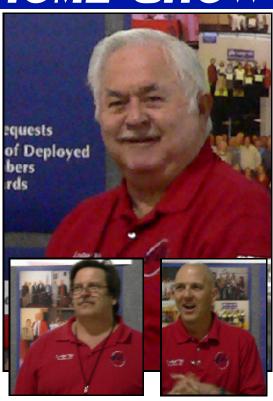


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# ELKS SEEN AT THE HOME SHOW





We had a very good turnout at our booth at the Home & Garden Show. Our booth display featured pictures of many of the activities that the Lodge sponsors throughout the year. People that we talked with were very impressed with all of the things that we do for our community. We talked with people that have heard of the Elks, but had no idea what we do within the community. There were some Elks from other towns in Nebraska, as well as Elks from other states, that have moved here, and they had no idea that Lincoln even has an Elks Lodge. WE NEED TO MAKE OUR PRESENCE KNOWN! Having a booth at the Home & Garden Show was a good step in getting our name and what we do out into the community. We all need to take it one step further and talk to our friends, neighbors and co-workers. We need to let them know what a fine organization the Elks is and try to recruit them as members to help us in the good work that we do.

We had a raffle for an i-Pad at the booth to try and draw people into the booth. The raffle did not go over as well as we had hoped. We sold 72 tickets at \$5.00 each and Doug Rienks made up the difference to cover the cost (thank you for your generosity Doug). Out of the 72 tickets that were sold, we had 9 people that checked the box on the entry form to request more information about the Elks (I will be contacting the 9 people in the near future and invite them to a dinner). We had the vendor in the booth next to us draw the winning ticket and the winner of the i-Pad was Tom Martin.

Thank you to our volunteers: Denis Applebee, Gerry Miles, Larry Bratt, Larry Schwindt, Doug Rienks, Randy King, Sam Carter, Scott and Jodi Schrage, Mary Brooks, Jerrie Simms and Bob Sindlar I would especially like to thank John Brooks PER, for the time he put in to create the outstanding graphics, name tags and for providing the display from Sign Solutions of Lincoln. It was first class!



# Grand Exalted Ruler Michael F. Smith

Message from the GER GL Newsletter March 2011

"Time to grind for strong finish to Lodge year!"

As March falls upon us, we need to review our goals and make a diligent effort to attain each of them with Passion. As I travel there is a consistent factor in those Lodges with a small list of delinquent Members: They call and/or visit those Members who have not paid their dues and discuss what we could do to make them happy with our Lodge/Order. Many times we think a letter or a note in the bulletin will have an impact on paying dues, but personal contact is far more effective. The Edmonds Survey, which was sponsored by our Order, confirmed that a contact will produce positive results. We indoctrinate, initiate and then often times abandon our new Members without giving them a chance to be a part of our Order.

I recently witnessed a successful program that was initiated into my Lodge. Get a name badge made for each new Member and have them wear it to the Lodge so that your Members will recognize the person is a new Member. Encourage them to wear the badge until they feel comfortable. Many Lodges have a small number of Members attending their initiations, which means most of your Members would not know who is a new Member and therefore not make an effort to get acquainted. Using the name badge would help them get to know the new Member.

Thank you for your service to your Lodge and our Order. I encourage you to continue to help Elks grow. It is time for the new Officers to prepare for the upcoming year, and Lodge budgets are nearly complete. Be Proud, Be Loud and Be Visible as you "Promote Elks Passion."



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### Exalted Ruler Lodge #80 Amy Jacobsen

#### **Dear Elks and Does:**

Spring is on its way. I am starting to feel the excitement of being able to do a little spring cleaning around my house and yard. It is a time to dust things off and start anew. At the same time, I am ending what has been a very rewarding year for me as your Exalted Ruler. I enjoyed my time as ER and hope I lived up to everyone's expectations. If I did not, I have time to improve on that. I have come to believe the most important part of being ER is being a great PER. I am looking forward to continue to be active in the Lodge and contributing to all our various projects.

We will be recognizing our "TEENS of the YEAR" this month. It is a great event and will be held four Sundays in March and April. Mark your calendar for March 13, 20, 27 and April 10. It will be held at the Lodge at 2:00 each of those days. We will be recognizing local 8th grade boys and girls for their leadership and excellence in their community and schools. Each of them will be given a 100 Dollar US Savings Bond. This is a great event. It is rewarding to see these kids get some recognition for being good kids. It seems like you need only look in the newspaper and on the 10 o'clock news and question where our youth are headed. It is nice to know we have plenty of kids in our own backyard who exemplify what it means to be contributing members of society. And, once again, Elks are leading the way in giving them the recognition they deserve and helping them along the way. Refreshments will be served. Come out and celebrate the youth community with us.

Read the EOG for other upcoming events. We again have a St. Patrick's Day dinner planned the is always well attended and spreads Irish cheer and goodwill to all. I hope you can make it.



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### **Our Members...**

#### Deaths:

None

#### **Sickness and Distress:**

Ken Studier PER, is at Gold Crest.

Ed Herstein at Tabitha.

Jules Goldberg recovering from a bad fall.

Art Berthold at Madonna, pneumonia recovery.

Ken Tenhulzen at home.

Larry Schenkel recovering from surgery.

Jeff Sneller PER recovering from hand surgery.

#### **Published for Membership:**

Jerrie Simms, proposed by Pat Wiseman Sally Smalley, transfer demit from Bullhead City, AZ

### **Members Initiated in February:**

None

#### **Members Reinstated in February:**

None

**Membership Drawing:** Attending meetings pays in more than just one way! You must attend to win!

2/2 meeting was at \$177.50. Saundra Earnest was the name drawn, and she was not present to win.

2/16 meeting was \$192.50. Joseph Silverman (our 100+ "young" years old member) was the name drawn and he was not present to win.

February's EOG Hidden Membership Number:

was 15742; Nathaniel Mustion. His number was hidden on page 4 next to happy birthdays.

#### Folding Crew for February Elk-O-Gram:

Butch, Jeanne, Roxie, Randy, Nancy, Stephen, Doug, Jeff, Rich and Connie. Thank you to all of you for your help. And extra thanks to Jeff Sneller for delivering the EOG to the post office!



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### **Knight Tales**

#### Leading Knight - Stephen Wirth PER

Charity is the GREATEST of all the virtues: My position as your Esteemed Leading Knight will come to a close at the end of this month. I have truly enjoyed promoting and understanding what this station stands for. Whether it be providing financial assistance to needy families or organizations, volunteering time to support numerous required lodge functions, dinners, youth sports, Husker Football, Scouting, Veterans and Does Drove #4. My heart swells when I perform Ritual in this position. "The emblem of this station is the Flag of our Country; and its motto is Charity'. I look forward to my part at State Ritual contest in North Platte. When you believe in what you're saying, a person can be most impressive. I look forward to the challenges ahead of us. What do you say lodge officers, let's win State, 3rd years running. We'll show the rest of the Elks in the Western Division how it's done at nationals in July. I stand fraternally committed. Our goal is to be in the final four.

### **Loyal Knight - Doug Rienks**

As we move into spring many of us are getting much busier with life actives. Please take this time to consider volunteering for some of the youth events that will be taking place in the near future. Teen of the Year celebrations will be taking place on Sunday afternoons or talk to the Scholarship committee to see about helping with the scholarships. This year we have had a great response with the number of scholarship applications. The lodge can always use your help.

#### **Lecturing Knight - Sonny Lane**

No tales to tell but, always brotherly love to give!

# **Cash Calendar Final Tally**

by Stephen Wirth PER

Thanks again for making the Cash Calendar fundraiser a success. We raised \$4,000 and gave back to the lucky winners, per the fund rules, a total of \$2,100. The winners are as follows in reference to date in December they won:

- Margie Fritz-\$70
- 2 Michelle Bohac-\$65
- 3 Fred Gustin-\$60\*
- 4 Good Guys-\$55
- 5 Paul Pocock-\$85
- 6 Carrol Burns-\$55
- 7 Debra Jacobsen-\$60 8 Ole Buck-\$65
- 9 Denneal Stauffer-\$50
- 10 Jeff Clark-\$65\*
- 11 Sam Carter-\$70
- 12 Larry Schwindt-\$55
- 13 Vilis Berst-\$50
- 14 James Gray-\$70\*
- 15 Don Kohtz-\$60

- 16 E. Jean Strope-\$55
- 17 Cassidy Edwards-\$65
- 18 Eric Delano-\$70
- 19 John Brooks-\$80
- 20 Jeff Clark-\$70 \*
- 21 Marjorie Wyant-\$60
- 22 Stephen Wirth-\$50
- 23 Jeffrey Sneller-\$65 \*
- 24 James Gray-\$55 '
- 25 Larry Benac-\$200
- 26 Roger Johnson-\$60
- 28 Ray Klock-\$75
- 29 Fred Gustin-\$70 \*
- 30 Nancy Kennedy-\$75
- 31 Jeffrey Sneller-\$65 \*

<sup>\*</sup> Double Winners

# **Secretary's Corner**

By now you all should have received your membership dues statement for the 2011/2012 Lodge year. The Elks Lodge year begins on April 1st, and the payment should be returned prior to that date. Your continued support and promptness will be much appreciated.

Please make every effort to contact the Lodge Office to ensure we have your correct address on file. Thanks!

With the new Lodge year, there will be new officers installed in April. Among those new Officers will be your new Secretary, Denis Applebee. Yes, after 5 years; I felt it was time to do something different. I have enjoyed being your Secretary and the many challenges the job has provided. It has been great meeting and working with all of you. Although I will no longer be your Secretary, you will still see me around the lodge!

As always, at least through March 31st; my goal remains the same "to be the best", and I can only do that with your help. If you have any questions or comments on how I can better serve you, contact me at 570-2555 or lodge80secy@yahoo.com. Jerry Wilson, Lodge Secretary

### **Does News**

The Does Plant Sale will be on May 14th. Mark your calendars and get ready to order you spring flowers the first part of May. Thank you to everyone who made the Founder's Day Luncheon a success on Saturday, February 26th. **Jody Schrage, President** 

### 2010-2011 Elk's Lodge #80 Officers

Exalted Ruler Leading Knight Loyal Knight	Amy Jacobsen Stephen Wirth PER Doug Rienks		
Lecturing Knight	Sonny Lane PER		
Esquire	Larry Bratt		
Inner Guard	Jeff Sneller PER		
Tiler	Sam Carter		
Secretary	Jerry Wilson		
Treasurer	Imre Bonyhady		
Chaplain	John Brooks PER		
Trustee 1 Year	<b>Bob Sindlar</b>		
Trustee 2 Year	John Aman PER		
Trustee 3 Year	Randy King		
Trustee 4 Year	Larry Schwindt		
Trustee 5 Year	Scott Schrage		



05 William J Fry 06 Bernard E Dow Martin A. Fehringer 07 Kenneth D Tenhulzen

Donald V Zeiss

08 Dennis M Dickerson

09 Jack Jensen

10 Dr. Dan L Mosier

12 Robert E Logsdon

13 Paul Koehrsen

14 John G Boosalis

17 Mark Whitehead

19 Richard Mccashland Larry D Ossenkop John J Weber

21 Steve A. Arens Larry D Jurgens

25 Charles Cordes

26 Robert L Kloch Roger L Pickering

28 Donald W Wright

29 Don R Svoboda

# **Birthday of Our Order**

By Stephen Wirth PER

February 16th, 2011 was the 143rd birthday of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, established back in 1868. An Englishman, actor and comedian by the name of Charles Vivian was the founder of the B.P.O.E. Many of the Elks philosophies and traditions can be traced as far back as the year 1010.

Since our lodge meeting fell on this date those present enjoyed cake for the celebration. HyVee provided the cake in record timing. Thanks to all who attended our lodge meeting and shared in our Order's special day.



### "Pancakes" Spells F-U-N!! - By Stephen Wirth PER

Lincoln Elks Lodge #80 Charitable Fund, Inc held its 6th Annual Pancake Feed on January 30th, 2011. The weather outside was brisk; however, the smell of pancakes and sausages warmed the atmosphere indoors. We had a steady stream of customers throughout the day. Final dollars donated towards the scholarship fund equaled \$2,150. Many thanks go out to the following businesses for their generous donations and products:

Cash Wa Distributing, Greenfield's, Lincoln Poultry, IHOP, McCashland/Kirby Insurance Agency, Roper & Sons, Sign Solutions of Lincoln, Super Saver and Village Inn.

Additional thanks to **Richard Todd** PER for donating funds for rental of the pancake griddle and **Merl Hesser** for allowing us to use his well guarded spatulas. (Merl has now donated his treasured spatulas to the Charitable Fund, Inc. for future needs) Not to forget, **Sonny Lane** PER and **Larry Schwindt** for the pickup of the griddle from the **Kiwanis Club of Lincoln**.

In addition, The **Does** had another successful bake sale. President Jody Schrage and Does members raised more than \$452, which also includes the cookie dough sales.

Now, the life blood of our operation: Volunteers! With success, you need special people willing to step up and help. If I overlooked anyone make sure you let me know because I appreciate everyones effort: Dale Anderson, Larry Bratt, Reggie Buckmaster, John & Mary Brooks, Sam Carter, Wilma Chestnut, Dave Kirby & daughters, Alex & Spencer Hagan, Nancy Halsted, Larry Jurgens, Scott Jurgens, Sonny Lane, Chuck Meisinger, Connie Moore, Bill & Rosemary Overman, Bill Palmer, Waunita Peterson, Scott & Jody Schrage, Larry Schwindt, Jerrie Simms, Bob Sindlar, Jeff Sneller, Dennis & Kelli Stanley-Smith, Richard Todd, Roger & Kay White, Pat & Kim Wiseman, Kim Woodward and Marjorie Wyatt.

Thanks to **Vi Berst** and **Sam Carter**, Chairpersons of the Veteran's Committee, for holding a money give away drawing at our pancake feed. \$100 was donated from the Veterans Committee and was awarded to 10 different winners. Great job guys.

Last but not least, Thanks to all for coming, making our feed a success.

Stephen F. Wirth, PER - Pancake Committee Chairman









## **Reports of Committees**

From The Foxhole Of The Veteran's Committee-Vi Berst, Chairperson; Sam Carter, Vice Chair

On February 16th, Vi and Sam spent the day at the Veteran's Affairs Outpatient Clinic, serving cake and coffee to the Veterans who were scheduled for clinic that day. Vi and Sam had purchased a large sheet cake decorated with Valentine Hearts to help celebrate "National Salute to Veterans Week" and Valentine's Day. It is always a fun day when we can talk and mingle with the Veterans. Don't forget, if you see a Veteran, shake his/her hand and thank them for their service to our great country. God Bless!

Social and Community - Stephen Wirth, Chairperson As reported in our last month EOG, I had proposed to the lodge members that we consider assisting the newly formed Blue Star Mother of America, Inc. Chapter 2 with financial aid geared toward families of active duty military sons and daughters who have been deployed overseas. The lodge asked if I could provide additional information before a final vote by the members would be taken on this matter at the next lodge meeting. In visiting with Jessie Matthes, who is a Chapter 2 member and one of the mothers who has a son in the Marines, she said that the finances would be used to help buy items not available to the soldiers overseas as well as postage for shipping these items to their sons and daughters serving. Unfortunately, our current lodge budget didn't have funding set aside for this type of assistance, so the request was turned down. It will be an area discussed, when the details of our up-coming lodge budget are addressed.

#### **Hoop Shoot - Doug Rienks, Coordinator**

Doug requested reimbursment for funds spent on the hoop shoots, \$198.00. Motion, Voted upon and approved.

**Soccer Shoot - Doug Rienks, Coordinator** No Report.

**Midget Football - Scott Schrage, Coordinator** No Report.

#### Scholarship - Dave Kirby, Chairperson

Dave will be asking for help from members in reviewing the many scholarship requests.

#### Americanism - Sonny Lane, Chairperson

194 essays from 10 schools. The 4 essays writers selected will be invited to one of the lodge dinners so they may read them out loud. In addition the students will be given a \$50 Savings Bond.

#### Lapsation - Jerry Wilson, Secretary

As of 2/15/11, all delinquent members were dropped. In the special circumstances of Ken Studier PER, a motion was made, voted upon and approved to reinstate. Due to Ken's health, making a payment was not possible. **Membership - Sonny Lane, Chairperson** No Report.

Gold Scouts - Stephen Wirth, Chairperson

Nancy Vallis, Secretary of the Homestead Order has contacted us to see if we could again assist in sponsoring the reception that takes place after the Gold Awards ceremony on June 12th, 2011. A request will be made that the lodge include this in the 2011/2012 budget.

Eagle Scouts - Randy King, Chairperson

John Aman will present two flags in two ceremonies in March for Troop 28.

**Drug Awareness - Amy Jacobsen ER, Coordinator** Materials were handed out at the home show.

House Committee - Amy Jacobsen ER, Chairperson No report on Fascia. Many dinners and breakfasts have been scheduled. Problems have come up with the lodge beverage cooler. Under discussion it was determined that replacement of the compressor was needed. Motion made, voted on and approved. NTE \$1200.00.

Trustees - Larry Schwindt, Chairperson

Budget submittals are due to Larry by March 2nd. The budget must be in place by April.

Hide Program - Randy King, Chairperson

Total hides collected by our lodge, **116**. Taken to Ansley, NE. on February 18th by Randy King. Total of 383 miles, a 7 hour round trip.



## **New Lodge Jewels Arrive**

By Rich Todd PER

Lincoln's Lodge officers were presented with a new set of jewels at the February 16th meeting. The purchase of these were made possible by the Lodge's PER Association who raised enough money to pay for the complete set. The officers wear the jewels at every regular Lodge meeting, initiation and ritual contest. It was a goal of the Lodge to have them ready for State competition in April, and with the cooperation and contributions of many, they will be able to do so. Thanks and appreciation go out to all who donated to this cause.

### **#80 Wins Ritual PUP**

Your Lodge Officers traveled to York on Saturday, February 5th to compete in the statewide ritual "Practice Under Pressure" contest.

The contest is run just like regular competition, with the judges looking over your shoulder and scoring you accordingly. Team scores are announced and individual honors are noted, but no trophy or awards are given. The object is to expose the teams to being judged, thereby giving them the advantage of being "under pressure" before the State contest.

Lincoln won the 4 team contest by scoring 97.448 to Grand Island"s 95.870. Hastings and York finished third and fourth. Individual honors for scoring highest in their office went to Exalted Ruler Amy Jacobsen, Loyal Knight Doug Rienks and candidate Larry Schwindt. Doug scored the highest of any officer in any position with a score of 96.112. Amy and Esquire Larry Bratt were honored as "Most Impressive" Exalted Ruler and Esquire. State Contest is April 29th in North Platte.

### **Larry Bratt Retiring from LPD**

By Carrie Fiedler

Our own Larry Bratt (aka. one half of the "Larry's") will be retiring from the Lincoln Police Department. Larry's official retirement will begin on March 2, 2011. Larry's career with the LPD began November 18, 1974. For over 36 years, he has kept the peace.

If you ask Larry, "What are you retiring from?" In his own words, "I guess from a long career of trying to make the city a safer place to live and to help keep Lincoln a great place to raise a family and enjoy life. I am hoping that in some small way I did make a difference in a positive way in the lives of some of our citizens."

Now what? Well, April 4th, Larry will start at the Federal Building as a Court Security Officer working part time. I believe even though Larry is leaving the LPD, he is still making Lincoln a better place in his new career and as a **dedicated** member of the Elks.

Thank you, Larry, for your dedication to the citizens of Lincoln! Please join Larry in celebration of his retirement, March 18, 2011, 6:30 PM at the Lodge. Everyone is welcome.

Elk-O-Gram Editor

Carrie Fiedler 325-8741 / 560-3075 Send Articles to: **eog.lodge80@gmail.com** 

### **Now for the Quickies**

As known, #80's goal for the Elks National Foundation (ENF) was \$4.50. Now, as of 2/6/11 we surpassed our goal with \$7.89!! Our lodge received a congratulatory letter from District Deputy, Mike Ohren. This letter also reminded us that we are eligible to apply for the Gratitude and Promise Grants. GREAT JOB #80!

### Volunteers, WE NEED YOU!

**Scholarship Application help** - Essays need read. Contact Dave Kirby or the Lodge to volunteer.

Reminder Call for dinners! - We REALLY need a few volunteers, every dinner to make calls to members. In the past, we have doubled our dinner sales with no doubt due to phone call reminder and ticket sales. These dinners help our Lodge function. Please HELP! Contact the Lodge or any Officer to volunteer!

Help with any of our wonderful dinners just contact the Lodge or just show up! Cooking, cleaning, dishes, table set-up, serving food, food pick-up, donation of raffle prizes, ticket sales....AND MORE!

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Don't Forget To Look for the member number in this issue. If you find your's, call the Lodge for your prize!

# ★★ ★★ ★★ MARCH EVENTS ★★ ★★ ★★

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 March	2 Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM	3	4	5
6	7	8 Burger Night 5:30 PM	9	10 VFW	11	12 St Patrick's Dinner 5:30 Cocktails 6:30 Dinner
Teen of theYear 2:00PM at the Lodge	14	15 American Legion	16 Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM	17 American Legion	18 Larry Bratt's Retirement Party 6:30 PM at Lodge	19 Room Rented
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