

Unfortunately due to lack of attendance, the second burger night at the lodge has been suspended. This was being held on the third Thursday of the month, but since the attendance has been very low, it will no longer be financially feasible to provide this service. If anyone has any suggestions on when or how to replace this function, please let either Larry Schwindt, Scott Schrage or myself know. Thanks.

The second Tuesday of the month burger night will continue to be offered.

Larry R. Bratt PER

Sponsored by friends of the late Rick Logan

Cocktails 5.30p Dinner 6.30p

\$8 in advance \$10 at the door

The band *Salt Creek Trio* will

provide the evening's entertainment!

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

Let Positive Leadership Permeate Your Lodge.

Exalted Rulers, as you begin the new Lodge Year, please remember that every Lodge, to some extent, reflects the personality of its Exalted Ruler. If you have a positive attitude, are enthusiastic and surround yourself with Members who want to make a difference, your Lodge will be successful. So, find a reason to be positive. Believe that your efforts can make a difference, and then be a spark that ignites a fire in your Lodge.

New Lodge Officers, be enthusiastic in all you do. Learn to share your pride and energy; listen and take time for others. Overlook faults, and don't dwell on the negative. Be quick to compliment, recognize and show your appreciation, and always look for the best in others. And, when communicating, be constructive and choose your words carefully, because your words have the power to put spring into Members' steps and give them confidence in all they do.

Remember, the Exalted Ruler and Lodge Officers cannot do it all alone. To be truly successful, you must have an active committee system. So, this is a good time to review the work of your Lodge committees to make sure they also have positive leadership. I believe the two most important committees in any Lodge are Membership and Orientation. Put your most active, positive and enthusiastic Members on these committees.

Encourage your Membership Committee to meet regularly and develop plans for recruitment, reinstatement, delinquencies and retention. Then, let every Member of your Lodge know that they are an extension of the Membership Committee. And, your goal should not be to just bring in new Members, but to grow Elkdom, by bringing in more involved, engaged, inspired and motivated Members. This is where the Orientation Committee plays such an important role in the long-term success of your Lodge.

Orientation is the most important Committee in your Lodge for the development of a long-term, active Member. Please begin thinking of Orientation as the "First Step in Member Retention" and make it a "process" that begins with the application and does not end until you get the new Member back into the Lodge for his or her very first Lodge activity, program or event. Only then have you made the connection and created a real sense of belonging that causes the new Member to understand and appreciate what a gift we have in Elkdom.

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Exalted Ruler Lodge No. 80 2016-2017

Mary Jane Brooks

Greetings All!

This will be my first month to write to you as your Exalted Ruler. I know that this next year will go quickly and we have much to do. I know I can count on all of you to help with our many events and projects. We have a great lodge and it is my hope that I can make it even better.

Each Exalted Ruler sets a theme for their year. I have decided that mine will be "Ever striving to be better Elks." In my journey in ritual I have learned so much about what "to be an Elk" should mean. Many times I think of our motto. "The faults of our members we write upon the sand, their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory." This motto alone can set us on a path of greatness. It reminds us to forgive and forget, and only remember the good of the past.

See you at the lodge, Mary Brooks, Exalted Ruler



President Drove No. 4 2016

Vicki Logan

Members of Does Drove #4 want to extend best wishes to the new officers of Elks Lodge #80 and to Mary Brooks as begins her role as Exalted Ruler. We look forward to working with all in the coming year. Calendars are quickly filling up with the many Elks related activities and as always, we appreciate everyone's contributions. Please get in touch with a Does or Elks member to see how you can be involved.

Warm regards, President Vicki Logan

Knight's Tales

Hello my name is Troy Pedersen. I am your Esteemed Loyal Knight for the new fraternal year! A little about myself. I have been living in Lincoln NE for about 30 years now. Both my Grandfather and Dad were active in the Superior NE Lodge back in the 70 's and 80's. We would go to the Superior Lodge for Food and Fun activities. It was a matter of time until I would join Lincoln Lodge. From the time I joined 5 years ago, it has been a very fun and exciting time at our Lodge. I didn't t think I would be an officer, but was asked and said yes. It has been my pleasure to serve you and our Lodge in any way I can. Read the Elk "O" Gram and see what is going on in our Lodge. Join us for dinner and a drink, and just have FUN! Your Esteemed Loyal Knight,

-Troy Pedersen, Loyal Knight

I was honored when our newly elected Exalted Ruler Mary Brooks asked me to be her Lecturing Knight, and then further stoked when elected. In the past several years I have heard prior Leading Knights recite the instructions of my newly elected station. Those words ring true: "...As we therefore have opportunity, let us do good unto others, for we pass this way but once. We cannot retrace our steps nor call back the days that are gone; but the passing moment is ours long enough to grasp the hand in friendship, to lighten each other's burdens..."

These words have always struck a chord with me. I say this with all sincerity - one of the many reason I joined our organization was to give something back, to volunteer. We have many projects, committees, and special events that each one of us can lend our hands to. More is never enough! Remember that there's something gratifying about volunteering. Aristotle once surmised that the essence of life is "To serve others and do good."

-Harry Montag, Lecturing Knight

A brand new year only comes around once every 365 (or during leap year, 366) days. What shall we make of this brand new year of Lincoln Lodge #80 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks?

We only reap what we sow, both in our personal lives and in our community. There are abundant opportunities to give of our time and resources as we are able, to benefit not only our Lodge, but our community. Come to a meeting! Volunteer for a committee! Attend the dinners - and better yet, volunteer to help with them! Get involved - and you will reap abundantly, in life-long friendship and the joy of knowing you are bettering our community for all. Now, that's a harvest!

Let this be a year of sowing for our Lodge and our members!

-Laurie Montag, Leading Knight

...and now for the Quickies...

... Those of you that didn't make it to the St. Patty's Day dinner missed a doozy. PER John Aman was in fine form, the brisket was spectacular, and the atmosphere was great! Over a hundred passed the doors, and were very generous with raffle tickets and the like. The "Larry's plus Harry" were in fine form, and even P.E.R. Wirth was in the spirit (I think he was a leprechaun...) adding to the fun and festivity of the event. Much laughter was heard and smiles were seen as everyone enjoyed the evening. Hats off to PER Aman as he once again shared the "luck o' the Irish" with his culinary skills and by generously sponsoring the meal for everyone. Remember, folks, income generated from these dinners is what closes the gap between our dues income and our Lodge's expenses. All the more reason to recruit your friends and invite them to become members. The dues are a bargain, and evenings like this make it very worthwhile ... Did you hear about the new dishwasher in the kitchen? Look for more info elsewhere in this issue. Our old one croaked, so this new Hobart was obtained and installed through the efforts of Larry and Harry and a few others who stepped up and took it on. We need to do a little fundraising to repay our loan for this machine, so get some skin in the game and donate ... Teen of the month was on March 20, pictures to follow next month ... Our new Lodge year is upon us, and we will install our new slate of Officers for the 2016-17 Fraternal Year. Be supportive of Mary Jane, the Larrys, Troy, and all the rest as they strive to carry out the business of the Lodge and help others. PER Gerry will carry on as a Trustee, along with PER Terry Edwards, Bob Sindlar, Carrie Fiedler, and Scott Schrage rounding out the group. They strive very hard to be good stewards of the Lodge and its equipment and use; bring suggestions to them, volunteer to help. We can always use more help ... April 16th is the date for the next dinner, a fish fry sponsored by Scott Schrage and his crew. Rumor has it that Vicki Logan is involved in this, and there will be live entertainment in memory of Rick ... As you know she is the Prez of the Does, and they have their National Convention quickly approaching! Please help support them by buying raffle tickets, advertising in their publication, buying the blouses they have (elsewhere in this issue) and offering to help with their programs during the convention. Coordinating a National Convention is no easy feat: lets help them make it a first-class event ... Jolly Corkers Pub is open daily for lunch, and in the evenings 'til 9pm for enjoyment of your favorite adult beverage, please patronize our Pub so it can earn its keep ... If you are a small businessperson or independent, please consider advertising in our Elk-O-Gram, it helps offset the cost of printing and mailing our newsletter. It costs an average of \$300 a month to put this publication in your hands, and our advertising helps support that. A business card sized ad is \$10 a month. Please look at the ads already in the EOG and thank the businesses that support it, try to use their services when you can ... Also, please come to the installation of Officers April 6, that is a fun Lodge Meeting and a way to show support for your fellow Elks who step up and volunteer their time to make a difference ... see you at the Lodge! ...

...Our Members...

Sickness & Distress:

Elton Brodd - broken ankle - Tabitha Vi Berst - recovering at home Laurie Montag - broken ankle

Deaths:

Jack Stone passed Feb 19, 2016 Gary Buckmaster passed March 1, 2016

Members for Consideration:

Cheree Buesing by Randy King David Crouse by Randy King John DeMay by John Aman Jeffrey Flamme by Donald Flamme Albert Marquez by Jerry Wilson Tami Nordman by Larry Bratt Chase Orsborn by Randy King Rebekah Petersen by Randy King Brandon Poppert by John Aman Richard Tast by John Aman

Members for Reinstatement:

Members Initiated:

Suite 113

Lincoln, NE 68521

Roger Berg, transfer demit from the Lake of the Ozarks Lodge

Hidden Number: 11894, John Hoppe, hidden in the invitation to come help fold EOGs.

Membership Drawing: The membership drawing for the March 2nd meeting was \$55. PER Glen Pumel was the name drawn, and he was not present to win. The membership drawing for the March 16th drawing was \$69. Jerrie Simms was the name drawn, and he was not present to win.

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

Come join us for phillies, soups, shrimp, burgers, salads, and more!



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Committee Reports

Americanism: No Report. Boy Scouts: There is currently 1 scheduled ceremony.

Drug Awareness: Our Drug Awareness supplies are in great shape, and minimal ordering will be required for next year.

- Girl Scouts: No Report
- Hide Program: No Report.

Hoop Shoot: Three Nebraska shooters that competed at the Soccer Shoot in Denver will be going to the National event

House Committee: 1) The new dishwasher is here, and was installed on March 18th. 2) The second Burger Night of the month has been temporarily suspended. There are not enough members attending to make it feasible to continue. 3) A "Dishwasher Donation Fund" has been established. 4) The Make a Difference Fair will be April 28th. 5) April 16th is the Nebraska Spring Game. Volunteers are needed to work the concessions. 6) The bar closing hours during the week, Monday through Thursday, will change. The bar will close at 9pm. This will start April 1st. Hunter's Safety: No Report.

ENF: \$19.16 as of March 8th, this year's goal is \$4.65.

Membership: Larry Schwindt indicated that he is going to recommend that new and old members consider doing the monthly automatic checking account deduction, versus the once a year check writing experience. This minimal monthly deduction would be a plus for the members, and for membership retention.

Midget Football: No Report.

Retention: Membership is at 243, with 11 candidates pending. We have already received dues payment for 144 members for the 2016-17 lodge year. Please encourage those who have not yet paid their dues, to please do so.

Scholarship: Laurie thanked those who helped judge the scholarship applications last Sunday. She has started receiving responses for Youth Recognition.

Soccer Shoot: No Report.

Social Community Welfare: Mary Brooks met with the Jenkins family and stated the family was very appreciative (mentioned multiple times in their conversation) of what we are doing for them. The family will use the Lodge on April 23rd for a fund raising event, at a zero cost to them. Veterans Committee: 1) Celebrated Veterans birthdays this month. 2) There is a VA Book Sale coming up, and there are many out of print "classics" bargains to be had. 3) Wade reminded everyone about the Car Show on May 10th and the Music Festival on June 18th; that they are open to the public, and not restricted to Veteran's only.

2016-2017 Elks' Lodge #80 Officers

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

<u>Elk-O-Gram Editor's Note</u>

Articles Due: April 21

Deadline is <u>ALWAYS</u> midnight of the Thursday after last

meeting of the month!

Articles can be sent to Maureen Sadler at:

eog.lodge80@gmail.com

All past issues, lodge information, and more can be seen at:

www.elks80.org

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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 **April 26** to assemble the Elk-O-Gram for May! *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.)



2016-2017 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 Bratt PER Ritual: Stephen Wirth PER Scholarship: Laurie Montag Soccer Shoot: Doug Rienks PER Veterans: Wade Graft Visitation: Wade Graft Youth Activities: David Kirby PER

Secretary's Corner

The Elks Lodge year begins on April 1st, and that means it is time to renew your membership! You all should have received your dues statements for the 2016-2017 Lodge Year, and the payment should have been returned prior to April 1st. Your continued support to the Lodge and the community that it supports is very much appreciated.

Of note: The statements were sent to the address that we have on record for you. If your phone number has changed, or any other personal information that we should know about has changed, please note those changes when returning your payment. Thanks!

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.

Happy April Birthdays!

- 01 Schipman, Bob Searle, James
- 02 Bray William A Gustin, Chad
- 03 Berst, Vilis L
- 05 Travis, Brent
- 09 Caudy, David W
- 10 15711
- 11 Mowrey, Tamera
- 12 Schrage, Scott
- 13 Montag, Harry
- 14 Kratky, Brian
- 15 Jacobsen, Amy G
- 16 Roper, Thomas H
- 22 Smith, Dennis K

- 24 Biggs, William J Durst, Wesley N
- 25 Sadler, Kevin
- 26 Horalek, Derek Krupika, Ken
- 27 Klein, Larry J
- Todd, Richard R 28 - Ehlers, Angela
- Miller, Lyle
- 29 Dondlinger, Walter D



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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!



Elks National Foundation Donor Update



At the Wednesday evening meeting, Lodge ENF Chairman, Larry Bratt, PER, presented two more ENF level awards. Esquire, Troy Pedersen and Treasurer, Wauneta Petersen both have reached the Participating Member (\$100) level. A certificate and pin were awarded to each. Their next milestone level will be the Sustaining Member (\$250). The giving time frame to ENF runs from April 1st to March 31st of each fraternal year. Members have until midnight (Eastern Standard Time) to give electronically on the elks.org website in order to still count in the 2015 -2016 lodge year. It's fast and easy to contribute electronically. Won't you consider making a donation? The dollars our state receives in return for major projects are more than double (+) in size of what has been contributed. Currently, Lincoln Lodge No. 80 is sitting at \$19.16. Grand Exalted Ruler Hicks goal is \$4.65. We are in 2nd place state wide out of 20 lodges in Nebraska. Thanks Troy and Wauneta for your continued contributions and support!



Welcome Hobart, the Dishwasher!

Calling All Elks!

A couple of weeks ago the dish sterilizer in the kitchen decided to suddenly retire. We noticed one day that there was a large water puddle that was forming on the floor in the Lodge room, and upon further investigation, the source of the puddle was traced to a leak in the dish sterilizer. The sterilizer was used when we purchased it several years ago, and it has served us well over the years. During the last health department inspection, it was pointed out that the sterilizer was not operating at the proper temperature, and a couple of weeks later, the leak appeared.

In order to make the dish washing process more efficient during dinners, it was decided that we would purchase a new dishwasher to replace the sterilizer. Harry Montag used his contacts in the food industry to get the new dishwasher at a reduced rate (Thank You Harry!). The new dishwasher runs off of cold water and has a steam elimination and energy recovery system to heat the water and make it very energy efficient.



Children's Christmas Party Donors

The following is a list of people who have generously donated to the 108th Annual Children's Christmas Party. It's truly amazing to see how many people care about, and support, this fantastic event! The Children's Christmas Party lets our Elks Lodge showcase the true meaning of "Elks Care, Elks Share". I thank each and every one who donated to this great cause.

•	American	Donald & Ruth	•	James & Mary	•	Robert Kloch
	Legion Post 3	Wright		Ray	•	Robert &
•	Bill Palmer	 Dwain & Ruth Spatz 	•	Jason Brooks		Beverly Taylor
•	Bob Reinhardt	Elton Brood	•	Jerry & Cherie Wilson	•	Roger & Karen Trautwein
•	Bob & Suzanne Sindlar	Ervin Vosta	•	John Herrod III	•	Ron Bouwens
•	Bobby & • Guadalupe Livingston	Fred & Connie Gustin	•	John Hoppe JR Kim & Pat	•	Sam & Virginia Carter
•	Bobby & Suz Clinkenbeard	Frederick Rickers	•	Wiseman La Donna	•	Sonny & Roseanne Lane
•	Buford & Arlene Jones	Gary Northouse	•	Dannehl Larry Bratt	•	Steve Blomgren
•	Chuck & Kathy Meisinger	Gary & Carol Pohlmann	•	Larry & Connie Schwindt	•	Terry & Vivian Edwards
•	Clara Wasen- ius	Gary & Jean Weber	•	Larry & Janet Schmutte	•	Troy Pedersen
•	Dave Kirby	Ivan & Debra Gearhart	•	Larry & Vicki Jurgens	•	Wade Graft Wauneta
•	Dave & Sandy Reiber	Jack Jensen	•	Lyle & Joan		Peterson
•	Dennis & Corol Dickerson	 Jack & Sally Campbell 	•	Paul Marlen Luff		
•	Don & Karla Norris	 Jacob & Michele Bliven 	•	Marvin & Jane Goodding		
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Lodge 80 GOAL: \$4.65. As of 3/8/16: \$19.16

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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!

April 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4	5 Scout Meeting	6 Youth Day <u>Proclamation</u> Installation of Officers 7pm	7	8	9 DOES Practice
10	11	12 Burger Nite 5.30p American Legion	13 Room Rented	14 VFW	15	16 Fish Fry Dinner
17	18 DOES	19 American Legion	20 Lodge Meeting 7p	21 American Legion	22 State Convention	23 State Convention Room Rented
24 State Convention	25	26	27	28 Make A Difference Fair	29	30