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

Installation of Officers for Fraternal Year 2025-26 Elks Lodge #80



Mark your Calendar for Saturday, April 6th, 2025! 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 Brownie Dessert.

Social hour 5:30, Dinner 6:30

Cost will be \$14.00 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 12th, 2025

Mark your Calendar for **Saturday, May 3rd, 2025!** 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, Au Gratin Potatoes, Veggies, etc., and dessert.

Cost will be \$14.00 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 4 , 2024



Social hour 5:30, Dinner 6:30

Dinner sponsored by the Gustin and Norris families in memory of Ray Norris

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

Greetings to all, and new members of Lincoln Lodge #80.

It has been a great adventure over the last Fraternal year. A lot of new members being brought in to the Lodge. Thanks

to our great proposers that took the time to seek out and talk to new prospective members. For me, it is nice to know that you have shared experience with some one that you work with or interact with outside of the Lodge that you can bring in and help with volunteering with Lodge activities. Helping with the Vets and recognizing the younger generation is what it makes us great Americans, who love the flag and American principles for all peoples around the globe.

Thank you all who volunteered over the last year and officers and the bartenders who make Lincoln Lodge inviting to the members. To come over and have a refreshment and a Great Dinner. I want to recognize the new incoming officers for the new upcoming fraternal year. There are lot of chances to be involved and get active just ask one of your officers or trustees, and they can direct you to that Chairperson on what you can do...just ask.

In Nebraska, at the time of my writing, there is a snowstorm going on. It was 80 degrees yesterday, but now a full blizzard. We had to postpone our regular Lodge meeting to Thursday. Lincoln should get 2 to 7 inches of snow. But tomorrow it will probably all melt like it wasn't there. There is no State like Nebraska! When I was younger I moved to California for awhile stayed with some family in San Jose area for about a year. But moved back and moved to Lincoln where I have been ever since. We can complain about Nebraska, but people keep coming back. It really is a nice place to have a family and job where you can grow and prosper. Living expenses are low compared to some larger states. So become a member and explore our country, visit other Elks Lodges and see how they do things. There a lot of great Lodges in Nebraska, check them out! As always, have a great day, stay active, keep the EOG handy and just have fun!

E.R. Troy Pedersen, Lincoln Lodge #80

Secretary's Corner

As we begin a new lodge year, I would like to ask your assistance in maintaining our address database, particularly for newsletter dissemination. We use a bulk mail permit to send the Elk-O-Gram. Because we receive a reduced postage rate, the Post Office will not forward your newsletter, and it automatically generates a notice of mail stoppage or no forwarding address to us at a cost of nearly a dollar each. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE – if you are leaving for an extended period of time, please let us know before you go. We can send to an alternate address; we can stop sending until you notify us of your return; or we can put you on our email list for a bright, shiny color PDF of the Elk-O-Gram (we can even send this along with the mailed version if you'd like!). Every dollar saved is a good thing!

Remember – April 1 is the beginning of our Lodge year. Avoid becoming a delinquent member by paying your dues BEFORE MAY 1! A big thank-you to those who have already remitted!

If you wish to pay your dues by credit or debit card, please use the secure website provided by Grand Lodge. This website is compliant with new federal regulations that require a higher level of security when transmitting credit card information. A bright yellow button now appears on our home page at elks80.org – it's on the left-screen menu and is labeled PAY DUES ON-LINE and it will take you to the dues processing page. You'll need to enter your membership number with a leading zero – then the rest is a snap!

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. Team Up Calendar: <https://teamup.com/ks72770fc1e574f762>

**Does Dispatch**

The Drove will be focusing in the next few months on registering for Grand Lodge and handling various assignments. We've enlisted the help of fellow District and State Drove who will be providing various supplies that are needed. With that support, we will be well prepared for a successful convention. One of the events will be an evening meal at Lincoln's own Robber's Cave which many are looking forward to. - President Vicki Logan

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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 to share with others? 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 Harry Montag, 402.990.7199.

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Eagle Scout Andrew Wood, Troop 8, receiving his American Flag at his Court of Honor March 3, 2025 at Vine Congregational Church.



Eagle Scout Committee Member Dave Shoff with Drew Payne, Troop 49, receiving his American Flag at his Court of Honor. Drew's project was renovating two Stations of the Cross at Calvary Catholic Cemetery.

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St. Patrick's Day Celebrations at Elks #80





Teen of the Year recognition was held at the Lodge on Saturday, March 22, 2025. Forty-eight 8th grade students from middle schools throughout Lodge 80's jurisdiction were recognized as outstanding students, excelling not only academically, but as caring young leaders. Mary Ryan, Chairperson of the Committee, speaking to the crowd.



Connie Moore - Citizen of the Year

Connie has remained involved with the Lodge in a big way since her partner Rich Todd passed away 6 years ago. Connie seeks to support the Lodge wherever she can - she attends every public event the Lodge holds, such as our Memorial Service, Installation, and Flag Day. She spent hours helping with our Christmas Giving Program, including shopping, organizing, and wrapping. She attends every Lodge dinner and helps not only sell tickets and serve dinner, but also stays to help clean up. She is always pleasant and welcoming. A better supporter of the Elks and what we do for the community would be hard to come by. Thanks and congratulations to Connie Moore!

Larry Schwindt received the Elk of the Year Award at the Installation ceremonies of the newly elected Officers of Elks Lodge #80 for the fraternal year 2025-26. Larry is a Past State President, Past Exalted Ruler, and Past District Deputy to the Grand Exalted Ruler. He has also Chaired the Christmas Giving project for many years. Larry has held most of the positions in the Lodge in his 29 years as a member. Larry is active with the Elks Bowling League, the longest running league in Lincoln. Larry often helps with dinners and in the kitchen, and is active with the Corvette Club which meets at Lodge #80.



:Larry Schwindt - Elk of the Year

...Our Members...

Sickness & Distress: Harry Montag, PER, recovering. Trustee Ken Cohn, recovering. Marge Darrah - hospice. Treasurer Jody Schrage, recovering.

Deaths: None

Proposition for Membership: James Nordman, proposed by Tammy Nordman. Dave Meduna, proposed by Laurie Montag.

Members Reinstated: None

Awaiting Initiation: Roger Clinnard, Karen McCain, Todd McCain, Danny Jackson

Members Initiated: Wendy Essink

Hidden Number: February's secret number was: 15725 – Mike Jurado - 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 March 5th meeting was for \$250 - Katie Bohling was the lucky name, but she was not in attendance...March 20th drawing was P.E.R. Jeff Sneller, \$250, but he was not there either....You have to come to meetings to win!

Next meeting is Apr 2nd at 7 pm! Raffle drawing for 3/5 was Troy Pedersen, he won \$9, donated it to the kitchen fund. Raffle drawing for 3/20 was Rev. Dr. William Jackson, he won \$11 and donated it to the kitchen fund..

Committee Reports

Americanism: No Report.

Boy Scouts: One Eagle ceremony upcoming, date TBD.

Drug Awareness: No report.

Girl Scouts: No report.

Hide Program: No report.

Hoop Shoot: No report.

House Committee: Upcoming dinners discussed., Bankshot payouts reviewed.

ENF: \$25.20 as of 2/20, which is beyond the G.E.R.'s ENF goal of \$5.00 per member for 2024-25. Consider joining the Fidelity Club.

Membership: 215 members, 5 candidates, 2 delinquent.

Lincoln Youth Football: No report.

Scholarship: Judging wrapped up.

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.

Karaoke Fun!



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.

Karaoke at the Lodge

Join us Friday April 18th at the Jolly Corks

Lounge at Lodge #80 for Karaoke!

Bring munchies to share, bring your friends, come get your song on! We had 17 different singers last month, which is a new record for us. This is a family friendly event! If you've ever wanted to try Karaoke, this is the place to do it.

Big Thanks to our K.J. Ken for setting up and hosting, he does this all volunteer, so be sure to Thank him when you see him!



Elks Lodge #80 Officers 2025-2026

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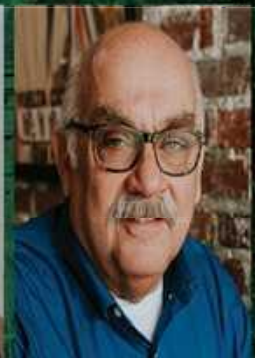
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Articles Due:

Apr. 17th

Deadline is ALWAYS midnight of the Thursday after last meeting of the month!

Articles can be sent to Maureen Sadler at:

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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 15790 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 February!

Remember, many hands make light work...



A big shout out to our members who volunteered to work at the lodge in March 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 March (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; Maureen Sadler; Milt and Linda Schmidt; Scott Schrage; Jody Schrage; Larry Schwindt PER; Bob Sindlar. Kudos go to Mitch Becker for sponsoring the March St. Paddy's dinner!

2025-2026 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
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 members of the Lodge passed the 2025-2026 annual budget at the March 20th meeting. Trustee's will be meeting later this month.



Remember to support the lodge by attending monthly events like our dinners, beer & burger, and Karaoke.

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

In Sympathy

Lodge #80 extends its condolences to Elaine Hansen and family in the loss of our member Tom Hansen; the family and friends of our deceased member Art Jones; Tami Nordman and family in the loss of her mother; Jen Giese and family in the loss of her aunt.

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 13 - Harry Montag
 15 - Amy Jacobsen
 16 - Thomas Roper
 21 - Justin White

22 - Dennis Smith
 24 - Wesley Durst
 25 - Kevin Sadler
 27 - Larry Klein
 28 - Angela Ehlers
 29 - Walter Dondlinger



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Lodge 80 '25 goal: \$5.00 per person. As of 3/20/25 - \$25.20

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

April 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	31 Closed	1 Pitch 3p	2 Closed Lodge 7p	3	4	5
6 Lodge rented	7 Closed	8 Pitch 3p Burger Nite 6p Am. Legion 7p Am Legion Aux 7p	9 Closed Closed Corvette Club 6p	10	11	12 Fish Fry Social 5:30p Dinner 6:30 p
13	14 Closed	15 Pitch 3p	16 Closed House 6p Lodge 7p	17	18 Veterans Coffeehaus 10am Auld Karaoke 6-9p	19
20 	21 Closed	22 Pitch 3p Does 6p	23 Closed	24	25	26
27	28 Closed LEL Charitable Fund Inc. 6p	29 Pitch 3p Veterans Pantry 3p	30 Closed	1	2	3 First Responders Recognition Dinner