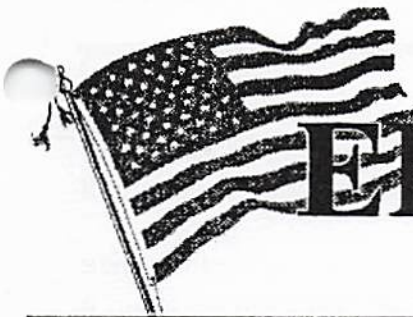


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Upcoming Dinners

*Great Food
& Friends*

*Mark Your
Calendars*

•September 23•
Phil Stettinger's Chicken Dinner

•October 7•
Regional Elks Bowlers Steak Dinner

Everyone is invited to welcome bowlers from several states.

•October 14•
Oktoberfest Dinner

•November 11•
Poague & Vern's Soup Supper

•March 17•
Aman's St. Patties Day Dinner
Bring on the Irish!

Secretary's Corner:

Due to a growing family and a full time job I will not be able to continue on as Secretary. I currently do not have the time to dedicate to the organization that needs to be spent at the secretary position. I would really like to see someone step up to the position that has time to meet the members' needs. I am willing to help someone until they get their feet on the ground and answer questions. If you are interested please let myself or ER Jeff Sneller know. My number is 465-8860 and my email is jason.c.brooks@us.army.mil. Sincerely,

Jason Brooks, Secretary Lincoln Elks Lodge 80

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



Exalted Ruler, Jeff Sneller



will probably have a special meeting or two and I would encourage you to attend Lodge meetings if this is of interest to you.

Orlando is not a great place to be in July weather wise but I did find the National Convention interesting, a great learning experience and a chance to be with 8700 people whom all have the same interests and the common thread of Elks Share, Elks Care. This theme was ubiquitous at the convention center and around the hotels. I would like to see our members Share the Elks experience with friends and family and Care enough to get these people exposed the greatest fraternal organization in the world. Let's commit ourselves to new member and allowing them to Care about and Share this great gift of Elk dome that give so much to our Veterans and Youth.

Thank you all who have supported the dinners in July, they were both a success and it helps the Lodge tremendously.

As special thanks to Bus Whitehead and Family for sponsoring a dinner and to the Golf group who did the same.

If any of you have an interest in sponsoring a dinner please contact me or Cheri, thank you in advance. Have a great August.

Fraternally,

Jeff Sneller
Exalted Ruler

Dear Members:

I have been getting lots of questions about the future of the Club and I believe I've heard about every rumor under the sun. Again these are Rumors, NOT facts. The only thing that has transpired was a vote on the Lodge floor to apply for a 100% tax exemption. This is explained in an article from the Trustees and PER Sonny Lane. We have until Nov. 30 to discuss this and make recommendations. We

BIRTHDAYS

Ronnie Bouwens	1	Phillip Stettinger	12	Terry Beyer	24
Ronald Ueberrhein	1	John Aman	13	Rik Devney	27
Ward Hoppe	2	Jerry Wilson	13	H. R. Seaberg	27
Melvin Tucker	3	Arthur Berthold	16	Russell Reber	28
John Vermaas	3	Allen Brauer	17	Robert Reinhardt	30
Gary Weber	3	Ben Powell	17		
Douglas Kurtzer	4	Arthur Bossard	18		
Robert White	4	Daniel Boutot	18		
Roland Schessler	7	Paul Peterson	19		
Otis Cave, JR	8	Marlin Anderson	20		
Joseph Silverman	8	Travis Schmid	20		
Edward Herstein	9	Virgil Wieting	20		
Larry Schenkel	11	Robert Wittstruck	20		
John Weers	11	Paul Mussack	21		
Steven Massey	12	Dennis Byars	23		
Richard Silverman	12	Stephen Wirth	23		



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Articles are Due By August 15th.
Submit articles to the Lodge Office.

Deaths
Monroe Hudson Usher Jr. 40 Year Member
Sickness & Distress
Chuck Steenson, Kenny Watkins & Ray Plotts



Lodge Assessment Appeal Underway

The Lancaster County Assessors Office and the Board of Equalization has come out with the new assessments for Lincoln Elks Lodge #80. We have filed a notice of appeal and met with the referee on 07/21/2006. It will take 2 weeks for them to check their figures and get us a new assessment. At the last Lodge meeting on 07/19/2006, it was determined by vote of the members in attendance that we should also try to increase our charitable percentage deduction. We are currently allowed a 40% deduction on our real estate taxes which means we only pay taxes on 60% of the assessed value. Our taxes run around \$6,000 per year now. We have the ability, as the Shriners do, to apply for a 100% tax exempt status. This would mean meeting some new requirements set by the Board of Equalization. We must be non profit. We must not discriminate against anyone becoming a member and if we serve alcohol it cannot be served more than 20 hours per week. We are very close now to these requirements. It was determined that we would have a special discussion at the Lodge meeting on September 6th 2006 at 7:30 pm to discuss these changes. Please plan on attending this meeting as this could be a great step for Lincoln Lodge #80 and it's members.

You are invited to
**Art Berthlod's
90th Birthday Party**

Open House here at the Lodge on
Sunday Aug. 20th 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

Art has requested no presents.
Happy Birthday Art!!!

Newly Elected Members

Allen Goslee Proposed by Jeff Sneller
Aimee Dye Proposed by John Aman
Jerry Weber Proposed by Gary Aksamit

Propositions for Membership

James Chestney transfer from CA

Lodge Makes Donation to Children's Zoo

At the Lodge meeting on June 21 it was agreed to send \$2,00 to the Lincoln Children's Zoo.

It was a two part donation. \$1,00 will go to the KATZ program (Kids at the Zoo). This money is used for those children who would not be able to visit the Zoo because of the cost. Over 6,00 requests were received by the zoo last year. Each visit is figured at a \$7.00 cost so our donation will allow about 150 children to enjoy the zoo this year.

The second part of the donation purchases a beautifully crafted steel bench for placement somewhere in the Zoo or botanical gardens. Our bench will feature an engraved plaque recognizing that the Elks donated it.

The lodge was able to support both of these worthwhile projects from funds generated by Smith Youth Trust Fund.

The Thank You and Information Corner

Thanks to Butch & Jean, Art Berthlod, Donna Davis, Brent & Cerie Travis, Rick & Vicki Logan, John Brooks, Terry & Marilyn Beyer, Greg Hanson, Brianna Berghloz, Roxie Thompson for helping with the July steak dinner.

Please thank John Brooks for the two new Flags for the flag pole.

Thanks to Bus Whitehead for sponsoring the July Bar-B-Q dinner and to John Brooks and Jeff Sneller for making that happen. Also thanks to everyone who helped in the clean up.

Thanks to Bud Dietrick for the incredible job of selling so many tickets for the dinners, some one needs to challenge Bud and see if you can keep up with him.

Membership Drawing

is at \$106 and Warren Hinze was the name drawn for July and was not a winner.

Hidden number for July was 10580 Larry Pickering

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Aug. 8	Beer & Burger
Aug. 16	Lodge
Aug. 17	VFW
Aug. 19	Paul Koehrsen Anniv.
Aug. 20	Art Berthod's 90th Party
Aug. 23	Bass Club
Aug. 25-27	Elks Fall Conference
Aug. 27	Beer & Burger

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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