



Elk - - Gram

Home of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Vincent R. Collura, Past Grand Exalted Ruler George B. Klein, & Past Grand Secretary Jack M. Jensen

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

It's All About the Girl Scouts

The Gold, Silver and Bronze Girl Scout awards ceremony was held at the Capitol rotunda on Saturday, June 15th. There were approximately 250 people in attendance for this very impressive ceremony. I was very inspired by the diversity of the projects



that these young ladies have undertaken, and the dedication and versatility that they have shown in completing the projects. A flag that was flown over our nation's capital was given to the Gold award recipient Jamison Linscott by Exalted Ruler Larry Schwindt. Elks also attending the

ceremony were Vi Berst (and wife Helen), Jerry Miles and photographer Larry Bratt.



A reception featuring cake and punch was held after the ceremony. Many thanks go out to event coordinator Tracy Stewart for letting the Lincoln Elks Lodge participate in this memorable event.

Taco's 'n Talent

Come join in the fun and see what talent there is to be shared!



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Cocktails 5.30p Dinner 6.30p



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Grand Exalted Ruler, 2012-2013

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

*"Elks carry forth our Nation's
 patriotic tradition."*



Exalted Ruler
Lodge No. 80
2013-2014

Larry Schwindt

God bless America! How often we say this and what meaning is conveyed in those three words. "God" – the Supreme Being in whom a belief is required to be a Member of our great Order; "Bless" – to bestow good of any kind upon, to protect or guard from evil; and "America" – our country, our homeland. And this July we celebrate the 237th birthday of our great nation.

What did our forefathers think as they looked down on this young nation that they so carefully tended in its early days? There must have been many things that brought a smile to their hearts and let them know their sacrifices were not made in vain. As Elks, we carry forth that patriotic tradition of our founders to ensure the safety of our nation and its people. We are passionate about our way of life and our families, and we cannot envision living any place else on this earth. Next time you say those three words – *"God Bless America"* – stop to remember all of the people who have contributed to the formation of our country and its image as a *"Beacon of Hope"* in the world. *Be proud of this heritage. Happy birthday, America!*

As we begin our Grand Lodge Session in Reno, I want to welcome each new Officer and thank you for your dedication to our Order. We have a lot of work to do to continue the excellent traditions of our organization, and I know all of you will be up to the task. Remember to think creatively, implement decisively and ask for help where needed. Together, we will continue to grow and prosper in this great Order.

Venita and I thank all of you for your support and hospitality through this past year as we traveled through this great nation. We can't begin to tell you how much we appreciate all of the hard work that you do for your Local Lodges, major projects and our wonderful Order in general. You are all truly "Beacons of Hope" in our lives and in the lives of those whom you touch. It was a privilege to serve as your Grand Exalted Ruler and First Lady. Thank you all and God bless.

This is the time of year when the pride that people have in their country comes to the forefront. It's a time for family and friends to gather and celebrate the freedoms that we have. We must never forget the sacrifices that so many have made so that we can enjoy the freedoms that are available to us. We live in the greatest country on the planet, and we must never forget that.

We also belong to one of the greatest organizations on Earth. We take for granted the events that the Lodge sponsors and sometimes forget all of the planning and hard work that it takes to make these events happen. When you see the committee chairpersons, thank them for all of the time and effort and hard work that they put into making the events run smoothly. The two people that have been in charge of the Veteran's committee (almost forever), Vi Berst and Sam Carter, have recently retired from the Veterans Committee. Please give them a resounding "Thank You" for the many, many years that they have dedicated to our veterans.

Please think about how you can help out around the Lodge. To borrow a well-known quote "Don't ask what your Lodge can do for you, ask what you can do to further the charitable goals of our Lodge". We all joined the Elks for our own reasons, but we need to keep in mind that the Elks are dedicated to the veterans and children in our community. We are a benevolent organization and exist to make our community a better place.

Remember to "Dream, Dare, Do"!



Knight's Tales



...and now for the Quickies...

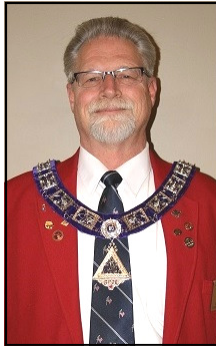
Greetings and salutations from your Leading Knight. As you know, the station of the Leading Knight is about Charity, and sometimes in our busy everyday lives, this is a virtue that can easily be forgotten. I ask each of you to take a moment and assess for yourself where you might be able to be more charitable in your life.

This can be as simple as helping another person out with some type of problem or situation or donating time and or money to help with one of our community activities conducted through our lodge. Please remember that Charity is the greatest of all virtues and begins at home.

Over the past several months a question has risen that I wanted to address. Some of the activities that are listed in the Elk-O-Gram are required by the National Bylaws to be conducted under certain parameters. These parameters include that during these activities the bar/lounge area of the Lodge is to be closed and or any other area that is not being used for the program, so that there will be no disturbance to the required program and to those attending. Non-members must leave and any Lodge members present are to be at the program or meeting. Several of these are; all Lodge monthly meetings, the Memorial Service, Flag Day (as this day of observance was started by our great organization), Teen of the Month, and several others. Please understand that our Lodge does not make these decisions and we are bound by the Bylaws of the National organization to have these programs. Thank you all for your understanding and cooperation with these parameters and I hope this explains and answers the questions in regards to this matter.

Lastly I would like to say that we will all be doing our best at the National competition this month and hopefully we will make all of you and our State association proud of our performance of the Ritual.

-Larry Bratt, Leading Knight



The summer months are approaching quickly, as the temperature heats up so does the amount of practice the ritual team is putting in to prepare for our performance for the National Convention in Reno, as always we will do our best to represent Lodge #80 and the State of Nebraska.

I was privileged to be able to attend the Girl Scouts Gold Silver and Bronze Award ceremony with fellow officers Larry Schwindt, Larry Bratt and Vi Berst, it was great to see the future of our country striving to achieve their goals in scouting, I am sure Randy would agree with me as he sees the Eagle Scouts achieve their goals in Scouting.

-Jerry Miles, Loyal Knight



Greetings B.est P.eople O.n E.arth,

Our Grand Exalted Ruler has called for the victims of the Oklahoma tornados. What a chance to show our brotherly love!

Hope to see you at the rib dinner on Saturday June 29th. Also, plan on Tacos and Talent on July 20th. I hear it will be a fun evening.

At our meeting on June 19th, we added four young men to our ranks. Welcome to all, hope to see you around the Lodge. Show some brotherly love and ask a friend or family member to join the Best People On Earth.

Good luck to the Ritual Team in July at Nationals!

-Mary Brooks, Lecturing Knight



... Congrats to all who have donated to ENF, we have made the Grand Lodge goal for this year of \$4.60, now we can apply for grants to help fund our activities ... Thank You Larry Bratt for spearheading this and staying on top of it ... Wade continues to do a nice job with the Veteran's Committee, Fairbury Lodge is sponsoring a "Day at the Ball park" for Veterans from the Fairbury area, they will come to our Lodge for an early Beer 'n Burger on July 23, then on to see the Saltdogs play ... they expect over 60 Veterans ... Girl Scouting Award Ceremony went well at the Capitol Rotunda, Flags and certificates were awarded. Many Thanks to P.E.R. Stephen Wirth who organized and spearheaded this, and to E.R. Schwindt, Gerry Miles, Vi and Helen Berst, and Leading Knight Larry Bratt for attending and presenting these awards ... Thank You letters were read on the floor of the Lodge, from scholarship recipients of our recent Scholarship Awards Ceremony night at Southeast Community College. A letter from G.E.R. Brazier was read, asking for donations to the tornado relief in Oklahoma City, see article elsewhere in the Elk O Gram ... Flag Day Ceremony was very nice, several Boy Scouts came and acted as flag bearers for the flags ... If you see Rusty or Randy Bergholz around the Lodge, be sure to congratulate them on becoming Elks, as well as Todd Messing and Elliot Schrage ... great additions to our Lodge ... get your fiddle tuned up and your juggling refined, the Taco's N Talent night is coming up July 20, (there will be sandwiches for those not keen on taco's...) please call Randy King if you (or your son, daughter, grandchild, or just a friend who is willing) have a talent they'd like to share with the Lodge ... Father's Day Brunch was well attended, a big Thank You to the kitchen staff who made it successful, Carrie Fiedler, Kim and Pat Wiseman, Bob Sindlar, the Larry's (how do you want your eggs?.... Surprise me!), Rich and Connie, Laurie Montag and several more, and especially a Thank You to Wauneta Peterson for her talents on the organ, that is always appreciated ... our furnace and A/C systems are getting pretty tired, time to get new ones, look for more information from your Trustees on this subject. We may all need to chip in on this, so keep that in mind ... Remember, no meeting in July. We normally only meet the third Wednesday, but since most of the Officers will be at Nationals ... no meeting. August 21 will be the next Lodge Meeting. Please come to the meetings. This is your Lodge, and we need your ideas and input on things to make it work ... Hats off to Gene Krauel from "Clean Gene's Heating and Cooling" for getting our A/C unit repaired on short notice. Not an easy task to find parts for an obsolete unit, and he put his other customers on hold to bail us out. If you need good, honest HVAC servicing, replacement, or repair, be sure to call Gene at 730-8133, and let him know you appreciate him helping us out ...

...More Convention News...

On Sunday, April 28th at the State Convention in North Platte, Lincoln Lodge No. 80 performed this most impressive service at the request of State President John Folcik. The service remembers all PERs and State Presidents who have passed away since our last state convention. Various music prelude and selections were performed by Karen Mattheis and the musical selection "The Vacant Chair" was sung by Tim Vanderheiden. Both individuals reside in North Platte.

L to R: Chaplain Jeffrey Sneller, Esquire Larry Schwindt, Pianist Karen Mattheis, ER Stephen Wirth, Vocalist Tim Vanderheiden, Leading Larry Bratt, Loyal Gerald Miles and Lecturing Mary Brooks. Not pictured, Inner Guard Richard Todd



No matter what time of morning or afternoon, if there is Ritual competition taking place, Connie Moore is standing over the performers shoulders with needle pins in hand and month and making sure that the Ritual Jewels are adjusted and pinned properly to prevent slipping and sliding during the Lincoln team's competitions. Connie has traveled with Lincoln's team to Portland, Orlando, Phoenix, Austin and next, Reno. **Thank You Connie**, from the members and coaches of Lincoln's best Ritual Team. You always give us that extra boost knowing that a pinned jewel will lead us to victory.



Ritual Coach Stephen Wirth, Blackledge Award, Lecturing Knight Larry Bratt, Nutzman Award and Ritual Coach Richard Todd, Blackledge Traveling Trophy

Our Members...

Sickness & Distress:

Sam Carter - knee surgery
Amy Jacobsen

Deaths:

None

Members for Consideration:

Harry Montag by Laurie Montag

Members for Reinstatement:

None

Members Initiated in June:

Randy Bergholz
Russell Bergholz
Todd Messing
Elliott Schrage

June's EOG Hidden Membership Number:

10116 - Joe Hanigan, hidden in the GER's picture.

Membership Drawing for June 5th: \$322. Duane VanDerbeek's name was drawn, but unfortunately he was not there to win.

Membership Drawing for June 19th: \$344. Rick Carney's name was drawn, but unfortunately he was not there to win. 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 are two Eagle ceremonies scheduled for July and August.

Drug Awareness - Amy Jacobsen - No Report.

Girl Scouts - Stephen Wirth - Ceremony completed at the State Capitol.

Hide Program - Jeff Sneller - No Report.

Hoop Shoot - Doug Rienks - No Report.

House Committee - House Committee / Trustees: 1) Mitch Becker updated us on the performance of our investments. All is going well, we are making 5.2%. 2) We are raising lunch prices by \$0.50. 3) Getting bids for a new cooler floor. 4) Oktoberfest is scheduled for September 18th.

Hunter's Safety - Randy King - No Report.

ENF - Larry Bratt - The goal of \$4.60 for our Lodge has been achieved, grants have been applied for.

Membership - Sonny Lane - A list of the delinquents was requested to begin the followup process, versus waiting until the end of the year.

Midget Football - Scott Schrage - Registration is from May 1st to August 2nd.

Retention - Jerry Wilson - Total members 267, with 51 delinquent for 2013/14, 1 candidate for initiation.

Scholarship - Dave Kirby - No Report.

Soccer Shoot - Gerry Miles - No Report.

Social Community Welfare - Doug Rienks - No Report.

Veterans Committee - Wade Graft - The Vets from Fairbury will be here for Beer and Burger July 23rd. Sam Carter submitted his letter of resignation from the Veteran's Committee, his participation will be missed.

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: **July 18**

(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

Created and managed by webmaster Larry Klein

Our June EOG Folders were: Kevin and Maureen Sadler and Randy King.

Please join us July 23rd after Beer 'n Burger Nite to assemble the Elk O Gram for August.

Remember, many hands make light work...

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!

2013-2014 Committees

Accident: Randy King, Mgr. 15790
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.

Secretary's Corner

The important stuff first; we will not be having a meeting in July, as our leadership will be attending Grand Lodge in Reno, NV; performing in the ritual competition, and of course bringing home a trophy!

Just a reminder, "I sound like a broken record", please make every effort to pay your dues for the current Lodge year, which began April 1st. If you are wondering whether you are current, check your membership card, it should read 2013 – 2014 (the card is a tan color). I will be publishing the names of those that have not paid in the August Elk-O-Gram. I am doing this in an effort to save \$25 in postage by sending out second dues notices.

For those who would like to avoid writing a single check in March/April for your dues, we have set up an automatic check deposit feature with our bank, where you can have small monthly payments deducted from your bank account over the year. As is our current practice, dues must be paid in advance of the current year. Several members are now doing this, and come next March/April, their membership cards will be sent to them automatically without having to write that one big check. Granted, it is not a large check, but small increments of less than \$8/month, versus \$90.50 at a single time is nice. Please contact the Lodge Office if you are interested in doing this.

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

Happy July Birthdays!

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 05 - Imre A. Bonyhady | 24 - Wade A. Graft |
| 10 - Jeff Sneller | 25 - Christine VanDerford |
| 11 - Greg Hansen | 28 - Rick Carney |
| 13 - James H. Ray | 29 - Dennis Macek |
| 15 - Jerrie L. Simms | 30 - Randy D. King |
| 17 - Duane L. VanDerbeek | 31 - David E. Reiber |
| 18 - Diane Dannelly | |
| 19 - James A. Reeves | |
| 20 - Charles J. Aman | |



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Father's Day Brunch



On 06-16-13, the Ritual Team again held their annual fund raising Fathers Day Breakfast. The hours this year were 8:00am until 2:00pm. There were approximately 140 people that attended and all were very complimentary on the food and service. One comment overheard as that "this omelet is the best I have ever tasted."

Thanks for all that attended and if you missed it, we hope you will make it next year. Special thanks go to Carrie Fiedler for running the kitchen and all the ritual team for the time and effort spent on making this a success.

Flag Day

The Flag Day ceremony, honoring the history of our flag, was held on Friday, June 14th at the Lodge. The ceremony was very informative, following the progression of the various flags of our Nation that existed throughout the years, and how they came into being.

With the assistance of Boy Scout Troop 159, the flags were displayed as the history of each was explained by Larry Bratt. Wauneta Peterson's wonderful music accompanied each flag as it was marched into the room by the Boy Scouts



News From Your DOES

There is still time to join the group for the July 27th Wine Tour. Call Betty at 402.489.7011 or Jerri at 402.325.6632 for details and to register.

The next Drove meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 16 at 7pm. This will be a regular business meeting and we would love to see our fellow DOES there.

Grand Lodge convention was held in Orlando this year, with 409 DOES represented from across the U.S. Find out more at the September meeting!

Best to all,

President Vicki Logan

Another Way to Pay Dues

The membership recently voted to approve automatic withdraw for the payment of dues. This will allow members not to have to write a check for their dues on an annual basis. It will also allow you to budget the dues over twelve equal installments. At this time the cost will be \$7.80 per month for 12 months.

It is our hope to provide an easy way for the membership to stay current and to avoid the hassle of members having to write the check as well as saving the lodge money in postage for dues reminders. Please consider this as an economical way for dues payment.

If you have questions feel free to contact the Lodge.

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Lodge 80 GOAL: \$4.50. As of 6/19/13: \$6.60

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

July 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Closed  Happy 4th!	5	6
7	8	9 Burger Nite 5.30p American Legion	10 Room Rented	11 VFW	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Taco's 'n Talent 6.30p
21	22	23 Burger Nite 5.30p Fairbury Lodge Veteran's group	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

NOTE: There is NO Lodge meeting in July