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Home of Past GER Vincent R. Collura, Past GER George B. Klein, Past Grand Secretary Jack M. Jensen, & Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight Bobby Clinkenbeard

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

Lincoln Elks Lodge No.80's
11th Annual
Children's Christmas Party
Sunday
December 16th 2018

Pinnacle Bank Arena
400 Pinnacle Arena Drive

Doors open at Noon
Entertainment starts at 1:00pm
Santa arrives around 2:00pm

Toys-Toys-Toys
Goodie bags for every child that attends!

Free parking in the garage attached to the arena, and in the Festival Space lot
(north of the arena).
Special needs parking is in the arena's Gate 4 lot.



Elk's Annual Memorial Service
Sunday Dec. 2nd, 2018, 2:00 PM
at Lincoln Elks Lodge No. 80

In Remembrance of
Ron Colin PER, Roger Eskra, Ray Hickerson,
Lowell Poague, James Reeves, William Vician,
Erwin Vosta, and Rich Todd PER PDDGER

Announcements

Sacking Party!

Thursday Dec 13th, 2018 at the
Pinnacle Bank Arena, starting at
noon

Come help assemble the goodie
bags for the Children's Christmas
Party.

The more, the merrier!



Karaoke at the Lodge!

Please join us at the Jolly Corker Pub
on Friday Dec 14th for Karaoke Night
and the Potluck Christmas Party!

We're all there for the fun, so come on
down and perfect your skills!

Already have skills? Bring your friends
with and show 'em what you've got!



**Grand Exalted Ruler,
2018-2019
Michael T. Luhr
Message from the GER
Grand Lodge Newsletter,
December 2018**

Enjoy holiday festivities, but beware 'vacuum effect'.

December is here and it's time to enjoy our carefully planned holiday celebrations. What's your favorite holiday event? Is it a special dinner with family and close friends? Is it an office celebration? Is it rooting for your favorite college football team during bowl season? Or is it a special holiday function at your Local Lodge? Maybe it's all of the above.

Like any important holiday event, a successful Elks Memorial Service program requires careful preparation. This solemn event, held on Sunday Dec. 2, is an opportunity to invite non-Members to honor the lives and contributions of our dearly departed Brothers and Sisters. This is our chance to show the public that "Elks are never forgotten, never forsaken."

With so many Lodge activities in December, it's important to maintain focus on January to avoid the "vacuum effect" we sometimes experience after the busy holiday season. Start planning your January events and make sure they're posted in your Lodge Bulletin in order to maintain the high levels of excitement you established during December.

Now is also the perfect time to update entries for All-American Lodge Contest "A." Go to elks.org and locate these forms under the "Fraternal Committee" section. When you fill in the entries, you will likely discover that your Lodge is doing even more than you thought. Keep updating this form each month, and be sure to send it to your DDGER postmarked no later than March 15. Save a copy so you can compare it to next year's contest entry to see how your Lodge is progressing. This contest is your opportunity to proudly track what your Lodge does for your community, so use it to increase your visibility in a positive way.

December 31 is also this year's ENF grant deadline, so you should already have plans in place to use these grants to help your community and improve the image of your Lodge. Your Auditing & Accounting Committee should also be preparing for its January report. The end of another Elks' year fast approaches, and it's important that this committee maintain a high level of focus.

Barb and I sincerely hope you have a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and a Blessed New Year. We also hope that you enter the new year with resolutions in place that will make your Lodge stronger than ever before. The time we spend "Working Together To Make A Difference" will undoubtedly reap major rewards.

DOES News



The Holiday Season is upon us. Thanksgiving has passed and Christmas will soon be here.

We would like to thank everyone that has so generously worked the football games. Without your assistance, we would not be able to continue the stadium project.

The DOES are having their Christmas party, Dec. 1, at the Elks Club. Socializing from 11-12, lunch at 12. We are asking each member to bring a side dish or dessert. The meat and potatoes will be provided. There will be entertainment and prizes. Please RSVP to Randy King (402.450.0978) or Diane Zabokrtsky (402.601.4164) by Nov 25th. We will be finished by 3p or so, as the Elks have their Dec dinner at 6.30 that evening.

Our last meeting will be Dec 10 at 7p.

In sisterly love, Wauneta Peterson



**Exalted Ruler
Lodge No. 80
2018-2019**

Troy Pedersen

I hope you had a very enjoyable Thanksgiving Day holiday with plenty to eat and be thankful for! We have a very good life living in the United States of America. Most of us have plenty to eat, a roof over our heads, good friends we can lean on from time to time, and a good family. It is almost Christmas!

December is here and we are very busy with Hoop Shoot happening December 1st at Southwest High School starting at 2pm. We need some volunteers to help make this run smoothly, come an hour before. Saturday night we have a dinner at the Lodge starting at 5:30 cocktails dinner at 6:00. On Sunday December 2nd, we have our ELKS Memorial Day celebration where we, as ELKS, remember those who have passed away during the year.

We have a big celebration with the Lincoln Lodge #80 Elks annual Children's Christmas Party being held at the Pinnacle Bank arena. It's scheduled for Saturday December 16th from 12p - 2p, with entertainment and goodie bags for everyone. Mr. and Mrs. Claus will also be there to help start the Christmas season off right. Some of Santa's helpers will be running around, helping the kids enjoy the party too. So come on down and help out because we are all Elks helping the youth and the veterans for another 150 years.

Have a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR. From all of us at the ELKS LODGE #80.

Secretary's Corner



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! It is hoped that you will all have a great time visiting with friends, family, traveling, or doing whatever!

Our family is looking forward to not only our personal Christmas celebration, but the Elks Children's Christmas Party; from sacking candy, fruit, and snacks to the actual party itself; not to mention the Lodge's Christmas Party. Hope to see you all there.

My message this month is a repeat of what I have previously said. There are several individuals, you know who you are, that are delinquent in paying their dues. Multiple attempts to contact everyone have been made; phone calls, emails, overdue dues notice mailings, and publishing of their names in the monthly newsletter have been unsuccessful. After the first of the year, I will begin the process of generating the documentation to drop these individuals from our membership.

Please note, Per the By-Laws, you are not considered a member in good standing until your dues are paid. You are considered delinquent after April 1st of the current year (2018).

In February, I will be sending out dues notices for the upcoming Lodge year, April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020. Payment can be made via check, cash, or by accessing our webpage, www.elks80.org. In the top left portion of the website's homepage, there is a link titled "Pay Dues or Make a Donation" which will take you to the standard credit card/PayPal "fill in the blanks" screen.

Also, on that homepage, you can access the lodge's calendar in case you misplaced your Elk-O-Gram, and you can also access the current and past Elk-O-Gram's. A side note; if you do not wish to receive the paper version of the Elk-O-Gram, you may contact me and arrange to have it delivered via email!

We are still seeking a volunteer to create and manage a social media "Facebook, Twitter, etc" webpage. This could be fun job and is open to the spouses of members who enjoy working with social media. Please call me to set it up and work out the details.

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.

Knigh't's Tales

Wisdom or Wives tale? How accurate are the weather forecasts in the Old Farmer's almanac? As I have been told, the Almanac's long-term predictions are made 18 months in advance, according to the Old Farmer's Almanac website. The Almanac claims an 80% accuracy rate, according to Sarah Perreault, senior editor.

As we are approaching December, the Almanac tells us that Winter will be milder than normal, with above-normal precipitation. The coldest periods will be in mid- and late December and early January. Snowfall will be below normal in the north and above normal in central and southern areas. (We are in area 10, almost in the middle of the forecast area, so be prepared) with the snowiest periods in late November, mid-December, early January.

Why do I mention the forecast? We have a lot of events going on in December! Here is a sampling: Our Lodge Dinner on the 1st. I hear that that it is a holiday surprise! We also have the DOES Christmas party and Hoop shoot all going on that day. It would be a perfect time to volunteer. Christmas party sacking on the 13th, Our Lodge Christmas party along with Karaoke on the 14th. The Big event on Sunday the 16th, our 111th annual free children's Christmas party. A very busy time indeed. Oh and don't forget your visit from Santa on the night of the 24th.

Some morsels of Information since the election in November:

Thirty-three states and the District of Columbia currently have passed laws broadly legalizing marijuana in some form.

The District of Columbia and 10 states -- AK, CA, CO, ME, MA, MI, NV, OR, VT, and WA -- have adopted the most expansive laws legalizing marijuana for recreational use. Most recently, Michigan voters approved a ballot measure permitting adults age 21 and over to purchase and possess recreational-use marijuana. Vermont became the first state earlier this year to legalize marijuana for recreational use through the legislative process, rather than via a ballot measure.

Some other state laws similarly decriminalized marijuana but did not initially legalize retail sales.

Most other states allow for limited use of medical marijuana under certain circumstances. Some medical marijuana laws are broader than others, with types of medical conditions that allow for treatment varying from state to state. LA, WV, and a few other states allow only for cannabis-infused products, such as oils or pills. Other states have passed narrow laws allowing residents to possess cannabis only if they suffer from select medical illnesses. A number of states have also decriminalized the possession of small amounts of marijuana.

A recent article that was printed in the Elks Magazine points out the impact on traffic fatalities and impaired driving in Colorado. It is worth reading!

George Washington wrote that "The name of American, which belongs to you, in your national capacity, must always exalt the just pride of Patriotism..." It should be the highest ambition of every American to extend his views beyond himself, and to bear in mind that his conduct will not only affect himself, his country, and his immediate posterity; but that its influence may be co-extensive with the world and stamp political happiness or misery on ages yet unborn.

As another President stated a few years ago: "More than 2,000 years ago, a child was born to two faithful travelers who could find rest only in a stable, among the cattle and the sheep. But this was not just any child. Christ's birth made the angels rejoice and attracted shepherds and kings from afar. He was a manifestation of God's love for us. And He grew up to become a leader with a servant's heart who taught us a message as simple as it is powerful: that we should love God, and love our neighbor as ourselves"

May December activities help to bring your soul back to a time, not so long ago, that you may, on Christmas Eve, look up to the sky at night, with a nervous excitement and for a time that childlike wonder just perhaps... May you and yours have a very Merry Christmas! We will be seeing you (for sure) around the Lodge.

-Harry Montag, Leading Knight



...and now for the Quickies...

...Holiday Season is upon us ... by the time you read this, our Football Concessions project will be in the books. A big Thank You to those who volunteered their time to help with this project. This is the major fundraiser for the Does, and they generously share the income it generates with the Elks. Even with the extra game, the rain out, and the frigid temperatures on a couple, everyone had a good time ... Be sure to come to the Holiday Dinner on the 1st, the Memorial Service on the 2nd, plan on candy sacking the 13th, and the Lodge Christmas Party on the 14th (that will also be karaoke night, so be prepared to sing a few Christmas Carols along with our regular crooners). Then the 111th Annual Children's Free Christmas Party is December 16th at Pinnacle Bank Arena, see the article elsewhere in this issue for times and specifics ... We hope you had an enjoyable Thanksgiving with family and friends, outside of a short cold spell, at least our weather has been decent ... have you been to the Lodge lately? Seen our new fascia and gutters? A few more tweaks to get done, but it is looking great! ... Trunk or Treat turned out to be a good time, lots of happy kids and entertaining costumes, Elks Lodge 80 was well represented! We had at least three vehicles and plenty of helpers, along with a lot of goodies, once again our weather was great for the event ... the Victory Apartment project is rolling along, a big Thanks to Lu Hamilton for her selfless work, along with the P.E.R.s who step up and help her sort and organize the consumables that are taken there, and a big Thank You to Leading Knight Harry Montag for all the work he does helping Lu transport the items to the VA, and once again to those who come help distribute them. It's a lot of work with a lot of coordination, but the impact is huge ... lets all keep P.E.R. and 1st State V.P. Larry Schwindt in our prayers as he recently lost his wife of 48 years, all who knew Connie loved her ... had a nice turn out for the Veterans Day luncheon, soup and sandwiches were great, and Wauneta generously donated her time and talent playing the piano, that really adds to the atmosphere of the event ... Jack Jensen was seen at the last meeting, and darned if he didn't win the raffle drawing! Remember, you have to be present to win ... Hoop Shoot is December 1st in the afternoon, that is one busy day! Does Christmas Luncheon starts at 11am, the Hoop Shoot at Southwest High at 2pm, and our Holiday Dinner in the evening ... it will be fun to see so many Elks and Does and their families involved in the activities throughout our Lodge. That is what keeps your Lodge alive and growing, participation in the many activities we are involved with. Invite your friends to join in the fun, and hand them a membership application while you are at it ... remember, to be one, ask one ... Thank You's were read on the floor of the Lodge from Youth for Christ, and our Military Kid's families, for the support we give ... our District Deputy's visit went well, the audit revealed that we are in good shape in our Lodge, but we must increase membership to support all the good works we do, financially, and in time and talent ... many hands make light work, and participation in your Lodge is no exception ... the Memorial Service is Sunday Dec 2 at the Lodge, at 2 pm, please come and pay respects to our departed members from this last year, it truly is a meaningful and moving service ... come on down to the Jolly Corkers Pub while you are out Christmas Shopping (is it really that time of year?) and enjoy a light lunch, hot coffee, a nice cold adult beverage. Bring your friends and play cards, relax and enjoy, fellowship a bit. We all need to support our Pub to keep the lights on ... remember to get your Cash Calendars in, lets make our annual Holiday fundraiser a success ... Cash Calendars make great stocking stuffers, and they are easy to sell at your work or club ... post your calendar on the refrigerator door, and plan on getting involved with some of the many activities occurring at your Lodge in the coming weeks ... see you at the dinner on the 1st! ... Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from your Elk-O-Gram staff, Maureen and Kevin Sadler, and Randy King ...



...Our Members...

Sickness & Distress:

Dr. William Jackson - foot surgery
Larry Schwindt

Deaths:

None

Members for Consideration:

Randall Neumayer (reinstatement) by Jerry Wilson

Members Reinstated:

None

Members Initiated:

Russell Cowan by Randy King
Rom Wilson by Scott Schrage

Hidden Number: November's hidden number was 14506, Larry Schmutte, hidden on page 4, in the Pub advertisement.

Membership Drawing: The membership drawing for the Nov 7th meeting was \$64. Seth Perrett was the name drawn, and he was not present to win. There was not a second meeting in November due to the holiday.

The Jolly Corker Pub and Kitchen are open for lunch starting at 11:30 Monday - Saturday. Now also serving light suppers! Come join us for phillies, soups, shrimp, burgers, salads, and more!
Remember that the Jolly Corker Pub closes at 9pm Monday - Thursday.

Committee Reports

Americanism: No Report.

Boy Scouts: There was 1 award ceremony attended on 11/18.

Drug Awareness: No Report.

Girl Scouts: No Report.

Hide Program: No Report.

Hoop Shoot: The Local shoot was 12/1 and District shoot will be 1/19. The State Shoot has been scheduled for Feb. 9th.

House Committee: No Report

ENF: \$11.85 as of 10/31/18. The 2018-2019 goal is \$4.75.

Membership: No Report.

Lincoln Youth Football: No Report.

Retention: No Report.

Scholarship: No Report.

Soccer Shoot: 15558.

Social Community Welfare: No Report

Veterans Committee: 1) There was a Veteran's Brunch November 11th, it was very well received! 2) Thanks were given to those that helped in the moving of supplies to the Victory Apartments. 3) Help is again needed to again load and deliver more supplies. 4) The Elks has been receiving Kudos from those at the VA, we are being recognized!

2018-2019 Elks' Lodge #80 Officers

Exalted Ruler.....	Troy Pedersen
Leading Knight.....	Harry Montag
Loyal Knight.....	VACANT
Lecturing Knight.....	VACANT
Esquire.....	VACANT
Inner Guard.....	VACANT
Tiler.....	Larry Jurgens
Secretary.....	Jerry Wilson
Treasurer.....	Wauneta Peterson
Chaplain.....	Dr. William Jackson
Trustee 1 Year.....	Randy King
Trustee 2 Year.....	Scott Schrage
Trustee 3 Year.....	Gerald Miles PER
Trustee 4 Year.....	Larry Schwindt PER
Trustee 5 Year.....	Laurie Montag PER
Presiding Justice.....	Amy Jacobsen PER



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Elk-O-Gram Editor's Note

Articles Due: Dec 13

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 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 Editor 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!

Please Join us **Dec 27** to assemble the Elk-O-Gram for January!
Thank you to those who helped with folding the EOG for November.
Remember, many hands make light work...

Come down to the Lodge to celebrate your birthday! Present this coupon and have a free drink on us.

(Coupon is good 2 days before your birthday, on your birthday, and 2 days after your birthday)



2018-2019 Committees

Accident: Scott Schrage
Activities: Stephen Wirth PER
Americanism: Mary Brooks PER
Auditing: Vicki Jurgens
Benevolence: VACANT
By-Laws Changes: Chuck Meisinger PDD, PSP, PER
Christmas: Larry Schwindt 2nd VP, PER, Larry Bratt PDD, PER
Community Activities: Mary Brooks PER
Drug Awareness: Harry Montag
Eagle Scouts: Randy King
Elks Memorial Day: Larry Schwindt 2nd VP, PER
ENF: Larry Bratt PDD, PER
Flag Day: Larry Bratt PDD, PER
Fraternal: Gerald Miles PER
Gold Award: Stephen Wirth PER

Gov. Relations: Troy Pedersen ER
Hide Program: Larry Jurgens
Hoop Shoot: Gerald Miles PER
Investigation: Larry Bratt PDD, PER
Membership: Larry Schwindt 2nd VP, PER
Midget Football: Scott Schrage
PER Association: Gerald Miles PER
Public Relations: Stephen Wirth PER
Ritual: Stephen Wirth PER
Scholarship: Laurie Montag PER
Soccer Shoot: Doug Rienks PER
Standing Relief: Laurie Montag PER
State Major Projects: Larry Schwindt 2nd VP, PER
Veterans: Luann Hamilton
Youth Activities: Laurie Montag PER



Vet's Corner



Your Veterans Committee is happy to report the first Veteran's Day Luncheon was a success. We fed 52 people and judging by the compliments and kudos, I expect we will be offering the same fare during the same timeframe next year! Thanks to all who worked so hard to show our deep appreciation to the Vets and their families and friends. Thanks also to those who donated - some were large. The extra money will be spent on the vets at the Victory Park Apartments.

We have spent the Beacon Grant money and have begun using the funds from the Freedom Grant. Product donations are down to a slow trickle. We will need all of your help to make our money last thru April when we will hopefully be able to qualify for another round of grants thru ENF.

Please do what you can, not for me or for the committee, but for the Vets. There seems to be a steady stream of them in and out of the apartments and many still need all the help they can get. Below is a list of the most needed supplies.

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| 13 Gallon Garbage Bags | Shampoo |
| Paper Towels | 3 in 1: Shower Gel/Shampoo/Conditioner |
| Laundry Detergent PODS | Toilet Bowl Cleaner |
| Dryer Sheets | Shaving Gel |
| Dishwasher PODS | All-Purpose Spray Cleaner |
| Liquid Dishwashing Soap | Toilet Paper |
| Men's Deodorant | |



Happy December Birthdays!

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 02 - Greene, Carol | 19 - Novicoff, Ben |
| Wilbur, Jason | 20 - Wolf, Scott |
| 03 - Hansen, Dale R | 21 - Campbell, Jack D |
| Montag, Laurie K | 24 - Rickers, Frederick R |
| Orsborn, Chase | Smith, James B |
| 06 - McKee, Sarah | Wiseman, Pat |
| 09 - Hanway Jr., Donald G | 27 - Madsen, Jeff |
| Rozanek, Rod | Peeks, Ed |
| 10 - Harouff, Dewitt | 29 - Noel, William J |
| Sindlar, Robert S | 30 - Alegria, Tyson |
| 12 - Nordman, Tami | 31 - Medina, Angel |
| Spatz, Dwain | |
| 13 - Smith, Michael | |
| 14 - Johnson, Xan S | |
| Ly, Daniel | |



Lodge 80 Scholarships

As I write this, it is the due date for ENF Most Valuable Student scholarship applications. This means that we will soon be in "review" mode! I have set aside the use of the lodge room on Sunday afternoon, December 9 from noon until done - probably about 3 hours - to accomplish this task. We will review the students' essays and activities, so come prepared to enjoy learning a bit more about our young people!

Snacks will be provided. If you are interested in helping to review these scholarship applications, please confirm to me via email at elkslodge80scholarship@gmail.com, or you may call the lodge and leave a message for me. The more, the merrier (and quicker)! Hope to see you there!

Closer to home, all Lodge 80 scholarship applications are due January 31. No late applications will be accepted. Details on legacy scholarships and academic scholarships are available at the elks80.org scholarship tab. The State Association is also offering a few generous scholarships - the link to information for those is also on our webpage. Some of them are due January 1! Please encourage high school seniors in your life to apply! - Laurie Montag, Scholarship Chair

Celebrating 60+ Years

Lu Ackerman pinning her husband Bruce with his 60+ year pin. Organizer Judith Kluge made the special presentation at



Lincoln Lodge#80's November 7th meeting. All are from Fairbury Lodge #1203

Pictured: Grand Esquire Robert Kluge, Judith Kluge, Jon (Steve) Black, DDGER, Lu and Bruce Ackerman, Grand Auditor Wayne Weichel



Veteran's Day Luncheon

On Sunday, a number of our honored guests came to enjoy a most delicious lunch put on by Lincoln Elks Lodge No. 80 Veteran's committee and volunteer staff. The meal consisted of 3 different kinds of soup with crackers, build your own croissants sandwiches, 5 different kinds of meats, cheeses with all the trimmings, pasta salad, dill pickles, chips and iced white and chocolate cupcakes. Those in attendance enjoyed tunes from the 30s, 40s and 50s played by our pianist, Wauneta Peterson. The room was decorated patriotically. Veteran's Committee Chairperson, Lu Hamilton and her staff received many compliments throughout the two hour luncheon and were encouraged to do it again in 2019.



The staff consisted of (pictured L/R) Larry Bratt, Wauneta Peterson, Dick Wolf, Chair Lu Hamilton, Ed Muggy, ER Troy Pedersen, Laurie Montag, Vicki and Larry Jurgens, and Harry Montag. Also, pictured seated above is Diane Dannelly with Chair Lu. Diane and her sorority, the Gamma Delta chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha made flag pinned ribbons for the event. A total of 52 in attendance were served. Pictures by Stephen Wirth, Public Relations and Coffee Chairman.

Pancake Feed 2019 Is Coming

Let's get behind our upcoming **14th Annual** Lincoln Elks Lodge No. 80 Scholarship Fund, Inc. Pancake Feed! It's scheduled for Sunday, January 27th, 2019. Come out and support this great annual event. **Note:** The pancake feed is the **4th Sunday** in January. Your volunteer staff, made up of Fund, Inc. Board of Directors and many Elk and Doe members, will be assisting in making this extravaganza bigger and better this year. We will be serving scrambled eggs, pancakes with butter, syrup, assorted fruit toppings, sausage, milk, juice, and coffee all for \$5 adults, \$2.50 age 6-12 and free age 5 and under.



In addition, DOES Drove No. 4 will be present and providing pies, breads, cookies, muffins, candies, canned goods, as well as various crafts, all reasonably priced. The funds raised will help increase the dollar amount of the many scholarships given out annually to graduating seniors held in May. Thank you in advance for your continued support. Come hungry and leave happy!

District Deputy, Grand Exalted Ruler's Official Visit - A Success

On Wednesday, 11/07/2018, the DDGER Jon (Steve) Black, along with his Grand Esquire Robert Kluge and Grand Auditor Wayne Weichel made it official as Lincoln Lodge No. 80 was the last lodge to be visited of the 7 lodges in the Nebraska East District. DDGER Black arrived around 4:00 p.m. and met with our lodge Exalted Ruler Troy Pedersen, Secretary Jerry Wilson, Leading Knight Harry Montag, and Chairman of the Trustees Scott Schrage. Because of the attention to detail so far in the 2018 – 2019 lodge year by these individuals and all the committee chairmen, our lodge is functioning well. A nice chicken dinner with all the trimmings was well attended by current lodge officers, Past Exalted Rulers, and our honored guests.

Russ Cowan and Ron Wilson were initiated during that evening's lodge meeting. DDGER Black was pleased with Lincoln's Initiation Ritual since it had been some time since he witnessed the ceremony from officer's memorization. The DD's message remained positive for Lincoln's Lodge, however, he did stress membership, as passed down from our Grand Exalted Ruler Michael T. Luhr. Lincoln so far remains a plus 4 in members since April 1st, 2018. Our DDGER Black also contributed to our Cash Calendar project by purchasing 2 chances. Good Luck DD! Photo taken by Stephen Wirth, Lodge Public Relations Chairman.

Jon (Steve) Black, DDGER, 2018, Wayne Weichel, Grand Auditor and Robert Kluge, Grand Esquire

Standing: New member Russ Cowan, Larry Bratt, Harry Montag, (Wayne, Jon, Robert), Troy Pedersen, Jeff Sneller, Wau-neta Petersen, Larry Jurgens, New member Ron Wilson, and Jerry Wilson

Seated: Gerald Miles, Randy King, Jack Jensen, William Jackson, Laurie Montag, and Scott Schrage



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Chaplain's Corner

"Are You for Real?"

Elks Lodge 80 Chaplain, Dr. William Jackson

Sometimes, the Lord issues directions or commands to His children through a number of avenues, including this newsletter, that are beneficial, yet painful in their acceptance (Numbers 32:25).

Take for example, the mirror test. No, it's not about a search for your soul as a vampyre or other demon cursed by God. It's something much closer...a...lot...closer.

It's about...you...yeah, that's right...YOU. The Lord made (your body), formed (your soul/ personality), and created (your spirit) as a reflection of the Elohim (Hebrew); i.e., Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Genesis 1:26). We are ALL made-formed-created to reflect God in our lives. The problem arises when no one—not even you—can see that God-like person, or disciple of Christ, manifesting the Lord's way: His holiness (Romans 12:1).



Being holy, literally means separated out from the crowd. Figuratively, it means reshaping your life—your ego, or personality—by His principles, to become a fisher of people, as Jesus commissioned in the Gospels (Matthew 4:19). Your behavior, then appears to show something Godlike in your demeanor, with such fruits of the spirit of patience, love, kindness, etc. (Galatians 5:22,23).

Now if that mirror you are holding up to your face does not reflect the "wonderful" soul you thought you were, from your remembrances of your walk of Christ, there is time to repent of your ways and get back into God's embrace.

First point, do you want the Lord back in your life? Second, are you willing to renounce your evil/ wrong-doings and choose virtue with God? Third, are you willing to be holy—behave distinctly apart from the world's notions of living? And fourth, are you willing to place God above EVERYTHING and EVERYONE so your life becomes a true sign of holiness?

Now comprehend this: being holy so as to reflect that separate way of living that Jesus spoke of in the Gospels is simpler than you may imagine. Since the Lord won't lead you into something you can't handle, putting Him first means ALL things will turn out for good (Romans 8:28).

Considering that your mirror hasn't broken, and you actually saw your reflection, it's probably safe to say you're not a vampyre or demon. So that leaves a soul for Christ—a disciple of Christ or Christian—available to live the holy life Jesus has called us out to do.

Sometimes it takes a period of reflection for each of us to go through to remind ourselves of our mission on earth: evangelism for Christ. But not as the Crusades' Knights Templar of old, or the Puritans' witch trials, or any other false presentations of the Gospel that was not expressly stated as so. Just...be...yourself. Your life in Christ is the best example of God's love for His greatest creation...you and the rest of humanity (Romans 8:16).

You're invited to direct any Scripture or nature of God inquiries directly to me at the following, with private, confidential, and anonymous responses in the next available Elk-O-Gram.

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

Well everyone, you should have received your October EOG a few months ago with all the particulars about the changes to our 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. The drawings will begin the 1st of January, 2019. Time is running out! **All slips must be received by Monday December 31, 2018 to be eligible!** 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 slip, 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 (2019).

So dig out the insert from your October Elk-O-Gram and choose the number of chances you're willing to try. Remember, whatever slip is pulled out for that particular cash drawing payout, a check will be made out to you as the winner and then your slip is put back in the hopper for more chances to win. We have had folks win multiple times in the past! For more details, see the back of the calendar for additional instructions.

More calendars can be made available by copying the existing calendar or by contacting one of your lodge officers or one of our Jolly Corker Pub bartenders. It can also be downloaded from the Elks 80 website (<http://elks80.org>). Let's get excited about this event and the many youth activity programs it will help sponsor!

Thank you for your continued support!

Stephen F. Wirth, PER
Cash Calendar Chairman



Haunted Forest - Trunk or Treat

It was a frightfully cold Sunday Night in October when 14 members of our lodge and 4 helpers participated in an event sponsored by the Nebraska National Guard Child and Youth Program.

The event was billed as the first annual Haunted Forest. Most called it a Trunk or Treat. The event was open to the families of the National Guard and our active duty Armed Service families. Those attending were encouraged to wear costumes and bring a bag to carry treats.

Several Elk vehicles participated in this event. We even had a hearse with a coffin! Candy, as well as other material, was handed out by a sock monkey, a bee, a Canadian, a cat, a shark, an Exterminator, a stout leprechaun, some rather crazy country people, several witches, a knight, and Elroy.

According to the event planners the night was a "nice surprise". Thanks again to all who participated!





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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!

December 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 DOES 11a Hoop Shoot 2p Dinner 6p
2 Memorial Service 2p	3	4 Scouts Holiday Party 6p	5 Lodge Mtg 7p	6	7	8
9	10 DOES	11 Burger Nite 5.30p American Legion	12	13 Sacking Party 12p, PBA	14 Lodge Christmas Party 5.30 Karaoke 7p	15 Room Rented - LARC
16 Children's Christ- mas Party, PBA, 12p	17	18	19	20	21	22
23/30	24/31 Christmas Eve - Close 3p	25 Christmas - Lodge Closed 	26	27	28	29