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

## 2022 - 2023 Lodge 80 Officers



Lodge #80 Officers 2022-23 Installed. Left to right: Secretary Laurie Montag, P.E.R.; Treasurer Jody Schrage; Tiler Maureen Sadler; E.R. Larry Schwindt, P.E.R.; Lecturing Knight, Bryan Leavitt; Inner Guard, Heather Chesnut; Organist, Wauneta Peterson; Loyal Knight, Rev. Dr. William Jackson; Chaplain, Frank Bruyette; Trustee, Harry Montag, P.E.R.

## Teens of the Year to be Honored on April 10th

The annual Teen of the Year event is scheduled for Sunday, April 10th from noon to 2 p.m. Your Lincoln Lodge #80 invites all local schools to select a boy and girl to receive the honor of Teen of the Year for their respective schools. Students are selected by their teachers for their school work and the things they do beyond the classroom. We reward these future leaders with a certificate and prizes. Please come out to congratulate these fine students. Due to on-going COVID concerns, the winners will be driving up to receive their award. Come out to help us greet all the winners. If you have any questions or are interested in working on this committee, please contact PER Amy Jacobsen at (402)699-2201 or amyjacobsen67@gmail.com. We hope to be able to get back to doing these ceremonies in the lodge in 2023!



Mark your Calendar for Saturday, April 9th, 2022! Once again, Elks Lodge #80 will be holding its Annual Fish Fry and Raffle. We will be serving Fried Pollock, Homemade Baked Beans, Cole-slaw with pickle spears and Rye Bread. Dessert will be Homemade Brownies and Ice Cream.

Cost will be \$12.00 per person and this year we can seat 100 people, so make sure you get your reservation into the lodge beforehand! It'll fill up fast!

Come and share a great dinner, raffle prizes, and as always great fellowship at the Lodge.

**Saturday April 9, 2022**

There will be **NO** carry out for this dinner.

Sponsored by the friends of the late Rick Logan



**Grand Exalted Ruler, 2022-2023**  
**T. Keith Mills**  
**Message from the GER**  
**Grand Lodge Newsletter, April 2022**  
**Next chapter for your Lodge starts this month.**

First, congratulations to all newly installed Exalted Rulers and Lodge officers. Thank you for making the commitment and accepting the duties and responsibilities of the office for which you have been chosen. You are about to take part in—I hope—one of the greatest experiences in your Lodge career, becoming a Lodge officer. Do not take this experience and responsibility lightly. By accepting your office, you will guide the direction your Lodge will pursue for the next Lodge year and continue “Meeting the Challenge.”

Newly elected Exalted Rulers need to reach out to committee appointees to ensure they are prepared to perform their assignments. Show them how to get the information for their committee on [elks.org](http://elks.org). It is your job to help remove obstacles they may encounter along the way to better perform their duties. Make sure they report all charitable hours and mileage to the Lodge Secretary so they may be entered into CLMS.

One suggestion is to assign important committees to different chair officers to oversee and ensure committees are working to the best of their ability. Then, during your monthly officer meeting or Lodge meeting, have committee chairs or chair officers give updates on that committee.

In relation to finances, the budget(s) for your Lodge should be ready to be presented to the membership for approval before the last regular Lodge meeting in April. The Annual Report for the previous year is also due May 1. Make sure that your Financial Reporting System (FRS) is up to date and be sure to submit your end of year financials to your accounting personnel so they may prepare your 990s and 990Ts for your Lodge shortly after April 1. Once completed, you will need to upload them to [elks.org](http://elks.org) and file them with the Internal Revenue Service.

I know that all Lodges are actively involved in their communities. You are encouraged to establish at least one community project that emphasizes the charitable work of our Order. The Grand Lodge Activities Committee also has a Community Projects Contest. The Committee will award first, second, and third place within the six membership categories. This award will give your Lodge national recognition to show your Lodge is actively supporting your community. You have done the work, now fill out the form and submit before the May 1 deadline.

By this time, your District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler should have informed you of the place and time for their Spring District Deputy Clinic. This is a great learning opportunity to gather with other officers within your district. It is also the time that your District Deputy will help you and your officers get the year off to a good start.

Finally, good luck to you during this Elks year. Being a Lodge leader has some work involved. However, it can be lots of fun and a truly rewarding experience for you and your Lodge. If you need anything, your Past Exalted Rulers, local District Deputy, state leaders, and other Grand Lodge committee members are there to help and guide you. You just need to ask. - *T. Keith Mills*



**Exalted Ruler Larry Schwindt**  
**Lincoln Lodge No. 80**  
**2022-2023**  
**Welcome New Officers!**

Greetings, and welcome to the 2022-2023 Lodge year. I want to start out by thanking Harry Montag for his last three years of leadership. Harry provided our Lodge with a steady guiding hand through some very difficult times. Harry gave willingly of his time and energy to keep our Lodge running as efficiently as possible. He put in countless hours cooking dinners, cleaning restrooms, tending bar, repairing equipment, picking up the liquor for the bar in order to save delivery charges...the list could go on and on. Thank you for all you have done Harry, and I look forward to working with you in your new role on the Board of Trustees.

I would like to thank the people who stepped up to take positions as Lodge Officers for the upcoming year: Loyal Knight William Jackson, Lecturing Knight Bryan Leavitt, Esquire Larry Bratt, Chaplain Frank Bruyette, Inner Guard Heather Chesnut, Tiler Maureen Sadler, Organist Wauneta Peterson, Secretary Laurie Montag, Treasurer Jody Schrage, and Trustees Scott Schrage, Randy King, Milt Schmidt, Jen Giese, and Harry Montag. When you see these people around the Lodge, please thank them for the time they are investing to make our Lodge the best it can be.

Many thanks to Mary Norton and Suz Clinkenbeard for sponsoring the St. Patrick's Day dinner. Their sponsorship of the dinner allows all of the proceeds from the dinner and raffle to go toward supporting the Lodge. Helping with the fantastic dinner were Harry Montag, Scott Schrage, Larry Jurgens, Vicki Jurgens, Larry Bratt, Laurie Montag, Bob Sindlar, Connie Russell, and Larry Schwindt.

I am looking forward to an active Lodge year supporting the youth and Veterans in our community. We have already taken steps to insure we will have funding to support some of these activities by receiving Lodge approval at our last Lodge meeting to apply for two grants from Grand Lodge. Your donations to the Elks National Foundation (ENF) helps make these grants available to the local Lodges.

I encourage everyone to become involved in our community activities. Helping the people in our area is a very rewarding experience and we are always looking for new people to help. If you would like to help around the Lodge, help on one of the committees, chair one of the committees, help with the dinners or with repairs or maintenance around the Lodge, please let me or any of the Officers know.

*Thanks, Larry*





### Knight's Tales

There is an eternal law, which if properly understood, would change the course of human events on this planet. I am referring to the law of the harvest: "whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap".

Like the law of gravity, there is no obedience or disobedience to the law, but there are consequences. If we walk off the edge of a cliff, without accounting for the consequences, we will fall until we hit the bottom. Gravity is unrelenting and unforgiving but imagine what would happen if it suddenly went away. Think about the earth with no atmosphere as one of many results.

The law of the harvest is also unrelenting and unforgiving. We will harvest what we sow. Like seeds in a field, the results of what we sow may be delayed for a season or, as in the case of fruit and nut trees, it may be many seasons before we see the results of what we have sown. Because there may be quite some time between planting and harvest, many are deceived into believing that this law does not exist, and they act accordingly.

As Elks, the law of the harvest is a fundamental part of our order; be just, show brotherly love, treat others as you would have them treat you, have charity. Remember the law is unrelenting. If we treat others as true Elks, we will in the future reap good things. Conversely if we act, even in a small way, in opposition to the principles of our order, we will hurt others and we are rewarding ourselves with evil instead of good.

I hope that members of Lodge 80 will strive to remember and better live the guiding principles of the B.P.O.E. We will always run into some weeds along the way, but if we are determined, we will cut them down and continue moving forward in service to others.

- Bryan Leavitt, Lecturing Knight



What happens to a person when she or he fails to honor themselves, or those they hold dear, then experience the fallback of injury—psychological and sociological—that will undoubtedly follow like sunshine after a rain?

When honor, or the sense of high respect, becomes questionable, how does a person continue to be just, when she or he has no handle on what it is to be morally and ethically in the right spot? Maybe there needs to be some sort of gauge, let's say, a constitution developed in times of peace and thoughtfulness, that honestly measures the best way to handle a dishonorable situation.

Any organization, club, bureau, or other such agency needs to have specific guidelines dictating how to be honorable and just so as not to be "thrown for a loop" when adversity arises. An organization devoid of honor and justice is a collapse waiting to happen. Not if it will happen... but when.

So why not help keep your organization fit and trim by remembering to honor one another within your agency, which translates to compassionate concern with integrity for customers and others served by your organization.

- Rev. Dr. William Jackson, Loyal Knight



### Secretary's Corner

Spring has sprung! Now all we want for Easter is a front or three bearing about 6 inches of nice, gentle, soaking rain, but have it dry up quickly for the farmers to get into their fields. Too much to ask?

Please note: If you have not yet paid your 2022/23 dues (which were due April 1), please note that if I do not receive them by April 20, you will likely receive another statement in late May, even if you pay between April 20 the end of May. This is because the billing service engaged by Grand Lodge harvests the information at the end of April. If you mail your dues after April 15, this may occur. I mail membership cards upon receipt of payment, so if you've received your card, you're golden – and thank you!

**A NOTICE TO THOSE WHO PAY THEIR DUES BY MONTHLY ACH WITHDRAWAL:** Another reminder that your monthly ACH deduction for April 7 and going forward will be \$8.75 (\$17.50 for couples). The why's and wherefores were covered in the Secretary's Corner in the February Elk-O-Gram.

**ELKS GRAND LODGE CONVENTION 2022** kicks off in Atlanta on Sunday, July 3 with opening ceremonies, and sessions conclude Wednesday, July 6. The Nebraska delegation is headquartered at The Westin Peachtree Plaza, along with AL, AR, CO, FL, GA, KS, LA, MI, NM, OK, and TX; room rates are ~\$150/night. Hotel reservations must be made through the State Secretary, and the deadline is May 11 – let me know if you'd like a form sent to you. More information about the convention is available at <https://www.elks.org/convention/default.cfm>. You must have a member login to access the site, which you can easily establish at [elks.org](https://www.elks.org) using your membership number. It will open a plethora of information about the Elks to you.

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](mailto:secretary@elks80.org) / 402.202.6673 by text or phone



Lodge #80's two newest initiates! Ronnita and Russ Smith were initiated on March 16th. They're pictured with PER Harry Montag and their sponsors Trustee Randy King and Leading Knight Ed Holloway.

## ...Our Members...

**Sickness & Distress:** Ed Holloway, recovering from heart issue

**Deaths:** Life Member Wayne Rulifson, age 87, passed 2/10/22

**Members for Consideration:** None

**Members Reinstated:** Carrie Brooks

**Members Elected:** Karen Thuman, proposed by Laurie Montag

**Members Initiated:** Russell & Ronnita Smith

### Hidden Number:

March's hidden number was David Roger on page 4! 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 March 2nd meeting was for \$250. Kathleen Holloway was the lucky name, but she was not in attendance...neither was Donald Hanway, Jr. on March 16th, he missed out on \$250. You have to come to meetings to win! Next meeting is April 6th at 7 pm!

**Jolly Corks Pub is closed Sunday, Monday, Wednesday.**  
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## Committee Reports

**Americanism:** No Report.

**Boy Scouts:** Flag and Certificate delivered to Tecumseh, another in Lincoln

**Drug Awareness:** No Report. 15812

**Girl Scouts:** No Report.

**Hide Program:** No Report.

**Hoop Shoot:** Completed local and district.

**House Committee:** No Report.

**ENF:** \$20.87 as of 3/2/22. The 2021-2022 goal is \$4.80.

**Membership:** 234 members, 1 pending.

**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**

**TUESDAY, THURSDAY**  
3pm - 7 pm

**FRIDAY**  
3 PM - 9 pm

**SATURDAY**  
3 PM - 7 pm

LINCOLN ELKS LODGE #80

## 2022-2023 Elks' Lodge #80 Officers

|                               |                     |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Exalted Ruler.....</b>     | Larry Schwindt      |
| <b>Leading Knight.....</b>    | Vacant              |
| <b>Loyal Knight.....</b>      | Dr. William Jackson |
| <b>Lecturing Knight.....</b>  | Bryan Leavitt       |
| <b>Esquire.....</b>           | Larry Bratt         |
| <b>Inner Guard.....</b>       | Heather Chesnut     |
| <b>Tiler.....</b>             | Maureen Sadler      |
| <b>Secretary.....</b>         | Laurie Montag PER   |
| <b>Treasurer.....</b>         | Jody Schrage        |
| <b>Chaplain.....</b>          | Frank Bruyette      |
| <b>Trustee 1 Year.....</b>    | Scott Schrage       |
| <b>Trustee 2 Year.....</b>    | Randy King          |
| <b>Trustee 3 Year.....</b>    | Milt Schmidt        |
| <b>Trustee 4 Year.....</b>    | Jen Giese           |
| <b>Trustee 5 Year.....</b>    | Harry Montag, PER   |
| <b>Presiding Justice.....</b> | Amy Jacobsen PER    |
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The Lodge recently presented the proceeds of the Beacon Grant to the Veterans Advocacy Group for use in facilitating the Coffeehaus and Buddy Alert programs. Both programs offer Veterans a social outlet and a way to maintain connections between them. This money will help to provide good meals and refreshments, and will also help with other expenses of the programs.

Pictured: Eddy Muggy, ER Harry Montag, Larry Jurgens, Ed Schnabel, PER Larry Schwindt, and PER Larry Bratt.

### 2021-2022 Lodge Grant Activities

Did you know that a parent must provide adequate diapers for a child to even drop them off at day care? Did you know diaper purchase and care takes up a significant portion of a family's budget? The Lodge obtained the combined Spotlight and Gratitude Grant for the purpose of making a donation to the Junior League Diaper Program sponsored out of the Center for People in Need. This program accepts both donations of diapers and monetary donations. The Lodge was able to donate \$5,000 to the Center for this purpose; the Center has a source that can obtain the diapers at a great discount, so our money will go even further in helping the low-income families of Lincoln. Once again, your membership in the Elks is bringing grant money to Lincoln to better our community!



*Pictured L to R:*  
Jody Schrage,  
Harry Montag,  
Julie Obermeyer  
(Junior League),  
Larry Jurgens,  
Chris Funk  
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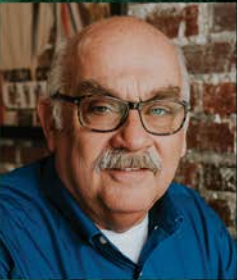
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## 2022 State Convention Information

Information and registration forms for the Nebraska Elks Convention to be held in Kearney on April 22-24 are available from the Secretary if you would like to pre-register and attend.

Last year's Grand Exalted Ruler, Paul Ryan and his wife Stacy will be in attendance! All Elks in good standing and their families may attend and are welcomed.

Alternatively, you may register for a login at [nebraskaelks.org](http://nebraskaelks.org) and access information being presented at the Convention (and more!). Deadline for registration is April 15.

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Lodge 80 GOAL: \$4.80. As of 3/2/22: \$20.87

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

# April 2022

| SUN                                                       | MON              | TUE                                                                              | WED                                                   | THU                                    | FRI                                         | SAT                                                            |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                           |                  |                                                                                  |                                                       |                                        | <b>1</b><br>April Fool's!                   | <b>2</b>                                                       |
| <b>3</b>                                                  | <b>4 Closed</b>  | <b>5</b><br>Pitch 3p                                                             | <b>6 Closed</b><br>Trustee 6p<br>Lodge 7p             | <b>7</b>                               | <b>8</b>                                    | <b>9</b><br><b>Fish Fry</b><br>Dinner 6:30p<br>Social Hr 5:30p |
| <b>10</b><br><b>Teen of the Year</b><br>Noon - Drive thru | <b>11 Closed</b> | <b>12</b><br>Pitch 3p<br>Burger Nite 5:30p<br>Am. Legion Aux 6p<br>Am. Legion 7p | <b>13 Closed</b><br>Corvette Club 5:30p<br>Does 5:30p | <b>14</b>                              | <b>15 Karaoke</b><br>6-9 pm<br>Bass Club 7p | <b>16</b>                                                      |
| <b>17 Easter</b>                                          | <b>18 Closed</b> | <b>19</b><br>Pitch 2:30p<br>Am. Legion 40/8 7p                                   | <b>20 Closed</b><br>House 6p<br>Lodge 7p              | <b>21</b><br>American Legion<br>Aux 1p | <b>22</b><br>State<br>Convention            | <b>23</b><br>State<br>Convention                               |
| <b>24</b><br>State<br>Convention                          | <b>25 Closed</b> | <b>26</b><br>Pitch 3p<br>LEL Charitable<br>Fund 7p                               | <b>27 Closed</b>                                      | <b>28</b>                              | <b>29</b>                                   | <b>30</b>                                                      |