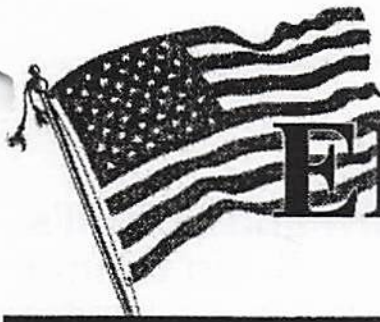


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## ***Upcoming Dinners***

**FRIDAY, November 10**

*note the change in date from Saturday to Friday.*

*Vern & Lowell's*

*Chili and Chicken Soup Supper*

*Happy Hour at 5:30, Soup's on at 6:30*



## **Secretary's Corner:**

In this issue is a revised delinquent list for those who's dues are not paid. If you think your name is on the list in error, call me at 465-8860, or email me at [jason.c.brooks@us.army.mil](mailto:jason.c.brooks@us.army.mil) and let me know. Also, Does should have received their membership cards by now, if you have not, please contact me. IF YOU ARE A VETERAN...please call me or e-mail me, let me know your branch of service, I would like to update our records with this information....it would be nice to mention in our monthly birthday honorees, who is a Veteran...

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

### Dear Members:

Thank you all who have supported the last couple of dinners, please also thank John Brooks for all his hard work and dedication for planning and being Master Chef.



We recently lost two employees that put a lot of extra and unneeded burden on several of us. This came about because of negative, cruel and back biting conversation that for some reason seems pervasive. As Elks we have a motto; the faults of our members we write upon the sands, their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory. When you became a member you were asked if you believed in GOD. Knowing many undeniable truths of life, I know GOD does not approve to this type of conversation, and the Elks Care -Elks Share motto does not fit either. We need positive constructive help and ideas in this Lodge right now; if you're not contributing your part of a large problem.

I wish not to address this issue again.

Our District Deputy visit is the second Wed. in November; we will be doing initiation and hope to have your support and attendance for the meeting.

I wish all of you a wonderful Thanksgiving and hope you have the opportunity to be with family and friends to celebrate and give thanks to GOD for all He has given us.

Have a great November and enjoy the great weather!

Fraternally,

*Jeff Sneller*  
Exalted Ruler

## Announcing Vern and Lowell's Chili and Chicken Soup Dinner

Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, drinks start at 5:30 and soup is scooped at 6:30 Free beer for soup dinner ticket holders sponsored by Joe, and soup scooping skills provided by John Brooks, P.E.R Tom Roper, and P.E.R. Sonny Lane...\$8 each..

## Cash Calendars

are in from the Printer and ready to pick up, get yours to sell today...these are a great fundraiser and well received..check at the Office or the Club for more information...

## Please Say Thanks

to John Brooks for grilling the steaks for the Steak Dinner on October 7<sup>th</sup>, and helping with Phil's Chicken dinner. John gives a great deal of time and effort to our Lodge, he has a hand in many of the dinners, and Beer and Burger nights...





### Hunters Safety

was a great success Thanks to the instruction provided by Elks Lodge #80 Chaplain Randy King and fellow Nebraska Hunter's Safety Instructor Mike Wurfele. They presented 12 classroom hours of instruction the weekend of Sept 28-30, and got everyone through the class despite a home Nebraska Football game...they also offered shooting times at the State Game and Parks Rifle Range, on the State Fairgrounds Sunday afternoon, about 8 youth showed up to complete the items needed for the Rifle Merit Badge through the Boy Scouts...A Big Thanks to E.R. Jeff Sneller for his culinary skills as he cooked burgers and fries for the boys and their parents...also a big Thanks to Roxy as she went the extra mile in preparing treats and pop for the breaks... The Hunter's Safety program continues to be a great success through the Lodge...This type of education promotes the safe and responsible handling of firearms, promotes the Boy Scouts, teaches basic gun safety, and is the epitome of what the Elks are about...Elks care, Elks share...

### Elks at the Zoo



Back row P.E.R. Virgil Wieting, Leading Knight Terry Edwards, P.E.R. Rich Todd, Tiler Sam Carter. Front Row two members from the Lincoln Children's Zoo, Exalted Ruler Jeff Sneller, and P.E.R. Sonny Lane

### Midget Football Report

The midget football season is now entering Week 7, and the Elks Midget Football Program is looking to finish strong. The program's six teams have all shown a lot of improvement since the beginning of the season, and the kids have been having a great time. With only one game left in the season, the records are as follows:

#### LEVEL RECORD Wins-Losses-Tie

<b>A Team</b>	<b>1-4-1</b>
<b>B Team</b>	<b>1-5-1</b>
<b>C Team</b>	<b>4-2-0</b>
<b>D Team</b>	<b>2-4-0</b>
<b>Rookie Silver</b>	<b>2-4-0</b>
<b>Rookie Black</b>	<b>4-3-0</b>



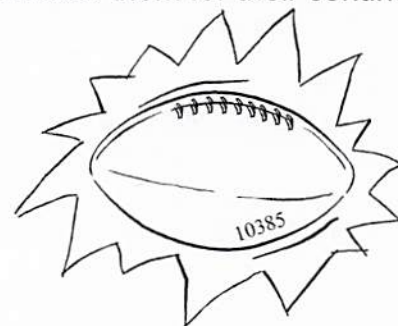
Currently the Elks C Team is in a battle for 2<sup>nd</sup> place within their division, and Rookie Black has been one of the real bright spots in the entire program. Coaches Dale Burrage and Brian Woolsey from Rookie Black have made a real impact, and these first year players have had a great time while learning the basics of football.



As the season draws to an end, there are only a few events left. The Elks Program's Annual Awards Banquet will be Thursday,

November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 pm. This year's potluck banquet will be held at the Lancaster Events Center, 4100 N 84<sup>th</sup> Street. Lodge members are invited to attend.

The entire Elks Midget Football Program would again like to extend it's gratitude to all the Lodge members, and thank them for their continued support.





## Club News

More changes at the Club...Lindsay and Kelley have found other opportunities, and are no longer with the Club. A Big "Thank You" to Roxy for going the extra mile, and to Jill for extra effort covering the open time slots. Say "Hello" and welcome to Tammy Rodriguez, who has joined our Club team. She brings experience from the American Legion Club in Papillon. You will see her evenings....we still are having tailgate parties prior to the Nebraska Football Games, join us for hors d'oeuvres, and a few cold ones before the game...

## A BIG "THANK YOU"

to Phil Stettinger for his Legacy Chicken Dinner, it was a great time enjoyed by many...it takes members like Phil stepping up to the plate to provide a great evening of enjoyment. Why not follow his lead, and sponsor a dinner yourself?  
*"Have an attitude of gratitude"*

## Two New Eagle Scouts

received an American Flag and certificate from E.R Jeff Sneller, Sunday October 15<sup>th</sup>, at their Eagle Court of Honor. Thanks to Jeff for making that happen. Two more new Eagle Scouts from Troop 28 in Lincoln, will celebrate their Court of Honor on November 5, 2 pm at St. Teresa's Church, 735 S.36th. Samuel J. Cunningham and Daniel P. Sullivan will be recognized for achieving what only 4% of boys who enter Scouting ever accomplish... P.E.R John Aman will present them with an American flag flown over our Nation's Capitol on behalf of Elks Lodge #80, and certificates commemorating this event...if you have never seen an Eagle Court of Honor, you should attend (every Court of Honor is different)...mention you are with the Elks Lodge and you will be most welcome....

*"Is your glass half empty, or half full?"*

## Oktoberfest

was a great success Thanks to the efforts of Bud, Virgil, James Chesney and great German Chocolate cake provided by Larry Schenkel, and, once again, John Brooks' "skill-at-the-grill"....

## Christmas Party

Update: the date has been set for December 17<sup>th</sup>, Pershing, with the sacking party to be December 15<sup>th</sup>, more information on that in next month's Elk-O-Gram... John Brooks reports that he has secured 4 professional entertainment groups, including the String Beans, a comedian/magician, a husband wife juggling act and others, possibly including the Capitol City Cloggers, the Shrine Band/Clowns, and more. Call John to volunteer your time and efforts to help with this, we need many, many people to put it together....

**Hats Off** to Cheri in the Office, she keeps everything flowing, goes 19 different directions at once and makes it look easy...please Thank Her for her good work when you see her...

## Scholarship Information

Lincoln Elks Lodge 80 is pleased to announce 4 new scholarships for 2006-07...

**The Paulding Smith Scholarship,**  
a \$2000 award for a male student.

**The Esther Smith Scholarship,**  
a \$2000 award for a female student.

*Eligibility:* To be eligible the student must be a high school graduate and be the child, grandchild, great-grandchild, step-child, step-grandchild, or step-great-grandchild of a member of Lincoln Elks Lodge #80, who has been active for the past five (5) years in the Lincoln Elks Lodge, or of a deceased Lodge Member who had been a member of Lincoln Elks Lodge #80 for at least 10 consecutive years prior to his or her death.

*Judging Criteria:* Applicant's civic activity, leadership, leadership development, academic success.

*Awards:* Each scholarship shall be for \$2000 for one year, for the purpose of post high school educational tuition.



## The Lincoln Elks Lodge Exalted Ruler's Legacy Scholarship

\$1000 for a male student,  
\$1000 for a female student

*Eligibility:* To be eligible the student must be a high school graduation and be the child, grandchild, great-grandchild, stepchild, step-grandchild, or step-great-grandchild of a member of the Lincoln Elks Lodge #80 who has been active for the past two (2) years, or of a deceased lodge member who had been a member of the Lincoln Elks Lodge #80 for at least 10 consecutive years prior to his or her death.

*Judging Criteria:* Applicant's civic activity, leadership, leadership development, academic success.

*Awards:* Each scholarship shall be for \$1000 for one year for the purpose of post high school educational tuition.

*Application forms:* The standard Lincoln Elks Lodge Scholarship application form.

*"The faults of our members we write upon the sand, their virtues upon the tablets of love & memory"*

### Now for the Quickies...

Vi Berst was at it again, bringing birthday wishes to a 94 year young Air Force retiree at Gramercy Hill, he asked when we were going to do another Vet recognition night at Beer and Burger... hmmnn... will someone please step up to help sponsor that? Might see if Tom Roper would allow the use of a limo...that was great fun...Dave Kirby would like some help with the Youth Activities...he has "active youth" at home needing his attention...

Americanism Theme this year is "What it feels like to be an American"... these essay contests and the content are more important than ever in our constantly changing political climate... P.E.R. John Aman volunteered to be on the House Committee..

A Big Thanks to John for donating his time and expertise..please follow John's lead and volunteer to help with a committee or a dinner...it only takes a bit of time, and does so much good....



Sonny Lane won the raffle and donated his share to ENF...Elks care, Elks share...Thank You for setting a great example for all of us, Sonny...



We will have Initiation for the District Deputy when he attends our November 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. (Our District Deputy is Rich Todd!)



Terry Edwards extends a Thank You to all who volunteer for concession stand duty at the home football games....



Our Esquire Doug Rienks announced that the Hoop Shoot is set for Jan 13, 2007, mark your calendars....



P.E.R. Harold Harpster reports that he and Terry Edwards are done with their reviews of the bylaws, house rules, and committees, and these will be published in the Elk-O-Gram, discussed on the floor of the Lodge and voted on in December. Please make an effort to review these in next months E-O-G, and plan on attending the December Meeting to vote...



Special Meeting:

We will be discussing our Tax status at the Lodge meeting Wednesday November 1st. If you care about the Lodge be there with a positive attitude and Ideas. We will also attempt to clear up many misconceptions about Lodge finances.



## Soccer News

On October 6th the Lincoln Elks Lodge held the Annual Soccer Shoot. We were able to expand the age groups involved to include Under 12 and Under 14. Thanks go out to Russ Earnest who graciously donated his time, tools and expertise to make this happen. We had 88 participants involved in the shoot which ran from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Elks Drug Awareness packets were given to all participants. We had 10 Elks and 3 Non-Elks volunteer their time to make the shoot a success. Many thanks goes out to all that took time out of their busy schedules to help in this worthwhile endeavor. A special thanks goes to John Brooks for the tent and signs. The tent was a welcome relief from the sun and wind. All of the age group winners are eligible to participate in the State Soccer Shoot held on October 21 in Hastings. Here is a break down of the winners and 2nd place

in each age division.



Terry Edwards and Sam Carter hard at it...



All of the 1st and 2nd place winners will be invited to the dinner on November 10th. This would be a great time to come out and see some of the young people that our lodge reaches through our youth activities. Please also mark your calendars for January 13 for the local Hoop Shoot. Once again thank you to all the volunteers who helped make this a successful event. Please do not hesitate to volunteer for this event next year, I promise to only take a few hours out of your day.

Fraternally,

*Doug Rienks*  
Soccer Shoot Chairman



left to right: Sam Carter, Steven Wirth (kneeling), Deborah Barnes, Sonny Lane, Terry Edwards, Doug Rienks, Vi Berst, and Russ Earnst, far right

## Bingo Update

True to his word, Paul Koehrsen followed up on the idea of Bingo nights at the Lodge. Looks like the paperwork is do-able, and we have the equipment back from the V.A. Hospital (A Big Thanks to Vi Berst and Sam Carter for making that happen) Now we need to assess the interest.... would you be interested in having Bingo nights at the Lodge?....this is YOUR LODGE and we need to hear from YOU. Please call Paul or E.R. Jeff Sneller, drop us a note, an e-mail to Jason Brooks at [jason.c.brooks@us.army.mil](mailto:jason.c.brooks@us.army.mil) or call him at 465 8860 let us know your thoughts. Better yet, come to the Lodge meetings and voice your opinions and ideas...**this is your Lodge**, and it will be what you make of it...

Under 8 Boys:

1st JR Nash, 2nd Caleb Schlautman

Under 8 Girls:

1st Hannah Davis, 2nd Libby Grossman

Under 10 Boys:

1st Cameron Lulow, 2nd Conner Schlautman

Under 10 Girls:

1st Mackenzie Helman, 2nd Abby Tweet

Under 12 Boys:

1st Cole Fast, 2nd Austin Karg

Under 12 Girls:

1st Karlye Cygan, 2nd Ashley Earnest

Under 14 Boys:

1st Mike Butterfield, 2nd Thung La

Under 14 Girls:

No participants



**Delinquent Membership List:**

If you think your name appears here mistakenly, please contact Secretary Jason Brooks at 465-8860, or e-mail [jason.c.brooks@us.army.mil](mailto:jason.c.brooks@us.army.mil)

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| Akin, Betty        | Ott, Ronnie          |
| Barth, Don         | Pearl, James         |
| Bengston, John     | Pfiefer, Jil         |
| Bergholz, Brianna  | Ponder, Amanda       |
| Blatt, Fritz       | Price, Charles       |
| Burianek, James    | Reineke, Gary        |
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| Cox, Timothy       | Schell, Richard      |
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| Healy, Gilbert     | Silverstein, Brandon |
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| Holland, Thomas    | Stewart, Earl        |
| Jurgens, Scott     | Studier, Kenneth     |
| Kerns, Todd        | Taylor, Heidi        |
| Kloch, Robert      | Taylor, Rick         |
| Knaub, Larry       | Treu, Jeff           |
| Letts, Stephen     | Ueberrhein, Ronald   |
| Lightner, Bruce    | Weers, John          |
| Martin, Steven     | Wellman, Kenneth     |
| McCabe, Jerome     |                      |
| Morrissey, Thomas  |                      |
| O'Connell, Thomas  |                      |

**Membership Drawing**

is at \$157 and Oliver Nesbitt's name was drawn, he was not in attendance. Hidden number for October was 10433 Merle Hesser.

You have to come to meetings to win!



**BIRTHDAYS**

- |                     |                      |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Ben James         | 15 Donna Davis       |
| 4 Charles Meisinger | 16 Gil Feis          |
| Jacob Wyant         | 17 Paul Eldien       |
| 5 William Palmer    | Harry Niederhaus     |
| 6 Roger Rocke       | 18 Frank Holds worth |
| Brandon Silverstein | Ronnie Ott           |
| 8 Dave Kirby        | 21 Don Barth         |
| 9 Lawrence Horstman | Richard Rumbolz      |
| G.R. Scott          | 22 Keith Kirstine    |
| Gary Smit           | 25 Bruse McKeag      |
| 10 Gary Northouse   | 26 Timothy Cox       |
| 11 Richard Pitsch   | 27 William Overman   |
| 13 James Burianek   | 29 Gayle Lebsack     |
| Dean Petersen       | 30 Russell Chestnut  |



**Propositions for Membership:**

Scott Schrage proposed by Roxy Thomas

**Sickness and Distress**

- Charlie Kruse, at home.
- Bob Evans, at home.
- Sonny Lane is feeling much better.
- Sam Carter under the weather at home.

Please note:

**Articles and items for the Elk-O-Gram**

Send to Randy King at [rdking@diodecom.net](mailto:rdking@diodecom.net) or call 450-0978. Remember the **15th** of the month is the deadline. Let's all work together to get our EOG out on time!

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| Lecturing Knight.....John Brooks |                                |

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| Esquire.....Doug Rienks       | John Aman  | Roger Pickering |
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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November

1 Lodge  
7 Youth group  
10 Vern/Lowell Soup Supper  
14 Beer & Burger  
15 Lodge - DD visit  
18 Does meeting  
28 Beer & Burger

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