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"Lest We Forget"

By Richard "Dick" H. Meyer

(Reprinted from THE LANDING LAMPPOST)

Lately there has been much about "Remembering." Our Nation has been accused of being warmongers. As I began to recall events that have pushed our Nation, which is dedicated to maintaining a peaceful existence, was force to maintain adequate armed forces slogans of "Remembering."

The Revolutionary War it was "Remember Valley Forge" as our meager freezing and half starved forces withstood the British. "Remember the USS Maine" that was on a peace mission when she was blown-up in the Havana, Cuba Harbor. Suddenly we were involved in the Spanish American War. "Remember the Alamo" that was the battle cry of the Mexican war. "Remember the Lusitanian" the battle cry that defeated isolationists as we mobilized for World War I, the war to end all wars. Many of us still "Remember Pearl Harbor" after the Japanese sneak attack on the United States Fleet.

Although there doesn't seem to be any "Remember Battle-cry" for Korea, except to stop the spread of communism by the Chinese. Vietnam needed and still needs a "Remember the Battle-cry" when we requested to stem the flow of communism, again by the Chinese. A war that caused dissention of many of the citizens of the United States. We need a "Battle-cry" to unite our country and give pride to our armed forces who faced combat with a non-uniformed army or drawn battle lines.

What should the "Remember Battle-cry" for our armed forces that defeated an army of a dictator at Desert Storm? "Remember 9-11" has become the battle-cry against cowardly militants falsely using religion as their battle-cry, while their religious leaders are preaching peace. Again we are forced into a terrorist war of militants who prey on unarmed innocent victims.

Every time the United States was forced into armed conflicts, our government was attempting to negotiate a peaceful solution. President Lincoln, at the close of the Civil War still encouraged us by "Remember his Gettysburg Address" that we "a nation of the people, by the people and for the people" and to bring peace in uniting our country once again.

The Faults of our Members, we write upon the Sand — Their Virtues upon the tablets of Love & Memory

Exalted Ruler, Jeff Sneller



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Dear Members:

With everyone's busy schedules I hope you took the time on Memorial Day to honor our Veterans. Please keep these brave people in your thoughts and prayers and our enlisted and deployed military personnel. Without them our lives as we know them today would not exist.

Our Flag Day Ceremony will be on June 14th and will be held at the Landing at 7:00pm. This is to involve more veterans, their families and expose the Elks and some of what we do to more people. Please plan on attending, another Flag was added this year and the Boy Scouts will be presenting the Flags.

If you had not heard, your Ritual Team competed against six other teams at the State Convention in North Platte on April 28th and placed second. Lincoln had not competed for several years and none of the officers had competed at this level other than me. I can tell you this is a HUGE accomplishment and I hope you take the time to congratulate the Officers on a fine performance. AJ Ellerbee won the best candidate award of the contest.

I want thank everyone for the way you are supporting the Lodge at the dinners lately, this is an important source of income for the Lodge. Special thanks to John & Mary Brooks and Sonny & Roseanne Lane for underwriting the great Mexican dinner and to the Jerry Gorton Family for the hog roast. They were both wonderful!

Enjoy the Summer!
Fraternally,
Jeff Sneller E.R.

Flag Day Ceremony

— Time: —
Wednesday June 14th , 7:00pm

— Place: —
The Landing at Williamsburg Village
3500 Faulkner Drive

Elk-O-Gram Articles Due June 15th
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Happy Birthday

Lowell Poague	5	Joe Selvage	23
Kevin Rhodes	6	Kenneth Studier	24
John Stephenson	6	James Dill	25
Gary Reineke	10	Russell Earnest	26
J R Spellman	10	Thomas Ferneau, III	26
Leon Vinci	10	Harold Hansel	26
Richard Bergholz	11	Harold Harpster	27
Alex Borchardt	17	Thomas Holland	28
Patrick McCashland	19	Amanda Ponder	28
W. Richard Baker	20	Leon Lehr	30

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Pictured above PER Sonny Lane, New Members Cynthia Graham, Christine Vanderford & ER Jeff Sneller. Both new members were proposed by Sonny Lane.

PROPOSITIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Alexander Holovich III proposed by Jeff Sneller

AWAITING INITIATION

Hurley Bill Carter proposed Randy King

REINSTATEMENT

Lawrence Wulf

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Harold Harpster at Home

Kenny Watkins at Home

Jerry Crouch at St. Elizabeth's



Pictured above is the Lincoln Elk's Lodge's Ritual Team & Coaches after their performance of the Ritual at the State Contest in North Platte.

Congratulations!

GOLF COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Golf Committee was held on April 25 to discuss the interest in holding a tournament with Butch Bergholz, Virg Wieting, Art Berthold and Neil Stuthmann attending. The financial status was reported as \$500.00 dedicated to some scholarship fund and \$652.33 in the general fund of which \$451.42 was made last year.

It was felt that there was not enough interest in members attending the tournament to justify the work needed in setting up the tournament. Art reported that there could be some possibility in having a joint tournament with Nebraska City. They too are having trouble in getting the interest of enough members to justify having the tournament.

Things were left in a status quo until further comments could be expressed by the lodge membership in attending (and working on) a tournament.

Secretary's Corner

Lapsation stands at around 90 members still unpaid. I will be sending statements out this week to those members. Please pay your dues we need every member we have. I have not gotten much response to Spouse and Widow card requests. I will go ahead and process what I do have. If you would still like a card for your spouse or need a widow card call my house and leave a message or email me. If you have any problems with membership items, address changes, or identification cards please let me know. My email is jason.c.brooks@us.army.mil. My phone number is 465-8860 please leave a detailed message so I can look up your file before I call you.
Thanks, Jason Brooks, Secretary

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Calendar of Events

June 7	Lodge
June 13	Beer and Burger
June 14	Flag Day Ceremony
June 18	Father's Day
June 21	Lodge
June 27	Beer and Burger

MEMBERSHIP DRAWING

PER Rich Todd won the pot of \$440.00 & donated 10% back. \$44 + \$15= \$59
 Timothy E. Cox was not a winner \$59+\$14=\$73

To Win You Must Attend The Lodge Meetings!

Hidden Number for May 10648 is James Geist

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