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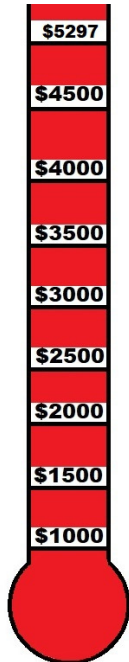
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Chillin' in the Kitchen

A fundraiser to fix our walk-in cooler!

A (mostly) comprehensive list of donors so far...

Loaf of Bread \$1-100: Glen Riensch, Milt Schmidt, Wauneta Peterson, Helen Burks, Bob Taylor, Harry Montag, Vicki Jurgens, Ruth Arms, Larry Jurgens

Dozen Eggs \$101-250: James Gray, Eddy Muggy, Terry Edwards, Ed Beins, La Donna Dennehl

Fried Chicken \$251-500: Tom Morrissey, Harry Lipert

Rack of Lamb \$501-750: Larry Klein

The Whole Hog \$751-1000: Bob Sindlar, P.I.G.

A Side of Beef \$1001+: John Aman

Alright! Here's the deal...

We stepped up in a big way! As you can see, repairs for the cooler that we were faced with fixing have been covered. As some of you might know, we were able to repair what was there (with a little bit of luck and an old school technician). BUT that doesn't change the fact that our walk-in is still over 40 years old and won't always be able to be patched together. The funds gathered above are set aside for use for when (not if) the cooler has to be replaced.

We've made a great start to underwriting future kitchen repairs and renovations! As we've mentioned many times before, we need to be proactive in making sure there are funds at the ready for when something breaks or needs upgrading, hence the need to grow the "Kitchen Fund".

Let's keep the momentum up and keep the ball rolling with this! Please continue to keep the Kitchen Fund in mind when you're thinking about charitable donations you might be making.

The kitchen is a large part of the livelihood of the Lodge; we need to be good stewards of our Lodge and building, and keep it in top shape!

Happy Thanksgiving!

Join us Friday November 10th for Turkey and Noodles, Veggies, Roll, Salad, and Seasonal Dessert. \$12/ Person. 5:30 happy hour, 6:30 Dinner served.

Please call ahead for reservations!



Join us **Saturday, October 7th** for our Annual Oktoberfest dinner. German Sausage, Pork Loin, Sauerkraut, Green Beans, German Potato Salad, Rye Bread, and a German Chocolate Surprise - all for \$12/person!

We're also happy to welcome back *Less Talk - More Polka* for the entertainment for the evening!

Social Hour: 5:30 Dinner Served: 6:30

Reservations Requested by Friday Sept 29th



Exalted Ruler Larry Schwindt
Lincoln Lodge No. 80
2023-2024
A New Adventure

Our Lodge is about to embark on a new adventure. As many of you are aware, since COVID, we have not been hosting the annual Children's Christmas Party. A vote was taken at a Lodge meeting last year to discontinue this 117-year tradition. During the COVID years and through last year, the Lodge voted to distribute the funds normally used for the Christmas Party to some worthy organizations throughout our community.

This year we are starting a new Christmas Giving Program which will focus on helping those less fortunate in our area, as well as encouraging our members to get involved.

We have been in discussions with three organizations in Lincoln that are actively involved with helping people in lower income areas of the city. These organizations will be providing us with information about families that we can "adopt". The organizations will contact these families and collect information about what the children in these families need. Their need may be shoes, coats, clothing, food items, or any number of items.

What we are asking for, is members who are willing to help shop for these items once we compile a list from these three organizations. **The Lodge will provide the funds for shopping.** Since this is a new project, we are still in the planning stages and are not sure how the shopping excursion will be organized. More to follow about that at a later date. At our last dinner, a list for volunteer shoppers was started, and we already have some people willing to help, but we are looking for many more. We are hoping to have at least as many people help with this project, as have helped in the past with the Children's Christmas Party (usually around 40-50). We will be using the three organizations as distribution points for the items, and would also love to have people help with the distribution process.

You may be wondering about the goodie bags that we've made and distributed the last few years. This was discussed, but if we did the goodie bags in conjunction with the Christmas Giving Program, the cost of doing the goodie bags would mean we would have to eliminate one of the three areas of the city, and decided it was more important to give essential items as opposed to candy and snacks.

I feel that this new project will fill a void for those members who joined our great organization and wanted to have a hands-on part in helping our community. This project will allow our members to have a personal impact on the youth in some of the areas most in need in our community.

With your help, we are hoping this new project will be a huge success and that we will be able to apply for a grant next year to expand it even further. We need a signature project for Lincoln Elks Lodge #80 to let the city of Lincoln know that we are still here and that we still care about the people in our community.

If you are willing to help, please call the Lodge at 402-421-6363 or Larry Schwindt at 402-416-5239. If there is no answer, leave your name and phone number so we can add you to our list.

Work for the cause – Not for the applause.

Thanks, Larry

Secretary's Corner



By the time you receive this newsletter, September will be either on its last legs or out the door entirely! We are entering the last quarter of the year as October starts – a time when we gear up for annual family celebrations. I hope you will find time to join us for a monthly dinner. Oktoberfest, complete with entertainment, is on Saturday, October 7, and our Thanksgiving celebration dinner will be on Friday, November 10. Be sure to add those dates to your calendar and make it a point to join us! Lodge dinners are fun, the food is great, and it gives us an opportunity to become acquainted or to see old friends. They are also a fundraiser for the Lodge, so as you can see, your participation is important. We hope to see you soon!

It is nearing that time of year – 2024-2025 dues notices will mail in mid-January! Please remember, lodge dues are always due by March 31. As of April 1, a member is counted as delinquent, and lodge privileges may be curtailed. We don't want that to happen, so please plan to pay your dues on time. We are currently down to 18 delinquent members, so we are still making progress this year; those names will be published beginning in the November issue. Please think of why you became an Elk to begin with. We do so much in the community that you will read about in these newsletters, but that cannot continue to happen without the support of our members.

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

Does Dispatch

Your Lincoln Drove #4 has been busily preparing for the Iowa/Minnesota/ Nebraska East District Meeting that will be held October 12 - 14.

We will welcome Supreme President Dawn Smith to Lincoln as well as other Past Supreme Officers. Activities will be held at the Elks lodge with a banquet on Friday, followed by a public ceremony.

Saturday's events include holding the annual district meeting, along with a silent auction and luncheon. Fund raising events are well under way and much appreciation is given to those who have stepped up to help with these efforts.

We're also looking forward to our second annual Halloween themed wine tour which is planned for October 29th - please talk to a DOE if you're interested!

Best to all.
 President Vicki Logan



Scholarship News

We have some big changes coming to our Lodge scholarships this year! First and foremost, the due date for all applications, including Legacy applications, is Saturday, December 30, 2023. **NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED**, so be sure to mail them early, or drop off at the lodge by 7:00 p.m. on that day.

We discontinued some scholarships, combined a few scholarships, and increased the amount of money for Legacy scholarships, as well as changing the manner in which they are awarded. All these changes culminated in our being able to raise every scholarship to the \$1,000 level or better! As tuition has increased to around \$250 per credit hour at UNL, we are pleased that our scholarships will now better assist the recipients.

Our scholarship webpage will go live on October 1, so please check it out at elks80.org. Also please note, the Elks National Foundation (ENF) Most Valuable Student Scholarship applications are due November 14. These applications are entirely online. Every high school senior in the country is eligible to apply. If you know a senior, please guide them to <https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/MVS.cfm>.

ENF Legacy Scholarships are also available to members' children only. These are \$4,000 scholarships that are awarded to high school seniors. The deadline to apply is February 5, 2024. If you have children or grandchildren who are high school seniors this year, please guide them to <https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/Legacy.cfm>.

The Nebraska Elks Association also offers scholarships to high school seniors, including general scholarships, vocational scholarships, and even a golf scholarship. Your high school senior should visit <https://nebraskaelks.org/scholarships.php> to find out more information! Please let Laurie Montag, Scholarship Chair, know if you have questions. The email is elkslodge80scholarship@gmail.com, or catch me in person at the lodge.

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This is an inside booth! If you would like to participate, please let us know so we can get permission for you to enter. Drop us a line at secretary@elks80.org before the 16th of October.

...Our Members...

Sickness & Distress: None

Deaths: None

Members for Consideration: Bruce Trautwein by Harry Montag

Members Reinstated: None

Members Elected: Al Beer, Jason Jirsa

Members Initiated: Al Beer, proposed by Randy King

Hidden Number: September's hidden number was on page 5 of last month's Elk O Gram. 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 drawing on 9/6 was Craig Rodenbaugh, who was not present to win \$54. The drawing on 9/20 was Angela Ehlers, who was not present to win \$63. It pays to come to meetings! The September 6 raffle was won by Vicki Jurgens, who donated her \$12 prize to the Kitchen Fund. The September 20 raffle was won by Harry Montag, who donated his prize of \$9 to the Cooler Fundraiser. Thank You!

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.



The Holidays are right around the corner. Time is running out. Things are becoming hectic. Have no fear we are here 15941 to help you with those Holiday doldrums... 'cause it's Cash Calendar time! Keep your eyes out for the 2024 Cash Calendar fundraiser information and forms in next month's EOG. This year, there are 10 slips per calendar, so there are more chances to win! Drawings will start January 1, 2024. Remember, this fundraiser doesn't take much time or effort to sign up for or participate in, and it benefits the Lodge greatly!

Committee Reports

Boy Scouts: 1 Eagle flag in September presented by Randy King.

Drug Awareness: Harry reported on NE State Patrol's ongoing efforts to stem the flow of drugs on the I-80 corridor.

Girl Scouts: No Report.

House Committee: House Committee met 9/20, discussed upcoming dinners, Bank-shot receipts. Walk-in cooler temporarily back in action.

ENF: The 2023-2024 goal is \$4.80. Lodge #80 is currently at \$10.74 per member.

Membership: 217 Active, 18 delinquent, one pending

Lincoln Youth Football: Games are underway at the South Street field, and continue through October. Members are encouraged to attend and encourage the players.

Veterans Committee: Victory Apartments distribution completed, Veterans Coffeehaus October 20th.

COLLECTION BARREL

For WE CAN DO THIS at the F Street Community Center.
 We continue to collect non-perishable food items such as single-serving foods, canned vegetables, canned proteins, and self-care items, such as tooth brushes, tooth paste, deodorants (Axe, Sure, Secret are brands young people seem to like), shampoo, body wash, etc. Remember, these items go to young people and children. There is also a need for household items, such as dish soap, Spic & Span cleaner, Comet, Windex, toilet cleaner, garbage bags, and dishwasher soap – many of these are available at the Dollar Tree. 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!



2023-2024 Elks Lodge #80 Officers

Exalted Ruler.....	Larry Schwindt PSP, PER, PDDGER
Leading Knight.....	Larry Bratt SP, PER, PDDGER
Loyal Knight.....	Dr. William Jackson
Lecturing Knight.....	Bryan Leavitt
Esquire.....	Troy Pedersen PER
Inner Guard.....	Heather Chesnut
Tiler.....	Maureen Sadler
Secretary.....	Laurie Montag PER
Treasurer.....	Jody Schrage
Chaplain.....	Frank Bruyette
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
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Elk-O-Gram Editor's Note

**Articles Due:
October 19**

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 Trustees held a meeting on September 21st. We started with a Guest Speaker, Life Scout Wesley Erickson, from Troop 76 of Waverly. Wesley is currently working on his Eagle Scout Project, which is buying and installing new bike racks at the new pool in Waverly. Wesley is also going to take the old bike racks and repair and put a new coat of paint on them. These will be placed in other parks in Waverly. Wesley is looking for some financial support in this project so he can have them ready for next summer. Wesley did a wonderful job in presenting this project.

After discussion, the Trustees would like to help Wesley complete this project. The Elks would get a marker of recognition for assisting in this project. At the next meeting, this will be brought before the members for their approval.

The Trustees looked at a request from a member to help a young lady who is needing a service dog. After reading the request at the next lodge meeting, it was decided that we will pass the hat in raising funds for her. The lodge received a letter from Grand Lodge concerning the Deductible on our property insurance. Next year, the deductible is going to be increased from \$1,000 to \$10,000. We have the option to increase it on Nov. 1 with the lodge receiving credit for doing so. We have asked our insurance company to take a look at this and to get back with the Trustees with their findings.

Remember that the Lodge has a dinner once a month, and Beer and Burger every 2nd Tuesday of the month. Come and enjoy a great meal and fellowship with fellow Elks.

Scott Schrage and the Trustees

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!



A big shout out to our members who volunteered to work at the lodge in September to support our lounge, our dinners, room rentals, karaoke, newsletter, and other projects, and in general help make our lodge work. Thanks goes to those who served the lodge in April (with kudos to any we may inadvertently miss): Larry Bratt PER; Ken Cohn;

Diane Dannelly and Dave Nelson; Larry Jurgens; Vicki Jurgens; Randy King; Harry Montag PER; Laurie Montag PER; Maureen Sadler; Milt and Linda Schmidt; Larry Schwindt ER, and Bob Sindlar. A particular shout-out to Connie Moore, who helped serve at the September dinner, and to ENF Legacy Scholarship recipient Lindsey McNeely of Falls City for helping a lot!

Karaoke at the Jolly Cork!

Karaoke Oct. 20th, 6-9p at the Jolly Cork. Bring your friends and family, have a good time! Bring munchies to share! Big Thanks to all who showed up, sang, laughed, brought food to share. Ken continues to improve his set up, and added Karaoke Bingo this month! It was a lot of fun. This month is Halloween, so expect some spooky songs and Karaoke Bingo!



2023-2024 Committees

Accident: Scott Schrage
Activities: Harry Montag, PER
Americanism: Vacant
Auditing: Vacant
Benevolence: Larry Bratt, President NE Elks, PER, PDDGER
By-Laws Changes: Vacant
Holiday Giving: Vacant
Community Activities: Larry Bratt President NE Elks, PER, PDDGER
Drug Awareness: Harry Montag, ER, PER
Eagle Scouts: Randy King
Elks Memorial Day: Larry Jurgens
ENF: Larry Bratt President NE Elks, PER, PDDGER
Flag Day: Vacant
Fraternal: Gerald Miles, PER
Girl Scout Gold Award: Randy King
Gov. Relations: Troy Pedersen, PER

Hide Program: Larry Jurgens
Hoop Shoot: Harry Montag, PER
Investigation: Larry Bratt President NE Elks, PER, PDDGER
Membership: Larry Schwindt ER, PSP, PER, PDDGER
PER Association: Larry Bratt, President NE Elks, PER, PDDGER
Public Relations: Harry Montag, PER
Ritual: Larry Bratt President NE Elks, PER, PDDGER
Scholarship: Laurie Montag PER
Standing Relief: Laurie Montag PER
State Major Projects: Larry Schwindt ER, PSP, PER, PDDGER
Veterans: Milt Schmidt
Youth Activities: Laurie Montag PER
Youth Football: Scott Schrage

Happy October Birthdays!

04 - Heather Chesnut
11 - Ronnita Smith
12 - John Herrod III
14 - Roger Trautwein
19 - Bill Sack
20 - Edward Beins
21 - Steven Blomgren
24 - Beverly Erickson
George Venteicher

25 - Michael Murphy
27 - Linda O'Connor
30 - Bruce Reinhardt
31 - Russell Bergholz
Arthur R. Jones



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)

A quick note to all of our members...

Take Note!

The House and Trustee meetings are open to any member who wishes to attend them!

These are held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month, right before our Lodge meeting, as listed on the Elk-O-Gram calendar. If you would like to come see what these committees are up to, or have words of wisdom to add to them, please attend! All are welcome!

Be aware that closed sessions may occur if personnel topics are discussed. New items to be introduced should be addressed with the chairperson of the meeting, prior to the meeting being in session.

It is fall and you know what that means! Elks Football is going on each Sunday at 6th and South street. The Elks are sponsoring and supporting 6 teams this year. We have around 160 players and they are out there every week practicing and playing games. The teams are all doing well this year and are hoping that their hard work will get them into the playoffs at the end of the season. The lodge has a schedule posted and you can also see the game times on the Elks Facebook page. Hope to see you out there supporting our Team. GO ELKS!!!!!!!!!!

Lincoln, NE #80



Larry Schwindt, ER, PSP, PER, PDDGER, new member Alan Beer, and Randy King, proposer, at Alan's initiation 9/20/23. GER Randy Shook cheering us on....




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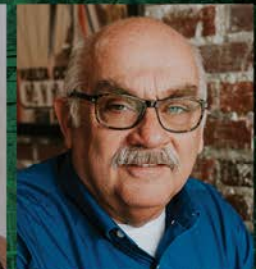
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Jacob Tessemeyer, Troop 78, with his American Flag, awarded at his Court of Honor Sept 24th, at St. John the Apostle Church in Lincoln. His project was repainting the pool house at Meadowlane Pool.



On November 1st, our District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, Kent Blum, from the Nebraska City Lodge will be making his visit to our Lodge. During his visit he will go over our financials, inspect our Lodge and make sure that we are conforming to the rules and regulations of Grand Lodge. This is an opportunity to have a fresh set of eyes to look at our operation and give us feedback about how we are doing as a Lodge. I encourage all members to come to the Lodge and meet DDGER Blum, enjoy a meal at 6:00, and attend the Lodge meeting at 7:00. Please RSVP to the Lodge if you will be attending the dinner.



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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!

October 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Closed	3 Pitch 3p	4 Closed Trustee 6p Lodge 7p	5 DOES 5:30	6	7 Oktoberfest Cocktails 5:30 Dinner 6:30 Less Talk, More Polka
8	9 Closed	10 Pitch 3p	11 Closed Corvette Club 5:30p	12 Does District Meeting	13 Does District Meeting	14 Does District Meeting
15	16 Closed	17 Pitch 3p Am.Legion 40/8 potluck	18 Closed House 6p Lodge 7p	19 Haunted Armory	20 Veteran Coffeehaus 10a Karaoke 6-9p Bass Club 7-8p	21
22	23 Closed LEL Charitable Fund 6p	24 Pitch 3p	25 Closed	26	27	28
29	30 Closed	31 Pitch 3p Vets Pantry 3p	1 Closed Trustee 6p Lodge 7p District Deputy Visit	2	3	4