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Sweetheart Dinner

Saturday, February 12th

Advance RESERVATIONS

Required by 2-10-22

\$20.00 per person

Dinner served at 6:30

Wine provided by Capitol View

Live music Provided by



Salad

A Small Surprise Offering
Sautéed Mushrooms (On Side)

New York Strip Steak

Twice Baked Potatoes

Green Beans Almondine

Brownies with Vanilla Ice Cream - Topped with a Heart!



Scholarship Scoring:

We will meet at the lodge to score scholarships on Sunday, February 20 at 1:00 p.m. Everyone who is interested is invited to attend, and we will make plenty of space available, along with hand sanitizer. This is an important function, and is your opportunity to help decide which deserving students will receive a Lodge 80 scholarship. It's always interesting to see what these young people are up to! It should not take more than a couple of hours. Hope to see you there!

Youth Committee:

We will once again do a "drive-through" Teen of the Year, at which we recognize outstanding 8th graders. These have gone well the last two years, and we thought that considering the Omicron outbreak, this would be the best choice. We hope to be able to get back to doing these ceremonies in the lodge in 2023! Many thanks to Amy Jacobsen and her committee for their hard work to make this possible.

Similarly, we will eschew the Youth Night gathering for recognition of excellent Juniors and our Scholarship winners. We also hate not to be able to recognize these exceptional students in person, but feel this is the best choice in the current circumstances. Certificates will be mailed to the Juniors and to the scholarship winners. Again, keep your fingers crossed that we can get back to normal in 2023!

DID SOMEONE SAY



FISH FRY?

Watch for
information
about our
annual Fish
Fry
upcoming
on April 9!

Join Our Email List!

In the next few months, we will transition our Elk-O-Gram from a paper copy to an emailed version.

Should you prefer a "paper copy" please let us know by e-mailing us at secretary@elks80.org or calling the Lodge @ 402.421.6363

HEAR YE!
HEAR YE!



Grand Exalted Ruler, 2021-2022
T. Keith Mills
Message from the GER
Grand Lodge Newsletter, February 2022
Work still needs to be done, even in our birthday month.

Our Elks' birthday this year falls on Wednesday, February 16. Hold an event to celebrate the occasion. One more important reminder: Do not forget Valentine's Day. I can honestly say I have never forgotten this day, but I have needed to run to the store early to get a few things before someone wakes up.

February is a very important month for us. Only a few weeks remain in this Elks' year and a lot of work still needs to be done. For example, new officer elections should be held at your last regular monthly meeting this month. Do not look at February as only having a few weeks left to serve, but as the opportunity to finish the year strong. Do your best to make your Lodge more successful than you started for the Members and community to continue "Meeting the Challenge."

Current Exalted Rulers, there are many programs and awards at your disposal. Any Member who has a combination of sponsoring or reinstating three Members is eligible to receive the Grand Exalted Ruler Award Pin. Exalted Rulers can also submit two Members for the Grand Exalted Ruler's Outstanding Service Commendation. There are also two Making A Difference Special Citation awards, one for the Exalted Ruler and another for the Lodge. You can find this information in the Lodge Activities Program supported by the Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee.

The Elks Legacy Scholarships deadline is also this month. Remember, this scholarship is for any Elks Member's children and grandchildren. Make sure your Members are aware of this program.

Finally, new officers need to start having meetings to plan for the next year. Start developing your yearly budgets and, if possible, set your yearly calendar of events. Be realistic when developing your budget. This is a working document that can and should be amended as your year moves forward. The work and effort you put in now will show throughout the year in your operations. Your year will still have some bumps and curves, but you will be better prepared to handle any situation that will arise. All officers should act as one. Having monthly meetings better prepares you for your upcoming activities and will help you to continue "Meeting the Challenge." - *T. Keith Mills*



Exalted Ruler Harry Montag
Lincoln Lodge No. 80
2021-2022
Harry Montag

Happy Birthday Elks! Our Birthday is Wednesday, February 16, 1868. If my calculations are correct that makes us 154 years young.

Since our founding, a lot of events had taken place. In 1868, the Elks adopted our current name. We had changed from the Jolly Corks organization to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (BPOE). As Exalted Ruler Walter Andrews wrote in his message in February 1930 "I earnestly urge every Brother Elk to pause and give loyal consideration to this day, and to pledge himself anew to the service of this great American brotherhood."

1868 started off rather uneventfully. However, when President Andrew Johnson dismissed Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton, the House of Representatives voted 126 to 47 in favor of a resolution to impeach him. Florida, Alabama, Louisiana, Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina were all readmitted to the union. and Memorial Day was finally observed in the United States. Our neighbor to the west, Wyoming, was being organized as a territory. Incidentally we Nebraskans were just about a year old. How the picture of Nebraska and the United States has changed!

February is a month that our lodge will be busy electing new leadership. As a reminder, our Legacy Scholarships deadline is also this month. Remember, this scholarship is for any Elks Member's children and grandchildren.

The Trustees will be formulating our budget and presenting it to us soon. We will have a few weeks to look it over and vote on it. I urge you to attend a meeting, listen to the presentation, and vote. It's a great time to get reconnected. We, no matter who we are, are tied together because of common beliefs and aspirations. We lost members because they passed or they have decided that the Elks are not for them. For the latter, I am truly sorry (We cannot help if we do not know!).

I do urge every member to attend a meeting, get involved, express yourself, be heard. Help us grow not only in membership but in presence in our community. I am very proud of my association with our membership and the Officers and Trustees whom I have had the pleasure to be a part of. As T. Keith Miles states "Do not look at February as only having a few weeks left to serve, but as the opportunity to finish the year strong." I say amen to that. We are not impeaching anyone. We are 50 States plus territories strong. We are able to travel to our neighboring states. We live in a country that has an abundance of sights and majestic beauty that is available to all of us for FREE.

I want to express my gratitude to you for being a member of one of the Finest Fraternal groups in the State of Nebraska. We have a plethora of events going on this month (if Cupid's arrow hasn't hit you, remember the day! Ours is the 12th), Nomination Wednesday is the 2nd, Scholarship scoring just to name a few things. There will be a lot of activities going on in and with our lodge.

Let's keep the train a going!

I will be seeing you around our lodge!

Sláinte! - Harry



Janet Weedman
 with sponsor Jen
 Giese and E.R.
 Harry Montag.

Welcome!

Knight's Tales

Seeing a need is a gift. Helping someone in need is a much larger gift. Not because of a cause or a feeling of being compelled, but rather, the gift you possess and generously spread to all mankind will eventually fall upon someone else. It all starts with seeing a need. There is need all around us. All we have to do is open our eyes to our surroundings and need will present itself. If you know someone is sick or in distress, please forward their information to me. You are welcome to send me an email at ed.k0rpt@gmail.com.

That's all for this month!

-Ed Holloway, Leading Knight



Me Again!!

January has a big problem with weather! Have you found yourself turning on the weather channel in the morning to see if it's a short sleeve or long sleeve day. Good thing I'm retired so I have the time to figure it out! :0)

Here's hoping you all had a Happy New Year. I personally watched the ball fall in New York at 11 o'clock while watching the Nashville Bash. It was close enough for me.

It's getting close to electing new officers for the 2022-2023 year. These are important positions in the workings of our Lodge. Make sure you consider all candidates before nominating and electing these people. Wow, that's pretty heavy thoughts for me!

Well after over taxing my small brain, I will bid you all Adieu (pretty fancy huh). Have a good Valentine's Day!

Everyone stay healthy

-Larry Jurgens, Lecturing Knight



What is it that happens daily, appears invisible, yet is very integral to every citizen's sense of well-being? I'd probably call it...oh...something like...it's related to ah...say...freedom to realize one's importance in the scheme of things. Get it? No? Well...it's just that ole standby some people call...balance...reciprocity...Justice.

So, how does the notion of justice become a partner with the likes of freedom, importance, and value? Justice contains these and other virtues relative to maintaining a sense of order when chaos appears to abound. All organizations, businesses, and or governments must attain to a similar array of order if their avowed projects are to continue, let alone exist.

Considering all other forms of people-gatherings, justice helps maintain a balance between what should be done, and what needs to be done to restore that balance. Without balance, or the fulcrum of justice, chaos reigns supreme, with no accountability or other efforts to keep things working efficiently and effectively.

-Rev. Dr. William Jackson, Loyal Knight



Secretary's Corner

Happy Valentine month, the month of Brotherly Love. It is also the month of the deep freeze. Wherever and whomever you cozy up, we hope you will be feeling the love!

A NOTICE TO THOSE WHO PAY THEIR DUES BY MONTHLY ACH WITHDRAWAL: Remember the additional \$5 withdrawal in March, due to the Grand Lodge \$5 dues increase for 2022/2023. We have also been apprised that a second \$5 increase will happen for 2023/2024, (see the Secretary's Corner in the December Elk-O-Gram for explanation), and because we pay a year in advance, your monthly dues withdrawal beginning in April 2022 will be \$8.75.

A list of delinquent members appears in this newsletter. We hope that all delinquent members will pay their dues (and perhaps even pay their 2022/23 dues at the same time, to get a head start!). We will need to drop unpaid members in March, and who likes to do that? Not me!

If you would like to keep up on our calendar of events, it is always posted on our website – see the drop-down menu at the top of the mobile display, or to the left of the page on your computer screen. You may also download the TEAMUP app on your phone. No need to establish a login, just tap “existing calendar” and enter this code: ks72770fc1e574f762.

You'll then be able to see our calendar on the app. It's so easy to keep up with lodge events!

As always, please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions or need assistance with all things Elk. There is voicemail on the lodge phone, or you may contact me as below. See you at the Lodge!

-Laurie Montag / secretary@elks80.org / 402.202.6673 by text or phone



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Does Dispatch

In January Wauneta Peterson, acting as Deputy Supreme President, installed the following members of Lincoln Drove No. 4 as Officers for 2022. Please congratulate: Vicki Logan, President; BA Fisser, First Counselor; Kay White, Sr. Counselor; Candi Brady, Jr. Counselor; Randy King, Chaplain; Penny Taylor, Treasurer; Sandy Reiber, Secretary; Diane Zabokrtsky, Conductor; and Wauneta Peterson, Musician. Trustees are Wauneta and Diane.

Wednesday, February 9th at 5:30 pm, we will be draping our Charter for Wilma Ruth Chestnut, a faithful member since 1962. Wilma was 95 when she passed away on Thursday, December 30, 2021.

We will also be celebrating our Founders Day (which actually falls on Feb. 12th) with a Pot Luck dinner after the meeting. Please bring your favorite dish to share while we reminisce about our Order and also a dear friend and member, Wilma.

Please pay your dues if you haven't done so as of yet.

See you at the Lodge!

Sandy Reiber, Secretary ~ 402-432-0222 or sreiber@windstream.net



...Our Members...

Sickness & Distress: Mary Norton, recovering from a broken hip.

Deaths: None

Members for Consideration: None

Members Reinstated: None

Members Elected: JR Savala, James Verner,

Members Initiated: Janet Weedman

Hidden Number:

December's hidden number was Greg Hansen on the front page! Look close in this issue, it might be yours! If you spot your number, you get a free meal at the next monthly dinner!

Membership Drawing: The membership drawing for the Jan 5th meeting was for \$222. Tom Ferneau III was the lucky name, but he was not in attendance...neither was Scott Wolf on Jan 19th, he missed out on \$234. You have to come to meetings to win! Next meeting is Feb 2nd at 7 pm!

Jolly Corks Pub is closed Sunday, Monday, Wednesday.
Open hours are Tues and Thurs 3 - 7, Fri 3 - 9, Sat 3- 7
No food service available.

A big "Thank You" to Mitch Becker for sponsoring our January Dinner. The meal was fantastic, anyone who didn't make it missed out! Thanks, Mitch, for your support of our Lodge!

THANK YOU

Committee Reports

Americanism: No Report.

Boy Scouts: No Report.

Drug Awareness: No Report.

Girl Scouts: No Report.

Hide Program: Hides delivered.

Hoop Shoot: Completed local and district.

House Committee: No report

ENF: \$19.02 as of 1/19/22. The 2021-2022 goal is \$4.80.

Membership: 233 members, 2 pending. 10 delinquent

Lincoln Youth Football: Season completed.

Retention: No Report.

Scholarship: Deadlines upcoming.

Soccer Shoot: No Report.

Social Community Welfare: No Report.

Veterans Committee: No Report.

Committee reports are minimal due to our meetings being abbreviated. Many Lodge activities are on hold due to COVID19 concerns.

NEW HOURS

TUESDAY, THURSDAY
3pm - 7 pm

FRIDAY
3 PM - 9 pm

SATURDAY
3 PM - 7 pm

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Leading Knight.....	Ed Holloway
Loyal Knight.....	Dr. William Jackson
Lecturing Knight.....	Larry Jurgens
Esquire.....	Heather Chesnut
Inner Guard.....	Bryan Leavitt
Tiler.....	Vicki Jurgens
Secretary.....	Laurie Montag PER
Treasurer.....	Jody Schrage
Chaplain.....	Maureen Sadler
Trustee 1 Year.....	Larry Schwindt PER
Trustee 2 Year.....	Scott Schrage
Trustee 3 Year.....	Randy King
Trustee 4 Year.....	Milt Schmidt
Trustee 5 Year.....	Jen Giese
Presiding Justice.....	Amy Jacobsen PER
Organist	Wauneta Peterson

Elk-O-Gram Editor's Note

Articles Due: Feb 17

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

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Notes from the Trustees

The Trustee's want to remind all Committee's to work on next year's budget and present them to the Trustee's by no later than February 5th 2022. We discussed the issue on background checks, with the cost increase of doing background check on new members. We decided that we need to raise the application cost to \$25.00 and we will bring this to the meeting for the members to vote on and approve. Talked about how to save money on the Elk-O-Gram and discussed about going online with it for the members that do not wish a paper copy, more information to come later. Don't forget to support our Lodge's Dinners and Raffles because those events help the lodge to keep operating. - Scott Schrage and the Trustee's



Trustees

Karaoke at the Lodge

Karaoke is back! Join us on Friday February 18 at 6 pm for the fun. Bring pot luck or munchies to share, bring your friends, get your song on! Ed has a ton of music to share, we need singers as well as audience. See you there!



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 fold the EOG for January!

Remember, many hands make light work...



A big shout-out to our members who volunteer to work at the lodge to support our lounge, our dinners, other major projects, and, in general help make our lodge work!

Thanks goes to those who served the lodge in January (with kudos to any we may inadvertently miss): Larry Bratt; Jen Giese; Larry and Vicki Jurgens; Randy King; Harry and Laurie Montag; Jody and Scott Schrage; Larry Schwindt. And special shout-out to Mitch Becker for sponsoring our January dinner!

Scholarship Report

UPCOMING SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES:

ENF Legacy Awards – February 7, 2022 - <https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/Legacy.cfm>
Nebraska Elks – Vocational, Golf, and PER – see webpage - <http://nebraskaelks.org/scholarships.php>

2021-2022 Committees

Accident: Scott Schrage
Activities: Harry Montag, ER, PER
Americanism:
Auditing: Jody Schrage
Benevolence: Larry Bratt PER, PDDGER, 2VP
By-Laws Changes:
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 Jurgens
ENF: Larry Bratt PER, PDDGER, 2VP
Flag Day:
Fraternal: Gerald Miles, PER
Girl Scout Gold Award: Randy King
Gov. Relations: Troy Pedersen, PER

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

Happy February Birthdays!

- | | |
|-------------------------|----------------------|
| 01 - Kathleen Holloway | 10 - Greg Znamenacek |
| Todd Speidell | 14 - Lyle Paul |
| Kenneth Spellmeyer | 16 - Dave Shoff |
| 02 - Tom Kent | 20 - Franklin Mills |
| 04 - Samuel Carter, Jr. | 25 - Delitha Lang |
| 06 - Ron Hoffman | 27 - Vance W. West |
| David Roger | 29 - Dwight Thomas |
| 08 - Frank Bruyette | |



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)



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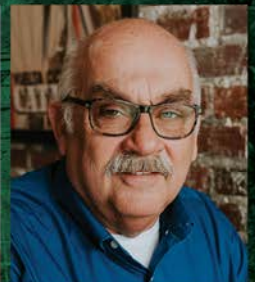
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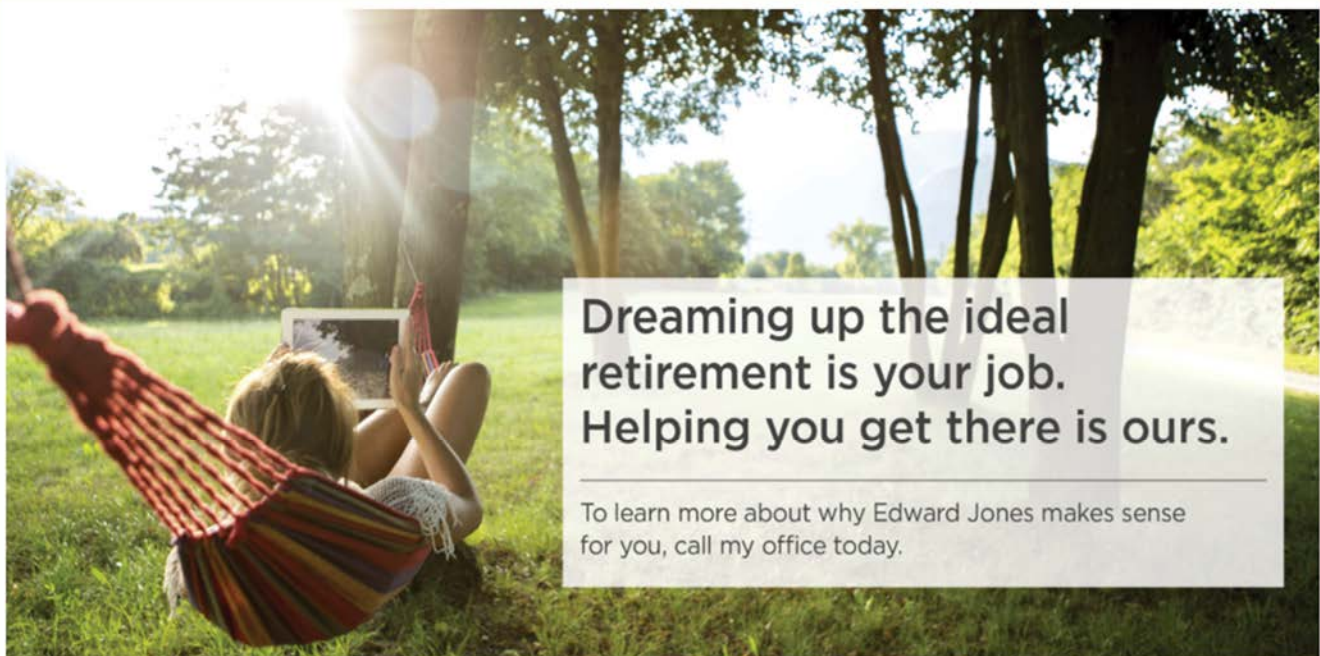
Delinquent List

The following members dues are
overdue and will be dropped from
our roster if they are not paid.
Please get your dues in ASAP!

Tyson Alegria
Russell Bergholz
John Vermaas
Anthony Kalita
Delitha Lang

Kurt Lang
Kevin Rhodes
Dwight Thomas
Janet Jurado

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

February 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	31 Closed	1 Pitch 3:00 p	2 Closed Lodge 7 p PER host	3	4	5 Budget Meeting 9 a
6 Closed	7 Closed	8 Pitch 3:00 p Burger nite 5:30p Am. Legion 7p	9 Closed Corvette Club 5:30 Does Founders Day Potluck 5:30	10	11	12 State Trustee Mtg 10 a Valentine Dinner 6:30 p
13	14 Closed	15 Pitch 2:30p Am. Legion 40/8 7p	16 Closed House 6 p Lodge 7 p Election of 2022 Officers	17 American Legion Aux 1 p	18 Karaoke 6-9 pm	19
20 Lodge Scholarship scoring1 p	21 Closed	22 Pitch 3:00p	23 Closed	24	25	26 Practice under Pressure 10 a - Grand Island
27	28 Closed	1 Pitch 3:00 p	2 Closed Trustee 6 p Lodge 7 p	3	4	5