



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

Flag Day Program

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks are responsible for our country having Flag Day. It was our order that created and convinced our government to make June 14th National Flag Day. We should all take great pride in this and our lodge had the opportunity to perform the Flag Ceremony at the Veterans Music Festival at the VA Hospital on Saturday the 14th of June. Veterans Chairman Wade Graft worked with the committee and arranged for us to have a booth at the festival as well as allowing us to perform the ceremony at the end of the day. Taps followed the closing of our ceremony and added to a very touching evening. The entire festival was streamed over the internet, live through out the world for all our current Military personnel and their families, as well as anyone else that wanted to watch. The officers and PER's that performed were ER Larry Bratt, PER Larry Schwindt, PER Bobby Clinkenbeard, Mary Brooks, Troy Pederson, Laurie Montag and Wauneta Petersen. Also thanks to Boy Scout Troops #159 & 21 for presenting the flags and our own PER Rich Todd for getting all the Scouts lined up and started at the right times.

This was only the second Flag Day ceremony that I have been involved in that was done outside of the Lodge and it was very well received. Numerous veterans commented after the ceremony about how much it meant to them and how much they appreciated the entire program. If you are not familiar with the Flag Day ceremony, it follows the history of our flag from its humble beginnings through the present. The times it was won, won again, and won again through different battles in our nation's history and what the flag really means. I would strongly urge you to attend next year's ceremony if you can. We have been asked to again perform this ceremony at the Veterans Music festival next year.

Thanks to Sam Carter, Vi and Helen Burst, PER Bobby Clinkenbeard and PER Larry Schwindt who joined Wade and I at the booth and in promoting this event. A big thanks also to all the Officers and PER's that presented the Flag Day Ceremony.

-Larry R Bratt, ER

DOES News

Over Memorial Day weekend the Does placed red silk roses on 150 graves, for their departed sisters, to show they weren't forgotten. Thanks to Wauneta Peterson, chair and her committee, Marjorie Wyant, Kelli Stanley-Smith, Lisa Spoomer, Kay and Roger White.

The annual Does wine trip is scheduled for Saturday, August 2nd. We will first visit Red Path Gallery & Tasting Room, in Seward, NE. Then on to the Lucky Lady wine tasting and lunch in Aurora, NE. Then to the Little Blue Vineyard in Fairfield, NE. We will finish the day at Superior Estates in Superior, NE. All for \$99.00 a person. For more details call [402-489-7011](tel:402-489-7011) or [402-484-8842](tel:402-484-8842). Proceeds will go to the Does Scholarship fund.

As always, if you hear of any one who would like any information about our organization, please call Pres. Marjorie Wyant at [402-423-5939](tel:402-423-5939).

REMINDER:

There will be no Lodge meetings in the month of July due to the holiday and Nationals Competition. See you in August!

Patriotic Dinner

July 26th come and join us for:

Salisbury Steaks

Mashed Potatoes

Gravy

Corn on the Cob

Salad

Homemade Pie ala Mode



Bring your friends and family for a good time and great food!

\$12 per person



Grand Exalted Ruler, 2013-2014

Millard C. Pickering
Message from the GER
Grand Lodge Newsletter,
July 2014

*“In All Things, Give Thanks’
Has New Meaning.”*

When Susanne settled on that phrase for her pin last year we thought we had a clear concept of what it meant: To recognize the small things we do for others every day as a way of accepting, as St. Thérèse wrote, that not everyone can do the great ones.

As our journey has progressed now to the end of the term our understanding of that phrase has broadened and deepened with the many experiences we have had. Wherever our travels have taken us we have seen the best the Elks community has to offer and spent quality time with the Best People On Earth.

We have seen the joy in the face of a challenged child experiencing normalcy for the first time in the caring environment of a treatment center. We have shared in the wonderful “shoot-for-the-moon” optimism of young scholars as they see their future open up because of winning a great scholarship.

We watched men and women who had never felt the satisfaction of being productive citizens proudly display the fruits of their labors.

Who could not be moved watching a young child set aside the tears and pain of cancer treatment by sorting through the “Owie Box” to find that special toy or the grizzled veteran wiping away a tear after realizing his service and sacrifice has not been forgotten?

These are but a few of the great experiences you have shared with us this year, each more than worthy of gratitude and recognition. But the cumulative effect of all that our membership provides is immense, indeed.

So as we close this marvelous experience we find it challenging to fully comprehend the many things the Order achieved this year. It could be that, even after looking back on this time and reviewing the many mementos and pictures of our visits, we will still be unable to fully grasp the magnitude of what so many living, giving, caring and sharing Elks accomplished in the year past. But we will ever be thankful for all things – great and small.



Exalted Ruler Lodge No. 80 2014-2015

Larry R. Bratt

Greetings and salutations to all. It is hard to believe that spring is already gone and summer is upon us. Your Ritual Team will be traveling to New Orleans for the National Convention to compete in the Ritual competition. We will be putting forward our best effort and trying to place in the Final Four and then to win the National Championship. We are looking forward to representing our lodge and state in the competition and will try to make you all proud.

June was a very busy month again. We held a successful Elks Appreciation Day on June 7th, thanks to Kim and Pat Wiseman, Mary Brooks, Laurie Montag and Scott Schrage for all their hard work. We did not have as large of a crowd that we would have liked, but those who attended had a great time. Saturday June 14th was an especially busy day. Our Veterans Coordinator Wade Graft was able to assist us in being a sponsor of the Veterans Music Festival at the VA Hospital. We had a booth there and then our Officers performed the Flag Program at the end of the night for all that were in attendance. The Girl Scouts Gold, Silver and Bronze awards were presented at the Capital Rotunda at 2:00pm on this same date. Three Gold awards were presented and Chairman Steve Wirth spoke to the crowd. PER Larry Schwindt, PER Rich Todd and I also were present for this program.

On Sunday June 15th, the lodge held their annual Fathers day Breakfast, which is a fund raiser for the ritual team. The breakfast was well attended and no one went away hungry. Thanks to all that attended and support our Ritual Team. On Friday June 20th, a spaghetti feed was sponsored by the ritual team. This unfortunately was not well attended and this was very disappointing to those who took the time to prepare the meal.

I want to take a moment to remind everyone that to keep our lodge operating and the doors open, we need more of our members to attend the dinners. The dinners are the main source of income for the day to day operations, including paying all the utility bills. Our lounge/bar provides minimal profit at times and as we have tried to keep the prices down in the bar, this income doesn't come close to helping us keep the lodge operating. I hate to be negative, but the bottom line is that if we do not start having more income generated through our monthly dinners, we might not be able to keep the lodge and bar open. I know of other lodges in our state and around the nation that have ended up having to sell their building and be unable to provide any of the activities we provide to their members. I don't want this to happen to our lodge and I don't think any of our members do either, so please plan on attending the dinners and encourage other members to do the same so that we can continue to provide all our members and our community with the programs and assistance that we have built our lodge on.

Please mark your calendars for Saturday July 26th for the Salisbury Steak dinner.

Remember Faith, Commitment, Be a Beacon



Knights Tales



To do unto others, as we would they, should do unto us. This is just one part of the initiation ritual that we should take to heart. Its meaning is simple. It means that we should treat people as we would like to be treated.

I know that everyone has stressful times during their lives, but even during times of stress, remember to be kind to other people. You never know what other people are going through, and maybe just a small act of kindness could turn the day around for them.

-Larry Schwindt, Leading Knight



As you read this, your officers are busy practicing for the National contest and packing for the trip to New Orleans. I would like to thank all who helped sponsor us by coming to the Mothers Day, and Fathers Day breakfasts and the Spaghetti feed. I would also like to thank all of the volunteers that helped make them possible.

I was unable to make it to the appreciation day but I understand that all that attended had a wonderful time, thank you to those who organized this function.

-Gerry Miles, Lecturing Knight



Greetings all,

What a busy month it has been. Your ritual team has been practicing hard this last month! We all hope the many hours will bring good scores at the National Convention. We have also been working hard on fundraising to offset the cost of our travel. A big Thank You to all of you for your support.

Elks Appreciation Day was greatly enjoyed by all who attended. What a great family day. If you missed it, plan on attending next year. You won't be disappointed.

I wish more of you could have seen our Flag Day Ceremony at the Veterans Music Festival. It carries such a patriotic message and was enjoyed by all in attendance. What an honor to present it to such a worthy crowd. It was available to all veteran facilities across the country and on their web site. They enjoyed it so much we have been invited back next year! See you around the Lodge.

-Mary Brooks, Loyal Knight



...and now for the Quickies...

... Congrats to Wade Graft for pulling off a great event at the VA on June 14th, the Flag Ceremony was very well received and we got a lot of good exposure, plus an invite to return next year. Drug awareness material was passed out, and a lot of Elk's Frisbees were flown away as well ... Three new people proposed for membership in our Lodge. Who was the last person you recruited? Hmmm. Might need to work on that! Seriously, we need new members. Please ask a friend to join, bring them to a dinner or an event ... Father's Day Brunch was another success, Chef Mikel and Chef David made a return appearance with their fruit carvings and displays, they certainly were a hit. The kitchen crew did a stellar job of whipping up made to order breakfasts, and a tasty fare it was. Thanks to Mary and Carrie, Bob Sindlar, as always, Troy Pedersen, Kim and Pat, the Larry's, and of course Rich Todd and Connie Moore keeping the orders coming in and the coffee filled ... Congratulations to Randy King, Larry Bratt, and Mary Brooks on their receiving awards for their ENF contributions at the last Lodge meetings. We are already well on our way to claiming the top spot in the state for this year! ... Thank You's were read on the floor of the Lodge for a recent Eagle Scout ceremony, and several from scholarship recipients as well ... Rich Todd nominated Bobby Clinkenbeard for honorary Life Membership in our Lodge. Bobby has given far above and beyond to the Elks and to our Lodge over the years, it is a fitting honorarium for him ... this is published elsewhere in the Elk O Gram, and will be voted on in August. Please come to that August 6th meeting as a show of support for Bobby Clinkenbeard. ... Remember, there are no meetings in July. Our Ritual Team will be at Nationals the latter half of the month ... please come and support the July Dinner, the Lodge really needs the income to keep the light bill paid. Please spend some time in the Pub, bring your friends, have a cold one (or three), and remember to try out the new card reader system, it allows you to pay with your charge card instead of cash or check ... Randy King presented the Lodge with a refurbished Bible, the Bindery created a new leather cover, and restored one of our two Bibles for use in our meetings. Both of our Bibles date to 1893, and were probably the ones first purchased for use in our Lodge. As you may or may not know, our Lodge was originally chartered in 1888, then due to management shake up's at the National Level, fell out of use for a time in the late 1890's. After National reorganized, our Lodge re-chartered, using our original Lodge #80 and charter date of 1888. ... Go to the Elks National Website for information on what was happening nationally at that time. At any rate, our pair of Bibles were re-covered by the Omaha Bindery in the early 1960's, and after another 50+ years of use, were looking pretty tattered and sad. One Bible now has a new goatskin cover, and a new style binding that allows the book to be laid flat without damage to the spine. The pages were trimmed and repaired as best they could, a new logo was embossed on the front cover, and our Bible is ready for another 50 years or more of service! ... it is stored in a new shelf created especially for our Bibles, in the chair storage area off the main Lodge room ... check it out! ...

NOMINATION FOR HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

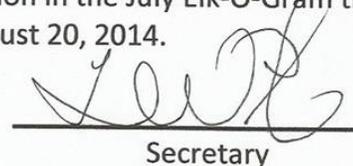
Whereas, Bobby Clinkenbeard has distinguished himself in service to Lincoln Elks Lodge #80 in many ways above and beyond the norm, and

Whereas, he has performed many services for his State Association, including serving as State Credentials Committee Chairman, State Ritual Chairman, State Sergeant at Arms, State President and State Trustee, and

Whereas, he has served the Grand Lodge in many ways, including District Deputy, as a National Ritual Judge, appointed Secretary to Grand Exalted Ruler Collura, as a Special Deputy to the Grand Exalted Ruler and most recently as Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight, therefore, be it resolved,

That Lincoln Elks Lodge #80 bestow an Honorary Life Membership on Bobby Clinkenbeard and that after publishing this nomination in the July Elk-O-Gram the Lodge vote on it at the meeting on Wednesday, August 20, 2014.


Exalted Ruler


Secretary

I move that the Lodge presents the preceding nomination to the members and that it be published in the July Elk-O-Gram, then laid over to vote on at the August 20, 2014 meeting.

Our Members...

Sickness & Distress:

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

Deaths:

None.

Members for Consideration:

Donald Morris by Fred Gustin
 Jerry Pesek by Larry Bratt
 Samantha Montag by Laurie Montag

Members for Reinstatement:

None.

Members Initiated in June:

None.

Hidden Number:

09165, Robert Klein, hidden in the request for tidbits.

Membership Drawing: There was no drawing for the June 4th meeting. Membership drawing for the June 18th meeting was Paul Pocock for \$64, 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!

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

Committee Reports

Americanism - Sonny Lane - No Report.

Boy Scouts - Randy King - No Report.

Drug Awareness - Larry Bratt - Lots of Frisbees were distributed at the VA Hospital Music Festival and Flag Retirement event. More need to be ordered.

Girl Scouts - Stephen Wirth - There were 3 Gold, 28 Silver, and 90 Bronze Awards given out.

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) We need a replacement bartender. 3) The Freezer needed a new defrost timer. 4) Highlighted the dinners in June and Elks Appreciation Day, June 7th.

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

ENF - Larry Bratt - \$9.29 as of June 8th, this year's goal is \$4.60.

Membership - Larry Schwindt - No Report.

Midget Football - Scott Schrage - No Report.

Retention - Jerry Wilson - 257 Members, 41 Delinquent, 4 Candidates.

Scholarship - Dave Kirby - There was a write up in the "Neighborhood Extra" about our Scholarship Awards Ceremony, highlighting the number of recipients and the dollar value given .

Soccer Shoot - Doug Rienks - No Report.

Social Community Welfare - Doug Rienks - No Report.

Veterans Committee - Wade Graft - 1) Celebrated 5 Veteran's birthdays. 2) A summary of the Veteran's Music event at the VA Hospital was given by Wade Graft. We had a booth distributing drug awareness material and Frisbees. The Flag Retirement Ceremony was at 7:45pm and appeared to be the hit of the day. Several attendees expressed appreciation, they commented that they learned something, and some said that it brought tears to their eyes. The event was "Live Streamed" nationwide. We were told that the VA expects us back next year! Wade was given another "atta boy" for doing a great job setting this all up.

2014-2015 Elks' Lodge #80 Officers

Exalted Ruler.....	Larry Bratt
Leading Knight.....	Larry Schwindt PER
Loyal Knight.....	Mary Brooks
Lecturing Knight.....	Gerald Miles
Esquire.....	Carrie Fiedler
Inner Guard.....	Laurie Montag
Tiler.....	Sam Carter
Secretary.....	Jerry Wilson
Treasurer.....	Imre Bonyhady
Chaplain.....	Troy Pedersen
Organist.....	Wauneta Peterson
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Secretary's Corner

A reminder, there are no Lodge meetings in July.

In case you did not know, I was on vacation for 2+ weeks. We visited 9 states to the West of us. It was a good time, and also a learning experience. The learning experience; we can definitely be proud of our Lodge. We stopped at several lodges for lunch or an evening snack/drink. 15498. They were unfortunately closed! We can be proud that our lodge is not one of those "closed" situations! I encourage you to help us keep our lodge as one of the "good guys", come out for lunch, an evening drink, or a light snack.

Also, to ensure that we continue to be one of the "good guys", check your dues card to make sure it shows 2014-2015. If not, please send in your payment. Dues were due April 1st. If you misplaced your dues statement, or you are not sure if you have already paid; please call the office. Delinquent member names will be published in the August and September Elk O Grams.

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

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 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.

Our June EOG Folders were: Randy King, Maureen Sadler, Larry Schwindt, Bobby Clinkenbeard, Troy Pedersen, Lars Pedersen, Mary Brooks, Rich Todd, Larry Bratt, Gerry Miles, and other Elks who wish to remain anonymous.

Please join us July 22nd after Beer 'n Burger Nite to assemble the Elk O Gram for June. *Remember, many hands make light work...*

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Happy July Birthdays!

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



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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!

July 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Ritual Practice	2 Ritual Practice	3	4 Lodge Closed 	5 Room Rented
6 Ritual Practice	7 Ritual Practice	8 Beer N Burger 5.30p American Legion	9 Room Rented	10 VFW	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 Beer N Burger 5.30p	23	24	25	26 Salisbury Steak Dinner 5.30p
27	28	29	30	31		