

Bring yours to show if you want to or look at what you could have if you wanted to give up eating for a couple of years! We will have grilled hot dogs and brats for those of us that prefer eating.

Hope to see you there. Wade

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

May is busy with events for Mom, Youth, and Vets.

May is a great month to showcase our "Elks Pride and Community Focus."

Embrace the opportunities to recognize our youth, mothers, veterans and the armed forces, and be loud and proud as you conduct and participate in the many Lodge programs and community events intended to honor each of them this month.

May 1-7 is Elks National Youth Week, a great time to showcase our many youth programs and recognize the achievements of our future leaders. The second Sunday in May is devoted to the one whose love and devotion is evident in most young lives, their mother.

Mother's Day is the time to honor and celebrate our mothers and show our appreciation to the special lady who has meant so much to each of us.

May is also dedicated to our military, our veterans and those who have sacrificed all in the defense of our freedoms. During Armed Forces Week and Armed Forces Day, we pay tribute to the men and women who served in our armed forces in times of war and in peace. Memorial Day gives us the opportunity to remember those veterans who are no longer with us, many of whom made the ultimate sacrifice. Our commitment to veterans and the military has never wavered and is evident throughout the vear, and the events of May serve as another reminder to our Members and to the Community that "the BPOE will never forget them."

Memorial Day weekend is considered by many as the official start to summer. Nancy and I wish you a joyful and safe holiday weekend of cook-outs and gatherings with your fellow Elks, family and friends. Finally, best wishes for your new Lodge year. Let's make it the best ever!



Exalted Ruler Lodge No. 80 2016-2017

Mary Jane Brooks

Greetings All!

What a great lodge we have. You all make me so proud.

I want to thank all of you who attended my installation. You all make me so happy. My children and grandkids were all present to wish me a successful and joyous year. And a thank you to all who wished me well and told me that I will have a great year. Your support will make that come true. If the finish is like the start then I will know your wishes have come true.

I just returned from the Nebraska State Elks Convention. Lodge 80 was the winner of so many awards. Many of our members brought home top awards. We are shining stars. I am very proud to be your Exalted Ruler.

I hope that each of you is "Striving To Be Better Elks." One way is to get involved with lodge activities. This June we have four big events on the 18th and 19th. If you are free that Saturday and/or Sunday, call the lodge, <u>402-421-6363</u> or me at <u>402-770-3500</u> and leave your name and phone number. Someone will call you with what you can do to help. These activities involve children, veterans, the Lodge and the Ritual Team. We did place first, won all the awards, and are going to Houston in July. We are trying for our third National Championship. Thanks for all your support in the past. Just another reason we are a strong lodge!

See you at the lodge, Mary Brooks, Exalted Ruler "Ever Striving to be Better Elks"



President Drove No. 4 2016

Vicki Logan

May will be filled with more preparations for the 2016 Does Grand Lodge convention. The Drove will welcome several Supreme Officers on May 22 for details on the ceremony and practice the floor work our Drove will be performing in June.

Thank you everyone who contributed to the jewelry raffle. Proceeds were given to our Drove for use towards convention costs. Congratulations to Barb Spillman and Veronica Flemme whose names were drawn.

Warm regards. President Vicki Logan

Knight's Tales

Remember back to when you were initiated and the Lecturing Knight welcomed you to their station and proudly proclaimed that their station was dedicated to Brotherly Love. According to the dictionary BROTHERLY LOVE is a feeling of humanity and compassion toward one's fellow humans. As Elk's, one of our charges is to invest in our communities through programs that help children grow up healthy and drug-free, we do this by undertaking projects that address unmet need.

To give you an idea of some of the Committees that we participate in or involved with they are: Americanism, The Elks National Foundation (which supports youth activities and scholarships), our Annual Children's Christmas Party, Hoop Shoot, Midget Football, Soccer Shoot, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Drug Awareness just to name a few. As you can see, there are a lot of activities that go on in our lodge! You can get involved. So come on now, let's step it up a bit.

There is no better time to volunteer, get involved. As the now famous ad campaign for Nike simply stated; Just Do It!



-Harry Montag, Lecturing Knight

It is that time once again for the State Elks convention. All the officers (and some V.I.P.s) are headed west to North Platte. It is truly the gateway to the west. The kids and I do love the Sandhills, something very special in Nebraska.

We will be defending our State Ritual title and participating in the Elks Memorial Ceremony. If you have not seen the ceremony or participated in the ritual, it

is a very good and worthwhile endeavor.

You can be proud to be an ELK in Lincoln Lodge 80. Get active, have fun, make a difference!



-Troy Pedersen, Loyal Knight

We welcomed five new members into the Lodge on April 20, with more on the horizon! Please be sure to greet our new members and give them a warm Elks welcome.

Also, should you feel so moved, the Lodge is fielding donations from members to foot the cost of our new, and beautifully operating, dishwasher! This new machine filled a real need in our kitchen, and we expect great service from it for years to come.

I'd also like to remind you of our Youth Night coming up on May 2 at the Southeast Community College gym. Come celebrate with the nearly 250 high-achieving area high school juniors, and help us congratulate our

newest Lodge #80 scholarship winners! Thanks to all the Lodge members who helped judge the applications. We helped a number of young people along the road to fulfilling their educational dreams.

Until next month!

-Laurie Montag, Leading Knight



...and now for the Quickies...

... Fish Fry dinner was a great success, thanks to Scott Schrage, Vicki Logan, and the many hands that made up their crew. The food was great, terrific turnout, and the live music was much appreciated. Please come support these dinners at the Lodge, folks, it's what pays the light bill ... good to see 4 new Elks initiated at last meeting, rumor has it there are several more waiting in the wings ... encourage your friends to join us, the dues are very reasonable, you can do auto-debit from your checking account (we encourage it!) and the more the merrier ... you have fun when you are at the Lodge or the Jolly Corkers Pub, or volunteering at concessions, soccer shoot, etc. and your friends will too ... Does are ramping up activities for their National Convention, please contact Vicki Logan, Kelli Stanely-Smith, or E.R. Mary to see how you can help ... we have a National caliber ritual team at this Lodge, lets show all the Does and Elks we have a National Caliber Lodge and Does Drove as well ... rumor has it that Jolly Corkers T-shirts are once again available, the Does are selling them as a fundraiser for their program. All sizes including youth available, \$20 donation gets you a shirt. Remember, this is a fundraiser for the Does for their National convention ... see Vicki or any of the Does for more information, we'll try to have them at the Jolly Corkers Pub as well, and E.R. Mary and the Officers will have information on them also ... Elks Bowling League presented a check to the Scholarship fund for \$1094.00, thanks to the bowlers for their support. That league is the longest running League in Lincoln, NE, so if you like to bowl, come on out and join them. Tuesday nights at 9 pm, see the Larry's for more information ... The "Make a Difference" fair will be at Scott Middle School May 5, Thursday, come on out and see the youth woo different sponsors to contribute to their cause ... more information? Contact P.E.R. Wirth ... ENF contributions are off to another rousing start, we wound up third in the State last year with a whopping \$19.51 per person. Elks National Foundation does a lot of good, folks, they give scholarships back to the local Lodges for our use, this is a real help to smaller Lodges. See P.E.R. Bratt for more information, and Thank him for continuing to serve as ENF Chair for our Lodge ... lets chip in guickly to hit the G.E.R's suggested contribution level, so we are eligible for Scholarships for our Lodge. That funding really helps our causes ... The Does annual flower sale starts Thursday May 5, that's next week, people. These are great plants from Finke Nursery, grown locally so they are acclimated to our local weather, ready to plant. They make great gifts as well, with Mother's Day right around the corner ... Scott Shrage was once again elected as Chair of the Trustees, Carrie Fiedler the secretary, and your other Trustees are P.E.R. Gerry Miles, P.E.R. Terry Edwards, and P.I.G. Bob Sindlar. House Committee was also selected by E.R. Mary, they include the Trustees, the Lodge Officers, and Randy King. If you notice items in the Lodge that need repaired or attention, if you have suggestions for improvements for your Lodge, or ideas you want to see implemented, contact any one on the House Committee for help ... our dishwasher is installed and we have all the kinks worked out of it, it is working nicely ... Remember to patronize your Pub when out and about, they serve great lunches daily, and light suppers too ... Remember our upcoming Mother's Day Brunch, Sunday May 8, bring the family and your friends, lets support our Ritual Team as they prepare for National Convention and a possible three-peat ... It will take a lot of support and encouragement from all of us for these folks to pull it off. It is a huge sacrifice in time and effort, and the efforts of our Ritual coaches and mentors shouldn't go unrecognized. When you get a moment, Thank P.E.R. Stephen Wirth, P.E.R. Rich Todd, and P.E.R. Bobby Clinkenbeard for the time, work, and talent spent on coaching our Teammates to their full potential ... Saturday May 14 there will be a Meatloaf dinner, veggies, salad, dessert and all the fixin's, see the ad elsewhere in the Elk-O-Gram. And please, call in your reservations so they know how much food to purchase, it really does help ... by the way, if you see Duane Vanderbeek, would you tell him "Thank You"? He has been working with Wauneta getting our bookkeeping system converted to Quick Books, and that is no easy feat. Night after night he has been quietly at work in the Lodge office, converting files, setting up line items, trying to streamline our system to make it easier for Wauneta ... we have a ton of budget items to manage and keep track of, and it is difficult at best to account for where every nickel goes ... his expertise is greatly appreciated. It is one of those "thankless" jobs that needs to happen for your Lodge to run smoothly. Lets not make it a "thankless" job, shall we? ... see you at the Lodge! ...

...Our Members...

Sickness & Distress:

Elton Brodd - broken ankle - Tabitha Laurie Montag - broken ankle

Deaths: None

Members for Consideration: Mary Lou Andersen by Judith Kluge Radley Breuer by Larry Bratt Diana McNeese by Roxie Thomas Vern Orr by Mitch Becker Scott Wolf by Mitch Becker

Members for Reinstatement: None

Members Initiated:

Cheree Buesing by Randy King John DeMay by John Aman Jeffrey Flamme by Donald Flamme Chase Orsborn by Randy King Rebekah Petersen by Randy King Richard Tast by John Aman

Hidden Number: 15711, Paul Pocock, hidden in the April birthday list.

Membership Drawing: The membership drawing for the April 20th drawing was \$98. Paul McKeag 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: 1 ceremony April 17th. The event was special as it included a "Four Winds" ceremony. Drug Awareness: No Report

Girl Scouts: PER Wirth reached out to Nancy Vallis regarding our contributions for their June 18th ceremony.

Hide Program: No Report. Hoop Shoot: One of the Nebraska shooters that competed at Nationals won!

House Committee: 1) There is a request to send Amy Beaudette to Diabetes Camp. \$500 was approved to send her. 2) The Make A Difference Fair will be at Scott Middle School on May 5th. 3) The Trustees elected their officers for the upcoming year; Scott Schrage will be the chairman and Carrie Fielder will be the Secretary. The House Committee members were also identified; Larry Bratt, Mary Brooks, Randy King, Harry and Laurie Montag, Troy Pedersen, Larry Schwindt, and the Trustees; Terry Edwards, Carrie Fiedler, Gerry Miles, Scott Schrage, and Bob Sindlar. 4) The dishwasher is fixed, and is up and running. We have received \$595 in donations to date. 5) Upcoming dinner events; Mother's Day breakfast May 8th, Meatloaf dinner May 14th, a dinner on June 4th, a Father's Day breakfast June 19th, and a dinner scheduled for July 23rd, 6) It is hoped the vouth that we sponsored at Boys and Girls State will be in attendance at the May dinner. 7) The budget was amended to include line items for the dishwasher and DOES convention

Hunter's Safety: No Report.

ENF: \$19.16 as of March 8th, this year's goal is \$4.65. We finished 3rd in the State. 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 248, with 10 candidates pending. There are 48 members delinquent. PER John Aman asked for a list of those delinquent. Please encourage those who have not yet paid their dues, to please do so

Scholarship: 1) On May 2nd, 250 high school juniors and scholarship winners will be recognized at SECC. The program begins at 730pm, officers should arrive around 645. 2) The Elks Bowling League donated \$1,094 to the scholarship fund. 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) There is a VA Book Sale coming up, and there are many out of print "classics" bargains to be had. 2) 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 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		

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

Articles Due: May 19

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

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 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. 15779.

Remember, if it's important, let us know! You might have been the only one to remind us...

Please Join us **May 24** to assemble the Elk-O-Gram for June! *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: Gerald Miles PER Activities: Stephen Wirth PER Americanism: Mary Brooks ER 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 ER Drug Awareness: Larry Bratt PER

Elks Memorial Day: Larry Schwindt PER ENF: Larry Bratt PER Eagle Scouts: Randy King Flag Day: Larry Bratt PER Fraternal: Gerald Miles PER Gold Award: Stephen Wirth PER Gov. Relations: Richard Todd PER/PDD Hide Program: Jeff Sneller PER Hoop Shoot: Gerald Miles PER 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 Standing Relief: Mary Brooks ER State Major Projects: Larry Schwindt PER Veterans: Wade Graft Visitation: Wade Graft Youth Activities: Laurie Montag

Secretary's Corner

My message this month is simple; please send in your dues payments as soon as possible. It would be great to have everyone's dues paid before summer starts. The dues statements were sent to the address that we have on record for you. If this is not correct, please note any changes when returning your payment. Also, if your phone number or other personal information may have changed, please also make note of that when returning your dues payment. Thanks!

Stop in for lunch, I am usually there at least 2 days of the week, I would love to have the company!

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 May Birthdays!

- 01 Armitage, Christine
- Muggy, Eddy
- 02 Schrage, Elliot
- 03 Fiedler, Carrie
- King, Allen
- 04 Kirk, James
- 05 Ebeler, Eric Westfall, Rick
- 06 Brodd, Elton
- 07 Sorenson, Phil
- 08 Hays, Walt W Horn, James
- Schmutte, Larry 09 - Becker, Mitch
- Pesek, Jerry 10 - Petersen, Rebekah
- 13 Kendle, Wade
- Klein, Robert 14 - Bergholz, Randall
- Beyer, Scott Hanigan, Joseph

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15 - Long, Mark

17 - Fiedler, Ryan

21 - Strope, Randy

19 - Sadler, Maureen

- Lane, Sonny PER
- 24 Santana, Anna
- 29 Goodding, Marvin
- 30 Brooks, Mary ER

St. Patrick's Day Dinner Success



On Saturday evening, post St. Patty's Day, the dinner held at the Lodge and Jolly Corker Pub was a tremendous success. Sponsor, PER John Aman, said it was the best attended St. Patrick's Day dinner in over 10 years. Over 120 people consumed and/or purchased a total of 237 pounds of corn beef brisket.

In addition, 230 pounds of vegetables, from the new Fresh Thyme Grocers, was also served along with 13 loaves of fresh baked rye bread from Wilber, Ne. Vanilla and mint chocolate chip ice cream (with various dessert toppings) rounded off the evening. Many raffle prizes such as Lucky Charms, loaves of raisin and Killer Dean's 21 grain breads, apple fritters, organic juices, vegetable chips, beef jerky, BBQ sauces, corn beef brisket, potted clover plants, Bailey's Irish Cream and cash, were won by many lucky winners before the evening ended. A big thank you goes out to cleanup crew Troop 159's Scout Master Thomas Hillary, scouts, son Andrew, Trevor Sherman, volunteers Larry Bratt, Mary Brooks, Lu Hamilton, Harry, Laurie, Samantha Montag, Scott Schrage, Kim and Pat Wiseman, Stephen Wirth, those of you who donated prizes and everyone in attendance who supported this wonderful experience.

Compliments received on the dinner and raffle were nothing but positive throughout the evening. In addition, bartender's Nancy Halsted and Diane Zabokrtsky kept crew and all in attendance in good spirits.

PER John said that next year's (2017) dinner will be planned for the Saturday prior to Saint Patrick's Day, if possible.









Troy Pederson and New Eagle Scout Kendrick Frasher with Troop 452.

Kendrick remodeled the fellowship hall at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Lincoln.

Randy King and New Eagle Scout Connor Johnson with Troop 64.

Connor built a sheltered deck at Christ Lutheran Church in Lincoln.







The Fish Fry Committee was happy to provide the dinner and the raffle to the many that attended. Thank you to the Boy Scouts who helped with the clean up of over 96 meals! Sponsors of the Dinner were Elliott, Mike S., Greg, Dave & Sandy, Bill & Marge, Brent & Cherie, LaDona, Jeff & Susan, Roxie, Jake & Vicki, Jody & Scott.

We want to also thank these people for there help also Larry, Larry, Harry, Mary, Rich and Connie. It wouldn't have been possible without all of

you. The Card Players and friends of BNSF thank you. Cheers to the Band too, Salt Creek Trio - they entertained us well!



New members Chase Orsborn, Cheree Buesing and Rebekah Petersen with their sponsor Randy King, ER Mary Brooks, John DeMay and his sponsor PER John Aman, and Jeffrey Flamme with sponsor Donald Flamme.

All were initiated on April 20 for ER Brooks's first official meeting! What a way to start off the year!





Mother's Day Brunch

Sunday May 8 8:00am - 2:00pm Breakfast cooked for you, just the way you like it! Menu full of your favorites, and Mom's too.

Eggs to order, waffles, pancakes, biscuits and gravy, omelets, bacon, sausage, French toast and fruit



Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Corn Salad Rolls with Butter Dessert

Saturday, May 14th

530 Cocktails 6:30 Dinner

\$10 w/ Reservations, \$12 at the door

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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!





For information contact Ron Lechner at 402-560-3342, ronlechner1@gmail.com or after 5:00 PM Kirk Beute at (402) 314-3495



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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!

May 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 Scout Meeting	4 Lodge Meeting 7p	5 DOES Flower Sale	6 DOES Flower Sale	7
8 Mother's Day Breakfast 8a-2p	9	10 Burger Nite 5:30p American Legion	11 Room Rented	12 VFW	13	14 Meatloaf Dinner 7p
15	16 DOES	17 American Legion	18 Lodge Meeting 7p	19 American Legion	20	21
22 DOES Rehearsal	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Memorial Day Lodge Closed	31				