



Elk - Gram



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

Elk of the Year, Citizen of the Year, and Special Commendations Awarded

At the dinner on April 20th, the Citizen of the Year and Elk of the Year were awarded. This year, Pat Wiseman was awarded Elk of the Year. She has worked tirelessly towards improving the Lodge. She can be seen in the kitchen at most all of the dinners. She is quick to volunteer for any project, helping out until the job is done. Without her help on burger nights and during the dinners, it would be difficult to enjoy them as we do.

Maureen Sadler received the Citizen of the Year award. As you may know, Maureen is our editor of the Elk-o-Gram. She is also very active in the community. She is a storm spotter and is busy during the season, as she gets called on frequently to help warn us of approaching storms. With her interest in being a Ham radio operator, she has helped with both the State and County fair to assist fairgoers in need. Many of us in the Lodge remember Maureen as "Randy King's daughter". It is through this relationship that she has done so much in helping us with projects at the lodge such as dinners and also with our community projects in Scouting, hoop shoot, concessions, and many others.

I am pleased that we have these two outstanding individuals recognized as Elk of the Year and Citizen of the Year.

Through the Grand Exalted Ruler and PER Reinks, special commendation certificates were awarded to Vi Berst and Rich Todd.

Vi Berst was recognized for his many years as an active member of the Veterans Committee. He has been the Chairman for the past twenty-four years and part of the committee for more than thirty years. It is due to this commitment to our Veterans that this special commendation was awarded.

Rich Todd has been an active part of ritual for numerous years. He has represented our Lodge as a judge at various state ritual contests. Additionally, at Grand Lodge, Rich was one of fourteen to judge the Ritualistic contest at National Level. Because of his dedication and commitment to the betterment of our Order and the Ritual contest, he has been awarded this special commendation.



8th Annual Cinco De Mayo Dinner

Sponsored by the Brooks/Fiedler Family in Memory of John W. Brooks PER/PDD

Saturday, May 4th 5:30 Cocktails 6:30 Dinner

\$12.00 Dinner \$4.00 Margaritas

The menu will be a fiesta of John's favorite dishes.





Grand Exalted Ruler, 2012-2013

Thomas S. Brazier
Message from the GER
Grand Lodge Newsletter,
May 2013

“May is time to brainstorm for family activities.”



Exalted Ruler Lodge No. 80 2013-2014

Larry Schwindt

As we look toward summer, we know many of our Members have children who will soon be out of school. Summer vacations are being planned, and many Members will be traveling. For those who are retired, they may be returning to their home Lodge from their “winter residence.” May is a good time to explore ways to provide a broad spectrum of activities, not only for Members but for those who may visit our communities.

The first possibilities are Mother’s Day and Memorial Day. A Mother’s Day Brunch for Members and visiting guests is a great way to show off your Lodge and generate interest in membership. Closer to home, a family barbeque or carnival is a good draw and may be used for recruiting new Members. June brings Father’s Day, another great chance for a family event such as a luau, steak night, or simply hamburgers and hotdogs by the pool.

While many Lodge Officers will be at Grand Lodge in July, your Lodge Activities Committee can plan for a July 4 celebration. If you have a swimming pool at your Lodge, get everyone involved in some pool games. Sack races, bocce ball, croquet and other lawn activities would make the day fun for the whole family. It doesn’t have to be elaborate, just something to provide Members and families with a place to share the day.

Other Lodge events do not necessarily need to be tied to a special holiday. Explore having an inexpensive family spaghetti feed on a Friday night, make-your-own tacos with a nominal charge per taco, or an ice cream social. Every activity contributes to promoting your Lodge and the perception that the Lodge is alive and prosperous.

Finally, be sure to promote your charitable activities. You should have membership applications and literature promoting your major project and other special programs available at all times. And don’t forget that the event can serve a dual purpose by designating the proceeds for a special Lodge project.

So get creative! Brainstorm with your Officers and Committees. Some activities will undoubtedly be more successful than others. But your Members will appreciate your efforts, and your Lodge will become the place to go with the family in the summer.

I would like to start the new fraternal year by thanking the people who made the installation of new officers a very enjoyable evening. I really appreciate all of the people that took time out of their busy lives to come to our Lodge to make this a memorable evening. We had several out of town guests, State President John Folcik and his wife Lynn, District Deputy Amy Jacobsen and several dignitaries from the Omaha Lodge. Connie Moore and Kathy Meisinger did a fantastic job planning the reception, preparing and serving the food, and doing the cleanup afterward. And how about the desert that Deb Sneller made? Wow! Kim and Pat Wiseman did an excellent as our wine stewards for the evening. A big thank you goes out to Steve Wirth for organizing the PERs and also to the PERs for helping install all of the officers in their new positions. Last but not least, thank you Carrie Fiedler for making the new Exalted Ruler plaque for the Lodge room. I have heard several very positive comments over the past few days.

I am looking forward to a busy and rewarding year. We have an energetic group of officers for the upcoming year, with several new officers. New to the officer ranks are Mary Brooks (Lecturing Knight), Laurie Montag (Esquire), Troy Pedersen (Inner Guard) and Terry Edwards (5 year Trustee). Laurie and Troy are new members, so when you see them, please thank them for stepping up to help.

My motto for the upcoming year is “Dream, Dare, Do.”

Everyone should have a dream. Without a dream to work toward, we just wander through life without a purpose.

Dare to go out and try something different. Go outside your comfort zone. Dare to make your dream come true.

And lastly, get out in the community and do something to help, whether it’s one of the great things that we do within the Elks, or something outside of the Elks that helps those in need. It’s easy to get in a rut, coming home day after day and getting used to setting down in front of the TV and before you know it, it’s time to go to bed. Pretty soon it becomes routine. People would ask me to help with this or that, and I would tell them that I didn’t have the time. After some coaxing from a friend (thanks Larry Bratt) and looking at what I did with my free time (pretty much nothing), I decided to get involved in the Elks, and look where that got me!

Just get out and Do. You will be glad that you did.



Knight's Tales



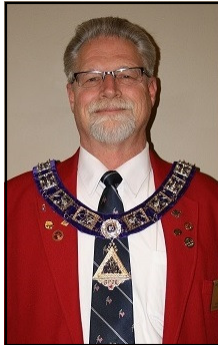
Greetings and Salutations from your newly installed Leading Knight. Yes, I have returned in a different position and am looking forward to working for all of the lodge members in this new capacity. I want to express my sincere thanks to Doug Rienks for his past year of dedication and leadership to the lodge. Doug did an outstanding job as our leader this past year.

I would like to welcome and pledge my support for our new Exalted Ruler (and BFF!) Larry Schwindt. I know that Larry will be a very involved and approachable leader during his year. If you haven't had a chance to congratulate him yet, please do so when you see him.

This next year will be a challenging but fun and exciting year and our ritual team from last year will be competing in the Ritual competition in North Platte the last weekend in April. We are hoping to win the competition again, and have the privilege to represent our lodge and State at the Elks National Convention in July.

Thank you all for your continued support!

-Larry Bratt, Leading Knight



Hi, it's Jerry Miles, your new Loyal Knight. I am going through the process of learning what it means to be your Loyal Knight and what my duties are (thankfully I have several officers who are more than willing to help me).

As the New Year in Elkdome commences, we are preparing to represent Lincoln Lodge #80 in the Ritual competition at State. By the time you read this, hopefully we will be making plans to further represent our Lodge at the National level.

Without trying to sound like a broken record, I would like to encourage all members to look at their friends and acquaintances and invite them to a dinner or function to let them see what we do and are all about. Then would be a great time to invite them to join us in our endeavors to continue our ideals of Elkdome.

I will try and improve as an Elk and as your Loyal Knight as we progress through the year.

-Jerry Miles, Loyal Knight



Greetings from your newly elected and installed Lecturing Knight. It is a great honor to serve in this new position. I cannot tell you how fortunate I feel to be serving with three of the greatest guys on Earth. If anyone should know first hand about the Brotherly Love in our Lodge and community, it is myself and my family. You have all touched us to the deepest part of our beings in the last several years. John dedicated much of his life to living the virtues of the Elks and I can only hope to come close to his example. As the next year unfolds, I hope to do my best to take advantage of each "passing moment" and extend the hand of Brotherly Love to all.

I'll close with a quote I found. I see it as another way of saying words found in my part during the initiation ritual:

Yesterday is History,
 Tomorrow is a Mystery,
 Today is the Present...
 like a gift, enjoy the day!

-Mary Brooks, Lecturing Knight



...and now for the Quickies...

... Congrats to Larry Bratt on receiving the Officer of the Year award. Larry puts in a ton of time and effort on behalf of the Lodge; Ritual team, dinners, bowling league, you name it, Larry is the first to step up and help ... be sure to thank him when you see him ... sounds like Vi is doing a great job of breaking in Wade in the role as Veterans Committee Chair, they and Sam have been at it again, visiting Vets, delivering care packages, attending the "Volunteers for Vets" recognition and meeting, etc. Even well into his 9th decade, Vi is right there giving of himself to others ... that is what being an Elk is all about! ... Ivan Gearhart was seen making speeches and passing out American Flags at an Eagle Ceremony recently, as was John Aman. Be sure to thank these two for their efforts making sure Eagle Scouts are honored as they attain their highest rank. It's nice to know that kids are still "getting it right" these days ... come on down to the Jolly Corkers Pub and check out that new cooler, all you have to do is ask about it ... drink specials are posted on the wall. They serve lunches and the grille is on most evenings for short order as well. Come on in and see what's cookin' ... be thinking of our Ritual Team, by the time you have read this they will have competed in Ritual Competition at State Convention, hats off to them for the tremendous amount of time and effort given in practicing for the competition ... come to the meetings, it pays! Membership drawing pot is up to \$270 and rising, you can't win if you don't come to the meetings ... 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month, 7 pm ... P.E.R.'s Stephen Wirth and Rich Todd were seen at the Youth Day proclamation with Governor Dave Heineman, thanks to both of you for representing the Elks in fine fashion ... Fairbury Lodge is taking some of their Vets to a Saltdogs game, and has asked our Lodge to do an early Beer n Burger that afternoon for them, we are glad to step up and help out ... rumor has it that P.E.R. Chuck Meisinger is running for Trustee at State Convention. Chuck has spent many years giving of himself for the Elks, whether at the local level with our Lodge or at the State level, be sure to thank him for his time and efforts ... if you missed the Bowler's Dinner you missed a dandy. Meatloaf, green beans, baked potato, salad, and either red velvet or carrot cake for dessert. Hats off once again to the Larry's, Mary Brooks, and Pat and Kim Wiseman for manning the kitchen and making it happen ... nice to see Pat honored as Elk of the Year for all her efforts, and Maureen Sadler (your Elk O Gram Editor) as Citizen of the Year, she volunteers a lot of time at the Lodge, spends dozens of hours monthly compiling your newsletter, uses her Ham Radio skills as a Storm Spotter for Lancaster County during severe weather (yep, sits on a hilltop dodging hail stones during tornado warnings...). She and her husband Kevin can be seen frequently at the Lodge, during dinners, football concessions and more ... nice to see Rich Todd and Vi Berst honored as well with their Exalted Ruler special service commendations ... be sure to thank our newest P.E.R. Doug Rienks for his year of service, he made it through intact ... you should have seen the Larry's in their yellow and purple tu-tu's and jester hats selling raffle tickets at the last dinner ... who else in our Lodge would humiliate and debase themselves just to get a smile out of people ... everyone looks forward to them, and shells out \$\$ for raffle tickets, which help to support our Lodge ... why don't you bring a friend to the next dinner and hand them an application, the more the merrier! ...

Mother's Day Brunch



Sunday, May 12

8:00am - 12:00pm

Breakfast cooked for you, just the way you like it!

Menu full of your favorites, and Mom's too.

Officer Installation



The Rick Logan Memorial Sports Raffle has been completed. There were two drawings consisting of four hockey tickets located in the Galaxy section. Also included, was a personal bar, bathroom and private parking. **Jean Ann Bergholz** won the first set of tickets and she donated them to Jason and Brianna Farber who took Larry and Mary Benac as guests. The second set was won by **Stephen Wirth, PER** and he **Deborah** donated their tickets to Does Drove No. 4 President Vicki Logan who included Shelby Logan, Mason Porterville and Past President Jody Schrage as her guests. The two sets of tickets were donated by Butch and Jean Bergholz and G E Transportation Services. The \$400 dollars raised were donated to the Elks building fund. Thanks to all who sold and purchased tickets for this fun event!

On Wednesday, April 10th, 2013 Governor Dave Heineman declared the first week in May as Elks National Youth Week. State Activities Chairperson, Jackie Norris, PER was unable to attend because of weather related conditions that were sweeping through the central part of Nebraska. PERs Stephen Wirth and Richard Todd of Lincoln Lodge No. 80 received the call from PER Norris and were honored to stand in on her behalf. Prior to accepting the proclamation and photo session with Governor Heineman, PER Wirth highlighted many Elks programs sponsored locally as well as state and nationally to all who were in attendance at the State Capitol. The Elks were number 15 on a docket of 32 different volunteer organizations who received proclamations that morning. Many lodges across Nebraska will be holding various events recognizing our youth during the first week in May. Lincoln Lodge No. 80 will be holding a Youth Recognition Night on Monday, May 6th at Southeast Community College where over \$32,000 worth of scholarships will be handed out to area high school graduates who will be pursuing higher education. Our lodge's Youth Activities Chairman, Dave Kirby, PER invites all Elk members and guest to join in on this most impressive evening honoring our youth and their families.



Our Members...

Sickness & Distress:

None

Deaths:

None

Members for Consideration:

Todd Messing by Randy King
 Russell Bergholz by Butch Bergholz
 Randall Bergholz by Butch Bergholz

Members for Reinstatement:

Robert O'Shea transfer demit from Keizer, OR

Members Initiated in April:

Dennis Macek by Scott Schrage

March's EOG Hidden Membership Number:

15803 - Troy Pedersen, hidden in the committee list.

Attendance Drawing: 21 in attendance, Mary Brooks's name was drawn and was the winner of \$20.00 which was donated to the Ritual Team fund.

Membership Drawing: \$270.00. Larry Benac's name was drawn. He was present, but hadn't been at two consecutive meetings to win that pot, so it carries over to next month. It pays to come to meetings!

The Jolly Corker Pub is open for lunch starting at 11:30 Monday-Saturday. Now also serving light suppers!

Chef Salad specials on Wednesdays! Come in and enjoy good food and good company!


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Committee Reports

Americanism - Sonny Lane - No Report.

Boy Scouts - Randy King - There were 6 ceremonies in the last week of April and another 4 scheduled for May.

Drug Awareness - Amy Jacobsen - No Report.

Girl Scouts - Stephen Wirth - Contact has been made with Tracy Stewart in preparation for the ceremony that will be held in June.

Hide Program - Jeff Sneller - No Report.

Hoop Shoot - Doug Rienks - No Report.

House Committee - House Committee / Trustees: 1) The cooler under the bar was replaced at a cost of \$1859, the previous unit was not able to be repaired.

Hunter's Safety - Randy King - No Report.

ENF - We have reached our goal of \$4.50.

Membership - Sonny Lane - No Report.

Midget Football - Scott Schrage - No Report.

Retention - Jerry Wilson - Total members 262, with 188 paid for 2013/14, 2 candidates for initiation.

Scholarship - Dave Kirby - Youth Recognition night will take place on May 6th at 7pm at SECC. The Scholarship Committee is re-wording the rules regarding the qualifications of a relative who was an Elk in good standing. Stephen Wirth and Rich Todd were present at the Capitol, representing the Elks, for the "Youth Week Proclamation" signing ceremony by Gov. Heineman.

Soccer Shoot - Doug Rienks - No Report.

Social Community Welfare - Doug Rienks - No Report.

Veterans Committee - Wade Graft - Visited four Vets, gave out toiletry kits and various sundries. The Veteran's Committee will be feeding the Vets from the Fairbury Lodge on July 23, who will be traveling via bus to watch the Saltdogs baseball game.

2013-2014 Elks' Lodge #80 Officers

Exalted Ruler.....	Larry Schwindt
Leading Knight.....	Larry Bratt
Loyal Knight.....	Gerald Miles
Lecturing Knight.....	Mary Brooks
Esquire.....	Laurie Montag
Inner Guard.....	Troy Pedersen
Tiler.....	Sam Carter
Secretary.....	Jerry Wilson
Treasurer.....	Imre Bonyhady
Chaplain.....	Doug Reinks
Organist.....	Wauneta Peterson
Trustee 1 Year.....	Kim Wiseman
Trustee 2 Year.....	Scott Schrage
Trustee 3 Year.....	Amy Jacobsen PER
Trustee 4 Year.....	Daryll Thavenet
Trustee 5 Year.....	Terry Edwards PER

Elk-O-Gram Editor's Note

Articles Due: **May 16**

(Deadline is ALWAYS midnight of the Thursday after last meeting of the month)

Articles can be sent to Maureen and Kevin Sadler at: eog.lodge80@gmail.com

All past issues, lodge information, and more can be seen at www.elks80.org

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Secretary's Corner

DUES! We are close! 70% of our membership has sent in their dues payment for the current lodge year. **Please make every effort to send in your dues as soon as possible.** Thanks. If you are wondering whether you are current, check your membership card. It should read 2013-2014.

I sound like a broken record, but the goal is to have everyone's dues paid by the end of May. Dues are the lifeblood of this Lodge. A big thank you to all those who have paid.

Please, if you have any questions or comments of how I can better serve you, please contact me. My phone number is 402-570-2555 and there are two emails that you can use to contact me: lodge80secy@yahoo.com or lodge80secy@gmail.com. See you all around the lodge.

- Jerry Wilson

Our April EOG Folders were: Bill and Marge Darrah, E.R. Larry Schwindt, Allen and Randy King.

Please join us May 21st after Beer 'n Burger Nite to assemble the Elk O Gram for June.

Remember, many hands make light work...

We have 8 home football games this year and need 12 workers per game. We want to try and split this up between 6 DOES and 6 Elks each game if we can. All volunteers need to be at least 16 years of age. Game times are TBA and will be announced as the game date gets closer. If you would like to volunteer and help with this fundraiser for our DOES and Elks Organizations, please call Kelli Stanley-Smith at 402.467.5595 or 402.489.8673

Nebraska 2013 Home Game Football Schedule

Aug 31 Wyoming
 Sept 7 Southern Miss
 Sept 14 UCLA
 Sept 21 South Dakota State
 Oct 5 Illinois
 Nov 2 Northwestern
 Nov 16 Michigan State
 Nov 29 Iowa

Thanks to everyone who helped out at this year's RED / WHITE game which was held on Saturday, April 6th. We all witnessed the remarkable 69 yard run back for a Husker Touchdown by No. 22 Jack Hoffman, the 7 year old from Atkinson, NE who has been diagnosed with brain cancer. Let's keep Jack in our thoughts and prayers during the 2013 football season. It is truly a story of inspiration between Jack and his hero, No. 22, Rex Burkhead.

2013-2014 Committees

Accident: Randy King, Mgr.
Americanism: Sonny Lane PER, Coord.
Auditing: Duane Vanderbeek, Chpers.
Benevolence: Charles Meisinger PER/PDD/PSP, Chpers.
Community Activities: Stephen Wirth PER, Chpers.
Drug Awareness: Amy Jacobsen PER, Coord.
ENF: Larry Bratt, Chpers.
Eagle Scouts: Randy King, Chpers.
Flag Day: Doug Rienks, ER, Coord.
Gold Award: Stephen Wirth PER, Chpers.
Gov. Relations: Richard Todd PER/PDD, Coord.
Hide Program: Jeff Sneller, PER, Chpers.
Hoop Shoot: Gerald Miles, Coord.
Hunters Safety: Randy King, Chpers.
Indoctrination: Larry Bratt, Coord.
Investigation: Larry Bratt, Coord.
Retention: Jerry Wilson, Mgr.
Lodge Activities: Richard Todd PER/PDD, Coord.
Membership: Sonny Lane PER, Chpers.
Midget Football: Scott Schrage, Coord.
Public Relations: Stephen Wirth PER, Coord.
PER Association: Stephen Wirth, PER, Coord.
Ritual: Stephen Wirth PER, Chpers.
Scholarship: David Kirby, Chpers.
Soccer Shoot: Doug Rienks, PER, Coord.
Veterans: Wade Graft, Mgr.
Visitation: Sam Carter, Mgr.
Youth Activities: David Kirby PER, Mgr.

Did you see something missing? Was there something that the Lodge has coming up that 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?

Please! Contact the Editors 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! You might have been the one to remind us!

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Eagle Scouts



Randy King with new Eagle Scouts Blake Walker and Trevor Obermueller of Troop 28 in Lincoln. Blake installed a concrete slab on existing parking to free up spots for handicapped parking. Trevor's project involved landscaping on the grounds of his church. Blake and Trevor's ceremony was held Sunday April 14 at Vine Congregational Church



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Randy King with new Eagle Scout Terrill Murray of Troop 64 in Hickman. Terrill installed a new flag pole at an area lake for his project. Terrill's ceremony was held Sunday April 7 at Cortland Community Church

ER Larry Schwindt welcomes new Elk member Dennis Macek, who was sponsored by Scott Schrage



Happy May Birthdays!

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|------------------------|----------------------------|
| 03 - Carrie E. Fiedler | 13 - Wade Russell Kendle |
| 04 - James M. Kirk | 14 - Joseph L. Hanigan |
| Phil Maddern | 15 - Mark Long |
| 05 - Eric Ebeler | 20 - Nicholas G. Eliason |
| Jack Russell | 21 - Randy Strope |
| Jacqueline A. Scholz | Neil Stuthmann |
| Rick Westfall | 22 - Larry Bratt |
| 06 - Elton Brodd | Sonny Lane PER |
| 07 - Phil Sorensen | 25 - Philip C. Sprague |
| 08 - Walt W. Hayes | 29 - Judson B. Douglas III |
| Larry L. Schmutte | Marvin J. Goodding |
| 09 - Mitch Baker | 30 - Mary Jane Brooks |

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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 prize!

May 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Lodge Meeting 7pm	2 DOES flower sale VFW	3 DOES flower sale	4 Cinco de Mayo Dinner 6.30pm
5	6	7	8 Room Rented	9	10	11 Room Rented
12 Mother's Day Brunch 8am-12pm	13	14 Burger Nite 5.30 American Legion	15 Lodge Meeting 7pm	16 American Legion	17	18
19	20	21 American legion	22 Ritual	23	24 Room Rented	25 Room Rented
26	27	28 Burger Nite 5.30pm	29 Ritual	30	31	