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

First Responders Dinner

Please join us Saturday May 3rd, as we honor our First Responders.

An individual from Lincoln Police, Lancaster County Sherriff's Office, Lincoln Fire and Rescue, Nebraska State Patrol, and the University of Nebraska Police will be recognized and honored for performance above and beyond the call of duty.

This is a wonderful way to say "Thank You!" for the Selfless service these First Responders provide for all of us!

Social hour 5:30, Dinner served 6:30 \$14 each.



Mark your Calendar for **Saturday, June 7th, 2025!** Elks Lodge #80 will be serving up a great Meatloaf dinner!

Meatloaf, green beans, mashed potatoes, dessert!

Cost will be \$14.00 per person. This is a great dinner to celebrate the arrival of summer!

Come and share a great dinner and

Saturday June 7 , 2025



celebrate with your fellow Elks!.

Social hour 5:30, Dinner 6:30



Summer Cookout!

Mark your calendars for July 19th as Lodge #80 celebrates summer with a BBQ cookout. Hamburgers, Brats, Corn on the cob, Peach Cobbler

Bring your friends and family, celebrate with your fellow Elks

As we enjoy the heat of summer, camaraderie, and good fellowship.

\$14 a person, social 5:30, dinner served 6:30, and a raffle as well!

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

May is the month to recognize first responders (The people who rush in while others rush out...). Lincoln Lodge #80 will be celebrating First Responders with a dinner on Saturday, May 3. There will be honorees from the Nebraska State Patrol, Lancaster Sheriffs Office, Lincoln Police Department, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Police, and Lincoln Fire and Rescue. Come out and help us celebrate their sacrifice and dedication to keep us safe from all that life throws at us. The dinner will have stories about the honored recipients experiences in the job they perform on a daily basis.

At the end of April, I will have returned from the Elk's State Spring convention in Kearney, with some new information about Elksdom to help our Lodge be more prosperous and grow, with new and old members alike, to offer more amenities, but it all takes money and people to help volunteer. Remember we are all looking for new members but we need our proposers to help guide the new members in what they can do to help out with items around the Lodge. To help them get in contact with 15995 fellow members in the know.

It takes all of us to make our Lodge stand out in Lincoln, where there is a lot of opportunities to volunteer and donate money at places other than our Lodge. I would like to thank all the proposers that brought in NEW members over this last year and we are off to another Great year bringing in new members. So as always Keep the EOG handy, get active and just have fun.

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

Secretary's Corner

In the last newsletters, I boosted the Revopay website for paying dues. I also mentioned that Grand Lodge was in the process of changing payment providers. Well, folks, that has not gone at all smoothly. The new website is still not up and working, and Revopay is gone. Fortunately, for those of you who would like to take care of your dues with a credit or debit card, our lodge has a solution – we can use the same processor we use at the Corker. Please get hold of me if you would like to do this, and we can work through it together.

As I've said before, our lodge year starts April 1 every year. If you are in the habit of paying your dues after April 1, you are in effect delinquent. At the lodge, we give you until May 1 to get those dues paid, but after that, we reserve the right to restrict access to lodge activities until your dues are paid. As of this writing, 51 of our members are delinquent. Dues are the lifeblood of the lodge. In fact, we have already paid the Grand Lodge per capita for every one of our members. Please get your dues paid!

We do have one reason for rejoicing – for the first time in very many years, perhaps even EVER, Lodge 80 ended the year with NO DELINQUENT MEMBERS, meaning we did not terminate any members for non-payment! That is very cool! Thank you all for helping to make that happen!

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

**Does Dispatch**

DOES Fundraising continues with a return to the local

Super Saver stores at lunch time to sell hot dogs, chips and a drink for a nominal cost. All proceeds go directly to the DOES. We'll have more information next month as to which locations we'll be serving. This month, we will also continue the tradition of decorating the graves of past DOES members in the area cemeteries. And of course, work continues as BPO DOES Annual convention gets nearer. Best to all - President Vicki Logan

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UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

WE CAN DO THIS – help serve lunch at F Street Center on May 31. – contact Chairperson Mary Ryan, 402.499.6881.

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.



We Can Do This Collection Barrel

Please remember to bring an easy-to-prepare food item for the RED WE CAN DO THIS BARREL when you come to the lodge!

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Lincoln NE #80



ELKDOM'S HEART FOR AMERICA

New members Karen and Todd McClain, James Nordman, Roger Cline, Dr. David Meduna, with their sponsors Harry Montag District Deputy Nebraska East, Lecturing Knight Tami Nordman, P.E.R. Laurie Montag, Secretary, and Troy Pedersen, E.R.

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Give to Lincoln Day 2025

Event Overview

Give to Lincoln Day is an event that encourages people to contribute to Lincoln and Lancaster County nonprofit organizations, and is coordinated by Lincoln Community Foundation, in partnership with local nonprofit organizations. Every donation made through Give to Lincoln Day makes a bigger impact, because nonprofits also get a proportional share of \$650,000 in matching funds.

Making a donation

Online donations (the preferred method) can be made with a credit/debit card at www.givetolincoln.com from May 1 starting at 12:00am, through May 29 at 11:59pm.

Offline donations (checks) must be written to "Lincoln Community Foundation" with the nonprofit name specified in the memo line, and mailed to the address below (postmarked by May 22):

Lincoln Community Foundation
215 Centennial Mall South, Suite 100
Lincoln NE 68508

Is there a minimum / maximum donation?

The minimum donation on www.givetolincoln.com is \$10. There is no maximum donation limit. Household gifts exceeding \$10,000 per nonprofit will be eligible for match fund dollars up to \$10,000, and any amount in excess of \$10,000 will not be eligible for the match fund.

What does all of this mean for the Lincoln Elks Lodge?

The Elks scholarship fund is eligible to receive funds through the Give to Lincoln Day event. This is the eighth year we have participated in this event, and have increased our base scholarship fund each year. If you have ever wanted to give to the scholarship fund, now is the time. All contributions are tax deductible and your donation will be increased by the matching funds through the Lincoln Community Foundation. The Lincoln Elks Lodge makes a huge impact on the community with the scholarships that we give. We should be very proud that we can have an impact on so many young adults in our area. Any contributions that you make to the scholarship fund will help keep this program strong, and will ensure the viability of this program well into the

future. To contribute, go to www.givetolincoln.com and search for Lincoln Elks Lodge #80 Charitable Fund Inc. There will also be a link on our web site elks80.org under the "Announcements" heading, which will direct you to the Give to Lincoln Day donation page.

Larry Schwindt, PDDGER Nebraska East District, PSP Nebraska Elks Association.

Fish Fry Fun at the Lodge!



SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Scholarship</u>
William Carlson	Jack Milton Jensen
Quincy Cotter	Jack Morgan Jensen
Jenna Schweitzer	Grace Metcalf
Patrick Gutierrez	B.P.O. Does Drove #4
Mikayla Brenner	Past Grand Exalted Ruler Vincent R. Collura
Karlee Kuklis	Rob Armagost/Maude Hollingshead Memorial
Yvette Nelson	Charles and Glenna Roper
Emily Moyer	B.P.O.E. Lodge 80 Bowlers
Maya Hubach	James Gray/P.E.R. Dan Holmstedt
Sarah Lange	Vi Berst/Sam Carter/James Rakers
Bode Thompson	Adam "Curly" & Leata Schwindt
Izabelle Yeackley	Vic Meisinger Vocational
Hannah Wittstruck	Richard "Dick" Blomgren/Glen Tyrrel Memorial
Garret Ostrander	Agricultural Scholarship
Bryn Christensen	Agricultural Scholarship
Eden Sanchez	Graydon Rathbun
Ethan Placzek	Damon London/Harlan "Lee" Erisman
Ava Kennedy	Robert W. Sindlar Memorial
Evelyn Kusek	Samuel R. & Virginia E. Carter
Ashley Gruber	Robert & Edith Miles/Georgia Kalmburnn
Nolan Severance	Past Grand Exalted Ruler George Klein
Isabelle Petty	Wauneta V. Peterson
Noah Lang	Durst Family Teaching

Legacy Scholarships:

Brooke Wilson	Makenna Marshall
Ava Kennedy	Alana Northouse
Louisa Pedersen	Lillian Fiedler



The Lodge had it's annual Fish Fry April 12th. We had a great turnout, we were able to serve over 100 hungry people. Then after dinner there was the raffle and we also auctioned off 5 outstanding gifts. Hats off to all the people that worked to make it a total success. The Lodge also wants to thank the "Friends of the Jolly Corker" for sponsoring this event. We look forward to doing this again next year.

...Our Members...

Sickness & Distress: None

Deaths: Fran Brannen, 86, 5 year member. Dave Reiber, 82, 29 year member

Proposition for Membership: None

Members Reinstated: None

Awaiting Initiation: None

Members Initiated: Roger Clinnard, Karen and Todd McClain, Dr. Dave Meduna, and James Nordman.

Hidden Number: February's secret number was: 15790 – Mark Long. 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 April 2nd meeting was for \$250 - Harry Lippert was the lucky name, but he was not in attendance...April 16th drawing was Elliot Schrage for \$250, but he was not there either....You have to come to meetings to win! Next meeting is May 7th at 7 pm!

Raffle drawing for 4/2 was Troy Pedersen, he won \$14, donated it to "fix the cooler" fund. Raffle drawing for 4/16 was P.E.R. Laurie Montag, Secretary, she won \$20!



Blast from the Past

This was taken at the downtown Elks Lodge in about 1967...



Who is the gal at the head of the table above, and on the far left dressed in red in the picture on the right?

Give you a hint....
She's our Organist!

Karaoke at the Lodge

at the Jolly Corks Lounge at Lodge #80 for Karaoke!

Bring munchies to share, bring your friends, come get your song on! 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!

Join us
Friday
May 16th



Committee Reports

Americanism: No Report.

Boy Scouts: 5 Eagle ceremonies upcoming.

Drug Awareness: No report.

Girl Scouts: Girl Scout Awards in June. Watch Elk O Gram for further information.

Hide Program: No report.

Hoop Shoot: No report.

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

ENF: \$26.34 as of 4/16, which is beyond the G.E.R.'s ENF goal of \$5.00 per member for 2024-25. We were third in the State. Consider joining the Fidelity Club.

Membership: 221 members, 0 candidates, 51 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.

Mary Ryan, Randy King, Todd and Karen McClain (who were initiated April 16th) volunteering down at the F St. Rec center Saturday 3-29, serving lunch to the kids.



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.

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.....	Phil Pickard
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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Elk-O-Gram Editor's Note

**Articles Due:
May 22nd**

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 April!
Remember, many hands make light work...

Notes from the Trustees

At the March 31st Trustee Meeting all were in attendance, and we went over the reports and the February bills for the Lodge and all was looking good.



Harry reported on what the State went over for the Trustee's at the Leadership Training and also handed out flash drives which covered the meeting information.

The Trustees are in the process of getting quotes for the repair of the fan motor, which is on the walk in cooler. Need to get repaired as soon as possible.

It was brought to our attention that we may need to strengthen our Lodge security. We are looking at putting up cameras in the entry ways. Will need to look at what is available and what would work for the Lodge.

Remember to support the Lodge by attending events that the Lodge is putting on.

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

In Sympathy

Lodge #80 extends its condolences to the family of our member Fran Brannen, and to Sandra Rieber and family in the loss of our member Dave Rieber.

A big shout out to our members who volunteered o work at the lodge in April 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. Kudos go to the Friends of the Corker for sponsoring, cooking and serving the yummy Fish Fry dinner, and to those who donated raffle and auction items – including those mentioned above, plus Greg, Mike, Stacy, Colin, Maggie, Landon, Elliott, Chelsea, La Donna, Sharon, Vicki, Connie, Ken, Russ P, Mitch, Caleb, Benjamin, and MVS students Robby and Hon!

2025-2026 Committees

Accident: Scott Schrage	Hoop Shoot: Harry Montag, DD, PER
Activities: Harry Montag, DD, PER	Investigation: Larry Bratt PDDGER, PER, PSP
Americanism: Vacant	Lapsation: Harry Montag, DD, PER
Auditing: Vacant	Membership: Larry Schwindt PSP, PER, PDDGER
Benevolence: Larry Bratt PER, PDDGER, PSP	PER Association: Larry Bratt, PER, PDDGER, PSP
By-Laws Changes: Vacant	Public Relations: Harry Montag, DD, PER
Holiday Giving: Larry Schwindt, PER, PSP, PDDGER	Ritual: Larry Bratt PER, PDDGER, PSP
Community Activities: Larry Bratt PER, PSP, PDDGER	Scholarship: Christian Biester, Bryan Reimers
Drug Awareness: Harry Montag, DD, PER	Standing Relief: Laurie Montag PER
Elks Memorial Day: Larry Jurgens	State Major Projects: Larry Schwindt PSP, PER, PDDGER
ENF: Larry Bratt PER, PSP, PDDGER	Teen of the Year: Mary Ryan
Flag Day: Vacant	Veterans: Milt Schmidt
Fraternal: Gerald Miles, PER	Youth Activities: Laurie Montag PER
Scouting Awards: Randy King	Youth Football: Scott Schrage
Gov. Relations: Troy Pedersen, ER, PER	
Hide Program: Larry Jurgens	



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| 01 - Christine Armitage | 13 - Wade Kendel |
| Eddy Muggy | 14 - Randall Bergholz |
| 02 - Elliot Schrage | 15 - Mark Long |
| Jean Leavitt | 19 - Maureen Sadler |
| 03 - Allen King | 21 - Juli Jurgens |
| 04 - Eli Memming | Randy Strobe |
| 05 - Eric Ebeler | Neil Stuthman |
| 08 - Walt Hayes | 22 - Larry Bratt |
| 09 - Mitch Becker | Sonny Lane |
| 10 - Rebekah Peterson | 26 - Ruth Arms |
| Colin Schumacher | 28 - Tim Wright |
| 11 - Craig Rodenbaugh | 29 - Marvin Goodding |
| 12 - Curtis Rohn | |



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Lodge 80 '25 goal: \$5.00 per person. As of 4/2/25 - \$25.49

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

May 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27	28 Closed	29 Pitch 3p	30 Closed	1	2	3 First Responders Dinner Social 5:30p Dinner 6:30p
4	5 Closed	6 Pitch 3p	7 Closed Lodge 7p	8	9	10
11	12 Closed	13 Pitch 3p Burger Nite 6p Am. Legion 7p Am Legion Aux 7p	14 Closed Corvette Club	15	16 Veterans Coffeehaus 10am Auld Karaoke 6-9p	17
18	19 Closed	20 Pitch 3p Legion Potluck 7p	21 Closed House 6p Lodge 7p	22	23	24
25 Room rented	26 Closed Memorial Day	27 Pitch 3p Veterans Pantry 3p Does 6p	28 Closed	29	30	31 Feed the kids F St. Community Center 10a