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

Meet your 2016 Does Drove #4 Officers and members! This is a huge year for our Does as they prepare to host their annual Grand Lodge meeting. Please say hi to these ladies and see what it is that you might be able to do to help them out! They are currently selling raffle tickets for their quilt as well as t-shirts and ad spaces in programs for their convention programs. They will also have various fundraisers between now and the convention. Please support them!



Valentine's Day Dinner

Saturday, February 13th 2015

5.30 Cocktails

6.30 Dinner

Filet Mignon with Wine Sauce

Salad

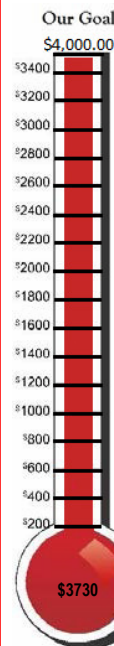
Green Beans Almandine

Scalloped Potatoes

Dessert

Tickets are \$25 w/ Reservations.

\$\$\$\$ CASH CALENDARS \$\$\$\$



Attention all members and friends of LEL #80. We have been drawing out winners' daily since January 1st, 2016. There are 2 dates that have payouts of \$100 each! Remember, if your name gets drawn out on a particular day, you get those \$\$\$ and then your name goes back in the pot for more chances to win. All winners are notified daily by mail. In addition, a large calendar is posted at the Jolly Corker Pub listing the daily winners. You can also go to

our website at elks80.org, and see the daily winners listed on the right side of the home page (See Cash Calendar Winners!).

So, come out to have a drink, order some food, enjoy great conversation and you might get the chance to draw or witness a daily winner being pulled out. Thanks to all for purchasing, selling and supporting this great fund raiser.

P.S. The winners and final results will be listed in the March issue of the EOG. Chairman and Cash Calendar Guy, Stephen Wirth, PER





**Grand Exalted Ruler,
2015-2016
Ronald L. Hicks
Message from the GER
Grand Lodge Newsletter,
February 2016**

**Resolve to be more
active in your Lodge this
year.**

February is a transitional month, a time when change is in the air. It is the month to nominate and elect Lodge Officers for the coming year. A strong Lodge depends on engaged Members and the election of dedicated, energetic leaders with a positive attitude.

Lodge Officers must maintain a positive demeanor if they are to achieve positive results. If you have decided to run for office in your Lodge, I thank you for that commitment and encourage you to be that leader, inspire others and allow your enthusiasm to become contagious.

Our Past Exalted Rulers have built and maintained the foundation of our Order – our Local Lodges – and many of them have gone on to serve in State Associations and at the Grand Lodge level. Take advantage of their dedication and guidance, and let their talents and experience be a valuable resource in helping to build a successful Lodge.

Speaking of change, as I travel this great country I sense a new attitude toward Membership growth, Lodge pride and community service. There's a new mindset and a strong "can-do" spirit developing throughout Elksdom. Members are engaged; we're being Louder and Prouder; people are discovering who the Elks are and what we do, and we are enrolling new Members in historic numbers, by far the highest rate in more than 36 years! And, to aid in this transition, Lodges are finding new ways to become more comfortable, fun and welcoming for their Members, their guests and especially for their families.

We need to remember that February 16 is the birthday of our Order. On February 16, 1868, shortly after the death of one of the original "Jolly Corks," leaving his wife and children destitute, the small group of actors adopted the more noble purpose of serving others, and thus was born the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Since then, for 147 years, we have been making a difference and changing lives every day.

Finally, as we approach February, let's not forget our special Valentines! Valentine's Day is about love, and whether you're spending the day with your significant other or with family and friends, it's about showing those around you how much they truly mean to you. My favorite Valentine is the one person who supports me in all I do, my best friend and loving wife, Nancy. Be sure to set some time aside for that special person in your life.

Enjoy your month, good luck on your elections, happy birthday, relish the extra day (Leap Day) and cherish the time with your favorite Valentine.



**Exalted Ruler
Lodge No. 80
2015-2016**

Gerry R. Miles

My year as ER is in its last few months, and it seems to be even busier now than some of the other months of the year. The District Hoop Shoot was just completed (and thank you to all who helped with the shoot!) and we are practicing for State Ritual Competition. Many different projects are just finished or are on-going!

Scholarships should all be in, and now is the time to judge them. I would like to thank Laurie Montag for all of the effort that she has put into this huge job (I don't think she knew how much it entailed!). She has stepped up to the plate and is doing a marvelous job for our lodge.

The St. Patrick's day dinner is upcoming. Watch for its dates and times. John always pulls off a great meal and a lot of time and effort goes into planning and preparation of these meals. Come out and join in the fun, food, and good times! The Valentine's day dinner is quickly approaching, look for more details in the Elk-O-Gram. Please get your reservations in early for this wonderful event!

We need to promote our lodge more to our friends and family. Ask a friend or coworker to join, bring them out to a dinner to let them see what they are missing.



**President
Drove No. 4
2016**

Vicki Logan

As 2016 is upon us, Lincoln Does Drove #4 is looking forward to an action packed year! As you know, the Drove will be hosting the annual Grand Lodge Convention to be held in June, right here in the Star City. Registrations from Does across the country are coming in as we speak and so much has been accomplished in order to make this event a reality.

I look forward to working with many of you as we continue preparations. A special thank you to the incoming elected and appointed Officers who will continue to play a vital role in carrying out the Does mission and values.

President Vicki Logan

Knight's Tales

I have written in the past about our need to support our lodge in many different ways. I have asked each of you to make a commitment to become more involved with our activities and events. With this being the start of the second month of 2016, have you started to follow through on that request? If not, please take the time to begin this month. We have several opportunities for involvement coming up.

The super bowl party which is a pot luck meal is scheduled for February 7th at the lodge to begin around 4pm. It will be a chance to join your fellow Elks for fellowship and to watch the game at the lodge.

On Feb 13th, we have the Valentine's Day Dinner. This dinner requires reservations and is always an excellent meal with filet mignon and other delectable dishes.

On Feb 21st is Lodge Clean Up Day. This is the time that we come together to take care of some of the housekeeping matters and minor repairs that are needed so that we don't have to hire others to do the work that we can do ourselves. Please contact the lodge to let them know that you will be attending any of these events.

We are always looking for more volunteers to help with the dinners or to sponsor a dinner. You can sponsor a dinner yourself or with your family or with a group of friends. Contact Carrie Fiedler if you are wanting to help with or sponsor a dinner.

-Larry Bratt PER, Loyal Knight



I'm sure that we all have friends or family that are under the weather, or are suffering from some sort of illness. Please consider sending a get well card, or contacting these people, either in person, by phone, by email, or by text. It means so much to people who are ill to know that there are people who care enough about them to check and see how they are doing. We have some members that are on our Sickness and Distress board.

Please take the time to contact our members who are ill and let them know that we care about them.

-Larry Schwindt PER, Lecturing Knight



A Word From Your Trustees

- There is a trustee/house committee meeting on 2/3/2016 at 6pm
- There is a Super Bowl party 2/7/2016 at 4pm in the Jolly Corker Pub. Come down and cheer for your team and bring your favorite football snack to share!
- Remember that budgets are due by 2/29/2016. You can turn these in to the office, any Trustee, or Larry Schwindt

...and now for the Quickies...

... By the time you read this, our 11th Annual Pancake Feed will be in the books. This is an important fundraiser for the Elks Lodge #80 Scholarship Fund Inc. Wauneta Peterson played the organ for everyone's enjoyment, lots of good food was custom cooked by Carrie and Mary and the kitchen crew, Bob Sindlar, Rich Todd, Connie Moore, the Larry's, Kim and Pat, the Montag's, and many others worked hard to ensure the success of this event. Most of the supplies are donated, and the event coordinated largely due to the efforts of P.E.R. Stephen Wirth, who spends a lot of time and effort making this happen each year. There will be plenty of pictures and a nice write up on this event in the March issue of your Elk-O-Gram ... Our third annual chili cook-off was a success, pictures elsewhere in the Elk O Gram ... Valentine's Day is right around the corner, and as you well know, that is a special time at our Lodge. Fashion is the standard of the evening, with filet mignon nicely served ... be sure to call for reservations, that is a must for this dinner ... repainting of our restrooms is complete, Nancy did a wonderful job, they both look so nice ... Cub Scouts had their Pinewood Derby at the Lodge, that was a good time. Big Thanks to Ryan Fiedler for his work coordinating this and making it happen ... Hoop Shoot was held Jan 30th, at the Calvert Rec Center, good turn out and participation made this a fun and smooth event ... Scholarships are being applied for and applications received, judging will begin soon ... we have a Lodge Clean Up day scheduled Feb. 21st, please come down and give us a hand for a couple hours. There are always all sorts of things to clean or fix up, little projects to help with. Contact the Larry's for more information, especially if you have special skills, i.e. Electrician, Plumber, Carpenter, etc. Communication and coordination go a long ways ... Tom Holland was recognized on the floor of the Lodge for his contributions to ENF ... Thank You letters were read for the treat bags from the Christmas Party sacking from the VA Hospital, and other organizations that help the less fortunate ... our generosity makes an impact on people's lives ... Alex Borhardt, Dick Deets, James Dill, Russ Langley, and Thomas McGreer were voted in as Life Members of our Lodge ... sadly we report the passing of Milan Knezovich, a long time member, he was one of the founders of K & Z Distributing here in town ... many remember him for his perpetual smile and the gold jewelry he wore ... for those of you who are Committee Chairs, remember, budgets are coming due. Please get your information gathered and into Trustee Chair Scott Shrage ... Membership Drawing was won by Jerry Wilson, remember, it pays to come to meetings ... Cash Calendars continue to pay out through Jan 31, and if you win, your name gets put back in for a chance to win again ... Come on down to the Club to have a sandwich or a cold beverage, it is open daily for your enjoyment. Bring a friend, give them an application, share with others about your Lodge and the good things we do, the good times we have ...

3rd Annual Chili Cook-off

Saturday January 23 was the date of the 3rd Annual Elks Lodge #80 Chili Cook-off. We had 11 entries, plus Roxie cooked up some meatless chili courtesy of the Jolly Corkers Pub. We provided chicken noodle soup for those who don't care for chili. Does Drove #4 provided cinnamon rolls, and there was ice cream with fruit toppings for dessert. A nice table of raffle prizes awaited lucky ticket holders. There were over 60 in attendance, and many good comments were heard about the chili's! Mike and Janet Jurado once again took first place with their Hawaiian Luau chili, and get possession of the traveling trophy. A big thanks to all that helped with this dinner, from set up to clean up, including Bob Sindlar, for wiring all of us up, Lu Hamilton for helping prep cinnamon rolls, Roxie for making the meatless chili on behalf of the Club, Kevin Sadler 15513 for manning the chicken soup at the steam table, Ashley Vaughn and Bob Sindlar for dishing out ice cream, our Boy Scout crew for clean up, and the people who made the chili's for all of us to enjoy.



Lincoln's Eagle Scouts

Jacob Custer, Troop 8.

Jacob created an outdoor weather station for Beattie Elementary.



Jace Schliep, Troop 76.

Jace landscaped the "Welcome to Waverly" sign at the Waverly Interstate exit ramp.

Jay Stander, Rolf Kloch, Victor Collazo, Troop 76.

Jay built an outdoor mew for bird rehabilitation at the Fontenelle Forest Raptor Recovery Center in Elmwood.

Victor built a baseball backstop for a school in Eagle.

Rolf made new picnic tables at the Camp Creek grounds in Waverly.



...Our Members...

Sickness & Distress:

Eldon Brodd - broken ankle - Tabitha Vi Berst - recovering at home

Deaths:

Milan Knezovich passed Jan 9, 2016

Members for Consideration:

Lyle Miller, transfer demit from the North Platte Lodge

Members for Reinstatement:

None

Members Initiated:

None

Hidden Number: 10797, Dennis Dickerson, hidden in the invite to help fold Elk-O-Grams for next month.

Membership Drawing: The membership drawing for the January 6th meeting was \$36. James Gordon was the name drawn, and he was not present to win. The membership drawing for the January 20th drawing was \$51. Jerry Wilson was the name drawn, and he was present to win!

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

The Lodge Kitchen is open for lunches! Come join us for phillies, soups, shrimp, burgers, salads, and more!

Committee Reports

Americanism: No Report.

Boy Scouts: Had 3 ceremonies this month. There are currently no more scheduled until Spring.

Drug Awareness: No Report.

Girl Scouts: No Report.

Hide Program: No Report.

Hoop Shoot: 497 students tried out for the Hoop Shoot. Six schools sent the winners to the Hoop Shoot. District shoot was January 30th.

House Committee: 1) Budget submittals are due by February 29th. 2) It was voted upon and approved to have Nancy paint the Women's bathroom for \$180 or less. 3) It was voted upon and approved to spend \$350 to send 1 young man to Boys State. 4) It was voted upon and approved to spend \$375 to send 1 young woman to Girls State. A budget funds transfer from Hunter Safety to Special Request was voted upon and approved to cover the cost.

Hunter's Safety: No Report.

ENF: \$12.65 as of January 10th, this year's goal is \$4.65.

Membership: The calling of delinquent members has not been going well. Several members have indicated they do not wish to renew.

Midget Football: No Report.

Retention: Membership is at 256, 14 delinquent, 1 transfer.

Scholarship: Sent six Most Valuable Scholarships to State.

Soccer Shoot: No Report.

Social Community Welfare: No Report.

Veterans Committee: Wade took some of the extra Children's Christmas party handout bags to the Veterans.

2015-2016 Elks' Lodge #80 Officers

Exalted Ruler.....	Gerald Miles
Leading Knight.....	Mary Brooks
Loyal Knight.....	Larry Bratt PER
Lecturing Knight.....	Larry Schwindt PER
Esquire.....	Troy Pedersen
Inner Guard.....	Harry Montag
Tiler.....	Larry Jurgens
Secretary.....	Jerry Wilson
Treasurer.....	Wauneta Peterson
Chaplain.....	Laurie Montag
Trustee 1 Year.....	Kim Wiseman
Trustee 2 Year.....	Carrie Fiedler
Trustee 3 Year.....	Terry Edwards PER
Trustee 4 Year.....	Robert Sindlar
Trustee 5 Year.....	Scott Schrage
Presiding Justice.....	Amy Jacobsen PER



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Elk-O-Gram Editor's Note

Articles Due: February 18

Deadline is ALWAYS midnight of the Thursday after last meeting of the month!

**Articles can be sent to Maureen Sadler at:
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**All past issues, lodge information, and more can be seen at:
www.elks80.org**

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Secretary's Corner

Two months from now, April 1st, is the beginning of a new year for the Elks Lodge. With the new Elks Lodge New Year, there will be the election of new officers, and getting ready for the annual (April) conference to be held in North Platte. Also, the Elks Lodge New Year will begin the task of renewing your membership with the payment of your annual dues. Statements will be mailed out late February, early March.

As stated in last month's Newsletter, on February 15th we will drop those members who did not pay their 2015 – 2016 dues. If you do not have a membership card reflecting those dates or if you received a delinquent dues notice, please mail in your payment or contact the office if you feel there is an error.

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 my email is: lodge80secy@yahoo.com. See you all around the lodge.

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 to share? 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...

Please Join us **February 23** to assemble the Elk-O-Gram for March! Folders for January were Nancy, Jim Tomka, Larry Schwindt, Sharon Buss, and Randy King.

Remember, many hands make light work...

Did you know that you can receive a free drink at the Lodge for your birthday? Come down to the Lodge to celebrate your birthday. Present this coupon and have a free drink on us! (Coupon is good two days before your birthday, on your birthday, and two days after your birthday.)



Happy February Birthdays!

- 01 - Sperdell, Todd
- 04 - Carter Jr. Samuel R
- 06 - Hoffman, Ron
- 09 - Eckery Jr. Thomas J
Wingrove, Dirk
- 12 - Lahr, Richard A
- 14 - Paul, Lyle R
- 20 - Mills, Franklin
- 21 - Miller, Don W
- 29 - Thomas, Dwight



2015-2016 Committees

Accident: VACANT
Americanism: Mary Brooks
Auditing: Imre Bonyhady
Benevolence: Richard Todd PER/PDD
By-Laws Changes: Richard Todd PER/PDD
Christmas: Larry Schwindt PER. Larry Bratt PER
Community Activities: Mary Brooks
Drug Awareness: Larry Bratt PER
ENF: Larry Bratt PER
Eagle Scouts: Randy King
Flag Day: Larry Schwindt PER
Gold Award: Stephen Wirth PER
Gov. Relations: Richard Todd PER/PDD
Hide Program: Jeff Sneller PER

Hoop Shoot: Gerald Miles ER
Hunters Safety: Randy King
Indoctrination: Larry Bratt ER
Investigation: Larry Bratt ER
Retention: Jerry Wilson
Lodge Activities: Carrie Fiedler
Membership: Larry Schwindt PER
Midget Football: Scott Schrage
Public Relations: Stephen Wirth PER
PER Association: Larry Schwindt PER
Ritual: Stephen Wirth PER
Scholarship: Laurie Montag
Soccer Shoot: Doug Rienks PER
Veterans: Wade Graft
Visitation: Wade Graft
Youth Activities: David Kirby PER

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Are you interested? The Does Drove are selling these 3/4-sleeved t-shirts as well as bracelets to help raise funds for their National Convention to be held in Lincoln in 2016. There are also raffle tickets available for purchase for the quilt pictured above. Contact Kelli Stanley-Smith or Vicki Logan for more info!



As a reminder! Save your pop tabs! Take the tabs only, place them in a Ziploc bag and deliver them to the Lodge, attention S. Wirth. Any tabs donated will be donated to the Ronald McDonald house. Thanks all, for your support!

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Check Presentation from the Does

At Wednesday evenings lodge meeting, Elks Lodge #80 Treasurer / DOES Drove #4 Treasurer Wauneta Peterson, presented the following checks to Lincoln Lodge #80's Exalted Ruler, Gerald Miles in support of the many youth projects in 2015 - 2016. \$100, towards the 108th Annual Children's City wide Christmas Party, \$500 donation to the lodge and \$2,870, which is the Elks share of the DOES Nebraska football stadium project this past season. Thank-You, DOES Drove #4 members for your continued financial support of the Elks. It is so very much appreciated.



Elks National Foundation Donor Update



The following individuals have recently reach ENF giving milestones. Lincoln Lodge No. 80 ENF Chairman, PER Larry Bratt presented the following pins and certificates to; Inner Guard Harry Montag, now a Participating Member (\$100+) with Bronze, Members Mitch Becker, an Honorary Founder (\$1,000+) with Gold and Tom Holland, a Participating Member (\$100+) with Bronze pin. Congratulations to each of you, and as you give additional funds to ENF, your dollar amount will continue to grow allowing higher award levels to be reached. Additional ENF information: The state of Nebraska is ranked 31st amongst the 48 states and 4 US territories who participate. Within our state, Lincoln Lodge No. 80 is in 1st place in the East District (\$12.649), York Lodge

No. 1024 is in 1st place in the Central District (\$8.108) and North Platte Lodge No. 985 is in 1st place in the West District (\$23.644) per capita members. Please visit the Elks National Foundation website and see the new look. The new design is in line with the best practices for mobile responsiveness and readability. The website includes a new member's only section called My ENF. To view all of the changes, visit elks.org/enf.



Food for Thought...

I am sure that many of you have not given a thought about what decisions family members will need to make if you come to a point that you are not able to make the financial decisions in your life. I encourage each of you to let your family know that if this happens you would like them to continue supporting the Elks and our lodge by their continuing to pay your dues. Unfortunately this is not something we tend to think about or want to think about but there have been some recent situations that have happened and no one knew that the member wanted their dues to be continually paid. Please let those know of your wishes before the time comes that they have to decide by themselves.

-Larry Bratt PER





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Lodge 80 GOAL: \$4.65. As of 1/10/16: \$12.65

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

February 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Ritual Practice	2 Scout Meeting	3 Lodge Meeting 7p	4 Ritual Practice	5	6
7	8	9 Burger Nite 5.30p American Legion	10 Room Rented	11 VFW	12	13 Valentine's Day Dinner 5.30p
14	15	16 American Legion	17 Lodge Meeting 7p	18 Burger Nite 5.30p American Legion	19	20 DOES Founders Day
21 Lodge Cleanup Day	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29					