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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

# State Ritual Champions, A Clean Sweep

Lincoln Lodge No. 80 was successful for the 6th year in a row in defending their State crown. On Saturday, at the April 26th Awards Banquet, Lincoln received all 8 first place individual awards in their respective positions. Team score was 97.9900 and good enough to bring the Hope Blackledge traveling trophy back to Lincoln for its final resting place. Lincoln has two traveling trophies that are now retired in their trophy case. Each one covers 3 years a piece. Larry Bratt, Leading Knight, won the Nutzman Award which is presented to the highest scoring officer of the 4 teams competing. Larry's score was 96.209 and is now his 2nd Nutzman Award, back to back. He also won this award as Lecturing Knight in 2013. Lincoln's Ritual coaches PERs Clinkenbeard, Todd and Wirth had the team prepared. Many dedicated hours by individuals and coaches in preparation for the State competition paid off. Lincoln will now start preparation for the National Ritual contest to be held at the 150th Elks National Convention in New Orleans July 13th – 17th.

Ritual coach and judge, Bobby Clinkenbeard, won the George B. Klein Award for his dedication to Ritual. He not only helped Lincoln in preparation for the contest, he also recertified as a judge and assisted the State Ritual chairman in judging the state contest. Additional awards received were presented to Larry Schwindt, 1st place Flag Tribute and Larry Bratt, 1st place 11 O'clock Toast. Lincoln Lodge No. 80 also won 1st place in the Lodge Bulletin contest.

### **Presidential Service Awards**

On April 26th at the Elks State Convention in North Platte, it was my extreme pleasure to present Presidential Service Awards to two very deserving individuals. These awards are issued by the President of the United States, and are given to people who have given 4000 hours or more volunteer service in their community. I have had the honor of being associated with both of these fine gentlemen for several years and have witnessed their commitment and dedication first hand. I consulted with their significant others, who compiled the following list, which chronicles just some of their involvement in the community.

The first award was given to Chuck Meisinger. Anyone that knows Chuck can tell you that he cares deeply about the Elks. Chuck has been the Exalted Ruler of our Lodge, District Deputy of the Nebraska East District and State President. He has chaired the House Committee, the all-city Christmas party and the book project. He has served as a Lodge Trustee, cooked for burger night for many years and worked preparing, cooking and serving the Oktoberfest dinner for many years. Chuck laid the carpet in both the current Lodge as well as the carpet in the basement of the Lodge on 70th street. He chaired the Saturday football committee for four years and worked on it for 10 years. He has served on the state convention commission for numerous years, worked on the Benevolence commission and chaired or co-chaired the State Associations Trustee seminar for the state New Officers Seminar.

The second award was given to Rich Todd. If you have met Rich, you would agree that he is a Gentleman's gentleman. If you look up "class" in the dictionary, you will find a picture of Rich. Rich was a member of the Millard Nebraska Lions Club, where he volunteered in many activities. In North Platte, Rich was the Finance Chairman for building a new church and served on the church board for 5+ years. He also served on the New Building Committee for the new Elks Lodge in North Platte. In Kearney, Rich was active in all lodge activities. In Lincoln he has been our Exalted Ruler, worked on the Charitable Trust Committee, Presented many Eagle Scout awards, helped with the soccer and hoop shoots and, of course, coached the Ritual team for many years. Rich was the District Deputy for the Nebraska East District, has been the Nebraska East District Ritual Chairman and Vice Chairman and has conducted meetings at the state New Officers Seminar.

I'm sure that I haven't included all of the things that these fine gentlemen have done for our community, but this will give you a good idea the type of people they are. They epitomize the saying that "Elks Care, Elks Share", and I am proud to call them my friends.

Also receiving a President's 4000 hour award was Exalted Ruler Scott Averell from Omaha Lodge #39. Scott's award was presented by his wife Jean.

Spaghetti Dinner friday. June 20

Spaghetti, Meatballs, Garlic Bread, Salad, and Dessert

Cocktails 5.30p Dinner 6.30p

free will donation a ritual team fundraiser

Father's Day Brunch sunday, June 15 A full menu to choose from! Serving from: 8a-2p free will donation ritual team fundraiser Page 2 Volume 126, Issue 3



Grand Exalted Ruler, 2013-2014 Millard C. Pickering Message from the GER Grand Lodge Newsletter, April 2014

"Living and Giving the American Way of Life."

As Susanne and I prepare for New Orleans, my final trip as your Grand Exalted Ruler, I am reminded of the story from my boyhood I related to you in Reno. How the neighbor's kid and I would often sit near the curb at the intersection of Jackson Avenue and Route 66 in Sapulpa, OK, on warm summer evenings watching the cars go by and thinking about the many places they represented. We dreamed then of visiting those many places, getting to know the people there and learning about their way of life.

Looking back on the almost 12 months and many miles since that July day in Reno, I am struck by how reality far exceeded the dream of that adventure. Wherever the road took us this last year, we were greeted by generosity and graciousness. We visited big, indeed palatial, Lodges as well as those with modest surroundings and the many in-between. All were passionate about this Order, involved in their communities, proud of their veterans and protective and embracing of their youth. People exhibited genuine affection for each other as well as the stranger, and a willingness to care and share bigheartedly.

In short, we witnessed first-hand American people living the American Way of Life.

In my efforts to identify the many factors that make Our Order "Distinctively American" in that acceptance speech, I thought I had done a pretty thorough job. It's pretty easy, after all, to connect the Elks to Liberty, Godliness and Community. Yet with every visit this year I learned the inadequacy of that effort. The Order of Elks is literally woven into the fabric of this Country, an integral part, and a reinforcing presence wherever Elks live their lives.

I also thought, after 37 years of membership, that I had a good grasp of what I meant when we adopted the remainder of our theme: Elks Give. Yet I barely touched on the length and depth of Elks' generosity. Our goals turned out to be too modest and were far exceeded. In addition, both the quantity and quality of all that you do for the people of this nation also went far beyond our anticipations.

I wish every Member could have this experience. Hopefully the letters we have prepared, articles in the magazine, and the blog have conveyed some sense of how much there is for every Elk to be proud of as a Member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America.

In short, Elks are Caring and Sharing, Living and Giving the American Way of Life as never before.

May it ever be so.

Thanks to you all, and congratulations on a job well done.



Exalted Ruler Lodge No. 80 2014-2015

Larry R. Bratt

Greetings and salutations to all. The month of May was very busy and exciting. The Ritual Team held the annual Mothers Day Breakfast on May 11th, and served about 180 people a great breakfast. The menu, as usual, had eggs cooked any way they wanted, omelets, French toast, pancakes, waffles, cheesy gravy and biscuits, bacon, sausage, ham, toast, muffins and juices and coffee. All that attended enjoyed the food and the fellowship. The proceeds after expenses will help with the costs of our Ritual Team traveling to New Orleans to compete in the National Convention if July. A big thank you to all that helped. Carrie Fiedler, Mary Brooks, Laurie Montag, Kim & Pat Wiseman, Steve Wirth, Rich Todd, Connie Moore, Bobby & Suz Clinkenbeard, Nancy Kennedy, Troy Pederson, and the Larry's. Don't forget we will be putting on the same breakfast for Fathers Day on June 15th.

In case you haven't heard, congratulations go out to PER Larry Schwindt for being selected as the Officer of the Year for the State of Nebraska Elks Association. Larry was presented a plaque at the State Convention and is obviously very deserving of this award. Congrats Larry and thanks for all you do for our lodge.

Congrats also go out to Maureen and Kevin Sadler for winning 1st place in the Lodge Bulletin Contest at State. The lodge was presented a beautiful plaque in the shape of Nebraska. Make sure you congratulate and thank them for all they do the next time you see them around the lodge.

We had a great crowd of about 400 people at the Youth Scholarship & Recognition night at SECC on May 5th. Master of Ceremonies Sonny Lane did an outstanding job as did Chairman Dave Kirby. We handed out \$36,000.00 in scholarships and recognized 196 High School Juniors for their achievements. ER Larry Bratt welcomed the audience and PER Larry Schwindt gave the invocation. Thanks to all the Elks that attended and helped judge the scholarship applications. Take a look at our website for photographs of the event.

Coming up on June 7th will be our first Elks appreciation day celebration. See the article in this issue for details of this event. Mary Brooks, Kim & Pat Wiseman, Laurie Montag and Scott Schrage have been working very hard on organizing this event.

Flag Day is Saturday June 14th and we will be presenting our Flag Day ceremony on the grounds of the Veterans Hospital on S. 70th. We will also have a booth at this event for our veterans along with many other organizations as an effort to thank all of our veterans for what they have sacrificed and done for us and our country. Please take the time to come out and enjoy the festivities and thank our veterans in person.

There will be a spaghetti feed sponsored by the Ritual Team as a fund raiser on Friday June 20th. Join us for a great meal and fellowship all proceeds will help defray the Ritual team's expenses.

Remember Faith, Commitment, Be a Beacon



# **Knight's Tales**



We have all heard the phrase that "Charity begins at home", but what does that really mean? I feel it means that if you are fostering and nurturing an environment of love, peace, and giving in your home, that you are teaching your children the true meaning of Charity.

If children are taught these principles from a young age,

they will carry these principles with them throughout their lives and teach them to their children. Charity begins with you. Can you imagine a world where everyone followed these standards? The world would be a much nicer place.



-Larry Schwindt, Leading Knight

Summer quickly approaches; does everyone have their vacation plans set yet? Your Ritual team is going to New Orleans to participate in the National Ritual competition in July. There is a lot of practice to be done yet, but we are working hard to make you proud.

As the year slowly marches on, we all need to look at our

friends and acquaintances and ask "Would they be good Elks? Can I recruit them? Would they enjoy being an Elk?". Ask, you might be surprised that after your expound on the virtues and benefits to the children, vets, and community, they might just be interested. Something to think about...



-Gerry Miles, Lecturing Knight

### **DOES News**

The BPOE Does just completed two fundraisers; "Ladies Night Out" held at Rachel's Boutique and our annual Flower and Plant Sale. Both events were very successful. Thanks to all who helped, chaired, or purchased items.

Two new ladies joined the Does in April; Leslie Brooker and Alisa Eichorn. Please welcome them if you see them around the club.

Our National Supreme Officers were in Lincoln May 22. 23. and 24 to talk with us about Lincoln hosting the Does National Convention in 2016. More information to follow as plans are laid in place!

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

... Huge night out at Southeast Community College for Scholarship night, Thanks to all who attended and supported our youth, and enjoyed seeing them receive scholarships. It is a lot of work but well worth it. If you have never helped judge Scholarship applications, you should. It's incredibly difficult to select a winner, there are so many qualified kids and the need is great ... Big Thanks go out to Troy Pedersen and Ivan Gearhart for handling Eagle Scout Ceremonies, nice to see our Elks stepping up and honoring youth for that significant accomplishment ... Mother's Day Brunch was a success, everyone enjoyed the food and fellowship that ensued, we had a record turnout. Heard good things about the Chef's who did the fruit displays and carvings, rumor has it they are going to be back for the Fathers Day Brunch on June 15 ... busy weekend, as the Girl Scouts Gold Award is at the Capital Rotunda on Saturday June 14th, with reception following at First Christian Church, northeast across the street from the Capitol immediately following. And at the same time, there is an Extravaganza at the VA, it is Flag Day, and we are displaying and honoring our Flag there this year. We'll have a booth with Drug Awareness material, people honoring our Veterans, etc. Come join the festivities, bring a friend or three, Thank a Veteran ... Be sure to mark the 10th and 24th on your calendar, come out for Beer n Burger. Our turnout at these has been pretty slim, the volunteers put in a lot of time and effort preparing the food and serving, only to have three people show up. This is a necessary fundraiser for our Lodge, we need the support. Please come, bring your family, friends, etc. You might even get to help fold an Elk-O-Gram, it has been known to happen ... we have over 50 members on the delinquent dues list. This is silly, folks. Get your dues turned in. Every year we spend time making dozens of phone calls and dozens of hours pleading with people to pay their dues. This is wasted time and a source of frustration for your Officers. You pay your light bill on time, we need to also! Please, get your checks into the office. And send a little extra for the building fund, or the ritual team. These people volunteer hundreds of hours preparing for competition to make our Lodge a Shining Star in the State ... and we are, thanks to the stellar efforts of our Ritual Team, including Coaches Wirth and Todd. Please take time to Thank them for lending their expertise, volunteering their time, and giving of themselves to perpetuate this tradition. This is the fabric that make us unique, gives us roots. It takes time, work, money, and determination to carry on the traditions of our Lodge, please help. After all, be proud to call yourself an Elk ... A big Thank You to the Lodge and its members for honoring me for Volunteer of the Year award. I never saw it coming! To me, you just do what needs to be done. No fanfare, no chest thumping, just "get it done". When you have a skill or talent, you should share it with others where it benefits the most. I was gifted with mechanical skills and electronic skills, so helping with maintenance and kitchen repair, sound systems, and so on is natural for me. There are so many in our Lodge that give of their time and talents. Where would we be without "The Larry's"? You can find Bob Sindlar quietly helping, gettin' er' done at nearly every meal, same goes for Pat and Kim Wiseman, Mary Brooks and Carrie Fiedler, and dozens of others. Maureen and Kevin Sadler getting the Elk O Gram printed and easy to read, out on time. Larry Klein giving us the best website of any Lodge in the Nation. Nancy is always doing extra cleaning and trying to help out, same goes for Roxy and Vicki and Jody. Jerry spends a ton of time doing "whatever it is that a Secretary does", as does Imre, man that guy is good with the books, he is so dedicated to getting things right and making it understandable for all of us. Sam Carter, always there as our Tiler, dependable as clockwork, and we all enjoy the efforts of Wauneta Peterson on our organ, what a blessing she is. We all contribute in some way to our Lodge and make it work, large or small, frequent or occasional. Most of us think our efforts are unnoticed, underappreciated, of little value, and nothing could be further from the truth ... get involved in your Lodge, give of yourself. Support others in their efforts, write a check, volunteer a few hours. It is all for the betterment of our society, our city, our nation. It matters, folks ...

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# SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2014 Appreciation Day

FREE FOOD and FUN For Elks And Their Families

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

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THE LODGE WILL BE OPEN FOR BUSINESS
WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS AT THE LODGE AND THE JUNE ELK-O-GRAMII

# **Our Members...**

### Sickness & Distress:

Ray Norris has cancer, is undergoing treatment. Connie Schwindt undergoing chemotherapy. Bill Overman has cancer, is undergoing treatment.

### Deaths:

None.

### **Members for Consideration:**

None.

### **Members for Reinstatement:**

None.

### **Members Initiated in May:**

None.

### **Hidden Number:**

15805, Russ Langley, hidden in the committee reports.

Membership Drawing: Membership drawing for the May 7th meeting was Willis Harding but he was not present to win. Membership drawing for the May 21st meeting was Donald Hanaway, but he was not present 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!

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# **Committee Reports**

Americanism - Sonny Lane - No Report.

Boy Scouts - Randy King - 4 Eagle ceremonies attended.

**Drug Awareness** - Larry Bratt - New materials are being ordered.

**Girl Scouts** - Stephen Wirth - Gold Award Ceremony will be June 14th at the Capitol Rotunda.

Hide Program - Jeff Sneller - No Report.

Hoop Shoot - Gerry Miles - No Report.

House Committee - House Committee / Trustees: 1) We are looking for a new cash register. 2) Limits for cash back were set at \$50 for members and \$25 for non-members. 3) Spaghetti feed June 20th. 4) June 7th is Elks Appreciation day. 5) Father's Day Brunch is June 15th.

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

**ENF -** Larry Bratt - \$9.11 as of May 7th, this year's goal is \$4.60. We are short from our contributions last year, but it is still early.

**Membership** - Larry Schwindt - Members on the delinquent list will be called. **Midget Football** - Scott Schrage - Planning meetings have been held. A new head coach was appointed.

Retention - Jerry Wilson - 257 Members, 46 Delinquent, 1 Candidate.

**Scholarship** - Dave Kirby - A check for \$743.50 from the Elks Bowling League was presented as a donation to the Scholarship Program.

Soccer Shoot - Doug Rienks - No Report.

Social Community Welfare - Doug Rienks - No Report.

**Veterans Committee** - Wade Graft - 1) Celebrated 2 Veteran's birthdays. 2) Wade reminded everyone of the upcoming June 14th Veteran's Day event. There will be a booth giving away flags, gloves, Frisbee's, and material about the Elks. We will be doing a flag retirement ceremony starting at 11am.

## 2014-2015 Elks' Lodge #80 Officers

Exalted RulerLarry BrattLeading KnightLarry Schwindt PERLoyal KnightMary BrooksLecturing KnightGerald MilesEsquireCarrie FiedlerInner GuardLaurie MontagTilerSam CarterSecretaryJerry WilsonTreasurerImre BonyhadyChaplainTroy PedersenOrganistWauneta PetersonTrustee 1 YearScott SchrageTrustee 2 YearKim WisemanTrustee 3 YearDaryll ThavenetTrustee 4 YearTerry Edwards PER

Trustee 5 Year...... Robert Sindlar

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# **Youth Recognition Night 2014**

On May 5th the Lincoln Elks Lodge held its Youth Recognition Night at Southeast Community College. This event is held yearly and is part of the Elks Youth Week celebration. Youth week gives us the opportunity to recognize young people that have shown that they are great assets to our community. The first part of the Youth Day program was devoted to giving scholarships to some of the outstanding youth in our area. The Elks presented 31 scholarships totaling \$36,650.00. The second part of the program honored outstanding high school juniors for their academic and activities achievements. We were proud to present 208 certificates to these fine young people in the areas of Academic Achievement, Art, Business Education, Computer Skills, Debate/Speech, Dramatics, Family & Consumer Sciences, Foreign Language, Industrial Technology, Leadership, Music, Sports and Student Publications.

Youth Activities Chairman and P.E.R. Dave Kirby, with the help of Loyal Knight Mary Brooks, made sure that everything was organized for a smooth presentation. P.E.R. Sonny Lane acted as emcee, E.R. Larry Bratt welcomed everyone, and P.E.R. Larry Schwindt gave the invocation. A special "thank you" goes out to all of the people who took time out of their busy lives to go over each and every one of the almost 450 scholarships that we received. This is a very time consuming process where each application is rated to make sure that we pick the very best people to receive these scholarships. Thank you also to the many people that helped in the presentation of the scholarships and the certificates of recognition.

The scholarship winners were:

Paulding Smith Scholarship Luke Dance \$2000.00

Esther Smith Scholarship Isabella Gallegos \$2000.00

Exalted Ruler Legacy Scholarship Alexis Rienks \$1000.00

Exalted Ruler Legacy Scholarship Brandon Schipman \$1000.00

Alex "Bud" Dietrich Scholarship Kathryn Kirby \$875.00

Gerry Crouch Scholarship Hannah E. Flamme \$800.00

1st Most Valuable Student (Male) Akshay S. Rajagopal \$750.00

1st Most Valuable Student (Female) Ashley Bogus \$750.00

2nd Most Valuable Student (Male) Cameron J. Johnson \$625.00

2nd Most Valuable Student (Female) Jamie E. Roth \$625.00

3rd Most Valuable Student (Male) Ahn D. Nguyen \$500.00 3rd Most Valuable Student (Female)

Brenda L. Mills \$500.00

Dan Holmstedt Scholarship Samantha Houfek \$850.00

Jack M. Jensen Scholarship (Male) Dalton Hegeholz \$925.00

Jack M. Jensen Scholarship (Female) Carly Johnson \$925.00

Grace Metcalf Scholarship Grace laquinta \$1075.00

Lincoln Does Drove #4 Scholarship Truc Doan \$1275.00

P.G.E.R. Vincent R. Collura Scholarship Tran B. Phung \$1425.00

Joanne Durst Teaching Scholarship Halley Bond \$1000.00/Year for 4 years

Wesley & Janis Durst Teaching Scholarship Justin Michael Larsen \$1000.00/Year for 4 years

Rob Armagost Scholarship Brook Benes \$825.00 Harlan "Lee" Erisman Scholarship Abigail Wedding \$825.00

BPO Elks #80 Bowling Scholarship Kelley Machacek \$1050.00

James Gray Scholarship Andrea Jameson \$850.00

James Rakers Science Scholarship Marie Foley \$800.00

Adam "Curley" & Leata Schwindt Scholarship Luke Dance \$800.00

Glenn Tyrrel Scholarship Brody Myers \$900.00

Dick Blomgren Scholarship Leah M. Delaney \$775.00

Agricultural Scholarship (Female) Hannah Ronnau \$1400.00

Agricultural Scholarship (Male) Brandon Deunk \$1400.00

P.G.E.R. George B. Klein Scholarship Leslie Masek \$1125.00

# **Youth Recognition Night 2014**



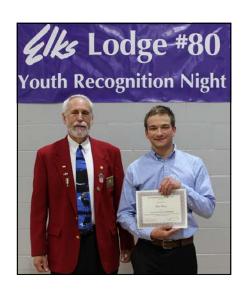
















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### Elk-O-Gram Editor's Note

Articles Due: June 19

(Deadline is <u>ALWAYS</u> 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

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? 09165!

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 only one to remind us...

### **2014-2015 Committees**

Accident: Randy King, Chpers.

**Americanism:** Sonny Lane PER, Chpers. **Auditing:** Duane Vanderbeek, Chpers.

Benevolence: Richard Todd PER/PDD, Chpers.
Community Activities: Stephen Wirth PER, Chpers.

Drug Awareness: Larry Bratt, Chpers.

ENF: Larry Bratt, Chpers.

Eagle Scouts: Randy King, Chpers.
Flag Day: Doug Rienks, PER, Chpers.
Gold Award: Stephen Wirth PER, Chpers.
Gov. Relations: Richard Todd PER/PDD, Chpers.
Hide Program: Jeff Sneller, PER, Chpers.

Hoop Shoot: Gerald Miles, Chpers. Hunters Safety: Randy King, Chpers. Indoctrination: Larry Bratt, Chpers. Investigation: Larry Bratt, Chpers. Retention: Jerry Wilson, Chpers.

**Lodge Activities:** Richard Todd PER/PDD, Chpers.

Membership: Larry Schwindt PER, Chpers.
Midget Football: Scott Schrage, Chpers.
Public Relations: Stephen Wirth PER, Chpers.
PER Association: Doug Rienks PER, Chpers.

Ritual: Stephen Wirth PER, Chpers. Scholarship: David Kirby PER, Chpers. Soccer Shoot: Doug Rienks, PER, Chpers.

Veterans: Wade Graft, Chpers. Visitation: Wade Graft, Chpers. Youth Activities: David Kirby PER, Chpers.

# Secretary's Corner

We continue to move forward with our programs, dinners, and other Lodge activities. Membership is the key objective for this year; and we all should make it our goal this year to ask just one person to be a member.

Just another reminder, dues for the current Lodge year, which began April 1st, are due. The new 2014-2015 cards are sent out immediately after I receive your payment, so if you have not received your card, please let me know. Mistakes either in the Lodge office or with the Post Office do happen.

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: <a href="lodge80secy@yahoo.com">lodge80secy@yahoo.com</a> or <a href="lodge80secy@gmail.com">lodge80secy@gmail.com</a>. See you all around the lodge.

- Jerry Wilson

### **ENF Award**

On Saturday 4-26-14 at the State Elks convention Lincoln Elks Lodge #80 received the Top Per-capita Plaque for being the Lodge with the highest total in the state of giving to the Elks National Foundation. Our Lodge contributed \$23.38 per member to the Foundation for the Lodge year 2013-2014. This was the highest total our lodge has ever had and the first time that I am aware of that we were the top Lodge in the State. Thanks to everyone that contributed. We are #1!

Larry R. Bratt, Exalted Ruler ENF Chairman

Our May EOG Folders were: Randy King, Maureen Sadler, Stephen Wirth, Larry Bratt, Larry Schwindt, Sharon Buss, and another Elk who wishes to remain anonymous.

Please join us June 24th after Beer 'n Burger Nite to assemble the Elk O Gram for June. Remember, many hands make light work...

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### **Lincoln Officers Conduct State Memorial Service**

Officers of Lincoln Lodge No. 80 performed the State Memorial Service on Sunday, April 27th at the 102nd State Convention held in North Platte. Exalted Ruler Larry Bratt and his officers performed this service flawlessly. A eulogy for Past State President Gaylord Nielsen from

Grand Island was PER Barry

Musical performed by Mattheis and selection "The was sung by Vanderheiden North Platte.



Lodge #604 performed by Hopkins.

prelude was Karen musical Vacant Chair" Tim both from

Pictured L to R: Laurie Montag, Troy Pedersen, Larry Schwindt, Karen Mattheis, Tim Vanderheiden, Larry Bratt, Barry Hopkins, Mary Brooks, Gerald Miles and Carrie Fiedler

# **National Guard Recognition**

On Saturday April 19th the National Guard held their Volunteer Recognition Night at Wilderness Ridge. PER Larry Schwindt and ER Larry Bratt attended the dinner and our Lodge was presented a plaque expressing their thanks for volunteering and having a booth at the Haunted Armory at Halloween. They were very grateful for the time we spent at the event and asked us to please continue to have a booth in the future.

Thanks to all that helped make this a success, Rich Todd, Connie Moore, Carrie Fiedler, Steve Wirth, Spencer Hagan, and of course the Larry's. The plaque was presented to the Lodge at the last meeting and is now on display at the Lodge.



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# **Happy June Birthdays!**

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- 3 James Baruth
- 4 Glen D. Pumel
- 5 Lowell Poague
- 6 Daniel K. Holland Kevin T. Rhoades
- 8 Rex S. Jensen
- 9 Scott Keller
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1	<b>2</b> Ritual Practice 8p	3 Ritual Practice 6.30p	4 Lodge Meeting 7p	5 Ritual Practice 6.30p	6	<b>7</b> Elks Appreciation Day
8 Ritual Practice 10.30a	9 Ritual Practice 8p	<b>10</b> Burger Nite 5.30p American Legion	11 Room Rented	<b>12</b> VFW	13	14 Flag Day Gold Awards
<b>15</b> Father's Day Brunch 9-2	<b>16</b> Ritual Practice 8p	17 American Legion	<b>18</b> Lodge Meeting 7p	19 American Legion	<b>20</b> Spaghetti Dinner 5.30p	21 Ritual Practice 10.30a
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