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



Please join your fellow Elks Saturday March 12th for
The 21st Annual St. Patrick's Dinner Celebration

Cocktails 5:30pm Dinner 6:30pm
Call the Lodge with Your Reservations!

The menu consists of Traditional Corned Beef, Tender Cooked Buttered Cabbage, New Potatoes cooked in Butter and Parsley, Finger Carrots, Rye Bread with Real Irish Butter and Dessert.

Cost is \$15.00 per person.

The plan is to cook extra corned beef. If you would like to order extra, let us know! The cost is \$6.00 per pound.

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~May your heart be light and happy, may your smile be big and wide, and may your pockets always have a coin or two inside!~

DID SOMEONE SAY



FISH FRY?

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

Elks in the 64th Shrine Bowl Game!

The 64th Annual Shrine Bowl of Nebraska game will take place June 4th, 2022 at 6:00 PM at the University of Kearney campus at the Ron & Carol Cope Stadium at Foster Field.

This year, Elks Lodge #80 will have 3 former Elks football players participating in the annual event! We can be proud of these 3 young men for the hard work and dedication it took to be chosen to play in this game.

Two players, Dylan Gray and Gavin Wilbur, are from Lincoln Northeast. The third, Owen Anthony, attends Lincoln Southeast.

Again, hats off to these young men!



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!



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

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

The Elks year is winding down, but now is not the time to sit back and relax and ride the wave to the finish line. You still have time to complete some unfinished projects and make subtle adjustments to finish strong.

All of the various programs and awards for your Lodge and Members are due this month. Take some time to review Elks programs on elks.org to see what awards and certificates of achievement you can give to your Members. One great program is the Contest 'A' — All American Lodge Contest. Although you may believe your Lodge does not qualify for this award, you should still submit the application to see where your Lodge stands and where you can make improvements next year to continue "Meeting the Challenge."

This is also the deadline for all yearly contributions to Elks National Foundation. I know your Lodge has met, or is close to meeting, the \$4.80 per Member goal. There are also many ENF awards and certificates for your Lodge and Members. These should be applied for and given out. ENF provides money to your State Association, as well as funding many grant programs for your community activities. The most common recommendation from your Grand Lodge Area Auditor is for Lodges to better use the ENF grants to help improve operations. Most programs funded by your Lodge could be funded by ENF, which creates even more opportunities for your Lodge to have a greater impact.

Newly elected Exalted Rulers, if you have not done so, list your committee appointments and give the list to the Lodge Secretary. Secretaries, please get this information to your District Deputy for the Lodge directory. This information then should be entered into CLMS2. Finally, for all retiring officers, I would like to thank you for your commitment, dedication, and service to our Order. Retiring Exalted Rulers, please do not stop being involved. I understand some ERs feel they need to take a break, but your knowledge and experience cannot be replaced. Your new role is to provide assistance and guidance to your Lodge, new officers, and Members. Also, consider getting on a state committee. They need your help and experience as well.

- T. Keith Mills

Fellow Elks,

Sitting here thinking this will be my last article for the EOG and this is my last official writing. It will be short and sweet, so here goes. It's been a challenge and yet a pleasure every month. I'll have to admit I really did enjoy it.

I will be giving up my position as an officer in Elks #80, but will still serve on some committees. So, you won't be getting rid of me that easily. I gave a lot of thought to this and after talking to Vicki, we decided it was time to back down from some duties.

It's been my pleasure serving you!!

TATA!
Everyone stay healthy

- Larry Jurgens, Lecturing Knight

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

It has been both my pleasure and my pain to serve as Lodge 80 Exalted Ruler over the past three turbulent and disruptive years in our history. Serving during the time that Covid-19 turned our world upside down was fraught with pitfalls, but also rife with times of joy.

Our lodge had to make some hard decisions. We did so with the full knowledge that not all members would like those decisions, but we hoped that those members would understand that the decisions were the very best we could make under the circumstances and with the information we had at the time.

As I move on to the next chapter of my ELK life, I thank you for being a remarkable set of people whom I've greatly enjoyed being with.

Our Elections took place and my Congratulations and best wishes go out to Larry Schwindt for stepping forward and on his election as our lodge's new ER. I would also like to congratulate Ed, Rev. William, Bryan, Laurie, and Jody, and all of the others who will be asked to serve.

This is probably my last article for a while (some will say it's about time) and I wanted to express my gratitude and thanks to (what I call the Chair Officers) Maureen, Heather, Wauneta, Larry, Vicki, Ed, Bryan, (The Office) Laurie and Jody and (the Bankers) Scott, Randy, Jen, Milt, and Larry S. These are the folks that really do. Again, thank you (all) for being there when I needed your help and guidance. Thank you for not taking offense at my sharp tongue or explosive thoughts. Thanks for speaking your mind and expressing your thoughts, even when we had differences. Thank you for being such a good Elks, no matter what was going on. But most of all, thank you for being you.

In closing, I'll quote John Wooden, who is known as one of the greatest basketball Coaches ever and lead the UCLA Bruins to winning ten NCAA national championships in a 12-year period (including a record seven in a row): "Be true to yourself. Make each day your masterpiece. Help others. Drink deeply from good books. Make friendship a fine art. Build a shelter against a rainy day. Pray for guidance and give thanks for your blessings every day." Great words from a very humble man.

I won't say anything about old soldiers fade away, I will plainly tell you that I will be seeing you around our lodge!

Thanks! - Harry

The lodge's share of the profits from the Does' Memorial Stadium Concessions Stand was \$2,405, and was presented to ER Harry Montag at the February 16 meeting.

The Does will be again manning this booth, and will need a dozen volunteers for each home game next Fall.

This is a perfect opportunity for young folks to obtain required service hours — they must be at least 14 to help, and must be 16 to work a sales station. We also need adult volunteers.

Contact the Lodge Secretary if you are interested, and she will hook you up!



Knight's Tales

An awesome Valentine's "Sweetheart" dinner was had, and my wife and I thoroughly enjoyed it. Many thanks to those who orchestrated the event! Thank you to those who prepared and served the meal, took our dollars at the door, and those in the pub helping to serve the wine and spirits. A great choice in Capital View Winery products for sure. I was informed there would be some of that great wine leftover and would be made available Friday the 18th during Karaoke. It was and some of us took advantage of that! My wife and I were able to have a bottle of "Little Sister" while on site and bought an additional bottle for our home.

A record turnout showed and that was reflected in another record for me; 61 songs sang in the four hours of service. Each third Friday of the month, you can enjoy munchies and drink whilst listening to those of us who partake in the vocal resonance similar to that of a howling K9. LOL!! :) You don't have to sing if you don't want. Another treat was that of two prospects for membership attending. One, I've not seen in over 30 years!

Lastly, I decided...scratch that, Bryan Leavitt decided, to throw my hat into the ring for another year as Leading Knight while I was absent from a lodge meeting. Last meeting, while Larry was calling for additional nominations for the position, the song, "Folsom Prison Blues" was loudly playing in my head. I guess that will teach me to miss another meeting! I'm honored to serve and look forward to another awesome year of learning. Please feel free to forward any sickness and distress or social welfare information to me. I can be reached anytime at 402-326-1139.

Congratulations to all re-elected and elected. See you in the pub!

- Ed Holloway, Leading Knight



What's going on with this earth anyway?

You know: what seems to be a tragic turn of events for America has now mushroomed into, what some may say, an "end times" situation? Some may even mention that why continue with societal order if it's all for nothing? But, as people of God, and members of Jesus' church on earth, there's always room for order, such as with the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks. Doing things in an orderly way helps people maintain their sense of justice, with a healthy expectation of fairness and compassion.

Why is it that it often takes a major threat, like our inflationary economy or murderous crime rates, to get people to do the right thing? Justice demands that every person be given fair and equitable treatment. It's what makes the Elks a regular breed of persons with extraordinary tastes for their fellow humans.

Maintaining justice, and not selling out to the highest bidder for dictatorial control, or demanding unquestioning allegiance to someone's idea of equality, means standing up to injustice whenever or wherever it occurs. Let's maintain our democratic principles and use justice to bolster our continued freedoms.

- Rev. Dr. William Jackson, Loyal Knight



Secretary's Corner

Congratulations to our new lodge officers! It will be my pleasure to continue working with you. Treasurer Jody Schrage and I make a good team in the office, and I'd like to make a big shout out to her for her hard work. Thanks, Jody!

A NOTICE TO THOSE WHO PAY THEIR DUES BY MONTHLY ACH WITHDRAWAL:

Another reminder of the additional \$5 withdrawal on March 9, and also that your monthly ACH deduction going forward will be \$8.75 (\$17.50 for couples) as of April 7. The why's and wherefores were covered in the Secretary's Corner in the February Elk-O-Gram. You should also have received an email from me about this last week – if you did not receive it, I likely need an updated email address for you.

For those who are not participating in the ACH program, once you've paid your 2022/23 dues, it's the perfect time to get enrolled in the ACH program. We do an ACH deduction (this year it's \$8.75) from your checking account on or about the 7th of each month, and your dues for the following year are paid before you know it! Let me know prior to March 20 if you are interested or want to know more information.

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



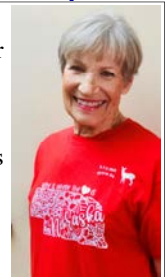
Does Dispatch

Our February meeting was special in several ways: Pat Eldien was able to come help us drape our Charter for her good friend, Wilma Chesnut, a faithful member since 1962; and a newer member to our Lincoln area, Ruth Arms, (originally from Falls City and a long time Does member) was able to visit. Both ladies made the meeting very special as we also celebrated our Founders Day with a Pot Luck dinner after the meeting.

The Drove has decided to again man the two concession stands at UNL's football games, beginning with the Spring Game on April 9th. We all have such fun (and work really hard!) at these games we never see except as reruns, but this is a humongous fundraiser for us. As you know, we need 12 volunteers to man (woman?) these two stands and we welcome your help.

Last year we had some high school and college young men volunteer at almost every game. What awesome help they were! If you would like to help, have fun, eat Runza's, pizza, hot dogs, and work with some amazing people, please contact Penny Taylor or BA Fisser (call me, I'll share their phone numbers). We can use you for as many games as you'd like to help with. As an extra bonus, Randy King is putting together a "mini-bus" to take us all to and from the games, so no parking problems!! You can't beat that. BA has designed, printed and made really sweet, RED, Does t-shirts for us to wear at functions like the football game concession stands so people know what organization we represent and support. If you'd like a t-shirt give her a call (remember, I'll share her number!). If you're an Elk, we encourage you to wear your red Elk t-shirt or polo. See you at the Lodge! At the bar and, hopefully, at the games!!

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



...Our Members...

Sickness & Distress: None

Deaths: Wayne J. Ruliffson, 62-year member, passed on February 10, 2022 at age 87.

Members for Consideration: None

Members Reinstated: None

Members Elected: Russell & Ronnita Smith

Members Initiated:

Hidden Number:

December's hidden number was Dick Deets on page 3! 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 Feb 2nd meeting was for \$249. Vane West was the lucky name, but he was not in attendance...neither was Jeffrey Flamme on Feb 16th, he missed out on \$250. You have to come to meetings to win! Next meeting is Mar 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.



2022/23 Elected Officers:

ER: Larry Schwindt
Leading Knight: Ed Holloway
Loyal Knight: Dr. William Jackson
Lecturing Knight: Bryan Leavitt
5-year Trustee: Harry Montag
Secretary: Laurie Montag
Treasurer: Jody Schrage



Committee Reports

Americanism: No Report.

Boy Scouts: Three flags to be awarded.

Drug Awareness: No Report.

Girl Scouts: No Report.

Hide Program: Hides delivered.

Hoop Shoot: Completed local and district.

House Committee: No report.

ENF: \$20.12 as of 2/16/22. The 2021-2022 goal is \$4.80.

Membership: 233 members, 4 pending. 6 delinquent.

Lincoln Youth Football: Season completed.

Retention: No Report.

Scholarship: Scoring of applications completed.

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
15929

TUESDAY, THURSDAY
3pm - 7 pm

FRIDAY
3 PM - 9 pm

SATURDAY
3 PM - 7 pm

LINCOLN ELKS LODGE #80

2021-2022 Elks' Lodge #80 Officers

Exalted Ruler.....	Harry Montag
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
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Elk-O-Gram Editor's Note

Articles Due: Mar 17

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

Articles can be sent to Maureen Sadler at:

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All past issues, lodge information, and more can be seen at:

www.elks80.org

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Notes from the Trustees

The Trustees have been working on next years budget. We will present the 2022-2023 budget to the members at the March 2nd Lodge meeting and then will be voting on the budget at the March 16th meeting. Any questions contact a Trustee and we will answer them.

Remember to attend Beer and Burger on March 8th and the St. Patty's day dinner on March 12th.

We thank the members for their support of the Lodge.



Scott Schrage and the Trustee's

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 February!

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, and other projects, and in general help make our lodge work! Thanks goes to those who served the lodge in February (with kudos to any we may inadvertently miss): Larry Bratt; Jen Giese; Larry and Vicki Jurgens; Bryan Leavitt; Randy King; Harry and Laurie Montag; Jody and Scott Schrage; Larry Schwindt; Bob Sindlar; and Jason Warrick. And a special shout-out to Larry Bratt, Larry Schwindt, Larry and Vicki Jurgens, Gerald Miles, and Harry and Laurie Montag for sponsoring our February Valentine's dinner, to Ben Montag for lending his chef skills, and to Connie Moore, Diane Dannelly, and Janet Weedman for their table-setting and decorating skills!

Special thanks goes out to the following crowd of folks who came out on 2/20 to help score our Scholarship applications! Larry Bratt, Dr. William Jackson, Dave Kirby, Mark Long, Harry Montag, Jody Schrage, Scott Schrage, and Larry Schwindt.

The help was much appreciated and a good time was had by all in attendance!

Happy March Birthdays!

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: Harry Montag, 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

01 - Harry Lippert
 02 - Kenneth Johnson
 06 - Russell Langley
 07 - Kenneth Tenhulzen
 10 - Vicki Jurgens
 11 - Latoya Winroth
 13 - Dave Ulferts
 17 - Mark Whitehead
 18 - Anthony Kalita
 19 - Steve Colborn
 Larry Ossenkop

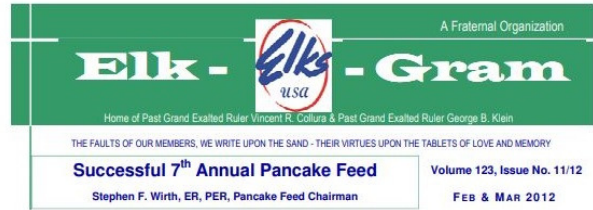
21 - Steve Arens
 Jeffrey Flamme
 Larry Jurgens
 Margaret Schumacher
 22 - Michael Truka
 25 - Charles Cordes
 Ronald Wilson
 26 - Dick Deets
 Robert Kloch
 Kurt Lang
 Samantha Montag



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)



April 2011



March 2012



April 2012



April 2013



April 2014



April 2015



April 2017



April 2021 - Present

See anything you happen to remember? Your Elk-O-Gram staff took a (not so brief) wander down memory lane while looking back over past issues and we realized that we've been at this for at least the last 10 years! We know, we couldn't believe it either...

What differences can you spot throughout the years above?



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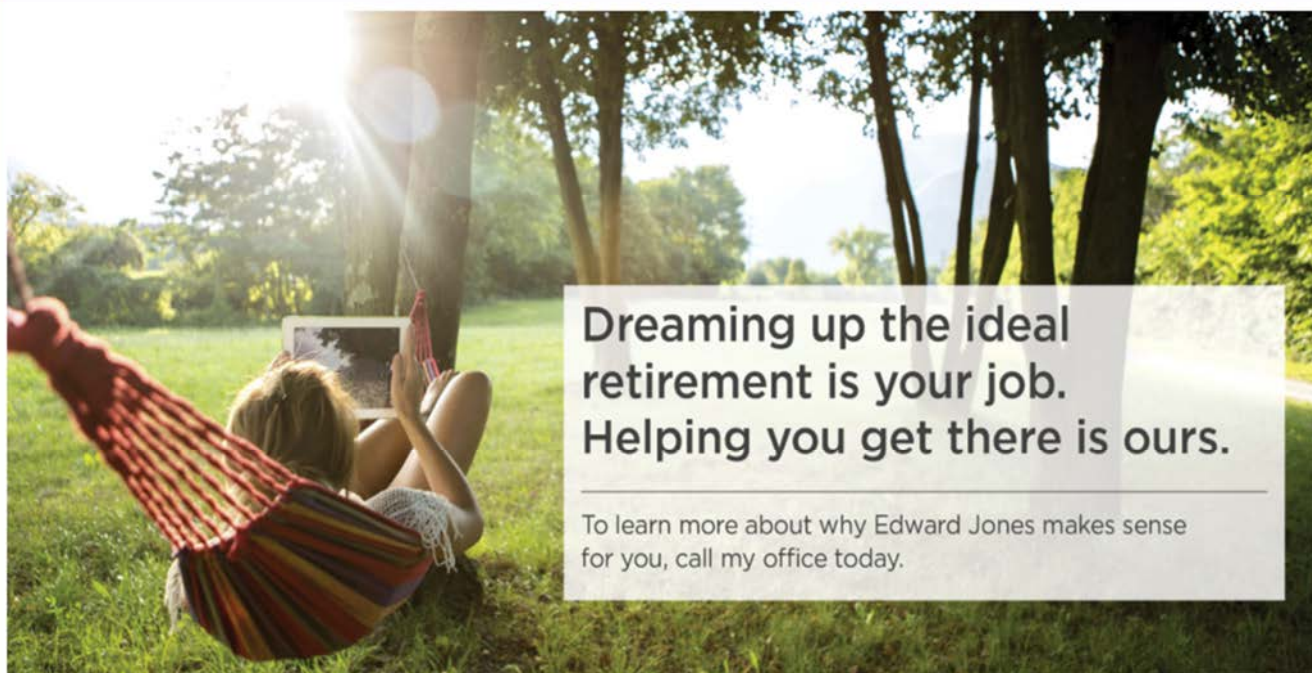
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overdue and will be dropped from
our roster if they are not paid.
Please get your dues in ASAP!

Delinquent List

Tyson Alegria
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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!

March 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	28 Closed	1 Pitch 3:00 p	2 Closed Trustee 6 p Lodge 7 p	3	4	5
6	7 Closed	8 Pitch 3:00 p Burger Nite 5:30p Am. Legion Aux 6p Am. Legion 7 p	9 Closed Corvette Club 5:30 Does 5:30	10	11	12 St. Patty's Day Dinner 6:30 p
13	14 Closed	15 Pitch 2:30p Am. Legion 40/8 7p	16 Closed House 6 p Lodge 7 p	17 American Legion Aux 1 p	18 Karaoke 6-9 pm	19
20	21 Closed	22 Pitch 3:00p	23 Closed	24	25	26
27	28 Closed	29 Pitch 3:00 p	30 Closed	1	2	3