



# 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

## Tacos 'N Talent Nite



A Big Thanks to Eric Ebeler for doing the cooking, Kevin and Maureen Sadler (your Elk-O-Gram editors and staff) for giving him a hand in the kitchen, and Chelsea Schrage for helping serve. Soft and hard shell tacos, refried beans, Spanish rice, (hamburgers and pork n beans for those who prefer American fare), and ice cream with toppings were the menu of the night. The dinner was sponsored by Randy King, so all the proceeds went to the Building Fund for our HVAC renovations.

Virgil entertained us with a few songs on guitar and harmonica, there was a Martial Arts demonstration by Randy King and friend from Tiger Rock Academy, Paul Mussack's grandson and his friends played a few numbers and did some stand-up (ever hear of beat-boxing? You missed it...and he is good at it!), and finally Scott Schrage's



friends (the "Original Prime Suspects") set up their equipment and played several country/bluegrass/folk numbers. The crowd was lively, and everyone had a nice time.



**Grand Exalted Ruler,  
2013-2014**

**Millard C. Pickering**  
Message from the GER  
Grand Lodge Newsletter,  
August 2013

*“Elks Live - Elks Give: A Lesson  
in Democracy.”*



**Exalted Ruler  
Lodge No. 80  
2013-2014**

**Larry Schwindt**

It was 1997 when the Order of Elks adopted an official motto: **“Elks Care - Elks Share!”** This phrase continues to be an excellent way to explain a primary motivator that has driven our Order to be such an important presence in this country for nearly 150 years: Community Service.

Unlike for-profit corporations, businesses, trade unions and professional associations, the Elks are what people who study such things call “Voluntary Associations”— a group of people who choose to associate with others of like mind because they support the purposes and objectives of the organization. It has been often said that organizations such as ours are crucial to the functioning of our democracy by providing a way for people to become involved in important projects beyond home and family.

That definition seems fitting.

We are Elks by choice and because of shared values. We practice the American way of life and we choose to help others do so as well. Elks Live, Elks Give – our theme this year – is intended to highlight the formula that has fueled our Order for generations and perhaps to explain what invites us all to care and share.

By living in the light of American Liberty we are naturally drawn to give to others. By joining together as an Order, our numbers magnify that positive impact on our communities and draw in others of like mind.

As we start this year, I ask everyone to take a serious look at the programs and activities sponsored by your Local Lodges and State Associations. Are you taking full advantage of that proven formula for success?

I thank you in advance for supporting our program this Grand Lodge year. In future issues I will pass on some additional thoughts gleaned from our visits to help you meet your goals, serve your communities, live and give.

See you down the road.

I woke up at 5:30 in the morning on our way home from the national Elks convention, and the first thought that crossed my mind was that I had forgotten to write my article for the Elk-O-Gram. I promptly pulled out my laptop and began going over the highlights of the convention.

The convention was a very different experience for me this year. I have been to several national Elks conventions over the years, but this was the first time that I was able to attend as a voting member. There were 20 resolutions discussed and voted on. One of the resolutions that did not pass would have allowed people that are 18 years old to join our organization. This would mean that we would have been able to reach out to the youth in our community that we have pledged to serve, and let them come into our organization at a younger age and begin a tradition on helping others. There are many young people that the Elks help on a daily basis that would like to give back to the community and we need them in our organization. I hope that this resolution will be brought before the members again in the future so we can let our youth participate in one of the greatest charitable organizations in the world.

I have had the opportunity to talk with several people outside of the Elks organization during the last couple of weeks, and have once again run into some of the main reasons why our organization’s membership is declining. People either have no idea what we do, or they have the perception that we are merely a place that people go to drink. We need to change the way that people view our organization. Everyone that I talked to, and explains what we did, was impressed. They had no idea of what we do in our communities for our youth and veterans. We need to get out and let people know what we do.

There were many inspirational speakers and I will be coming back to our Lodge revitalized. I had the great pleasure of meeting one of those speakers, our new Grand Exalted Ruler, and I think that he is going to do a fantastic job. He is a very motivated person and you can tell that he loves the Elks dearly. I think that he will do a great job leading us through the next year.

Remember to “Dream, Dare, Do”!



## Knight's Tales

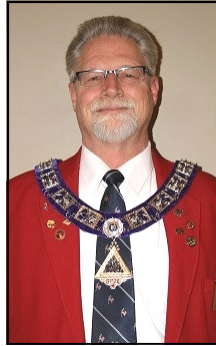


I trust that everyone is having a great summer and finding some time to enjoy themselves. It is hard to believe that July is over and soon we will be talking about the fall months and the activities they bring to the lodge.

As you are reading this, our Ritual team will have competed at the Elks National Convention, and hopefully will have done our lodge and state proud. The competition itself will be complete by July 16th, so I am hoping you have heard how we finished.

With Charity being the motto of this station, I am asking that you please make a charitable donation to the fund for the purchase of new air conditioners and furnaces for the lodge. Our current ones are over 20 years old. Without heat and cooling, the building cannot be used and puts us in a financial bind. Remember why you joined the Elks and what we as a Lodge and fraternal organization do for the community and help us keep the building a great place to come and enjoy our friendships and activities.

-Larry Bratt, Leading Knight



## Trustee/House Committee Updates

Discussions were had about installing a check card service for the lodge. This would enable us to use credit/debit cards for purchases, which seems to be a more favorable option to cash these days. The lodge will be looking in to prices for equipment needed and should have that service up and operating in August some time.

The topic of our A/C and Heating units needing replaced was brought up as well. We currently have bids from four companies to install new equipment. After going over each of them and figuring out what will best suit the Lodge, we will make a decision on what the best way to proceed will be. We are hoping to have them replaced by the end of September if all goes well. We are also looking at various fundraisers that can help go to offsetting the expense.

Speaking of replacements and upgrades, we will have a new walk-in cooler floor done by August 17th!

## The ENF and You

We have met the new Grand Exalted Ruler's goal and on July 7th, Secretary Wilson and I sent in our Lodges applications for the Promise and Gratuity Grants to help with some of our youth activities. I am planning on attending several of the ENF informational programs while at the Grand Lodge and will report back next month on those.

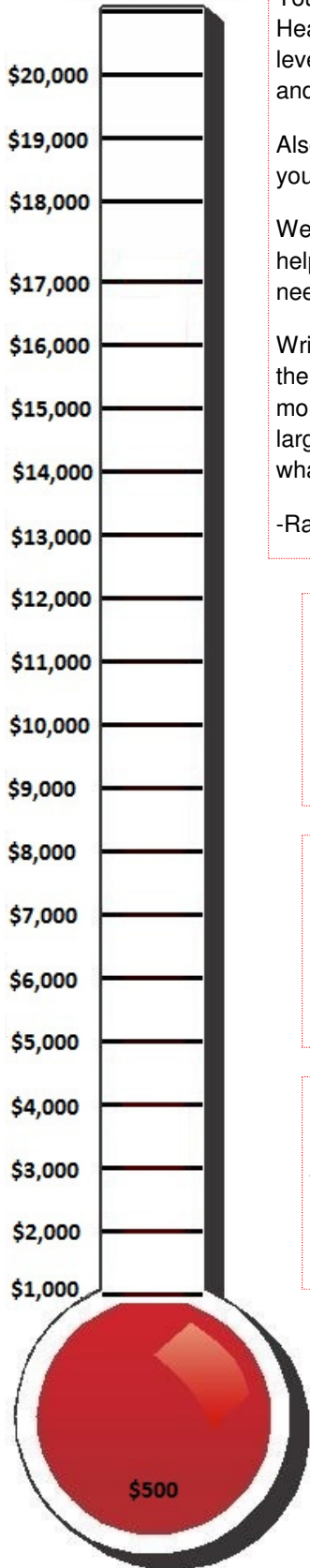
Please remember that even though we have reached the GER's goal, we still have the opportunity to continue giving to the ENF and receiving more monies back for use with programs of the lodge.

Larry R. Bratt  
ENF Chairman

## ...and now for the Quickies...

... Plans are in the works for a new floor for our walk-in cooler, by mid August that should be done. A big "Thanks" to our House Committee for staying on top of that ... By the time you read this our Officers will be back from National Convention, be sure to ask how they did and about their adventures. They put a lot of time and effort into this trip, not to mention sacrificing vacation time, etc. Show them some appreciation for their efforts ... A great time was had by all at the rib dinner. P.E.R. Dr. Doug said that was the best batch of ribs he'd ever cooked up, and to hear those who benefited from his culinary skills, he wasn't kidding ... Our Lodge Room air conditioner broke the night of our last Lodge meeting, and it was roasting in there. Our friend Gene Krauel from Clean Gene's Heating and Cooling (402-730-8122) managed to pull a rabbit out of a hat and repaired it for us in record time (we had the Lodge rented that Saturday for a party) ... Gene pointed out that our equipment is at the end of it's designed life, and it is time to replace it. The parts are obsolete, so we need to replace the three main furnaces and three main A/C units. The Trustees have solicited bids from several local HVAC companies, and will make a decision about whom to go with ... 11426 ... The bottom line is, we need to raise \$20,000 for our building fund, to cover this upgrade. So elsewhere in this Elk O Gram, is information about our fundraising efforts. The Taco's N Talent dinner, last Saturday July 20, was the kickoff for our efforts. It was announced to those at the dinner what the funds were being raised for ... Nice Eagle Ceremony in Hickman for Troop 64, the Four Winds ceremony was employed, and the Scouts did a nice job with their parts. In the Four Winds ceremony, each "wind" has to memorize and choreograph their parts, much like Ritual ... Another Eagle Ceremony upcoming in Waverly on August 11, contact Randy King if you'd like to attend and see what they are all about. Troop 76 in Waverly is an active Troop, and we have done many flag ceremonies there over the years ... P.E.R. Jacobsen is recovering from surgery, and doing well, rumor has it she was recovering by a nice lake somewhere deep in Minnesota. Must be rough! ... Nice to see Chelsea Schrage at the Lodge, she pitched in and helped with the Taco's N Talent dinner, prepping and serving ... Hope to see you at the next dinner, rumor has it there will be some awesome roast beef ...

Our Goal  
\$20,000.00



## Fundraising for our new Furnaces and Air Conditioners

You will find a "thermometer" as we start to keep track of our efforts in raising the funds for a new Heating and Air Conditioning system. You will also find a list of donors, and can decide on what level you'd like to participate and be recognized in. you can give additional money as you are able and move up to a higher level.

Also, if you would like to donate "In Memoriam" or "In Honor" of someone, that would be great. If you wish to remain anonymous, that is perfectly fine as well.

We don't often ask for donations to help ourselves. It is usually to help send a child to camp or help children out with school supplies or something external. This is one of the infrequent times we need to step up and get 'er done for us.

Write a check out to the Elks, in the memo write "Building Fund", and send it in. Or drop it off at the office or to any of the officers and let them know what it's for. Some of us have been a little more fortunate than others; they perhaps can write a larger check - I will personally match the largest check donated, up to the Platinum Level. There are plenty of levels for giving, regardless of what you can afford. Everyone can help a little. Get some skin in this game and lets get this done.

-Randy King

### Fair Share Club (\$1 - 49)

Kevin Sadler  
Maureen Sadler

### \$99 Club (\$50 - 99)

Richard Busch

### Bronze Club (\$100 - 249)

Randy King

### Silver Club (\$250-499)

### Gold Club (\$500-749)

Anonymous Elk

### Diamond Club (\$750-999)

### Platinum Club (\$1000+)

*Will your name be here?*

## Our Members...

### Sickness & Distress:

None

### Deaths:

Robert Wise passed July 10

### Members for Consideration:

Christine Armitage by Joe Mock

### Members for Reinstatement:

None

### Members Initiated in July:

None

### July's EOG Hidden Membership Number:

15790 - Mark Long, hidden in the 2013-2014 Committees list.

**Membership Drawing:** There was no meeting in July.

The pot carries over to August, so remember, it pays to come to meetings!

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## Committee Reports

**Americanism** - Sonny Lane - No Report.

**Boy Scouts** - Randy King - No Report.

**Drug Awareness** - Amy Jacobsen - No Report.

**Girl Scouts** - Stephen Wirth - No Report.

**Hide Program** - Jeff Sneller - No Report.

**Hoop Shoot** - Doug Rienks - No Report.

**House Committee** - House Committee / Trustees: No Report.

**Hunter's Safety** - Randy King - No Report.

**ENF** - Larry Bratt - No Report.

**Membership** - Sonny Lane - No Report.

**Midget Football** - Scott Schrage - No Report.

**Retention** - Jerry Wilson - No Report.

**Scholarship** - Dave Kirby - No Report.

**Soccer Shoot** - Doug Rienks - No Report.

**Social Community Welfare** - Doug Rienks - No Report.

**Veterans Committee** - Wade Graft - No Report.



## 2013-2014 Elks' Lodge #80 Officers

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

## Delinquent Members

- Dale L. Anderson, PER
- Thomas J. Bennett
- Brianna Bergholz
- Arthur R. Bossard
- Leon Bruhn
- Shelly Burklund
- Kenneth J. Conradt
- Timothy E. Cox, PER
- Bill Danley
- Russell Earnest
- Sandra Earnest
- Carrie E. Fiedler
- Nancy J. Halstead
- Patrick Hardesty
- Tonia Hunter
- Arthur R. Jones
- Scott Jurgens
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- Donald L. Leising
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- Sanford H. Nelson
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- Robert W. Payne
- Neil C. Petersen
- Roger L. Pickering
- Lowell Poague
- Sarah Pohlmeier
- Curt Prohaska
- Glen D. Pumel, PER
- Jack Russell
- Donald C. Salmonson
- Jacqueline A. Scholz
- Jerrie L. Simms
- Sally Smalley
- PER Dennis K. Smith
- Larry Sovereign
- Carrie Stone
- Roxanne Thomas
- Clayton Tomjack
- Melvin E. Tucker
- Leon F. Vinci
- Dirk Wingrove
- James Wood
- Harlan R. Zwiebel

## Secretary's Corner

My article this month is short, just a few things: 1) There is only one meeting in August, which will be the 21st. 2) I will be out of the office the last 3 weeks of the month. If you have questions, please call the lodge and they can get hold of me, or feel free to call my phone number, 402-570-2555.

If your name is shown as having not paid your dues and you have; either the check arrived after submitting the information to the printer, or we have a disconnect in posting your payment. I apologize and we can correct this.

We started the automatic check deposit program for dues last month. We are off to a good start, it was a learning curve for us, but the program is doing well. For those who would like to sign up, it will never be too late to have small monthly payments deducted from your bank account each month, versus a single check payment. Granted, it is not a large check, but small increments, 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](mailto:lodge80secy@yahoo.com) or [lodge80secy@gmail.com](mailto:lodge80secy@gmail.com). See you all around the lodge.

- Jerry Wilson

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](mailto: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 only one to remind us!

### Elk-O-Gram Editor's Note

Articles Due: **August 22**

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

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## Happy August Birthdays!

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| Gary Buckmaster         | 17 - Marvin W. Logan     |
| Ivan Gearhart           | 18 - Arthur R. Bossard   |
| 02 - Ward F. Hoppe      | 20 - Virgil Wieting      |
| 03 - Melvin E. Tucker   | Robert A. Wittstruck     |
| John D. Vermaas         | 21 - Paul L. Mussack     |
| Gary L. Weber           | Sally Smalley            |
| 08 - Joseph Silverman   | 23 - Stephen F. Wirth    |
| 11 - Larry D. Schenkel  | 24 - Deborah L. Burns    |
| Ronald Urban            | 26 - Abby Clark          |
| 12 - Dan D. Megrue      | 30 - Robert G. Reinhardt |
| Phillip R. Stettinger   | 31 - Daryll L. Thavenet  |
| 13 - John F. Aman       |                          |
| Jerry L. Wilson         |                          |
| 16 - Arthur C. Berthold |                          |



Our July EOG Folders were: E.R. Larry Schwindt, and Randy King, Kevin and Maureen Sadler.

Please join us August 27th after Beer 'n Burger Nite to assemble the Elk O Gram for September.

*Remember, many hands make light work...*

## 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, PER, 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 PER, Chpers.
- Soccer Shoot:** Doug Rienks, PER, Coord.
- Veterans:** Wade Graft, Mgr.
- Visitation:** Sam Carter, Mgr.
- Youth Activities:** David Kirby PER, Mgr.

## Midget Football

Elks Midget football is starting soon. Equipment checkout was on Sunday, July 28th and practices started on Thursday August 1st. This year the league is looking at a record number of young men playing games starting on Sunday, August 25th.

If you get a chance, take some time and go support the Elks teams. Games start at 10:30am and run until 6pm.



Randy King with Tyler Stajner of Troop 64. Tyler's Eagle Scout project was to remove dead trees, clean up, and renovate the Roca Cemetary.

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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!**

# August 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
<i>NOTE: There is only ONE Lodge meeting in August</i>						
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Dinner 6.30p
11	12	13 Burger Nite 5.30p	14 Room Rented	15	16	17 Room Rented
18	19	20	21 Lodge Meeting 7p	22	23	24
25	26	27 Burger Nite 5.30p	28	29	30	31