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



Mark your Calendar for Saturday, April 1st, 2023! Once again, Elks Lodge #80 will be holding its Annual Fish Fry and Raffle. We will be serving Fried Pollock, Homemade Baked Beans, Coleslaw with pickle spears and Rye Bread. Dessert will be Homemade Brownies and Ice Cream. Social hour 5:30, Dinner 6:30

Cost will be \$12.00 per person and this year we can seat 100 people, so make sure you get your reservations in early, it'll fill up fast!

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

Saturday April 1, 2023

Sponsored by the friends of the late Rick Logan

Mark your Calendar for **Saturday, May 6th, 2023!** Elks Lodge #80 will be recognizing our local First Responders and all of the good they have done for our community. We will be serving Porkchops, Asparagus, Cheesy Potatoes, Roll and a sweet dessert.

Cost will be \$12.00 per person. This is a well attended dinner so make sure you get your reservations in early, it will fill up fast!

Come and share a great dinner and thank those being recognized for their service.

Saturday May 6, 2023

Dinner sponsored by the Gustin and



Social hour 5:30, Dinner 6:30

Norris families in memory of Ray Norris

Collection Barrel Information

Benefitting WE CAN DO THIS at the F Street Community Center. For April, we will continue to collect non-perishable (not needing refrigeration) food items that are easily prepared or are readily edible, such as single serving microwavable containers of mac & cheese, stew, soup, boxes of oatmeal packets, etc. that only require the addition of water for preparation. Also appropriate would be single serving containers of fruit, jell-o, pudding, applesauce, that type of thing. Cans of tuna, vegetables or fruit would be appropriate; containers that do not need an opener are preferred, but not required. Bear in mind, milk, eggs, or butter may not be available to prepare boxed mixes. Please consider adding one or two of these items to your shopping list, and leave them in the red container at the Lodge. A BIG THANK-YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE DONATED! The need continues!



Volunteering can help you make friends, learn new skills, and even feel happier and healthier about yourself and our lodge. The benefits of volunteering can be enormous. Volunteering offers vital help to your fellow Elks, and others in our community, but the benefits can be even greater for you, the volunteer. But how do I find the right volunteer opportunity? We are holding an "Open House" on April 8th, right here at our

Lodge. For those interested in volunteering with the Kitchen Committee, we will be meeting from 12 – 1, and for those interested in Drug Awareness, we will be meeting from 1 – 2. These are but 2 of the numerous volunteer opportunities that are available in our lodge. Your key is to find a committee that you would enjoy and are capable of doing. Please mark your calendars. We are looking for individuals to help. The more we do the together, the stronger we are as a lodge. Hope to see you here at the lodge on the 8th! - Harry Montag





Exalted Ruler Larry Schwindt
Lincoln Lodge No. 80
2023-2024
Welcome New Officers!

I thought that my article for the March Elk-O-Gram was going to be my last one, but at our last meeting I was elected as our Exalted Ruler for the 2023-2024 Lodge year, so I guess you'll have to put up with my articles for another year. I'm looking forward to a prosperous and active year. Please plan to come to the Lodge to support our dinners and participate in our charitable endeavors.

I'm writing this article while on my way to the regional Hoop Shoot in Colorado Springs. Even though our Lincoln Lodge won't have any kids competing in the regional Hoop Shoot, there will be several amazing boys and girls representing the great state of Nebraska. Along with our State 1st Vice President Larry Bratt and myself, there will be a large group of people from Nebraska making the trip to Colorado Springs to cheer for our kids from Nebraska as they compete in the regional contest. We are hoping that many of our Nebraska kids do well enough to advance to the national contest in Chicago. On the return trip from Colorado Springs, Larry Bratt and I will be stopping at the Sidney Lodge to help install their new Officers for the 2023- 2024 Lodge year.

On April 1st we will be holding one of our most well attended dinners of the year. Our Fish Fry dinner! Please get your reservations in as soon as possible, as there is only room for 100 people. Unfortunately, Larry Bratt and I won't be there to gently persuade you to buy raffle tickets, as we will be in Omaha to help install their new Officers for the upcoming Fraternal year, but I'm sure that some able-bodied individuals will jump in to take our places.

Please attend this great dinner and invest in large quantities of raffle tickets to give you the best chance to win some of the amazing raffle prizes that Scott Schrage will provide. This dinner is sponsored by the friends of, and in the memory of, our departed Member, Rick Logan.

Thanks, Larry

Secretary's Corner



I want to start with a big THANK YOU to all of our members who have already paid their 2023/24 dues. Our new lodge year starts April 1, 2023, and the 68 members (at this writing) who have not yet paid their dues will become delinquent on that day. Please pay your dues as soon as possible – your dues are what enables us to meet our obligations and to continue to offer our members the benefits of a lodge building home, as well as facilitate our charitable activities in the community. The next set of statements to those still unpaid will go out mid-May.

If you are interested in remitting by credit or debit card, type this link into your browser, and enter your member number WITHOUT the leading zero:

<https://payorportal.revopay.com/index.php/OSG/properties/lincolnelks801/qpay>

Please be aware, there will be a convenience fee of about \$3.50 added to your total. Of course, you may also send a check to the lodge or remit with cash at the Jolly Corks.

There's a fun new game on Elks.org! It's a hangman-type game in which you guess the name of the Mystery Lodge. There is also an optional friendly competition for the most consecutive puzzle-solving and time scores. It's a bit of fun if you like to solve puzzles. If you look on the ENF page, you might even find a page that lists lodges by state, and that may prove to be a big assist in solving the puzzles! You will need an elks.org log-in to play. Just go to the Member's page to sign up, and then access the Mystery Lodge game under the Fun 'n Games link.

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

Parliamentary Procedure...

of rules for facilitating discussions and group decision-making. Roberts Rules of Order can be found online or in a library.

Some simple reminders that we should all follow: Our ER (Exalted Ruler) is the de-facto President and Chairperson of our body and will lead all discussions. If we would like to address something or bring up a motion, we need to arise from our seat and be recognized by the Exalted Ruler before speaking. Should the Exalted Ruler not recognize you, you may not verbally interrupt the Exalted Ruler.

Your choice is to remain standing or sit down. If another person is recognized by the Exalted Ruler and given the floor, that person has the right to express themselves without any interruption or direct cross examination from the members. If the members would like to address the floor, again, they must arise from their seat and be recognized before speaking. When speaking or offering an opinion, one must remember not to attack the member but offer their views on the subject matter, which can be different. If one desires to ask a question of the member speaking, he should rise, and without waiting to be recognized, say, "Exalted Ruler, I should like to ask the speaker a question." The chair then asks the speaker if he is willing to be interrupted, or the speaker may at once consent or decline, addressing, however, the chair, through whom the conversation must be carried on, as members cannot directly address one another in a deliberative assembly. You may INTERRUPT a speaker for these reasons only: but you need to stand and ask for additional information. If you can't hear – question of privilege Or if you see a breach of the rules – point of order.

Parliamentary Procedure is the best way to get things done at our meetings, but it will only work if it is used properly. If you would like a copy of the pamphlet describing Parliamentary Procedure just let us know and we will get you a copy. - *Thanks, Harry*

"Parliamentary Procedure" provides the process for proposing, amending, approving, and defeating legislative motions. All Elk lodges across the US follow Roberts Rules of Order, which is a set

Elks Lodge #80 Thesaurus project

On March 11th, an intrepid group of people ventured into the Lincoln City Libraries to conduct our first ever library-based thesaurus give-away. The Libraries had tables ready for us when we arrived, so once we had our books displayed, we began the daunting task of giving free books to any child who wanted one. Larry Bratt and I were in Gere Library, and the traffic varied from heavy to sometimes very light, but everyone we encountered was curious about what we were doing. Their curiosity gave us a chance to explain what we were doing and why we were doing it, as well as a chance to educate them on some other aspects of what the Elks are all about. The following people deserve a huge thank you for helping with this event: Harry Montag, Laurie Montag, Troy Pedersen, Scott Schrage, Bryan Leavitt, Jean Leavitt, Dr. William Jackson, Larry Jurgens, Vicki Jurgens, Milt Schmidt, Linda Schmidt, Larry Bratt, and Larry Schwindt.

We also gave a thesaurus to every fifth-grade student at the Norris Intermediate school on February 27th, and the Waverly Intermediate and Ashland/Greenwood Intermediate schools on February 28th. These rural schools still think that it is important for the students to have the experience of a charitable organization coming into the classroom to personally hand the students their own thesaurus. They feel that it helps educate the students about what charitable organizations do within their communities. I was able to talk with the Principals from all three schools that we visited, and they were all very excited that we were restarting this program after the break we had to take because of the COVID years. The following people deserve a huge thank you for helping with this event: Harry Montag, Larry Jurgens, Larry Bratt, and Larry Schwindt.



Does Dispatch

Lincoln DOES helped the McCook DOES celebrate their 100-year anniversary with a day of activities that included a silent auction and dinner. Lincoln will be celebrating their 100th Anniversary in June and plans are being made for that, as well as the Drove hosting our district meeting in October.



Our next meeting will be April 12th at 5:30 where one topic will be Grand Lodge convention to be held in Greenville, SC.

Best to all, *Vicki Logan, DOES President*



Members of both the Veterans Coffeehaus and our Lodge accepting a donation from your continued support of ENF.

...Our Members...

Sickness & Distress: P.E.R. John Aman, P.E.R. Sonny Lane, P.E.R. Jeff Sneller.

Deaths: John VerMaas, Franklin Mills, Douglas Haggart

Members for Consideration: None

Members Reinstated: None

Members Elected: None

Members Initiated: None

Hidden Number:

March's hidden number was Jason Brooks 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 1st meeting was for \$120. Wade Graft was the lucky name, but he was not in attendance...neither was Regina Buckmaster on March 13th, she missed out on \$130. You have to come to meetings to win! Next meeting is April 5th at 7 pm!

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Committee Reports

Americanism: No Report.

Boy Scouts: 6 Flags and Certificates given since last month.

Drug Awareness: Bookmarks were handed out along with the Thesauruses at Lincoln City Libraries.

Girl Scouts: Flag Ceremony June 4. Watch for details.

Hide Program: No Report.

Hoop Shoot: Completed district and regional.

House Committee: Convection oven is largely installed, awaiting final hookups

ENF: \$17.64 as of 3/15/23. The 2023-2024 goal has not yet been announced.

Membership: 227 members, delinquents were dropped.

Lincoln Youth Football: No Report.

Scholarship: Scoring of applications completed.

Soccer Shoot: No Report.

Social Community Welfare: No Report.

Veterans Committee: Pantry for Victory Apartments is ongoing, see Milt Schmidt for information, the Veteran's Coffehaus received a donation from our Lodge - funds provided by one of our ENF grants.

NEW HOURS

TUESDAY, THURSDAY
3pm - 7 pm

FRIDAY
3 PM - 9 pm

SATURDAY
3 PM - 7 pm

LINCOLN ELKS LODGE #80

2023-2024 Elks' Lodge #80 Officers

Exalted Ruler.....	Larry Schwindt
Leading Knight.....	Troy Pedersen, PER
Loyal Knight.....	Dr. William Jackson
Lecturing Knight.....	Bryan Leavitt
Esquire.....	Vacant
Inner Guard.....	Vacant
Tiler.....	Vacant
Secretary.....	Laurie Montag PER
Treasurer.....	Jody Schrage
Chaplain.....	Vacant
Trustee 1 Year.....	Randy King
Trustee 2 Year.....	Milt Schmidt
Trustee 3 Year.....	Jen Giese
Trustee 4 Year.....	Harry Montag, PER
Trustee 5 Year.....	Scott Schrage
Presiding Justice.....	Vacant
Organist	Wauneta Peterson

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Elk-O-Gram Editor's Note

Articles Due:

Apr 20

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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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 March!

Remember, many hands make light work...

Notes from the Trustees



Trustees

The Trustee's worked on the 2023-2024 Lodge Budget and presented to the lodge at the last meeting. At the March 1st Lodge meeting the Trustee's made a motion to accept the budget, after discussion the budget was passed by the members. Thank you.

An update on the oven. The old oven was removed on March 4th with the new one being ordered. The new oven was shipped on March 16th and will be delivered to the Lodge on the 20th. The oven will be installed by a licensed appliance company. The oven will be up and working before the next dinner on April 1st.

With the cost of all goods going up in price, the decision was made to increase the cost of all products in the Jolly Corker by \$0.25. This went into effect on March 1st, 2023.

We encourage our members to attend the monthly dinners for good food and fellowship.

Scott Schrage and the Trustee's



Karaoke at the Lodge

Join us on Friday
April 21 at 6 pm

for the fun. Bring pot luck or munchies 15934 to share, bring your friends, get your song on! Ken has a ton of music to share, we need singers as well as audience. See you there!



A big shout out to our members who volunteered to work at the lodge in March to support our lounge, our dinners, room rentals, and other projects, and in general help make our lodge work. Thanks goes to those who served the lodge in March (with kudos to any we may inadvertently miss): Larry Bratt PER; Ken Cohn; Diane Dannelly and Dave Nelson; Jen Giese; Larry and Vicki Jurgens; Randy King; Harry Montag PER; Laurie Montag PER; Sammi Montag and Alex Akghari; Troy Pedersen; Maureen Sadler; Milt and Linda Schmidt; Jody and Scott Schrage; Bob Sindlar; and Larry Schwindt ER.

We also thank two Most Valuable Student Scholarship recipients who are attending UN-L for their assistance at the March dinner – Landry Geiger and Hon Rowe! A big shout-out goes to Bryan and Jean Leavitt and an anonymous donor for sponsoring the St. Patrick's Day dinner! Attendees also enjoyed jaunty themed table arrangements by Diane Dannelly and Elaine Hansen. A great time was had by all!

In Sympathy

Lodge 80's heartfelt sympathies are extended to:

The families of our departed members John VerMaas, Franklin Mills, and Douglas Haggart

2023-2024 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

Happy April Birthdays!

01 - James Searle	22 - Dennis Smith
02 - William Bray	24 - William Biggs
Chad Gustin	Wesley Durst
12 - Scott Schrage	25 - Kevin Sadler
13 - Harry Montag	26 - Ken Krupicka
Bill Novak	27 - Larry Klein
15 - Amy Jacobsen	28 - Angela Ehlers
16 - Thomas Roper	29 - Walter Dondlinger
21 - Justin White	



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,

Teen of the Year

Teen of the Year recognition was held March 25 at Lodge 80. Nearly 50 youth from area Middle Schools were honored for their outstanding performance in school, sports, and extracurricular activities. Each was awarded a nice certificate, an engraved Elks #80 water bottle, and \$25 spending money. Teachers and Administrators orated about each youth, and their outstanding qualities that lead to their nominations. Two sessions were held, with over 100 in attendance both times. Thank You to P.E.R. Amy Jacobsen, and to the

new Chair, Mary Ryan, for organizing this, and to the many Elks who helped with set up, tear down, and provide refreshments. A Big Thanks also to Scott Schrage for taking the photos, many more of which can be seen on our web-site, Eks80.org.




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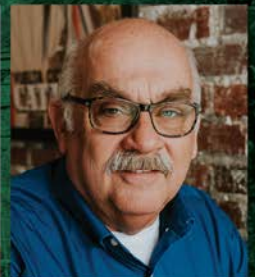
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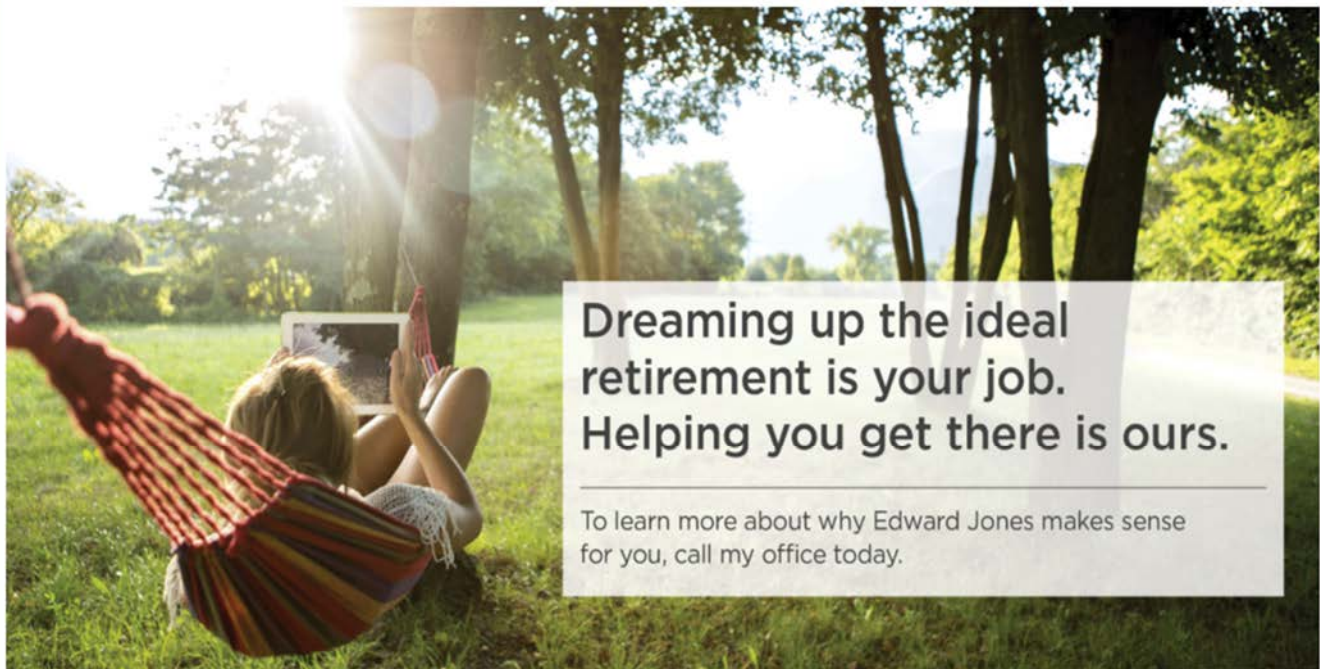
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Lodge 80 GOAL: not yet announced. As of 3/15/23: \$17.64

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

April 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 April Fools! Fish Fry 5:30 Social Hour 6:30 Dinner
2	3 Closed	4 Pitch 3p	5 Closed Trustee 6p Lodge 7p	6 Room Rented 5-7p	7	8 Volunteer Open House 12 - 2p
9 Easter	10 Closed	11 Pitch 3p Burger Nite 5:30p Am. Legion Aux 6p Am. Legion 7p	12 Closed Corvette Club 5:30p Does 5:30p	13	14	15
16	17 Closed	18 Pitch 2:30p Am. Legion 40/8 7p	19 Closed House 6p Lodge 7p	20 American Legion Aux 1p	21 Karaoke 6-9p Bass Club 7-8p Veterans Coffee- haus 10 am Auld Pavilion	22
23/30 30 - State Convention	24 Closed LEL Charitable Fund 7p	25 Pitch 3p	26 Closed	27	28 State Conven- tion	29 State Conven- tion