3:00 for registration and shooting at 3:15 entry will be at door #3 the west side of the building all help will be greatly appreciated

I know this is a busy time for all of us but as the season marches on please take time to reflect on the meaning of the holidays not just the commercialization of them.

In closing I would like to say to all of you Merry Christmas, happy New Year, and may all of the joys of the holiday season surround you and your families.



Knight's Tales

Greetings All!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I wish you a joyous holiday season.

This is a busy time for all. I encourage you to attend our Lodge dinner on December 12th. The money made from these monthly dinners helps to keep the lights on in our Lodge. It is also a fun time to get together with fellow Elks. Remember, the dinner is open to the public, so please invite friends and family!

Our Lodge Christmas party will be Friday, December 18th this year. Bring your favorite holiday treat to share and join in the fun. You could also bring a children's unwrapped gift to be given away at our Annual Children's Christmas Party, which is December 23rd. It means a lot to these kids to get a special gift!



See you at the lodge!

-Mary Brooks, Leading Knight

Merry Christmas to all...I hope this season finds you healthy and ready to celebrate the birth of our Lord. As I was pondering what to say in this article, I realized that as Justice, we aren't seeing much in the world these days. With all the terrorist attacks and hate crimes, our society seems to have left justice laying by the roadside somewhere. We have always prided ourselves in the mottos of our stations through out Elkdom, and possibly this is the time more than ever to show in our everyday lives that Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love,

and Fidelity are more than words, but a way of life and help to lead our communities forward in the right direction.

Hope to see you all on December 23rd for the Children's Christmas Party. Have a safe and very Merry Christmas!!!!!

-Larry Bratt PER, Loyal Knight

The holidays are here! The holidays are here! I am currently in the process of finalizing all of the details for the 108th annual Children's Christmas party. Due to scheduling conflicts at the Arena, the sacking party and the Christmas party will be on the same day this year, Wednesday December 23rd. Having both of these on the same day is going to make for a very long day. Tom Lorenz, the manager of Pinnacle Bank Arena, and his staff are eager to work with us to make this a fantastic event again this year.

The sacking party will begin at 10:30am on the 23rd. We had a fantastic turnout for the sacking party last year, and I hope to see everyone again this year. The party will begin at 5:30pm on the 23rd, and we need lots of people to help give out the candy, toys and snack bags.

Please don't feel that everyone has to stay for the whole day. If you only have enough time to help at either the sacking party or the Christmas party, that is great. If you can stay

and help for the whole day, that would be fantastic.

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 PER, Lecturing Knight



...and now for the Quickies...

... Merry Christmas everyone! Please plan on helping with the Children's Christmas Party on December 23 at Pinnacle Bank Arena. Candy sacking bright and early, then let the fun begin! This is a huge part of what we do, folks, bringing smiles to the faces of so many in our community, giving of ourselves and our resources to little people. Come be a part of it. Contact P.E.R. Larry Schwindt for how to help ... Hawaiian Luau Dinner was a good time. We missed the Larry's (one was under the weather, the other was helping Falls City Lodge celebrate their extensive remodel), but a good time was had by all, dinner was delicious! Thanks to the many hands that helped prepare, serve, and clean up. Takes a lot of effort to make these dinners happen, and they sure are enjoyed by all. Please consider helping with the next dinner. That is December 12, and it is the Ulbrick's Dinner (pronounced You'll-brick) this is served "family style" and takes a lot of peoplepower to serve this way. Please contact Mary Brooks, Carrie Fiedler, or just call the Lodge Office and tell them you want to help! Many hands make light work ... 15786 ... By the time you read this, Football Concessions will be over for the year. We had a really hard time getting volunteers this year. Kelli practically had to beg people to help. They may consider not doing this next year due to lack of help, and that is a shame. It is a major source of revenue for the Does each year, and they generously share it with the Elks. It takes a dozen people each game, and if we all only worked one or two, we'd have more Volunteers than they'd know what to do with. Let one of your New Year's Resolution's be to work at least one football game concessions, then talk to Kelli, let her know she can count on you ... Deer hides are appearing and disappearing in the skin bin on the south side of the building. Thanks to P.E.R. Jeff Sneller for taking care of this important Committee ... Lodge Christmas Party is Saturday Dec 19. Potluck! This is always a good time, people, so bring some goodies and come on down for the evening, great way to share some laughs with your fellow Elks ... we've had several new members join as of late. Say "Hi" to Ashley Vaughn when you get a chance, she recently moved from Oregon and is interested in helping with the Veterans Committee. And we just voted in two more ... if someone you know is on the delinguent list, please ask them to get their check in. The Lodge depends on the membership to keep the lights on ... while you are out Christmas Shopping, please stop into the Pub for lunch. You have to eat somewhere, might as well support your Lodge while you're at it! ... Merry Christmas everyone, be safe and enjoy family and friends over the Holiday Season - your Elk-O-Gram Staff - Maureen and Kevin Sadler, Randy King ...

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Military Kids Donation

On Friday evening, October 30th, 2015, LEL#80s very own (good witch) Est. Leading Knight Mary Brooks presented a check for \$2500 to Brigadier General Richard Dahlman of the Nebraska Army National Guard the night of the military's Haunted Armory event in support of our soldiers' military kids. Lincoln Lodge No. 80 has been providing financial support to the Nebraska Army and Air National Guard since 2009 and to date have donated over \$14,000 to help offset such cost as Yellow Ribbon support (youth activities, briefings, information, refreshments) as well as support at all send-offs and welcoming home ceremonies. In addition, at least 6 kids' day camps are conducted at various locations throughout the state, based on demographics. The Haunted Armory in Lincoln is one of four that are conducted at various state sites. Lincoln's event was attended by 430 military members and their families who witnessed the presentation. Lincoln Lodge No. 80 is and will always be a strong supporter of our active military as well as retired veterans and we salute each and every one of you. Thank You for your service.



Back Row:

Nebraska Army National Guard State CMSgt. Maj. Marty Baker, Nebraska Air National Guard CMSgt. Mark Forster, Nebraska Army National Guard Brigadier General Richard Dahlman, Lincoln Lodge No. 80's Esteemed Leading Knight Mary Brooks (Good Witch), Lincoln Lodge No. 80's Inner Guard Harry Montag (ELROY)

Front Row:

Lincoln Lodge No. 80's Public Relations Chairman PER Stephen Wirth, Contractor Lead Child and Youth Coordinator Kristyn Frei, Contractor Child and Youth Coordinator Jennifer Schall, Nebraska National Guard State Family Program Director CPT Melissa Kramer





\$\$\$\$ 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 were 2 inserts within your October 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. <u>The drawings begin January 1st</u>, <u>2016</u>. 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 personal 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 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. Don't delay. Send those dollars and slips in. What a great way to start the New Year, with a hand full of CASH. Stephen F. Wirth, PER Cash Calendar Chairman.



DD Gutshall's Visit

District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Nebraska East Kevin and wife Cathy visited Lincoln Lodge No. 80 on

Wednesday evening, November 18th for his scheduled visitation. Required lodge officers were present during a question and answer audit period conducted by DD Kevin prior to the lodge meeting. Est. Leading Knight, Mary Brooks filled in for excused ER Gerald Miles during the evening events. Besides the business session, DD Gutshall witnessed the initiation of new member Ashley Vaughn which was conducted by current lodge officers and a couple of well coached PERs by the names of Todd and Wirth. The team did an excellent rendition of the initiation Ritual and Ashley performed as an excellent candidate. District Deputy Kevin praised the membership for all their committee activities currently chaired and the hard work and dedication in making Lincoln's Lodge successful. Parting gifts were presented to Kevin and his wife Cathy before they headed back to Fall City and their lodge #963.



Elks National Foundation News

On Wednesday evening, November 4th, ENF Chairman Larry Bratt presented the following awards: Deborah Burns received her (\$500+) Distinguished Member pin and Stephen Wirth received his (\$1,000+) Honorary Founder pin in recognition of their donations to the ENF Veterans Fund. Deborah's donation is in Memory Of her father, Melvin Burns, a distinguished combat veteran, who received the Bronze Star during the



Korean Conflict. Stephen's donation is in Memory Of all veterans who have served. To learn more about ENF and the various (10) giving levels, visit www.elks.org/enf or email at enf@elks.org. The cumulative individual recognition program shows our gratitude and our commitment to honor the Elks long-standing philanthropic tradition. Each donor, each gift, helps instill integrity in our youth, inspire the pursuit of knowledge and make our communities as a whole a healthier, safer and better place to live. **Donors do make a difference!**



...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, at home

Deaths: None

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Members for Consideration:

Ray Hickerson, Transfer demit from Hemet Lodge #1740 Stephanie Boyes by Randy King

Members for Reinstatement: None

Members Initiated: Ashley Vaughn by Jerry Wilson

Hidden Number: 012717 Ron Conlin, hidden in the Cash Calendar Ad

Membership Drawing: The membership drawing for the November 4th meeting was \$204. Vi Berst was the name drawn, and he was not present to win. The membership drawing for the November 18th meeting was \$223. Larry Schwindt was the name drawn, and he was 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: Essay notices are in the schools. Boy Scouts: Had 3 ceremonies this month with several planned for the near future. Drug Awareness: No Report. Girl Scouts: Charity Report has been submitted. Hide Program: Hides are beginning to show up in the Hide Bin. Hoop Shoot: The local shoot will be December 19th at Southwest from 3-5pm. Volunteers are needed. District shoot will be January 30th. House Committee: 1) The flag pole pulleys require repair. The estimate is \$550. A motion was made and approved to have the repairs performed. 2) The DOES National Convention will be in Lincoln and it was proposed that we place a \$150 ad in the DOES Handbook. A motion was made and approved. 3) Everyone was reminded that budgets from Committee members are due by March 1st. 4) The Lodges' Christmas Party is December 18th. Hunter's Safety: No Report. ENF: \$9.59 as of November 8th, this year's goal is \$4.60. Membership: The calling of delinguent members will begin. Midget Football: No Report. Retention: Membership is at 259, 16 delinquent, 1 candidate. Scholarship: We are starting to receive applications for the Most Valuable Student Scholarship. Soccer Shoot: No Report. Social Community Welfare: No Report. Veterans Committee: 1) We will celebrate 4 birthdays this month. 2) The

Veteran's breakfast on November 8th, was a success. We had double the number as compared to last year. The kitchen crew was thanked. We will do it again next year, but change the hours to a little later to support those going to late church.

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		
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Elk-O-Gram Editor's Note

Articles Due: December 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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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 **December 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: 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

A reminder, on Sunday, December 6th, we will hold a Memorial Service recognizing all Elk members that passed away during the past year (November 16th, 2014 through November 15th, 2015).

Christmas shopping! Remember, if you are tired and in need of refreshment or food, the friendly atmosphere of the Elks Lounge awaits you. The Lounge area is removed from the hustle and bustle of the everyday world, and a welcome place to stop in and visit.

If your dues are delinguent, please pay them. We will begin the process of dropping your membership in January.

Enjoy the Christmas Holiday, and may your joys be bountiful!

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 my email is: lodge80secy@yahoo.com. See you all around the lodge.

Happy December Birthdays!

- 03 Hansen, Dale R
- Montag, Laurie K
- 05 White, Phillip D
- 07 Eskra, Roger
- 09 Hanway Jr, Donald G 27 Jones, Buford W Rozanek, Rod
- 10 Harouff, Dewitt Sindlar, Robert S
- 12 Livingston, Bobby D Ly, Daniel Spatz, Dwain
- 13 Horsham, Tim Smith. Michael

14 - Johnson, Xan S

19 - Novicoff, Ben

- 21 Campbell, Jack D
- 24 Rickers, Frederick R
 - Smith, James B Wiseman. Pat
- Peeks. Ed
- 28 Andersen, Donald B
- 29 Noel, William J
- 30 Alegria, Tyson
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Nebraska Corvette Association Donation

On Wednesday evening, November 18th, LEL#80 Secretary Jerry Wilson presented a check for \$1,000 to acting Exalted Ruler, Est. Leading Knight Mary Brooks during lodge meeting. The donation is from the Nebraska Corvette Association, who hold monthly meetings every 2nd Wednesday in our lodge room. NCA members can enjoy food and drink which is prepared by Elk member/bartender, Nancy Halsted. In addition, there is always an excellent staff of Elk kitchen volunteers to ensure the Corvette Club members are well taken care of prior to their business session. Jerry Wilson is a member of the Corvette Club and is responsible for bringing the Nebraska Corvette Association to the Elks back in April, 2013.

The Nebraska Corvette Association is a philanthropic group, much like the Elks. They also hold events throughout the year to raise monies for groups they give to locally. In the past, they have given to the Child Advocacy Group, the Food Bank of Lincoln, and also offer scholarships to those students attending the Auto Technician program through Milford's branch of Southeast Community College. Many thanks to the Nebraska Corvette Association for your generosity!

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

Thanks all, for your support!

P.O. Box 6291



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 11/8/15: \$9.59

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

December 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Scout Meeting	2 Trustee Meeting 6p Lodge meeting 7p	3	4	5
6 Memorial Service 2p	7	8 Burger Nite 5.30 American legion	9	10 VFW	11	12 Ulbrick's Dinner 5.30p
13 American Legion	14 DOES	15	16	17 Burger Nite 5.30p American Legion	18 Lodge Christmas Party 5p	19 Hoop Shoot 3p @ LSW High School
20	21	22	23 Children's Christmas Party @ Pinnacle Arena	24	25 Christmas Closed	26
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