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

February 1st is the date for the Annual Chili Cookoff! Bring your best chili and enter it in the competition! See who takes home the coveted Chili-Pepper Trophy for 2025! Last years winner were Jim & Bev Erickson...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!



Valentine's Dinner

Saturday, February 8th
featuring Burt and Scott

Iowa smoked pork chops, Baked Potato,
Salad, Broccoli, Dinner Roll,
Sweetheart Brownie

Cocktails: 5.30p Dinner 6.30p
RSVP by the 6th - Tickets: \$14



St. Patrick's Day Dinner Celebration

Saturday, March 15th Cocktails 5:30, Dinner 6:30

Call the Lodge with your reservations! Traditional corned beef, tender cooked buttered cabbage, new potatoes cooked in butter and parsley, finger carrots, rye bread with real Irish butter, and dessert. Need RSVP by March 13.

\$14.00 per person. Sponsored by The Lodge Leprechauns



DID SOMEONE SAY



FISH FRY?

Fried Pollock Homemade Baked Beans , Coleslaw with Pickle Spears, Rye Bread

Homemade Brownies and Ice-Cream for dessert

April 12th, 2025 - Cocktails 5.30p Dinner 6.30p - \$14 /person
(please RSVP by Thurs Apr 10! we can seat 100)

Sponsored by friends of the Jolly Cork.

First Responders Dinner coming up in May - Watch your Elk-O-Gram for more information.



Exalted Ruler Troy Pedersen
Lincoln Lodge #80 2024-2025

Greetings all

The 2nd month of the new year is already here, with Valentine's Day on the horizon. Winter weather still around, for how long no one is sure, but it will stay for awhile, leave, and come back with a vengeance. It is nice to have some warm weather only to be taken away next day. What a dilemma; spring still some time away but gets closer every day. It is the 4 season way of life; spring will tease you, summer will cook you, fall will cool you back down, then winter for the real freeze.

Take advantage of your life situation. Make the best of it, enjoy the time we have. Seems like we have all the time in the world. Life goes on, get in it. Enjoy a good movie, seasonal sports, that special TV show you been waiting to watch on a streaming service. Take 15746 that special person out for dinner, enjoy each others company. Get a pet before the winter blues really kick in. Enjoy the Lodge, come down for dinner or have a beverage to celebrate your accomplishments. The fraternal year is starting to come to a close in March where you will have a new fraternal year starting in April. Start to accomplish things you couldn't do this fraternal year. Kearney will be hosting a new officer training where you can meet old friends and start new friendships in Elkdom. Grow as a person and as an Elk, see what other Lodges are doing to attract new members. Remember that it starts with you. Be the best you can be and have a Great Valentines Day. So as always get active, keep the EOG handy, enjoy some new friends and just have Fun.

E.R. Troy Pedersen, Lincoln Lodge #80

Secretary's Corner

Happy Valentine's Day! Be good to your sweetheart (or good friends) - join us at our February 8 dinner – it promises to be delicious!

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. 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!

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 or early February. 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.

Laurie Montag / secretary@elks80.org / 402.202.6673 by text or phone. TeamUp Calendar: <https://teamup.com/ks72770fc1e574f762>



Does Dispatch



In the month of February, the Benevolent Patriotic Order of DOES

across the country will celebrate Founder's Day. The Order was founded over 100 years ago, on February 21, 1921.

Lincoln Drove #4 traditionally celebrates with a potluck dinner which is planned for our regular meeting on the 25th. In addition to that celebration, the Drove continues to work on the upcoming Grand Lodge Convention which will be held right here in Lincoln in June.

We look forward to co-hosting this annual event and gathering with many good friends and making new ones.

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

New Elks Amber Henson and Jay Thomas
(sponsored by Roxy Thomas) with E.R. Troy Pedersen



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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.

SCHOLARSHIP REVIEW - Help review scholarship applications and have a hand in deciding which worthy students will receive scholarships! Sunday, February 9 at 12:00. See Laurie for more details.



*Karaoke Fun
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Sympathies to...

To the friends and family of Larry Benac, and to the friends and family of Virginia Dietrich, widow of PER Bud Dietrich.



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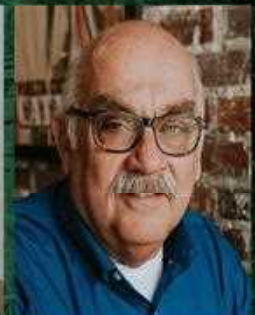
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...Our Members...

Sickness & Distress: Larry Bratt, PSP, PDDGER, PER, recovering, Sonny Lane, PER, recovering, Harry Montag, PER, recovering.

Deaths: Larry Benac

Proposition for Membership: None

Members Reinstated: None

Members Awaiting Initiation: None

Members Initiated: Amber Hespen, Jay Thomas

Hidden Number: December's secret number was: 15986 – Don Scheinost

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 January 2nd meeting was for \$234 Diane Dannelly was the lucky name, but she was not in attendance...Jan 15th drawing was Chad Weimhoff, \$245, but he was not there either....You have to come to meetings to win! Next meeting is Feb 5th at 7 pm!

Raffle drawing for 1/2 was Rev. Dr. William Jackson, he won \$12 and donated it to the kitchen fund. Raffle drawing for 1/15 was Heather Poysa, she won \$12 and donated it to the upcoming dinner..

Committee Reports

Americanism: No Report.

Boy Scouts: Eagle Ceremony January 21, Committee Member Dave Shoff awarded the flag.

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: No Report

Hoop Shoot: State Shoot Feb 22 in York 10 am. Banquet after at York Elks Lodge.

House Committee: Upcoming dinners discussed.

ENF: \$22.22 as of 1/15, which is beyond the G.E.R.'s ENF goal of \$5.00 per member for 2024-25. Consider joining the Fidelity Club.

Membership: 219 members, 8 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.

We Can Do This Collection Barrel

Please remember to bring an easy-to-open/eat food item for the Collection Barrel when you come to the Lodge!

Jolly Corks Pub is closed Sunday, Monday, Wednesday.

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Karaoke at the Lodge

It was another great night of karaoke with four new winners walking away with some great gift cards as prizes. Everyone had a fun time singing and socializing, and are already looking forward to the next show in February with the return of music BINGO featuring a Valentine's Day theme! Please join us every 3rd Friday of the month for music, friends, drinks, food (please bring something to share), fun and prizes! The next show will be February 21st around 6ish PM. Thanks to all who make this such a fun event. *Sincerely, "Mr. C"*



Elks Lodge #80 Officers 2024-2025

Exalted Ruler.....	Troy Pedersen
Leading Knight.....	Randy King
Loyal Knight.....	Rev. Dr. William Jackson
Lecturing Knight.....	Bryan Leavitt
Esquire.....	Heather Poysa
Inner Guard.....	Maureen Sadler
Tiler.....	Mary Ryan
Secretary.....	Laurie Montag PER
Treasurer.....	Jody Schrage
Chaplain.....	Dave Shoff
Trustee 1 Year.....	Milt Schmidt
Trustee 2 Year.....	Jen Giese
Trustee 3 Year.....	Harry Montag, PER
Trustee 4 Year.....	Scott Schrage
Trustee 5 Year.....	Ken Cohn
Presiding Justice.....	Amy Jacobsen, PER
Organist	Wauneta Peterson

By the time you read this newsletter, the deadline for our scholarship applications will be over, and we will be reviewing them. Our lodge members can look at, and score the applications on Sunday, February 16, 2025. We invite you to join us at the lodge at noon to see the great things our young people are doing as they prepare for further education. Snacks and drinks will be provided - *Christian Biester*

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Elk-O-Gram Editor's Note

Articles Due:

Feb. 20th

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 January!

Remember, many hands make light work...



A big shout out to our members who volunteered to work at the lodge in January 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 January (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 The Knights – William Jackson, Randy King, and Bryan Leavitt – and ER Troy Pedersen for sponsoring the January 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
Scouting Awards: 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 had a meeting with Edwards Jones about the Lodges investments, from this meeting we know that our investments are safe and sound.

We are still gathering committee's budgets, if you have not turned your budget in you still have 'til February 1st to get them to one of the Trustee's. We will be working on it in February and plan to hand them out at the first meeting in March.

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

Delinquent Members... Please get your dues in ASAP

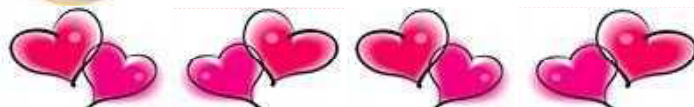
Charles Aman	Frederick Rickers
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Donald McGinnis	Karen Thuman



01 - Kathleen Holloway	David Roger
Todd Speidell	08 - Frank Bruyette
02 - Tom Kent	14 - Lyle Paul
Phil Picard	16 - Dave Shoff
04 - Sam Carter	18 - Samuel Segrist
06 - Ron Hoffman	27 - Vance West



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)





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Lodge 80 '25 goal: \$5.00 per person. As of 1/15/25 - \$22.22

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

February 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26	27 Closed LEL Charitable Fund Inc. 7p	28 Pitch 3p Veterans Pantry 3p Does 6p	29 Closed	30	31	1 Chili Cook Off Social 5:30p, Chili 6:30p
2	3 Closed	4 Pitch 3p	5 Closed Lodge 7p	6	7	8 Valentine's Dinner Social 5:30p, Dinner 6:30p
9	10 Closed	11 Pitch 3p Burger Nite 6p Am. Legion 7p Am Legion Aux 7p	12 Closed Closed Corvette Club 6p	13	14 	15 NE Elks Practice Under Pressure Grand Island 10a
16 Scholarship Review Noon	17 Closed	18 Pitch 3p Legion potluck 7p	19 Closed House 6p Lodge 7p	20	21 Veterans Coffeehaus 10am Auld Karaoke 6-9p	22 Trustees Budget 9a State Hoop Shoot York
23	24 Closed	25 Pitch 3p Veterans Pantry 3p Does 6p	26 Closed	27	28	1 Officer Training Kearney