



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

READY! SET! HIKE!!

Fall is getting close, so that means midget football is getting ready to start. This year there are some changes in the Elks. Clayton Tomjack, who has been the athletic director for the past 20 plus years, has stepped down and Justin White has taken over the position. The Elks want to thank Clayton for all the time and effort he has put into making the Elks a successful program and now it is time to show Justin the same support he needs in continuing the success of the Elk's program. This year we have 150 young



athletes playing for the Elks and we are expecting another great year. To find the schedule or any information about this year you can go to <https://m.facebook.com/elksfootballincoln> to gather the information.

Games start on August 31st and will run the next 8 weeks. So if you are looking for something to do on a Fall Sunday, come on out and support these young men.

Tailgate Dinner

September 19th come and join us for:

- Baked Potato Bar
- Potato Fixin's
- Veggies
- Salads
- Rolls
- Dessert



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

\$12 per person/\$15 at the door



EAGLE SCOUTS



Randy King with Troop 8's two newest Eagle Scouts Isaac Whitman and Zachary Weaver. Zachary's project consisted of the fabrication of 60 bird feeders, flying squirrel nesting boxes, shelf feeders, and wood duck boxes. Isaac's undertook a landscaping project for his church which included removal of construction debris, tree removal, pine needle clearing and evergreen pruning.



Grand Exalted Ruler, 2014-2015

John D. Amen

Message from the GER
Grand Lodge Newsletter,
September 2014

*“The Successful Lodge
Emphasizes Teamwork.”*



Exalted Ruler Lodge No. 80 2014-2015

Larry R. Bratt

It is well recognized that an organization reflects the persona of its leader. In our Local Lodge structures the Exalted Ruler is President and Chief Operating Officer. It is imperative that this leader have the ability and motivation to get things done through others. There are simply too many things in motion for the Exalted Ruler to handle them all, in addition to presiding over meetings. The one power that an Exalted Ruler has – and how this power is used will determine a good year or be the cause of a bad year – is the appointment of committees. As leaders of your organization, choose your committees well and you will have a smooth and successful year.

Officers, committees and Members must all work together for the success of the Lodge. An authoritative management style rarely works well in a volunteer environment. The phrase that “it is much more effective to use honey as an incentive rather than vinegar” exemplifies an effective management style.

I frequently hear the complaint that only 5 percent of the Members do all the work. If that concern applies to you then on your next project go to inactive Members, call them on the telephone and ask for their help. You will be surprised at how many Members were simply waiting for someone to invite them to become involved. A good leader recruits the personnel needed to accomplish the goals of the Lodge.

In addition you must constantly reach out to those inactive Members to keep them interested and remind them why they joined your Lodge in the first place. One easy and effective tool for this purpose is your Lodge newsletter. Be sure every issue has at least one article and photo of a community service or charitable act performed by your Lodge Members. An inactive Member who sees that the Lodge is performing a useful community service is much more likely to value membership and continue to support his or her Lodge with annual dues.

Again, be sure to carry a tri-fold membership application – a propitious moment for inviting someone to join can be fleeting and lost if there is no paperwork handy.

Last, but not least, Patriotism Week starts September 8 this year. Be sure to fly the American flag all week in remembrance of that terrible event, September 11, 2001.

Greetings and salutations my fellow elks. School has started again and so has the Nebraska Football season. Remember that we need volunteers to work the concession stand at all the home football games. If you are interested, please contact Kelli Stanley-Smith with the Does. I know she would appreciate more volunteers.

I just returned from the fall Nebraska Elks conference and all those in attendance were treated to a great time. From spending time with our new Grand Exalted Ruler John D. Amen and his lovely first lady Marcia, to enjoying the fellowship of our fellow elks. The break out sessions were excellent and the sharing of ideas about membership, ENF, youth activities, veterans programs, ritual, drug awareness and scholarships helped to re-energize all that attended. Our ritual team members that were present were congratulated over and over again. It reaffirmed our feelings about how proud we are to be able to represent all the Elks in Nebraska.

While talking with other Nebraska Elks, I realized that we are not realizing the full potential of our members. When we take the obligation we pledge to be faithful to our selves and our lodge. To be charitable to all, to ensure justice for all, to exhibit brotherly love and to do all this with fidelity. There are many members of our lodge that have special talents and abilities. Unfortunately we have not always stepped up and asked our members to become more involved and to take advantage of those talents. Recently we took in a member who indicated that he enjoys cooking and would like to help in the kitchen from time to time. We are excited to have him become a part of the kitchen crew. I know that others of you also have interests and talents that would be useful and enhance the activities of the lodge. I am asking that you contact one of the lodge officers and remind them what activities you have interest in and request that they help you get in contact with the committee chairman that would handle those interests. Our lodge does many great things for the community and if each of us would become involved in just one activity a year, the lodge would be able to give back even more. If we become involved and do so with fidelity, then we are ensuring that we are being faithful to our obligation.

I hope that in the near future we can all find our niches in the lodge and work together to make our lodge for vibrant and successful

Remember Faith, Commitment, Be a Beacon



Knights Tales



I would like to tackle a somewhat sensitive issue in this article. One of our members and his wife were planning on leaving some money to the Lodge to fund a scholarship after they had departed from this world. After talking with someone on the scholarship committee, they decided to fund the scholarship now, so they could enjoy meeting some of the people who will be benefiting from their scholarship. After my parents passed away, Connie and I and my sister started a scholarship in their names (The Adam "Curly" and Leata Schwindt scholarship). It is very gratifying to meet some of the very bright young people who receive these scholarships, and know that in some way, we had an impact on their lives and futures.

There comes a time in all of our lives when we start thinking about our eventual passing from this world. I would ask all of our members to consider a bequest to the Lodge to either start a scholarship, or a donation to the general fund to help out with any one of the great things that we do within the Lodge. If you have an investment advisor, seek their advice in making a donation to the Lodge. They can advise you on the advantages of possibly making a donation now, as opposed to making one later, and will be able to let you know of any tax advantages that may apply.

Remember: Elks Care/Elks Share.

-Larry Schwindt, Leading Knight



Summer is almost over and BIG RED FOOTBALL is about here, my favorite time of the year. We are about to get into a very busy time for the Elks and everyone else, Soccer shoot is up coming, Haunted Armory is around the corner dinners to be done and football to watch, as we go into the time just before the holidays, I hope everyone remembers why we signed up to be Elks, whether it was a specific event or just the ideals held by Elks.

If you see a project you would like to be involved in just watch the Elk-O-Gram and get a hold of the person in charge of the program (they always need help) the more we have involved the better the program will turn out to be.

-Gerry Miles, Lecturing Knight



Greetings all,

As your loyal knight my station has the motto of Justice. During your obligation, you swear to support and obey the By-Laws of our lodge. Part of my job is to see that all members understand what is required to be a true and upright member.

In studying our By-Laws, I have found that they require no less than three members on our lodge committees. This is not the case for most of our committees. Within your newsletter you will find a list of our committees. All have a chairman listed and I am sure that each would love to have several members to help and support them in their noble works. Elks are the friendliest and nicest people on earth. I know if you chose at least one activity to become involved with you will reap many rewards.

I am sure we all became an Elk because we wanted to help our youth, or our veterans, or just to make new friends. Serving on a committee will allow you to do just that.

I challenge you to take a look at that list and get involved! Call me at 402-770-3500, our lodge at 402-421-6363 or our lodge Secretary, Jerry Wilson, 402-570-2555 and we will assist you in making contact with one of these chair-persons.

I can assure you that you won't be disappointed in how it can change your life as an Elk. There are many events coming up in the next weeks that need your help!

-Mary Brooks, Loyal Knight



...and now for the Quickies...

... Football season is upon us once again, and the Does need help staffing the concession stands at the stadium. Contact Kelli Stanley-Smith to sign up to help. It's a lot of fun, and a good way to help our organizations ... please patronize the Pub, the summer months were pretty thin and our balance sheet is in the red...gushing red...we have to use the Pub to keep it open, we simply cannot staff it or afford the food and upkeep unless we use it. No sense making lunches if no one comes to eat. And you have to eat lunch somewhere, might as well be the Pub. In fact, bring your friends and explain the benefits of being an Elk over a bowl of popcorn or a Chef's Salad, enlist a new member while you're at it! ... We initiated three new members last meeting, so invite your friends to join ... Be sure to call ahead for dinner reservations for the upcoming dinner, just call the office or the Pub, they'll put your name on the list, and it saves you a couple bucks on the price of your meal ... nice to see Vi Berst back at the meetings after being under the weather a bit ... sounds like the dates have been set for our participation in the "Haunted Armory" again this year, to help support the military kids, see Carrie Fiedler or P.E.R. Stephen Wirth for more information, and how to help ... soccer shoot and hoop shoots are upcoming, see details elsewhere in this issue. Elks Midget Football is in full swing, a big Thanks to Scott Schrage for his help in coordinating and keeping us informed. They play their games all day Sunday at the field at W. South and South Folsom, please come out and cheer on the kids, and wear your red Elks shirt. Great way to enjoy a fall Sunday and support our local youth, and get in a plug for the Elks ... Kitchen had to have a new grease trap installed, the other one bit the dust. We patched it for years, but it finally gave up the ghost. If you can see your way clear to donate a few extra dollars, please make a check out to the Lodge for the building fund. That repair alone was over \$1100.00 ... Thank You's were read on the floor of the Lodge from our scholarship recipients, and P.E.R. Chuck Meisinger tells us that plans are underway for Thesauruses for the students this fall. Please contact Chuck and see how you can help. It only takes a few hours and is very rewarding ... P.E.R. and our new Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight Bobby Clinkenbeard was nominated and voted in for an Honorary Life Membership in our Lodge ... Randy King was seen handing out flags to new Eagle Scouts around town. If you want to be involved in Scouting in our Lodge, please contact him on ways to help ... 12717 ... We have a booth at the State Fair again this year, be sure to stop past and say "Hi" when you are there, in fact, offer to spend a few hours in the booth and help out, the Grand Island Elks would appreciate that ... our National Ritual Championship Team received a nice letter commending their performance from the Ritual Coach from the Carlsbad, New Mexico Lodge, praising them on their dedication and performance, and he felt it was the best presentation of the Ritual he had ever seen. To get a complimentary letter from a competing ritual coach is, in and of itself, remarkable. Hats off to the Carlsbad, N.M. Lodge for being gracious enough to send that ... be sure to thank the members of the Ritual Team when you see them, the amount of time and energy expended in honing their skills for this level of competition is staggering ... won't be long and the hide program will start up, I am sure P.E.R. Jeff Sneller would appreciate some help with this project, if you are a hunter or interested in helping Veterans obtain good leather gloves, this is a great way to help. Please contact P.E.R. Sneller for more information ...



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SIGHTINGS!

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:

George Venteicher by Charles Zabokrtsky

Members for Reinstatement:

None.

Members Initiated in August:

Jerry Pesek, proposed by Larry Bratt
 Don Norris, proposed by Fred Gustin
 Samantha Montag, proposed by Laurie Montag

Hidden Number:

12717, Ron Colin, hidden in the Dinner Ad.

Membership Drawing: The name drawn for the August 20th meeting was Melvin Brydl. Unfortunately he was not present to win, so that \$85 pot carries over to next month! It pays to come to meetings!

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

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

Committee Reports

Americanism - Sonny Lane - No Report.

Boy Scouts - Randy King - Two ceremonies performed, two more scheduled.

Drug Awareness - Larry Bratt - No Report.

Girl Scouts - Stephen Wirth - No Report.

Hide Program - Jeff Sneller - No Report.

Hoop Shoot - Gerry Miles - Materials have been received.

House Committee - House Committee / Trustees: No Report.

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 - if you sponsored or know someone on the delinquent list, please make contact with them and encourage them to pay their dues.

Midget Football - Scott Schrage - No Report.

Retention - Jerry Wilson - Total members 260; 34 Delinquent, 2 candidates, 1 of which is questionable .

Scholarship - Dave Kirby - Of all the scholarship winners, 5 have not yet requested payment .

Soccer Shoot - Doug Rienks - The shoot will be September 13th from 10-2.

Social Community Welfare - Doug Rienks - No Report.

Veterans Committee - Wade Graft - 1) Celebrated 4 Veteran's birthdays. 2) Brent Travis donated 40# of un-popped popcorn for distribution to the Vet's. 3) Next year's music festival at the Veterans Hospital will recognize returning Vet's, and rumor has it there will be a big name star attending.

2014-2015 Elks' Lodge #80 Officers

Exalted Ruler.....	Larry Bratt
Leading Knight.....	Larry Schwindt PER
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Articles can be sent to Maureen and Kevin Sadler at: eog.lodge80@gmail.com

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Secretary's Corner

I made the mistake of calling July a slow month; turns out it was an exciting month! Our Ritual Team done us proud taking the National Title. If you see any of the team members, be sure to congratulate them. What a perfect opportunity to use their success in recruiting new members. It shows we actually do stuff and don't just sit around!

Speaking of doing stuff, membership dues were due on April 1st. Delinquent members' names were published in last month's Elk O Gram. Please check and make sure your membership card is titled "2014-2015 Membership Card".

To paraphrase a quote from an article that I read; "Knowing that we (Elks) are doing good is going to keep me an active member forever!" "That's what it's all about!" Yep, I can't think of any excuse to let my membership lapse. I would not think money would be one of them – as dues are less than \$8/month! It's just a great feeling to be part of an organization that does good for others whether you participate in an active or inactive manner.

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...

DOES News

Lincoln Does Drove # 4 had a very successful 7th annual wine trip, raising over \$1,200.00 for the Does scholarship fund. The drove will be holding initiation for new members in October, if you like to join the Does please call Margie at 402-423-5939.

We need volunteers to work football, if interested call Kelli at 402-467-5595.

Our July EOG Folders were: Larry Schwindt, Troy Pedersen, Lars Pedersen, Larry Bratt, and other Elks who wish to remain anonymous.

Please join us September 23rd after Beer 'n Burger Nite to assemble the Elk O Gram for June. *Remember, many hands make light work...*

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.

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- Thone, Charles
- Tucker, Melvin E.
- Walker, Karen E.
- Wicht, Rhonda
- Wingrove, Dirk

Happy September Birthdays!

- 3 - Ruliffson, Wayne J.
- 4 - Rienks, Doug C.
- 5 - Gordon, James E.
Wachter, Ronald J.
- 6 - Hoppe Jr., John L.
- 7 - Pohlmann, Gary R.
- 11 - Mock, Joe
- 12 - Pickering, Larry B.
- 13 - Poysa, Donald E.
- 15 - Norris, Ray
- 20 - Flamme, Donald L.
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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!

September 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labor Day Closed	2	3 Lodge Meeting	4	5	6
7	8	9 Beer n Burger 5:30p American Legion	10 Room Rented	11 VFW	12	13 Soccer Shoot 10a-2p
14	15 DOES	16 American Legion	17 Lodge Meeting	18 American Legion	19 Dinner 6:30p	20
21	22	23 Beer n Burger 5:30p	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				