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

Elks Midget Football

The 2016 Midget Football Season is coming to an end, last games were Sunday Oct. 23rd. The players all played hard and gave 100% effort this year, and that is something the Elks are very proud of. As is custom, there will be an end of year banquet to celebrate the accomplishments that these young men earned and worked hard to get to. We are invited to join them on November 1st at 5:30pm at the Park Centers Banquet Hall. Park Centers Banquet Hall is located at 2608 Park Blvd. It will be \$5 per person for the cost of catering from Hy-Vee. A special thanks go to all the coaches and volunteers that spend countless hours to teach, coach and mentor these young men.







Oktoberfest A Success!

Almost 100 Elks and their guests attended the OKTOBERFEST dinner, sponsored and prepared by the Past Exalted Ruler's Association. The meal was perfectly prepared by Chef PER Charles Meisinger and the following PERs: Clinkenbeard, Schwindt, Bratt, Wirth, Todd, Sneller, and Rienks. Lecturing Knight Harry Montag gave valuable assistance in the kitchen, and the meal was served by Kathy Meisinger, Connie Moore, and Suz Clinkenbeard.

The dinner and raffle raised \$1360 for the Lodge and the large crowd kept the cash register in the bar very busy! All in all, a wonderful night of fun, friendship, and food. Thanks to everyone!!

-PER Rich Todd

Delinquent Members

- Bergholz, Richard (Butch)
- Bouwens, Ronnie L
- Cox, PER, Timothy E
- Ferneau III, Thomas E
- Hardesty, Patrick (Pat)
- Horalek, Derek
- Horn, James
- Miller, Lyle

- Mowrey, Tamera
- Paulson, Steven
- Petersen, Dean L
- Pumel, PER, Glen D
- Richard, Kent
- Traudt C H
- VanDerford, Christine
- Vaughn, Ashley M

• Wingrove, Dirk

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Grand Exalted Ruler, 2016-2017 Michael F. Zellen Message from the GER Grand Lodge Newsletter, November 2016

Strengthen Lodge Through Unity and Teamwork

Our promise to our veterans is not an idle pledge. Over the years, our Lodges nationwide and their Members have honored our pledge and have donated 10's of millions of dollars in cash and in-kind contributions for those who gave so much to preserve our freedom. While our support to our nation's veterans is ongoing throughout the year, November is designated by our Order as Veterans Remembrance Month.

Your Lodge should have an active Veterans Committee, dedicated to meeting the needs of veterans and military members in your community. During Veterans Remembrance Month, it is a time to remember, a time to say thank you to those who have served our country. Wherever veterans are institutionalized, the monotony of their day-to-day existence will be eased by personal visits by your Lodge Members and their spouses. These visits bring cheer and comfort to veterans confined to VA medical centers and other veterans facilities.

But for many their struggles are not over. Their battles are not yet won. We as Elks need to provide hope and comfort to veterans or active military members, many of whom are not confined in VA hospitals, but are using outpatient clinics as well as those who live alone and have no family or friends to assist them in their time of need. We can also assist homeless veterans to return to the society he or she helped protect, as well as reach out to those veterans residing in assisted-care living centers.

As the needs of today's veterans have changed, so has our programs. Today the Elks National Veterans Service Commission has many new exciting programs and partnerships catering to veterans and military members, including the Army of Hope, the Welcome Home Program and the Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service Program. In addition, the Elks National Foundation provides Freedom Grants, enabling Lodges to harness the Elks' passion for serving veterans and military members and to expand your Lodges' Veterans Programs.

For more information about these programs and the Elks Veterans Service Commission, please visit www.elks.org/vets.

I am certain your Lodge has scheduled special events during the November for Veterans in our VA hospitals, soldiers homes and other VA facilities to benefit the unsung heroes of our nation, and demonstrate that "Elks" continue "Leading the Way."

Donna and I wish you a very happy Thanksgiving. May God bless you, our veterans and the men and women who are serving in the Armed Forces around the globe.

Thank you for being an Elk and for Caring and Sharing.



Exalted Ruler Lodge No. 80 2016-2017

Mary Jane Brooks

Greetings All!

We still have a few football games in November. If you would like to help please call me at 402-770-3500. You don't have to be an Elk to volunteer. We welcome anyone who is 16 or older and has a photo ID.

A big thank you from your ER to all those who have worked at the games so far for this year. The money generated from this project is used for our lodge scholarships.

Speaking of scholarships, we have two new ones in the works. Our trustee and P.I.G., Bob Sindlar is setting up a scholarship and Vi Berest's family is working on one in his name. I am very proud that our lodge gives close to \$50,000 in scholarships to our area youth. Thank you to Laurie Montag for the great job she does as Scholarship Chairman. If you would like to help in the selection process please call or text me at 402-770-3500.

Each year we are visited by our District Deputy to the Grand Exalted Ruler. This year will be special because our own Larry Bratt is serving as our D.D. and he will visit our lodge on Wednesday, December 7th, 2016. We will host a dinner in his honor before the meeting. All members are welcome to attend the dinner and encouraged to attend the meeting. Cost will be \$10 for this special dinner. You may call the lodge at 402-421-6363 or myself at 402-770-3500. Reservations for this special dinner are due by Dec 3rd, 2016. All PER's have a special invitation from me to attend the dinner and meeting.

See you at the lodge, Mary Brooks, Exalted Ruler

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President Drove No. 4 13214

Vicki Logan

Greetings all,

DOES upcoming activities are focused on year-end planning. A new slate of officers will be proposed at the November 21 meeting, and our annual Christmas luncheon is getting organized. Thank you for your ongoing support of the DOES.

Warm regards, President Vicki Logan VOLUME 128, ISSUE 8 PAGE 3

Knight's Tales

It's November and I am reminded that Voting is at the heart of our democracy. A vote sends a direct message to our elected officials as to how we would like to be governed. In the last presidential election, only 48.8 % of eligible voters actually cast their BALLOTS. In case you did not realize it, this figure represents the lowest general presidential election turnout since 1824. This year's election is mean and nasty. It has divided brothers and sisters, husbands and wives, fathers and daughters, mothers and sons. If you think this year's election is any different than past elections you simply should now that it isn't. The only difference is in how we communicate. Just imagine if we had the same methods of communication in 1800. This year two noted Americans, Thomas Jefferson vs. John Adams, were running against each other. This election pitted the one and only time where a vice President ran against the President. And they say that politics makes strange bedfellows. How about the election of 1860 which pitted Fredrick Douglas vs. "Honest Abe" Lincoln. Douglas described Lincoln as a "horrid-looking wretch, sooty and scoundrelly in aspect, a cross between the nutmeg dealer, the horseswapper and the night man." What harsh words. Or what about the election of 1928 between Al Smith and H. Hoover? Apparently Smith built a tunnel 3,500 miles long between the Holland Tunnel and Rome. Seems that Smith was a

Brotherly love teaches us to write the Faults of our members in the sand. This election will too pass into our history. We will manage to survive. Remember that Brotherly Love instills in each and every one of us to... "do good unto others, for we pass this way but once. We cannot retrace our steps nor call back the days that are gone; but the passing moment is ours long enough to grasp the hand in friendship, to lighten each other's burdens, to bring rest to the weary, and to comfort those who mourn."

Remember to thank a veteran along your way and to be reminiscent. In 1954, the 83rd U.S. Congress with the approval of the President enacted legislation stating

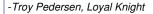
that Nov. 11th would be a day (formally referred to as Armistice Day) to honor all American veterans of all wars. Without their and their family's sacrifice, we would may not enjoy the forum we have today. Thanks and have a fantastic Thanksgiving!



-Harry Montag, Lecturing Knight

Fall is in full swing; cool nights, warm days. It gets dark sooner rather than later. The zombies and ghouls are almost running around the neighborhood, searching for candy and fun. So should we! Be looking for some special Halloween time with your kids and family.

So go out and help! Volunteer at the local clinics and hospitals. Donate blood at the local blood bank. Help out at the Lodge, there are so many opportunities to get involved with if you have the time. There is a need!! So as always, Get active, go to the dinners, and just have FUN!





And just like that, November is upon us! Between the yard work and football games, I hope you find some good quality time to spend with friends and family!

The Lodge will be honoring Veterans with a free breakfast on Sunday morning, November 13, from 8:30 am to 11:30 am. Yummy breakfast casserole, French Toast bake, and all the breakfast trimmings will be the order of the day. Veterans and their immediate family eat free, other adults \$5, and children under 10 eat for \$2. If you plan to join us in honoring our Veterans at breakfast, please call the Lodge by Thursday noon, November 10, and give us a head count.

Don't forget to include in your holiday plans our Children's Christmas Party, coming up on Thursday, December 22 at Pinnacle Bank Arena!

Happy Thanksgiving, friends. See you around the Lodge.



-Laurie Montag, Leading Knight

...and now for the Quickies...

... Thanks to one and all who turned out for the Oktoberfest Dinner, great attendance, great food, a great time had by all! Nice to see the Lodge filled with familiar faces, and many new ones! Please come support these dinners, folks, it's what pays the light bill. Bring friends, family, encourage them to join us. To be one, ask one ... If you get past Tabitha, stop in and say "Hi" to Elton Brodd, he is still recovering there, and a quick visit brightens everyone's day ... Wade sure has been busy visiting Veterans on their birthdays, 11 this month alone ... Re-Creation played at the VA on October 2nd, and although the turnout was a bit light, they were well received and everyone enjoyed their performance ... Midget Football is winding down, a big Thanks to Scott Schrage for all he does with that program ... and while that is winding down, Deer Hunting and the Hide Program is ramping up. If you are a hunter (or have them in your family), remind them to skin their deer and bring the hides to the Lodge. P.E.R. Jeff Sneller is in charge of that program, which turns the deer hides into leather, and then into gloves for our wheelchair bound Veterans, and craft kits for those in nursing homes, etc. This is a very beneficial program on many fronts! Contact P.E.R. Sneller for more information ... Hoop Shoot is upcoming as well, see info elsewhere in this issue for how to help. It takes less than 2 hours on a Saturday, is a great way to volunteer for the Elks, and helps the kids. Win, win, win for all involved ... P.E.R. Bratt has ordered and received Drug Awareness materials that were passed out at the Haunted Armory event, look for an article on this fine endeavor upcoming ... Chuck Meisinger is once again assembling his crew to pass out dictionaries to area school children. This is a great program for all involved, and helps spread the word of the good things that Elks do. Call him and ask how you can help ... Troy Pedersen was seen handing out Flags to a couple new Eagle Scouts over at Troop 56, look for pictures upcoming, and be sure to Thank him for the time he spends volunteering for this endeavor ... rumor has it that John Aman was seen doing the same for three youth over at St. Theresa's Parish ... National notified us that they are raising our dues (by a whopping 50 cents) to cover insurance. So now our dues are \$90.50, a bargain by any measure. If you haven't renewed, please do so. If you see your friend's name on the delinquent list, call them and ask them to renew. It takes a lot of time and effort chasing people down and getting them to send a check ... better yet, get them to do the auto deduction from their checking, then they never have to "write a check" and are always up to date on their dues ... Cash Calendars are starting to come in, please send yours in with the accompanying \$\$. They make great stocking stuffers, they are easy to sell to others, and our Lodge benefits from the money raised. So get them in, lets make it happen ... Have you contributed to Hobart's Hedge Fund yet? Are you a Cake Baker or a Sous Chef? We need to get this dishwasher paid off. It benefits all of us, from daily use at the Jolly Corker Pub to cleanup after dinners. Let's all chip in and retire that debt. Just write a check for \$50 or more and send it in. If all our members did that, we'd have it paid off in a heartbeat ... Remember the Dinner November 4th, Fried Chicken and all the fixin's. This is a Friday night so as not to interfere with the football game, so mark your calendars and come on down to the Lodge, have a good time ... see you there!

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...Our Members...

Sickness & Distress:

Elton Brodd - Tabitha

Greg Meyers - Neck surgery

Deaths:

Angel Medina's father

Members for Consideration:

None

Members for Reinstatement:

None

Members Initiated:

None

Hidden Number: Uhoh, we oops'd! Lets see if you can find BOTH numbers hidden in the November issue...

Membership Drawing: The membership drawing for the October 5th drawing was \$82. Chad Gustin was the name drawn, and he was not present to win. The drawing for the October 19th drawing was \$99. Michael Murphy was the name drawn, and he was not present to win.

The Jolly Corker Pub and Kitchen are open for lunch starting at 11:30 Monday - Saturday. Now also serving light suppers! 08841.

Come join us for phillies, soups, shrimp, burgers, salads, and more!



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Committee Reports

Americanism: No Report. Boy Scouts: No Report.

Drug Awareness: Frisbees and basketballs have been ordered for the Hoop Shoot

and Christmas Party. **Girl Scouts:** No Report. **Hide Program:** No Report.

Hoop Shoot: The Local shoot is scheduled for December 17th at LSW High School from 1-4pm. The District Shoot is set for January 21st at LSW High School from 1-3p.

The State Shoot will be February 11th in York.

House Committee: 1) The dinners for the rest of the year are Nov 11th, and Dec 3rd. 2) We are looking for a new bartender and believe one has been found. 3) Dinners in 2017 will be Jan 14th, Feb 11th (Valentine's Dinner), March 11/18 (St. Patty's), and April 8th (Fish Fry). 4) Dec 22nd will be the Children's Christmas Party at Pinnacle Arena. 5) Lodge Christmas Party will be Dec 16th.

Hunter's Safety: No Report.

ENF: \$8.82 as of October 10th. This year's goal is \$4.65.

Membership: Larry Schwindt is working on the delinquent list.

Midget Football: The season is over. Banquet is November 1st.

Retention: Membership is at 255, with 1 candidate pending. There are 17 members delinquent. Please encourage those who have not yet paid their dues, to please do

Scholarship: 1) Two individuals, Bob Sindlar and Connie Baruth (in memory of Vi Berst), will be sponsoring scholarships next year. 2) scholarships are now due by November 30th.

Soccer Shoot: The State Shoot recently occurred, the results are not yet known. Social Community Welfare: No Report.

Veterans Committee: 1) Will celebrate 11 Veteran's birthdays this month. 2) Dr. Christine Emler and two Benefit Specialists spoke at the last American Legion meeting. Attendance was twice the normal number for a Legion meeting. It was very well received.

2016-2017 Elks' Lodge #80 Officers

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Trustee 3 Year..... Robert Sindlar

Trustee 4 Year..... Scott Schrage

Trustee 5 Year..... Gerald Miles PER

Presiding Justice..... Amy Jacobsen PER

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Elk-O-Gram Editor's Note

Articles Due: Nov 17

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

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 **Nov 22** to assemble the Elk-O-Gram for December! 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.)



2016-2017 Committees

Accident: Gerald Miles PER
Activities: Stephen Wirth PER
Americanism: Mary Brooks ER
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 ER
Drug Awareness: Larry Bratt PER
Elks Memorial Day: Larry Schwindt PER
ENF: Larry Bratt PER
Eagle Scouts: Randy King
Flag Day: Larry Bratt PER
Fraternal: Gerald Miles PER
Gold Award: Stephen Wirth PER

Gov. Relations: Richard Todd PER/PDD

Hide Program: Jeff Sneller PER

Hoop Shoot: Gerald Miles PER

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 Bratt PER Ritual: Stephen Wirth PER Scholarship: Laurie Montag Soccer Shoot: Doug Rienks PER Standing Relief: Mary Brooks ER State Major Projects: Larry Schwindt PER Veterans: Wade Graft Visitation: Wade Graft Youth Activities: Laurie Montag

Secretary's Corner

My message is simple: "ARE YOU A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING"?

If not, PLEASE send in your dues! Happy Thanksgiving to all and remember that we all have a lot to be thankful for.

Delinquent members are published in this issue.

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 November Birthdays!

- 01 Burklund, Shelly
- 02 Tomka, Jim
- 03 Witte Jerry
- 04 Luff, Marlen R Meisinger, Charles J Wyant, Jacob
- 05 Palmer, William H
- 08 Kirby, David Vician, William R
- 10 Hickerson, Ray L Northouse, Gary L Peterson, Wauneta V
- 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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Fried Chicken Dinner

Friday, November 4th

Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Salad, Pumpkin Surprise for Dessert

Cocktails: 5.30p Dinner 6.30p Tickets: \$10/ahead \$12/door

Veteran's Brunch Sunday, November 13th

Breakfast Casserole, French Toast Bake, Sausages, Eggs, Fresh Fruit

8:30 - 11:30a
Veterans and their immediate families eat Free.
Adults \$5. Kids under 10 \$2

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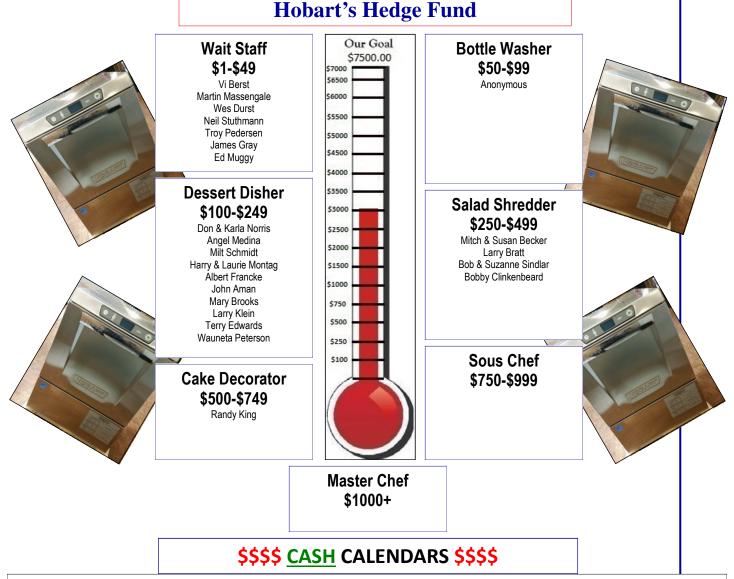
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Once again, Lincoln Lodge #80 will be selling cash calendars to help offset the cost of the many Elks sponsored youth activities and programs provided for the children of Lincoln and surrounding communities. As you have noticed, there are 2 inserts 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, 2017. Instructions are as follows:

- 1. 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.
- 2. Cut along the dashed line(s) and return your personal information, along with \$10 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 Chairman.
- 3. The calendar slips and dollars which you mail back will be collected for the drawing to be held in January of the New Year (2017).

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 Jolly Corker Pub bartenders. Let's get excited about this event and the many youth activity programs it will help sponsor!

Stephen F. Wirth, PER

Cash Calendar Chairman.





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Lodge 80 GOAL: \$4.65. As of 10/10/16: \$8.82

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

November 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Scout Meeting	2 Lodge Meeting 7p	3	4 Fried Chicken Dinner 5.30p	5
6	7	8 Burger Nite 5.30p American Legion	9 Room Rented	10	11	12
13 Veteran's Brunch 8.30-11.30a	14	15 American Legion	16 Lodge Meeting 7p	17 American Legion	18	19
20	21 DOES	22	23	24 Thanksgiving CLOSED	25	26
27	28	29	30			