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

Our second year for our Christmas Giving Project was even better than the first! Once again, our members, their spouses and friends responded in force to help the children in our community. I was overwhelmed by the number of people who volunteered to help with this project.

We compiled lists of families and items the kids wanted and/or needed for Christmas, then generated shopping lists for each family and scheduled a shopping night. On the shopping night we had 14 Elks and 15 non-Elks come to help. We passed out shopping lists and turned everyone loose. After three and a half hours of shopping, everything was loaded into vehicles and dropped off at my house. All of the items were then sorted into bags for each individual child and later taken to the Lodge to be wrapped. On wrapping night, we had 18 Elks and 26 non-Elks come to help, and also donated boxes, tape, wrapping paper, gift bags, tissue paper, bike bags, bows, and ribbon. In a little over three hours, gifts for 163 kids were wrapped, bagged, and ready for delivery. 15986

All totaled we were able to make Christmas brighter for 82 families (up from 59 families last year) with a combined 250 children, (up from 194 children last year). You may notice a difference between the number of children that we helped and the number of wrapped gifts for the kids. The difference is because one of the agencies we donated to, did not want their gifts wrapped.

This worthwhile and fulfilling endeavor was made possible by the time and energy supplied by the people who volunteered their time and talents to make this program such a success. All totaled there were 291 Elk Hours, 544 Elk miles, 235 non-Elk hours, 654 non-Elk miles.

I especially wish to thank the members Corvette Club who helped us with this project. They heard about our endeavor and wanted to volunteer by buying some of the gifts on our shopping lists, as well as helping wrap the gifts. Their generosity in purchasing some of the gifts allowed us to stretch our funds a little bit farther and provide more gifts for the kids, and it definitely shortened the time needed to wrap the gifts.

The generosity and willingness to help with this project reaffirms why the Elks are the foremost charitable organization in the country! ELKS CARE – ELKS SHARE!

Thank you from the bottom of my heart to all of you who took time out of your busy lives to help brighten the lives of so many families and children!

*Larry Schwindt, PDDGER Nebraska East District, PSP Nebraska Elks Association, P.E.R Elks Lodge #80*

**January 18th** is the date for the Ham 'n Beans Dinner!

Ham n Beans, coleslaw, cornbread, roasted veggies, and a



dessert. Raffle items are likely. \$14 a head. Start the New Year right, come enjoy fellowship, good food, and your fellow Elks at your Lodge! Happy hour 5:30, Dinner served 6:30... call for reservations! *Sponsored by E.R. Troy and the Knights.*

## Ham 'n Beans Dinner

Come be a part of our 9th annual Chili Cook-off! February 1st, bring your best chili and enter it in the competition! See who takes home the coveted Chili-Pepper Trophy for 2025.... Last years winner was Lynn Arms....Cocktails 5:30, chili 6:30 (Lodge will provide Chicken Noodle Soup for those who don't like chili).. Rumor has it there will be sweet rolls...Come decorate your table, bring your chili n' fixin's... this is always a good time with so many different chili's to try.... See you at the Lodge!





**Exalted Ruler Troy Pedersen**  
**Lincoln Lodge #80 2024-2025**

Good Day to All

It is almost here! The end of the year 2024! It will soon be a memory; end it on a great note! Make it something to celebrate.

In our year as an ELK, whether you are a recent member or a long term veteran, we congratulate you in your support of our Lodge. Celebrate with your friends and family on another year helping out the Lincoln community's youth and veterans. Thru your time, energy and monies you make such a difference. It would be hard to do alone. As Elks we help each other with our time, money and knowledge to get great endeavors off the ground, or keep a worthy one surviving thru out the years.

There is still time to invest in our Lodge. Dues will be due soon, mail them in as soon as you can to keep our Lodge #80 around Lincoln for another 136 years.

This year was a busy one with new Lodge Officer training in the spring in Kearney, and the State Elks convention. Flag Day at our Lodge held in June. Then off to the National convention in Austin Texas to greet the Grand Lodge ER Douglas Schiefer, and his wife Julia, from Ohio. Fall convention to help finalize new Officer training, and experience in the State side of Nebraska Elks. All that with Veterans activities and youth activities mixed in!

Our Lodge is busy with all kinds of activities going on, Scouts and Christmas giving and Karaoke monthly. There is something for everybody at our Lodge, invite a friend to attend a monthly dinner. Come out and enjoy an adult beverage of your choice at the Jolly Corks Pub. Make new friends, start off the New Year celebrating with fellow Elks.

The Fraternal year will be coming to a close in April. We will be taking Nominations for Citizen of the year and Elk of the year, so if you know somebody that should be nominated let me know, we will have a discussion. Always looking for some new officers; if you are interested in being an Officer contact me. Your Lodge will only be great with great leadership!

Take time to reflect on what you have in your life. Not going well?... make a change, try something different, take a chance. Life is full of surprises, you never know. It always seems to work out. Start off the New Year with change. (I don't like change but I can live with it.) That's what makes life exciting and worth living!

As always Keep the EOG handy, get active in our Lodge, and just have fun!

*E.R. Troy Pedersen, Lincoln Lodge #80*

## Secretary's Corner



We would like to update our records for current email addresses. To do that, if you have not had recent email correspondence with me, please use your main email address to send an email to [secretary@elks80.org](mailto:secretary@elks80.org). Please put your name in the subject and body of the email. This will enable me to make sure we have a useable email for each of our members who communicate via email. If you don't have an email – don't worry! We'll still be sending the newsletter via postal mail! Thanks so much for your assistance!

Our online calendar is on TeamUp. My signature line below will contain the address for that calendar going forward for easy reference!

Dues for the 2025/26 lodge year are \$109.50, and are due by March 31, 2025. Membership statements will arrive in your mailbox toward the end of January. You may mail a check to the lodge or pay cash at the bar. For those of you who like to pay online, there will be a new interface, which we believe will be easier to use than last year's interface. There is still a convenience fee for any electronic payment, whether done online or at the lodge. Among other donation options, you can now support our Veterans projects along with your dues payment.

I hope your New Year's resolutions included coming to the lodge more often! We have several activities upcoming – just check the calendar!

*Laurie Montag / [secretary@elks80.org](mailto:secretary@elks80.org) / 402.202.6673 by text or phone. TeamUp Calendar: <https://teamup.com/ks72770fc1e574f762>*

# Happy New Year!



## Does Dispatch

Greetings for the New Year! It's my hope the Holidays were special and you found time to spend with loved ones.

Lincoln Drove #4 continues to support local organizations with a special contribution to our local Veterans. Clothing, blankets and miscellaneous items were donated in the past couple of months. We look forward to providing more necessities as the New Year starts!

*Best to all in 2025! - President Vicki Logan*





**Christmas Potluck and Karaoke Nite**

### UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

**VETS' PANTRY** – help distribute food and hygiene products to veterans. Always the last Tuesday of the month at Victory Apartments near 70th/O. 3pm. Contact Chairperson Milt Schmidt, 402.489.7903.

**MONTHLY DINNERS** – Our dinners are a volunteer activity that serves the lodge. Have a favorite recipe you'd like others to share? Food preparation (an easily obtainable food handler's permit is required for preparation), serving, and cleaning up are all part of the fun. Time spent working together helps folks to meet new friends at the lodge. Call Chairperson Harry Montag, 402.990.7199.

**EAGLE SCOUTS** - Want to help award American Flags at Eagle Ceremonies? Like public speaking? Contact Randy King if you want to help with Eagle Flag ceremonies...402-450-0978



P.E.R. Jeff Sneller and Eagle Scout Alexander Wilke, Troop 32, at his Court of Honor at St. Peters Catholic Church

### Calvary Cemetery Station of the Cross Rehabilitation Project



Eagle Scout Cole Skaw, Troop 78, receiving his American Flag from Elks Lodge #80. Cole's project was reconstructing the Station of the Cross at Calvary Cemetery in Lincoln.

The Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs has announced

the availability of WWII recognition medals available to Nebraska's living WWII veterans. If you know of a living WWII veteran, please contact our member Tony Anguiano at [tjajbad@gmail.com](mailto:tjajbad@gmail.com), and he can give you further information. -- Laurie Montag, P.E.R., Lodge Secretary





## *Santa's Visit...*



District Deputy Harry Montag receiving a gift from E.R. Troy Pedersen during his official DD visit on December 4th. D.D. Harry stressed the need for increased membership in our Lodge, and encouraged participation in events and dinners, especially by our newer members.



Santa visited our Lodge Sunday December 15th, to the delight of Andrew Truka, who got to whisper his heart's desires into Santa's ear. Santa and Grandpa Scott also had a chat about Christmastime upcoming! Rumor has it that Santa gave Andrew a present and some treats during his visit! A good time and smiles were had by all...



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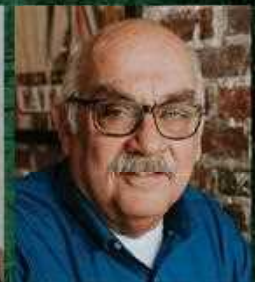
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## ...Our Members...

**Sickness & Distress:** Larry Bratt, PSP, PDDGER, PER, Larry Benac, Sonny Lane, PER.

**Deaths:** None

**Proposition for Membership:** None

**Members Reinstated:** None

**Members Awaiting Initiation:** Amber Hespen, Jay Thomas

**Members Initiated:** Tony Anguiano, Bruce Schwenke

**Hidden Number:** November's secret number was: 15995 – Rodney Williams

Look close in this issue, if you spot your membership number, you get a free meal at the next monthly dinner!

**Membership Drawing:** The attendance drawing for the December 4th meeting was for \$224. Katherine Bohling was the lucky name, but she was not in attendance...You have to come to meetings to win! Next meeting is Jan 2nd at 7 pm!

Raffle drawing for 12/4 was Sam Carter, he won \$15 and donated it to the Bartenders Christmas Gift fund.

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## Committee Reports

**Americanism:** No Report.

**Boy Scouts:** American Flags were awarded to over 15 Eagle Scouts in 2024

**Drug Awareness:** Harry reported on latest NSP successes in getting drugs off the streets and Interstate. Fentanyl is a continuing problem.

**Girl Scouts:** No Report.

**Hide Program:** Collection is ongoing, lets gather hides!

**Hoop Shoot:** No Report.

**House Committee:** Upcoming dinners discussed.

**ENF:** \$19.71 as of 12/20, which is beyond the G.E.R.'s ENF goal of \$5.00 per member for 2024-25. Consider joining the Fidelity Club.

**Membership:** 214 members, 2 candidates, 9 delinquent.

**Lincoln Youth Football:** No report.

**Scholarship:** In progress.

**Social Community Welfare:** No Report.

**Veterans Committee:** Pantry for Victory Apartments is ongoing, see Milt Schmidt for information.

**Lapsation Committee:** National to send out reminder postcards, then our members will follow up with phone calls or in-person visits.

*Christmas at the Lodge*



## **Elk-O-Gram Editor's Note**

**Articles Due:**

**Jan. 16th**

**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 December!

*Remember, many hands make light work...*



A big shout out to our members who volunteered to work at the lodge in December 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 this fall (with kudos to anyone we may inadvertently miss): Larry Bratt PER; Ken Cohn; Diane Dannelly and Dave Nelson; Jen Giese; Randy King; Harry Montag PER; Laurie Montag PER; Troy Pedersen ER/PER; Mary Ryan; Maureen Sadler; Milt and Linda Schmidt; Scott Schrage; Jody Schrage; Larry Schwindt PER; Bob Sindlar. Kudos also go to Dave Kirby and Pat McCashland for sponsoring the December dinner! We also want to thank all those who contributed raffle prizes!

### **2024-2025 Committees**

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

**Hoop Shoot:** Harry Montag, DD, PER  
**Investigation:** Larry Bratt PDDGER, PER, PSP  
**Lapsation:** Harry Montag, DD, PER  
**Membership:** Larry Schwindt PSP, PER, PDDGER  
**PER Association:** Larry Bratt, PER, PDDGER, PSP  
**Public Relations:** Harry Montag, DD, PER  
**Ritual:** Larry Bratt PER, PDDGER, PSP  
**Scholarship:** Christian Biester, Bryan Reimers  
**Standing Relief:** Laurie Montag PER  
**State Major Projects:** Larry Schwindt PSP, PER, PDDGER  
**Teen of the Year:** Mary Ryan  
**Veterans:** Milt Schmidt  
**Youth Activities:** Laurie Montag PER  
**Youth Football:** Scott Schrage

## **Notes from the Trustees**

The Trustee's hope that everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



We went over the monthly report and all bills are paid; we will need to watch spending going into the next 3 months.

We talked about the upcoming budget and what items may need to be addressed in the next year.

All budgets will need to be turned into a Trustee no later than January 29th, 2025.

Support the Lodge by attending Lodge dinners and events!

*The Trustees - Scott, Harry, Jen, Milt, and Ken*

### **Delinquent Members... Please get your dues in ASAP**

|                   |                |
|-------------------|----------------|
| Jason Jirsa       | Samuel Segrist |
| Thomas Kent       | Neil Stuthmann |
| Donald McGinnis   | Karen Thuman   |
| Frederick Rickers |                |



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|---------------------|---------------------|
| 01 - Thomas Lynch   | 19 - Terry Edwards  |
| 02 - Radley Breuer  | Chelsea Truka       |
| 06 - Roger White    | 20 - Robert Taylor  |
| 08 - Kevin Anderson | 21 - James Grey     |
| Janis Ireland       | 25 - Matthew Brophy |
| Roxanne Thomas      | John Hansen         |
| 09 - Jason Brooks   | 26 - Larry Benac    |
| 12 - Linda Rienks   | 29 - Andy Jensen    |
| Carol Snyder        | 31 - Glen Riensche  |



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### Karaoke at the Lodge

Karaoke will be January 17th, 6ish to 9ish at the Jolly Corks Pub. Come brave the cold, bring your friends, bring munchies to share, enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship, and enjoy some adult beverages. - Ken "Mr. C" Cohn....



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|                               |                          |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Exalted Ruler.....</b>     | Troy Pedersen            |
| <b>Leading Knight.....</b>    | Randy King               |
| <b>Loyal Knight.....</b>      | Rev. Dr. William Jackson |
| <b>Lecturing Knight.....</b>  | Bryan Leavitt            |
| <b>Esquire.....</b>           | Heather Poysa            |
| <b>Inner Guard.....</b>       | Maureen Sadler           |
| <b>Tiler.....</b>             | Mary Ryan                |
| <b>Secretary.....</b>         | Laurie Montag PER        |
| <b>Treasurer.....</b>         | Jody Schrage             |
| <b>Chaplain.....</b>          | Dave Shoff               |
| <b>Trustee 1 Year.....</b>    | Milt Schmidt             |
| <b>Trustee 2 Year.....</b>    | Jen Giese                |
| <b>Trustee 3 Year.....</b>    | Harry Montag, PER        |
| <b>Trustee 4 Year.....</b>    | Scott Schrage            |
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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!

# January 2025

| SUN | MON                                         | TUE                                                                   | WED                                                                                             | THU           | FRI                                                      | SAT                                                      |
|-----|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 29  | 30 Closed                                   | 31<br>Pitch 3p                                                        | 1 Closed<br> | 2<br>Lodge 7p | 3                                                        | 4                                                        |
| 5   | 6 Closed                                    | 7<br>Pitch 3p                                                         | 8 Closed<br>Room rented                                                                         | 9             | 10<br>Room rented                                        | 11                                                       |
| 12  | 13 Closed<br>Trustees Meeting 6p            | 14<br>Pitch 3p<br>Burger Nite 6p<br>Am. Legion 7p<br>Am Legion Aux 7p | 15 Closed<br>House Committee 6p<br>Lodge 7p                                                     | 16            | 17<br>Veterans Coffee-<br>haus 10am Auld<br>Karaoke 6-9p | 18 Ham n<br>Beans Dinner<br>Social 5:30p<br>Dinner 6:30p |
| 19  | 20 Closed                                   | 21<br>Pitch 3p<br>Legion potluck 7p                                   | 22 Closed                                                                                       | 23            | 24                                                       | 25                                                       |
| 26  | 27 Closed<br>LEL Charitable<br>Fund Inc. 7p | 28<br>Pitch 3p<br>Veterans Pantry 3p<br>Does 6p                       | 29 Closed                                                                                       | 30            | 31                                                       | 1 Chili<br>Cookoff<br>Cocktails 5:30p,<br>Chili 6:30     |