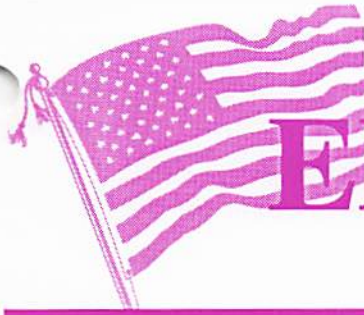


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Home of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Vincent R. Collura Nebraska Sponsor and Past Grand Exalted Ruler George B. Klein

## Cornish Hen Dinner

Friday January 13, 2006

only

Cocktails 5:30 Dinner 6:30

**\$10.00**  
PER PERSON

Cornish Hen, Rice,  
Mixed Vegetables &  
Ice Cream Bar



## 2005 Citywide Children's Christmas Party A Success

The Children's Christmas Party committee would like to thank everyone for their generous donations. The party was held December 18th at Pershing Auditorium. Attendance was over 1250 with over 800 children and all had a great time. The audience saw Steve Nesor, a really fun magician, and the YMCA Dance Academy put on a really nice show. The Shrine Band and clowns were a big hit with all and were very much appreciated by everyone.

Many thanks to the staff at Roper & Sons Mortuary for copying and folding all of the requests for donations, to Cynthia Tramel for labeling and stuffing almost 2000 envelopes with those requests. Cynthia also made up over 700 Drug Awareness bags with coloring books, crayons, pencils, a pen, bookmark and several pamphlets regarding various drugs, etc. Santa would not have had a sleigh this year without the help of Hamilton Equipment and Mel Tucker. Charlie Kruse made many trips with me to pick up donations and to purchase candy and toys. Mel Tucker was right there again to help with the pick-up and delivery of candy for the 1500 treat bags that were made up. Fifty-three members and friends showed up on Friday to get the bags ready. Rich Todd helped out by leading the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and his introduction of Sonny. Bob Wittstruck and Dorothy Applebee did their usual fine jobs of keeping everyone entertained. A big thanks to all the members who helped pass out the drawing tickets and the treat bags for the kids, and of course to our special Santa, Jerry Gorton.

Also behind the scenes were Cheri Amack, paying all of the bills as they came due, and the Pershing Auditorium Staff helping in many ways the day of the party and before. I appreciate all donations that were made. There will be a complete list of donors in the February Elk-O-Gram.

This was my last year as Chairman of this event. I have enjoyed it very much and will miss doing it. I hope by successor has as much fun and gets as much satisfaction out of this as I did.

Chuck Meisinger, PER,

Chairman, Elks Citywide Children's Christmas Party

# Exalted Ruler, Sonny Lane

Members All,

We have survived another holiday season and as the New Year approaches we set new goals for how we would like to change our lives. What number we would like to see when we step on the scales? Can I quit smoking this year? Can I get along better with the In-laws? Can I help my children find a better path in their lives? It is important to review how the past year has affected us and plan for what the New Year can bring us. It is important for the Lodge to do these reviews and make new plans to keep us successful in the projects we are committed to. Youth, Veterans, and each other. When we took our Obligation we made a commitment to "Always Protect Our Members". We have made it our goal to reach out to the youth of our community and help them be the great leaders of tomorrow. And we have made the commitment to never forget our Veterans who have given so much so that we can enjoy the life we have come to know. To accomplish these goals we need to keep the Lodge alive. To keep the Lodge alive we need to do more fund raising. We need to have more profitable dinners. We need to have more members. We need to watch every dime that we spend. Monies collected form membership dues will almost cover the insurance and utilities that we pay each year. The Lodge cannot survive on just our membership dues. We have 8 or so loyal members that each year that donate the food that we have at our dinners. We need another 8 or so to step up and donate so that we can have a dinner that benefits the Lodge in a financial way. We have the luxury of having some members that will do the cooking all you need to do is donate the food or the money to buy the food and we will do the rest. I promise that you will get the recognition that you deserve and you will be doing something positive to help our cause.

We will be having election of Officers in January. This is your chance to get involved in how the Lodge and Club are operated. Nominations will be opened at the Lodge meeting on January 4<sup>th</sup> and again on January 18<sup>th</sup> with elections to follow on February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Chuck and Kathy Meisinger did a great job again this year with making the Children's Christmas Party a huge success. 53 people showed up at the sacking party and 1500 bags of goodies were sacked in 30 minuets. A great turn out of Members and spouses at the party was great to see. Maybe all of the moaning I do is starting to pay off. I stood by the sleigh as each of the 700 kids gave Santa their wish list. Elks, be proud that you put so many smiles on faces this year. Next year will be the 99<sup>th</sup> year for this party and we will do better than our best to make it a memorable event. If any of you know of some more entertainment that children would enjoy, please let Chuck or an officer know so we can investigate.

Fraternally Yours, Sonny Lane

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<b>"Lodge Of Sorrow"</b>
James G. Zimmer 39 year member
Howard Hansen 83 year member

Membership Drawings Names
For December Meetings
Richard Bjorklund & Richard Cox
Neither member were winners!



Pictured above Virgil Weiting (PER), New members. Virlyn & Audrey Shepard, and Sonny Lane (ER)  
Thanks to Butch Bergholz for proposing Virlyn & Audrey



Pictured above left to right, Dr. Wm. Keller, Vi Berst & Sam Carter. Dr. Keller was presented with a new microwave oven to be used in the Mental Health Clinic to warm Veteran's lunches, soups, instant coffee & other items. In the past Veterans had to go to the Medical Center Canteen to use the micro-wave oven. Time spent away from the the clinic interfered with counseling & the timing of other activities.

Vi Berst & Sam Carter also passed out 200 gift sacks to Veterans. The Veterans were appreciative. Comments were accompanied by tears, smiles, & thank you's for not being forgotten.

## Happy Birthday

Betty Akin	1	Clarence Knosp	17
Thomas Lynch	1	Howard Hansen	18
Douglas Dessel	3	Sanford Nelson	18
Charles Thone	4	Charles Steenson	18
Watson Brower, III	5	Terry Edwards	19
John Brooks	6	Robert Taylor	20
Roger White	6	Dean Borgmann	21
Roxanne Thomas	8	James Gray	21
Jason Brooks	9	John Robel, Jr.	22
Leo Hill	9	Bob Clinkenbeard	24
Gene Obrecht	10	Terry Hagan	24
Allen Wasenius	11	Ronald Colin	25
John Baker	13	Larry Benac	26
Willis Harding	13	Harry Blum	26
M. E. Whitehead	13	Raymond Plotts	28

### PROPOSITIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Lawrence E. Wulf - Proposer Rich Todd

#### TRANSFERS

Tom Pallas from Ord lodge 2371

#### REINSTATEMENT

Fritz Blatt - Proposer Rich Todd

Larry G. Davis - Proposer Lanny Davis



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**Calendar of Events**

**January 2006**

- 4 Lodge Meeting 7:30pm
- 7 District Deputy Meeting
- 10 Beer & Burger 6:00pm
- 13 Cornish Hen Dinner  
Cocktails 5:30pm Dinner 6:30
- 18 Lodge Meeting 7:30
- 21 District Hoop Shoot 5pm
- 24 Beer & Burger 6:00pm
- 29 Pancake Feed 8am to 3pm

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