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THE FAULTS OF OUR MEMBERS, WE WRITE UPON THE SAND—THEIR VIRTUES UPON THE TABLETS OF LOVE AND MEMORY

156th Grand Lodge Convention

Every year, we look forward to connecting with our fellow Members at the National Convention, but given the continued concerns about COVID-19, we have made the difficult decision to cancel the 156th Grand Lodge Session in Baltimore, Maryland, which was scheduled to be held from July 5 to July 8, 2020.

Following increased and overwhelming concerns about the coronavirus and COVID-19, we felt this was the best way to proceed during such an unprecedented global situation. We are very disappointed that we are unable to hold the National Convention for our Members, but we know it is the right decision based on the information we have today.

This was a tough call to make. The Grand Lodge Sessions are incredibly important to the Order because they are where we elect and install the Grand Lodge Officers and vote on legislation and budgets for the ensuing year, but we need to prioritize the health and safety of our Members, our employees, and everyone who helps at the Grand Lodge Sessions.

The Convention Commission is exploring other ways and means of completing the tasks that need to be accomplished during a Session and is also investigating the possibility of live streaming the Session on the Elks.org website.

Please check Elks.org for updates. We remain committed to the city of Baltimore, Maryland, where we are now planning to hold the 2028 convention. The dates and details will be worked out with the city and the hotels in the months to come.

In the meantime, thanks for your patience and understanding—and unless a new convention plan is developed for this year’s Session, we look forward to seeing you all in Tampa, Florida, for next year’s Grand Lodge Session which will be held from July 4 to July 7, 2021!

Stay Safe and Stay Healthy!

Fraternally,

James L. Nicholson, PGER, Elks National Convention Commission Chairman

Tina M. Haran, Convention & Meetings Director

DO THE FIVE
Help stop coronavirus

- 1 HANDS** Wash them often
- 2 ELBOW** Cough into it
- 3 FACE** Don't touch it
- 4 FEET** Stay more than 3ft apart
- 5 FEEL** sick? Stay home

Virtual Guides to Help Grow Membership Remotely!

There are a variety of ways that we can all recruit new members and spread the word about Elkdom!

According to Mike Chimeric, Elks.org has two comprehensive virtual resources: The Membership Guide and The Marketing Guide.

They are full of templates, videos, scripts, manuals, tip sheets, and other tools that can help us to grow Lodge #80. It’s a great place to show others. The guides can be found at the top of the manual page in the Grand Lodge section of Elks.org. Check it out!



Grand Exalted Ruler, 2019-2020
Robert L. Duitsman
Message from the GER
Grand Lodge Newsletter,
June 2020

Elks Stay Strong, Connected During Pandemic.



Exalted Ruler
Lodge No. 80
2020-2021
Harry Montag

The past few months have been a chaotic time in the life of our Order and our nation. There has been an unprecedented amount of suffering, deprivation, hardship, fear, and for some even the loss of life as we collectively deal with the scourge of the COVID-19 pandemic.

But through this and other trials we as a nation have faced over the years, we as Elks and as Americans have always stood strong. It is times like these that we should be all the more mindful of the cardinal principles on which our Order was founded. Our Lodges have been closed and activities have been suspended, but we would do well to focus our thoughts and look for ways to help others get through these times.

While the typical focus of newsletter messages is to address business and operational matters within our Lodges, it bears repeating that under our cardinal principle of Brotherly Love we should be looking after our fellow Members and those in our communities who are disadvantaged. Some likely don't have family or support and may need our help. Consider setting up a phone tree so that your officers can make personal contact with Members, especially those who are alone or may need some help with even routine tasks like shopping. A little attention may go a very long way.

It has been fully recognized that we can't do the work of our Lodges in traditional ways, and flexibility and creativity have been encouraged to take care of Lodge matters the best we can. Hopefully you are finding ways to keep moving until things can return to normal, or at least improve.

This is a time for Elks to do what Elks have always done better than anyone else: Help others, as best we can.

On a more mundane note, remember to submit your Lodge Audit Report by the end of June. It is important information, and timely submission will avoid a \$100.00 fine. If there are problems, talk with your Sponsor to see how they can be addressed. Also, for Members who are eligible for GER membership pins, you need to get your request in by June 15.

May God bless you all as together we move forward to better times.

"The end of Corona Virus Pandemic will bring a series of challenges to our leadership. Our entire economy has stopped, now it has to start again. Strikes that had been delayed during this time might erupt with a frenzy across America. Inflation threatened as millions of Americans planned to spend wealth they had acquired before the pandemic hit. As the workers returned to work, they wanted their old jobs back, creating a huge labor surplus. Our Leadership can be distracted by new threats overseas, and additional crises at home."

The aforementioned paragraph was taken from US History. I did take the liberty of changing a few words like WWII, President Truman, and soldier. But how true this might be.

Foremost as citizens of Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, and the Good Old US of A, we need to be thankful for what we have. We are the heirs of an extraordinary founding generation. We can never lack for inspiration when we have as our examples the likes of George Washington, Nathanael Greene, Abigail Adams, Molly Pitcher, and Henry Knox. These individuals were the ultimate underdogs. They invested the wisdom they had gained from study and experience into crafting a system of government that offered them no special privileges or preferences, but instead handed the reins of power back to the people.

We are citizens of the only nation in the world built upon the idea of liberty. All of us have differing opinions, beliefs and yes, at times we can become agitated with each other. But in reality, we would gladly stand up with the person we had a difference with if they were deathly challenged.

Why do I state this? Well as Elks, our Flag has always been moved in our presence. In 1907, Elks members adopted a resolution designating June 14 as Flag Day. President Harry S. Truman, himself a member of the Order, signed into LAW on August 3, 1949, that ON June 14 we as a Nation would permanently honor our flag. Did you realize that many lodges give or sell flags to worthy groups and provide training in proper flag etiquette? Some lodges even provide flags for newly sworn citizens, while other lodges give flags to their local schools for display in the classroom and provide educational materials to help grade school students learn the Pledge of Allegiance. Did you realize that Randy King and others present a flag that has been flown over the US Capital to new Eagle Scouts?

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Secretary's Corner

As always, I'd like to thank all of you who have paid your dues; as of today, we have 32 members who have not yet done so. A few things you might want to consider about tardiness in paying your dues: You are not considered a member in good standing until your dues are paid for the year and your membership card shows 2020-2021. Your name is not entered in the monthly newsletter secret number drawing. Your children and grandchildren are not eligible for Legacy scholarships through our lodge or Grand Lodge, including the ENF Emergency Scholarship program should you die or become disabled; and you may be denied access to the lodge facilities until your dues are paid.

Once again, I'll tout the benefits of our automatic dues payment program – you'll never have to worry about paying dues again! When your current dues are paid, we can initiate a monthly debit to your bank account that will have your 2021-2022 dues paid by April 1 of next year, and your membership card will automatically come to you in March 2021. If we set that up by June 30, 2020, that small debit would be around \$10/month. Such an easy way to ensure you remain an Elk in good standing!

If you have any questions for the lodge secretary, please email them to lodge80secy@yahoo.com or call me at 402.202.6673. In the meantime, stay safe and well!



Knights Tales

...and now for the Quickies...

What a great way to resolve an age-old dilemma: let someone else handle it. Isn't that the American way: pass the buck, excuse yourself from being responsible, or make someone else the fall-guy or fall-gal. What could be better? Dismiss your involvement in favor of someone else taking the...uh... blame for what you actually did.

In the days of yore, it was fashionable for men of honor to settle their causes practically right then and there, unless one knight pled for greater justice to the ruling aristocrat or king of the nation they resided in. Sometimes when either knight's cause couldn't be settled in the king's court, there was always the list where each knight would defend their cause on the field by means of battle-displayed warrior skills. Sometimes, this contest would end up in one of them dying, thus "proving" the rightness of the surviving knight's cause.

Speeding up time to today, offenses of any degree involving an Elk are brought before the "ruling class" of Elks to decide the righteousness or brotherhood fracture. That means initially going before the Elks Lodge leaders, then the Grand Lodge for the higher tribunal consideration, for a final decision on what is to be done with the offending Elk.

The idea is to promote harmony among the brotherhood of Elks towards serving the need of the Elks Lodge. When justice is misguided, the Lodge leadership must put forth every effort to bring things back into balance. The notion of justice is what keeps the Lodge standing strong. Without maintaining justice, along with the other tenets, the brotherhood of Elks would fold. So every Elk strives to keep faith with Elks' credos so that the community and the brotherhood of Elks live in harmony for the betterment of the City of Lincoln.

-Rev. Dr. William Jackson, Loyal Knight



Here we go on my second astounding writing attempt. I'll be trying to bring some of my thoughts about what's going on with the pandemic and the way things are.

My personal problem with our present situation is trying to figure out what day it is. Thank God I have a watch that gives me the date and day of the week! After seeing that info, I can look at the calendar on the wall and see what I should have been doing. I hate missing things that we planned for, but life goes on!

This station being dedicated to brotherly love makes me ponder about how my lodge family is doing. Like I said the last time, I miss all of you. I can't wait until things are back like they once were. Things will be better for me when I can shake hands and give hugs.

Make sure you all participate in Burger Thursdays, it helps pay some of the bills while we're closed. Be safe and take care of yourselves and please practice brotherly love to all mankind.

I, myself, have really been living on the edge. While writing this message, I think that I have touched my face at least "10" times. Hopefully I'll be around next month to write some more.

← DON'T WORRY – BE HAPPY!!! →

-Larry Jurgens, Lecturing Knight



... It has been an interesting month at our Lodge ... we are just under-way to re-open the Jolly Corkers Pub, albeit with some changes. Watch the Facebook page and listen for Calling Posts for updates ... At the time this went to press, sitting at the bar will not be allowed. We'll use our tables. We will be serving lunches, and obviously after a month of being closed we really need you to come patronize the Pub. Be patient, this will be a trying time for Roxie and Janice as they deal with all these new health regulations, including frequent glove changes, increased sanitation measures, etc. ... We have had pretty good success with the Thursday burger madness, where you place your order then pick it up on the south side of the building. At this point, the plan is to continue that every other week. Again, watch the Lodge Website, Facebook page, and listen for calling posts. This is a way you can support the Lodge right now. We are limited to 25% of our building capacity (110) for seating, so we really can't have a dinner just yet. This is a fluid situation, and it is changing weekly ... The main thing is, your Lodge leadership is striving to reopen as quickly as we can, and trying new ideas to help us cope ... As you may know, we lost Bobby Clinkenbeard recently, and due to the virus, they were unable to hold a service. We did honor him on the floor of the Lodge last meeting ... Speaking of that, we are planning to have House, Trustee, and Lodge Meetings in person, using the distancing guidelines we all have to follow. We videoed the Lodge meeting via WebEx, and it was at least an attempt to include all. It would be great if each speaker had a microphone, and we had cameras and camera people zooming in on each person speaking. A laptop sitting on the altar linked to Harry's phone isn't much, but it's better than nothing at all. As time arrives for the next meeting, perhaps you will feel more comfortable appearing in person. If not, we understand, and you are welcome to attend via WebEx. We are doing the best we can and will adjust as we are able ... As for Committees, not much going on. What hasn't been cancelled has been delayed. Looks like the National convention is not going to happen this year. Eagle Scouts have delayed their Courts of Honor until fall. The Salt-dogs are essentially shut down, so no "day at the park" gathering there this year. Scholarships were successful, and we were able to help dozens of youth pursue their college careers, we are grateful for that! ... As you come to the Lodge, take a look at our new carpet in the card room, hall, and coat room. Also, notice the new lighting on the south side of the building, it is a huge improvement. Our sign for the south fascia is scheduled to go back up as well ... Thank Larry Schwindt when you see him for his work constructing shelving in the loft/attic storage area, and Larry Bratt for hustling up and down the attic stairs, sorting, labeling, and organizing materials in the loft. The Trustees helped sort our items, discarding some, retaining others. We have a number of items that we no longer need that will be sold or donated, the funds generated will go in the General Fund ... Memorial Day has come and gone, we hope you were able to honor and celebrate our departed Veterans between the rain showers ... This is a trying time for us all, but we need to remain vigilant and show the world who Elks are and what we do, even if we are doing it solo for now. It is still important to recruit new members into the Lodge, our membership is the lifeblood of our organization. If we all brought in just one new member this year, we'd double our Lodge size, and we desperately need to do that. You can stop past the Lodge for paper applications, or if you are computer savvy, go to Elks.org, scroll down to the black box at the bottom, click on "How to join", on the left in the white area it says "Request to join the Elks", click on that and have your recruit fill out the form. Three clicks. Easy as 1-2-3. See you soon for lunch at the Jolly Corkers Pub ...

Elks Care - Elks Share

...Our Members...

Sickness & Distress:

None

Deaths:

None

Members for Consideration:

None

Members Reinstated:

None

Members Initiated:

None

Hidden Number: May's hidden number was 15805, Russell Langley, hidden on page 5 in the DOES Dispatch.

Membership Drawing: The May 6th meeting was canceled due to COVID19. The membership drawing for the May 20th meeting was \$196. Bob Reinhardt was the name drawn but he was not present to win.

The Jolly Corker Pub and Kitchen are open for lunch starting at 11:30 Tuesday - Saturday. Come join us for phillies, soups, shrimp, burgers, salads, and more! *Soup is on from 4 - close!*
Remember that the Jolly Corker Pub closes at 8pm Tuesday - Thursday, Saturday. 9pm on Fridays.
No food service after 7pm.



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Committee Reports

Americanism: No Report.

Boy Scouts: No Report.

Drug Awareness: No Report.

Girl Scouts: No Report.

Hide Program: No Report.

Hoop Shoot: No Report

House Committee: 1) discussion surrounding reopening the lounge/pub under COVID restrictions. Included discussion about hiring a new bartender, initial abbreviation of hours of operation, no visitors, no outside group meetings. Pending more information from City Health Officials 2) Elks Night Out at the Salt Dogs is canceled. 3) consideration for to-go dinners due to the success of take-out burger nights 4) discussion of enforcement of House Rules 5) proposition was made to remove the evergreen trees from the Collura Garden as they are becoming ragged. Courtesy notifications will be given to the Collura family and the Trade Center.

ENF: \$22.03 as of 2/23/20. The 2019-2020 goal is \$4.75.

Membership: No Report.

Lincoln Youth Football: \$3000 sponsorship was paid in May.

Retention: Membership is at 224, 2 candidates, 32 delinquent.

Scholarship: Flopateer "Filo" Habib is a finalist in the MVS Scholarship Competition. He won a \$20,000 scholarship and is the first MVS finalist from Lodge #80 and from the State of Nebraska. Junior Certificates were mailed with only 4 returned for spelling errors. Scholarship winners have been notified.

Soccer Shoot: No Report

Social Community Welfare: No Report.

Veterans Committee: No Report.

Committee reports are minimal due to our meetings being abbreviated/postponed and held via phone/WebEx. Most Lodge activities are on hold due to COVID19 concerns.

2020-2021

Elks' Lodge #80 Officers

Exalted Ruler.....	Harry Montag
Leading Knight.....	Dick Wolf
Loyal Knight.....	Dr. William Jackson
Lecturing Knight.....	Larry Jurgens
Esquire.....	Heather Chesnut
Inner Guard.....	Justin Williamson
Tiler.....	Vicki Jurgens
Secretary.....	Laurie Montag PER
Treasurer.....	Wauneta Peterson
Chaplain.....	Maureen Sadler
Trustee 1 Year.....	Gerry Miles PER
Trustee 2 Year.....	Larry Schwindt PER
Trustee 3 Year.....	Scott Schrage
Trustee 4 Year.....	Randy King
Trustee 5 Year.....	Milt Schmidt
Presiding Justice.....	Amy Jacobsen PER

Elk-O-Gram Editor's Note

Articles Due: June 18

Deadline is ALWAYS midnight of the Thursday after last meeting of the month!

**Articles can be sent to Maureen Sadler at:
eog.lodge80@gmail.com**

**All past issues, lodge information, and more can be seen at:
www.elks80.org**

Created and managed by Webmaster Larry Klein

Did you see something missing? Was there something you want to announce? Did you have an advertisement that you wanted to add? Do you have pictures from a recent Lodge activity? Have suggestions or updates to share?

**Please! Contact the Editor at:
Eog.lodge80@gmail.com with any tidbits you would like to see included in your Elk-O-Gram.
Remember, if it's important, let us know!**

Thank you to those who helped with folding the EOG for May!
Remember, many hands make light work...

Come down to the Lodge to celebrate your birthday! Present this coupon and have a free drink on us.

(Coupon is good 2 days before your birthday, on your birthday, and 2 days after your birthday)



2020-2021 Committees

Accident: Scott Schrage
Activities: Harry Montag, ER, PER
Americanism: Diane Dannelly
Auditing: Jody Schrage
Benevolence: Larry Bratt PER, PDDGER, 2VP
By-Laws Changes: Chuck Meisinger PDD, PSP, PER
Christmas: Larry Schwindt, PER, PSP
Community Activities: Larry Bratt PER, PDDGER, 2VP
Drug Awareness: Harry Montag, ER, PER
Eagle Scouts: Randy King
Elks Memorial Day: Larry Schwindt PSP, PER
ENF: Larry Bratt PER, PDDGER, 2VP
Flag Day: Dick Wolf
Fraternal: Gerald Miles PER
Gold Award: Randy King

Gov. Relations: Troy Pedersen PER
Hide Program: Larry Jurgens
Hoop Shoot: Gerald Miles PER
Indoctrination: Heather Chesnut
Investigation: Larry Bratt PDDGER, PER, 2VP
Membership: Larry Schwindt PSP, PER
PER Association: Laurie Montag PER
Public Relations: Harry Montag, ER, PER
Ritual: Larry Bratt PER, PDDGER, 2VP
Scholarship: Laurie Montag PER
Soccer Shoot: Chris Clark
Standing Relief: Laurie Montag PER
State Major Projects: Larry Schwindt PSP, PER
Veterans: Luann Hamilton
Youth Activities: Laurie Montag PER
Youth Football: Scott Schrage

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Did you realize that we (Elks) helped to organize and equip the first two base hospitals in France? And to accommodate the maimed and wounded, we built a 700-bed Reconstruction Hospital and gave it to the War Department in 1918. This was the first of what were to become the Veterans Administration medical facilities. That same year, the Order built a 72-room Community House to take care of the families visiting the 40,000 soldiers stationed at Camp Sherman, Ohio.

In 1983, we assisted in the work to restore the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. In 1999, we helped in the building of the National World War II Memorial. Now we are in the midst of a campaign for Pearl Harbor.

We now have an opportunity as a Group of Patriotic Citizens to assist, help, and encourage others. Why not invite others to be a part of our group? We need others to see for themselves what we are like.

Now is a very pivotal time for our lodge as well as our community. We need to be diligent in all of our endeavors. There are a lot of unknowns which will need to be faced by ourselves or someone we know.

George Washington stated: "In politics, as in philosophy, my tenets are few and simple. The leading one of which, and indeed that which embraces most others, is to be honest and just ourselves and to exact it from others, meddling as little as possible in their affairs where our own are not involved. If this maxim was generally adopted, wars would cease and our swords would soon be converted into reap hooks and our harvests be more peaceful, abundant, and happy."

As we climb out of the past several months remember we are there for one another.

Fraternally,
Harry

Happy June Birthdays!

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|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 03 - James Baruth | 20 - W Richard Baker |
| 04 - Katherine Bohling | 23 - Jacob Bliven |
| 06 - Daniel K Holland | 26 - Gregory L Norris |
| Kevin T Rhodes | Thomas E Ferneau III |
| 08 - Rex S Jensen | Thomas D Holland |
| 11 - Luann Hamilton | |
| Gregory Meyers | |
| 14 - Sharon Buss | |
| 17 - Alex J Borchardt | |
| Donald Norris | |
| 19 - Kim Wiseman | |
| Patrick R McCashland | |






Flag Day presentation will be held Sunday June 14th at 2pm in the lodge room.



Congratulations Eagle Scouts!




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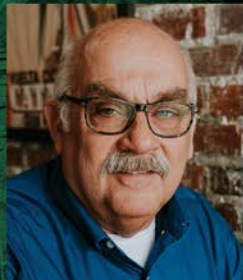
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Lodge 80 GOAL: \$4.75. As of 2/23/20: \$22.03

Don't forget to look for the member number in this issue. 15772. If you find yours, call the Lodge for your prize!

June 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<u>All activities are subject to cancellation or postponement.</u>	1 CLOSED	2	3 Lodge Mtg TBD	4	5	6
7	8 CLOSED	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 CLOSED	16	17 Lodge Mtg TBD	18	19	20
21	22 CLOSED	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 CLOSED	30	<u>Watch our website for reopening info</u>			