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Home of Past GER Vincent R. Collura, Past GER George B. Klein, Past Grand Secretary Jack M. Jensen, & Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight Bobby Clinkenbeard

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

Veteran's Music Festival

The 8th Annual Veterans Freedom Music Festival was held August 4, 2018 from 10:30 am to 5:00 pm in The Railyard, in our Historic Haymarket.

Your Elks Lodge was represented by our Exalted Ruler Troy Pedersen and his Leading Knight Harry Montag.

Troy helped open the day by leading all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

We also had a "prime" location for distributing information from DAP to ENF.

The Veterans Freedom Music Festival was originally the brain child of Terry Gillispie, from Lincoln Nebraska. In 2011, Terry asked Dave Rusk, a local radio executive and "self styled musician", if he would play some music for the veterans at the Lincoln VA hospital. Dave played the first year, but both he and Terry saw an opportunity to turn his idea into something meaningful for Lincoln families and to honor our Veterans. Dave and Terry, along with a host of volunteers and donors, came together and formed the Veterans Freedom Music Festival as a benefit for veterans.

The Mission of the Veterans Freedom Music Festival, is to offer a free outdoor live music event to:

- Expose Veterans to the benefits and programs that are offered to them through the Veteran's Administration.
- Give the public an opportunity to say to our Veterans "THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE"





Announcements

Upcoming Dinners

The following dates are the upcoming dinners to watch for. Make sure you've got these evenings set aside for your friends down at the Lodge!

Saturday Sept 22nd: Italian Dinner Friday Oct 5th: Oktoberfest Saturday Nov 3rd: Beef Sammies Saturday Dec 1st: Holiday Dinner

MVS Scholarship

Do you know a high school senior who is a US Citizen? Encourage them to apply for the most Valuable Student scholarship!

The 2019 MVS application opened on August 15, 2018 and closes on November 15, 2018!

Karaoke at the Lodge!

Please join us at the Jolly Corker Pub on Friday Sept 7th for Karaoke Night!

We're all there for the fun, so come on down and perfect your skills!

Already have skills? Bring your friends with and show 'em what you've got!

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Grand Exalted Ruler, 2018-2019 Michael T. Luhr Message from the GER Grand Lodge Newsletter, September 2018

This month is a time of action for your Lodge.

September is the month to get your Lodge in order. Officers and committee members should arrange a meeting to ascertain what Grand Lodge, state, and local programs are on the horizon, and then work out details concerning Lodge participation. Encourage new ideas that could blossom into an original program and fully support the effort. Seeds of inspiration that are well-nurtured often grow and blossom into something truly extraordinary. Don't be afraid to think outside the box.

Success begins with teamwork, and this is especially true of your Membership Committee. Work as a team to contact lapsed Members and find out why they haven't paid their dues. Many times, the Member simply forgot, and a friendly reminder solves the problem. On occasion a Member may be upset about something, or have some other issue that prevented him or her from staying up to date. Check in with the Member and give an opportunity to express any concerns. Do your best to make sure that lapsed Members feel as though they are an essential part of your Lodge, and remind them of all of the amazing work you're doing for your community.

Now is also the time to assess your community involvement thus far in the year and consider ways to expand that contribution. There is no greater Elks virtue than Charity, so make sure your Lodge is doing its part and take great pride in your accomplishments. One of the best ways to show your Elks Pride is by making sure your community knows all about your hard work. Invite the media to one of your events and promote your good deeds.

It's also important to record your good deeds with your Lodge Secretary and make sure your charitable works are being continually reported to the Grand Lodge via the web site. It's much easier to keep up with reporting as it occurs rather than trying to play catch-up. This is also true of the All-American Lodge Contest, so be sure to track your Lodge's accomplishments throughout the year.

September also marks the end of the second financial quarter, so it's time to review Lodge budgets and make adjustments as necessary. Patriotism Week is October 10-16, Red Ribbon Week is October 23-31, and the GER class runs the whole month of October, which means now is the time to start making plans. ENF Month is also in October, so this month is the perfect time to plan a fundraiser that helps your Lodge meet the \$4.75 per Member goal.



President Drove No. 4

Wauneta Peterson

School has started as we begin to feel the fall season upon us.

The DOES have their District Meeting in Atlantic, IA on Oct. 26-27. We hope some of our members will attend this meeting.

The Football Stadium Project starts Sept 1. We need your help. This is a DOES and ELKS Project. The game starts at 7pm. Helpers need to check in by 4pm. Remember the clear plastic bag policy instead of purses. Please contact Randy King or myself if you can assist.

In Sisterly Love,

Wauneta Peterson



Exalted Ruler Lodge No. 80 2018-2019

Troy Pedersen

It is time again for the kids (and grand kids!) to head back to school. What a fast summer! Hopefully you were able to get some family vacation time. As each summer passes, we are reminded that time marches on. Kids grow up, become more independent, develop their own paths. One path we can hope that they choose to follow is that of becoming an Elk. Because you've been there to set a good example for them, they have more exposure to the good things that our organization participates in.

Our good works are on display for all to see, with the Christmas Party for the kids of Lincoln and surrounding areas, our support of Veterans, the VA, and the Victory Apartment project and our donations of cleaning supplies, our support of youth athletics with our annual Hoop Shoot, Soccer Shoot, and Elks Football.

Speaking of football, the youth games start here very soon and they would love to see Elks members in the stands at their games, which are Sunday afternoons at Christensen Field. In addition, Husker Football season is here and we're always looking for volunteers to help out with concessions.

In closing, remember the dinner on Sept 22! And as always, stay active, go to the dinners, and just have fun!



Secretary's Corner

Jerry Wilson

I hope you have had a great summer! Time to get back to business!

There are some of you that have not yet paid your membership dues. Second dues notices were sent out last month to those members. Regrettably, those names will be published in the next Monthly (October) newsletter.

Per the By-Laws, you are not considered a member in good standing until your dues are paid. You are considered delinquent after April 1st of the current year.

<u>We now accept dues payments and donations online!</u> We have added that easy access feature to our webpage. As a reminder; the webpage is www.elks80.org. In the top left portion of the homepage, there is a link titled "Pay Dues or Make a Donation" which will take you to the standard credit card / PayPal fill in the blanks screen.

Also, on that homepage, you can access the lodge's calendar in case you misplaced your Elk-O-Gram, and you can also access the current and past Elk-O-Grams. A side note; if you do not wish to receive the paper version of the Elk-O-Gram, you may contact me and arrange to have it delivered via email!

We are doing our best to be a part of the new world. We have not started a social media "Facebook, Twitter, etc" experience yet in earnest, but we are working on it. We need a volunteer to take charge of administering it. Please call me to set it up.

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.

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Knight's Tales

When we were kids, didn't it seem that Summer lasted forever, and the days seemed to go on and on and on? As I have progressed in years it seems to me that time just zips by. It seems like yesterday that I took a drive with my wife Laurie down to the 150 BPOE Elks convention in San Antonio TX and that I had written an article for our newsletter. Simply put what happened to Summer and all this free time that I had suddenly gotten when I retired? Seems that there is not enough time in the day any more. But as it is stated "Time flies, whether you're having fun or not. And it's flying faster and faster every day."

Have you been on Elks.Org yet? If not, there are some changes (for the good I might add). It is very easy to navigate. Our New Exalted Grand Ruler Michael T. Luhr in his article states that "Now is ... is the time to assess your community involvement thus far in the year and consider ways to expand that contribution. There is no greater Elks virtue than Charity, so make sure your Lodge is doing its part and take great pride in your accomplishments." There are a number of committees that would like to include you in. Joining is simple. It's that first step of asking that is the hardest. I am very proud of our community. Let's make the remainder of this year a good one. One worth Remembering. We are always looking for your help.

If you have not attended our Karaoke Friday night, you need to plan to visit at least once. America's Got Talent is not there so you can let it all out. We have our own version of the Von Trapp family (for you that are not familiar with the Von Trapp family, please look up the Sound Of Music) and yes, we have our own Elvis too. It is a great time! You don't even have to sing. You can be like me and silently sing along.

Now to talk about that other ever present problem. Prescription painkillers, or opioids, are supposed to help us get back to health. But all too often, opioids, including cocaine and heroin, kill instead of heal.

I am not trying to preach anything here, so please don't misunderstand what I am saying. In early February of this year, the Connecticut General Assembly began its legislative session, opening a new window of opportunity for the legalization and regulation of marijuana in the state. While marijuana legislature is in the pipeline, and more than 60% of residents are in favor of legalization, recreational marijuana is still illegal in Connecticut.

On the 15 of August 71 people were reported as suffering from apparent overdoses showing multiple of signs and symptoms ranging from vomiting, hallucinating, high blood pressure, shallow breathing, semi-conscious, and unconscious states. What happened? They all smoked a synthetic marijuana (also known as K2) that was laced with something like Fentanyl.

Fentanyl is a powerful synthetic drug that is like morphine and heroin, but is 50 to 100 times more potent. Fentanyl and its analogs are members of the class of drugs known as rapid-acting synthetic opioids that alleviate pain. Fentanyl acts quickly to depress the central nervous system and respiratory function. Oh, and by the way You can't see it, smell it or taste it. As little as two milligrams of fentanyl is enough to cause overdose and death. That amount is as small as two grains of salt. WOW!

Well to end on a happy note: We have a lot of events going on at our lodge. We have a dinner on the 22nd. (By the way it's someone's birthday- you need to look) and Nebraska is going to have its first road game and hopefully they will be 3-0 (I can assure you that the game will be on.)

I am looking forward to seeing you and as always thanks for being a member of OUR Lodge.

We will be seeing you around Our Lodge.

-Harry Montag, Leading Knight

... Summer is rapidly fading, the kids are back in school, and in a few short weeks, football! We need your help to staff our Concession Stands at Husker Stadium ... this will be an exciting year as our new Coach takes the helm and leads us back into the upper echelon of College Football. Be a part of it and experience Husker Game day by volunteering at Concessions. We need 12 for each game, it's a lot of fun and fast paced. Contact Wauneta Peterson or Randy King to participate. You need to be 16, have a picture I.D., and yes, this qualifies for community service hours for high school students ... Lou is doing a bang-up job with the Veterans Committee and the Victory Apartments project, the P.E.R.'s got together the other night, helped sort and organize the supplies to restock the apartments. She got her grants, so has funding to continue this project, and is always looking for someone to help, so if you'd like to help our Veterans and get involved in our Lodge, this is a great way to do it! ... Upcoming dinner in September is Italian themed, be sure to see the ad elsewhere in the Elk O Gram. Call ahead to reserve your spot, and come patronize your Lodge ... Trustee's voted to purchase a new ice bin for behind the bar at the Jolly Corkers Lounge, we had bandaided the old one to where it couldn't be repaired anymore, so it's time for a new one ... come join us for Karaoke! Sept 7 is the next date, mark it down now on your calendar. Munchies available for a nominal fee. Ed and his crew do a stellar job with the equipment and emceeing the singing and entertainment. Starts at 7, runs til 11 or so. It's a great time, so please come enjoy your Lodge, your Pub, your fellow Elks, and have a good time ... you never know, your singing may get you a Jolly Corkers Pub t-shirt! Just ask Dennis! ... Remember the Does upcoming wine trip, Saturday October 13, starts at 9 am at Kohl's parking lot north of 84th & O, returns at 7 pm. They'll tour 5 wineries, includes lunch, and its only \$100 per person. Reasonable for a day's entertainment, food, and drink. See Wauneta to sign up and be a part of it. Slots are limited and they'll fill quickly, so get signed up and secure your seat ... Elks Midget Football is well underway, equipment has been checked out, practices are in full swing, and the first game is September 9th. Over 140 kids are participating, should be a great season! ... We've made our ENF goal for the year, and our grants are applied for. Thanks to every one who contributed. If you haven't donated to ENF yet, it is a great cause, be sure to see Larry Bratt and get your check in ... A Thank You was read on the floor of the Lodge from Abbey Beaudette for our support of her participation in Diabetes Camp. We have helped send her to camp for the last 6 years, and she is very appreciative of the continued help the Elks provides ... fall means Boy Scout Popcorn time, so be ready to buy some popcorn at one of the upcoming dinners. We sponsor Cub Scout Pack 27 in many of their endeavors, including popcorn sales, Blue and Gold Banquet, Pinewood Derby, and the Arrow of Light ceremony when they transition into Webelos. The Troop, the kids, and their parents greatly appreciate the support of the Lodge ... we still have 33 members on the delinquent list, please get your dues in. You aren't considered an "Elk in Good Standing" in our Lodge unless your dues are paid, and delaying payment causes needless paperwork and postage sending out reminders and 2nd notices etc. If you struggle with your dues all at one time, just sign up for auto deduction monthly. It's less than \$10 a month, and you never have to worry about it again ... Cash Calendar time is coming up, look for more info about it in next month's Elk O Gram, this is a great fundraiser that generates much needed income for the Lodge during the first of the year when our dues monies are spent and we are scraping to pay the light bill. Buy them for stocking stuffers for Christmas, challenge your friends at work to get in on the fun, use it to explain to others about the Elks and what we do, you may be able to recruit a new member this way ... by the way, make an effort to tell someone about the Elks this week. Imagine if each member recruited just one new member, we'd double our Lodge size, your friends would have more fun, we'd lessen the load on those who give so much of their time and effort. What a great way to promote something you already believe in ... remember, "Elks Care, Elks Share"... See you at football concessions on the 1st, Karaoke on the 7th, and the Italian Dinner on the 22nd ...

...and now for the Quickies..

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...Our Members...

Sickness & Distress:

None

Deaths:

None

Members for Consideration:

Ken Spellmeyer by Mitch Becker

Members Reinstated:

None

Members Initiated:

Dick Wolf

Hidden Number: July/August's hidden number was 15896, Curtis Rohn, hidden in the picture of Larry and Vickie Jurgens' donation of the new mixer on page 4.

Membership Drawing: The membership drawing for the July 18th meeting was \$81. C H Traudt was the name drawn, and he was not present to win. The membership drawing for the August 15th meeting was \$95. Franklin Mills 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!

Remember that the Jolly Corker Pub closes at 9pm Monday - Thursday.



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Committee Reports

Americanism: No Report.

Boy Scouts: One ceremony performed August 12 with several in the future.

Drug Awareness: Harry Montag presented information on the current fentanyl drug

overdose and misuse problems. **Girl Scouts:** No Report. **Hide Program:** No Report.

Hoop Shoot: Awaiting information from Grand Lodge.

House Committee: 1) The payment in support of the youth with Autism was paid after the accounting close date of March 31st. It was requested the "Special Request" line item of the current years lodge budget be increased by \$1,000 to cover the overage of funds expenditure. A motion was made, voted upon, and passed to increase the budget line item. 2) A new ice bin for the bar is needed. The current ice bin has been leaking and has been repaired multiple times. It was proposed that we purchase a new ice bin for an amount not to exceed \$400. It was voted upon and approved. 3) The next dinner will be September 22nd, and it will be Italian.

ENF: No Report.

Membership: No Report.

Lincoln Youth Football: Equipment checkout is done. Practices are Monday - Friday for the next 4 weeks. First game was Sept. 9 and picture night was August 24th. **Retention:** Membership is at 250, 1 reinstatement candidate pending. 33 members are delinquent. 2nd Notice statements have been sent out. Names of those delinquent will be published in October.

Scholarship: Deadline for the MVS applications has been moved to Nov 15th.

Soccer Shoot: No Report.

Social Community Welfare: No Report

Presiding Justice.....

Veterans Committee: Grant monies have been received and are in use.

2018-2019 Elks' Lodge #80 Officers

Exalted Ruler..... Troy Pedersen Leading Knight..... Harry Montag **VACANT** Loyal Knight..... **VACANT** Lecturing Knight...... Esquire..... VACANT Inner Guard..... **VACANT** Tiler..... Larry Jurgens Jerry Wilson Secretary..... Wauneta Peterson Treasurer..... Chaplain..... Dr. William Jackson Trustee 1 Year..... Randy King Trustee 2 Year..... Scott Schrage Gerald Miles PER Trustee 3 Year..... Trustee 4 Year..... Larry Schwindt PER Laurie Montag PER Trustee 5 Year.....

Amy Jacobsen PER

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Elk-O-Gram Editor's Note

Articles Due: Sept 20

Deadline is ALWAYS 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 Editor 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 Sept 25 to assemble the Elk-O-Gram for October!

Thank you to Randy King, Larry and Vicki Jurgens, and Kevin and Maureen Sadler for folding the EOG for July/August.

Remember, many hands make light work...

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.)



2018-2019 Committees

Accident: Scott Schrage Activities: Stephen Wirth PER Americanism: Mary Brooks PER Auditing: Vicki Jurgens Benevolence: VACANT

By-Laws Changes: Chuck Meisinger PDD, PSP, PER Christmas: Larry Schwindt 2nd VP, PER, Larry Bratt

Community Activities: Mary Brooks PER Drug Awareness: Harry Montag Eagle Scouts: Randy King

Elks Memorial Day: Larry Schwindt 2nd VP, PER ENF: Larry Bratt PDD, PER

Flag Day: Larry Bratt PDD, PER Fraternal: Gerald Miles PFR Gold Award: Stephen Wirth PER

Gov. Relations: Troy Pedersen ER Hide Program: Larry Jurgens Hoop Shoot: Gerald Miles PER Investigation: Larry Bratt PDD, PER Membership: Larry Schwindt 2nd VP, PER Midget Football: Scott Schrage PER Association: Gerald Miles PER Public Relations: Stephen Wirth PER Ritual: Stephen Wirth PER Scholarship: Laurie Montag PER Soccer Shoot: Doug Rienks PER Standing Relief: Laurie Montag PER State Major Projects: Larry Schwindt 2nd VP, PER Veterans: Luann Hamilton Youth Activities: Laurie Montag PER



Vet's Corner



Thanks to everyone who helped make the July dinner fundraiser a success. The Vets will benefit greatly and our hearts are filled with joy knowing our membership

We have been given two \$2000 grants from ENF for the 2018-2019 year: the Beacon and Freedom Grants. These will definitely bankroll our efforts through February and fulfill our commitment to get these formerly homeless vets thru their first year in their new homes. Discussions have begun about where we want to go next - suggestions are very much welcome!

Liquid Hand Soap Body Lotion Denture Cleaner Denture Adhesive Toothpaste Toothbrushes (Individually Wrapped) All-purpose Wipes All-purpose Spray Cleaner Kleenex Razors **Shaving Cream**

Toilet Bowl Cleaner Shower Gel Shampoo 3-n-1 Shower Gel/Shampoo/ Conditioner Men's Deodorant Liquid Dish Soap Dishwasher PODS **Dryer Sheets** Laundry Detergent PODS Paper Towels

More volunteers are needed, especially at packaging nights and delivery time. Packaging usually occurs one evening the 2nd week of the month. Delivery is always the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:15 at the Victory Park apartments on the VA campus. Call me, leave a message, send an email, or tap me on the shoulder if you have questions or want to be a part of this endeavor. Really appreciated all the help from our ER and a group of PERs at the packaging in August. Thanks also to Eben and Lars for helping out! Team work makes the dream work!

The list of product donation requests will remain the same. Right now, we have 30-40 vets pass thru our tables of products every month. We try to provide what we think are the most important items to them based on what they take, what is

left, and what they tell us along with feedback from Heroes Into Homes. None of them ever take home one of everything, but we can get closer to that goal with your continued help.

Again, thanks for all your support and remember: "so long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."

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Happy September Birthdays!

03 - Ruliffson, Wayne J

04 - Rienks, Doug C

05 - Wachter, Ronald J Gordon, James E

06 - Hoppe Jr, John L

07 - Pohlmann, Gary R

10 - Lewis, Larry

12 - Pickering, Larry B 13 - Schwisow, Roger

20 - Morrissey, Thomas Flamme, Donald L

DeMay, John 22 - Jurgens, Scott

Pedersen, Troy

23 - Schwindt, Larry J

27 - Jackson, Dr William C

29 - Jurado, Michael

30 - Hoppel, Lon Perrett, Seth



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150 Scholars for 150 Elk Years

In celebrating the Elks' 150th anniversary, the Elks brought together 150 current scholars and alumni to serve and celebrate this milestone. The largest gathering of Elks scholars ever took place this summer in San Antonio, TX June 29th through July 2nd in conjunction with the Elks National Convention. One of our very own LEL No. 80 Most Valuable Student Scholarship winners, William Lavelle, from Centennial High School, was in attendance. He was also a Nebraska State Elks Association scholarship winner. William made a special presentation at our lodge meeting on Wednesday, July 18th of his experience representing Lincoln Lodge No. 80. The following is his recap and experience of this mega-Elks Scholar Service Trip. Their motto was "Celebrate through Service".

'Our first service project with the Elks was to do volunteer work at Haven for Hope. All 150 of us split up into teams to divide and conquer different jobs. There were teams to sort through new donations, wash sleeping mats, paint new lines in the parking lots, and many others. I joined the landscaping team and trimmed the bushes and trees around campus. After lunch, our jobs became more social. We handed out boxes of cookies and popsicles to the residents, and sent individual Elks scholars to hand out food to the residents who weren't in line or were in a different area. The next day, we attended the Elks National Convention with a goal to pack 5000 hygiene kits for homeless veterans. Our job certainly got easier when other Elks at the convention started to join us! I personally was in charge of taking full boxes from the assembly line, labeling them, and pushing them to a storage area. After we finished, we faded into the background and let everyone think that we had left. Imagine their surprise when we made a surprise appearance at the convention's opening session! I had a lot of fun with the 150 for 150 Service Trip, and I'm proud we were able to do so much good work'.

William, Lincoln Lodge No. 80 is very proud of you. Just being in your presence, with all your energy, ambition, and enthusiasm excites each and every one of us. BEST of LUCK has you set and pursue higher goals. Never forget to give back to those less fortunate. You are, and will remain, a part of our Elks Family.

Thank-you to PER Laurie Montag for organizing the presentation and Trustee Randy King, Video technical assistance. For a live video, go to elks.org and click on 150 for 150. Truly a big family reunion. Priceless.

Pictured: L to R – "The Lavelle's", Ethan (16), Grandad Dave, Dad Brennan, William (18) Mother Patty, Grandmothers Sandy and Carol.



Larry Bratt, PDDGER Recognized

On Wednesday, July 18th, Larry was presented the Grand Lodge Elks National Foundation Leadership Pin from ER Troy Pedersen for our lodge meeting Grand Exalted Ruler Malcolm J. McPherson Jr. (2017 – 2018) ENF goal of \$4.60 per member.

Thank you Larry for your dedication to the Elks locally, to our state, and nationally. Pictured is PDDGER Larry receiving his award from ER Troy.



Congratulations Due

Way to go Grand Island Lodge #604 on your participation in the Ritualistic Competition in San Antonio, TX.

You represented our Great State well!

Congratulations!



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New Member Initiated

Welcome to Dick Wolf, initiated on Wednesday, July 18th, 2018. Dick is a graduate of Syracuse High School in Nebraska. Dick and his family have been long time residence of Lincoln after Dick completed his military (Army) service to our country. Dick, his wife Pat, and son Scott own Wolf Professional Realty PC, a local family run real estate company in our city. Scott, an Elk's 3 year member, is Dick's proposer.

Pictured: PER Stephen Wirth, Scott Wolf, Dick Wolf, and ER Troy Pedersen.



Elks Football

It's that time of year again! Young men are starting to put on their pads and are playing football. This year, the Elks again are proud to be able to sponsor teams for Lincoln Youth Football, new name same league.

At equipment checkout, we had 130+ young men getting fitted and weighed so they can start practice.

The games will start on Sunday September 9th and will play for 8 weeks. We will get the schedules out as soon as they are given to us. Take time this year to come and encourage these young men as they are proud to wear the Elks uniforms.





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Chaplain's Corner

"Willing Spirit"

Elks Lodge 80 Chaplain, Dr. William Jackson

Its been a long time comin', but here it is. TADA! The LORD actually wants YOU to serve HIM by serving one another, and not just your fellow Lodge members, family, and friends (Romans 12:1).

Think about it: you say you're a disciple of Christ, yet, where are your witnesses; i.e., persons seeing Christ in you reach out to others with the same saving grace the Lord reached out to you? Not that you are not a REAL disciple of Christ - or Christian - no. It's just that no one, not even God, appears to have seen your renewed mind in action (Ephesians 4:23). But, as Scripture teaches, the Lord sees EVERTHING, doesn't He (Lamentations 3:50)?

So how about this...service...thing...? OK. Well...how about you start with someone you know...lllliiiiikkkkkeee...you?! What has the Lord done for you? Is what He did for you worth doing for someone else, whether it be a stranger, friend, family member, or foe? In fact, IS there any limitation for your service to others? How much does the sacrifice of your ego play in your desire for servanthood? Did our Lord and Savior hold back when it came to all of humanity, including you (John 3:16)?

I'm sure that the answer to any form of service to God by serving others lays with Him. But actually, His Word - the Bible - is the next best thing because it is His literal word on moral and ethical behavior to perform those services.

If you TRULY love the Lord - not doubting you do, of course - then what follows is your desire to serve Him made real by attending to others' needs. Rather straight-forward, isn't it? But what will it ultimately cost you as a law-abiding, Bible-professing, American Elk, and disciple of Christ to be a servant? Why, your faith in the Lord, naturally.



You're invited to direct any Scripture or nature of God inquiries directly to me at the following, with private, confidential, and anonymous responses in the next available Elk-O-Gram.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3 Labor Day - Closed	4	5 Lodge Mtg 7p	6	7 Karaoke 7p	8
9	10	11 Burger Nite 5.30p American Legion	12 Room Rented	13	14	15
16	17 DOES 7p	18 American Legion	19 Lodge Mtg 7p	20 American Legion	21	22 Italian Dinner 5.30p
23/30	24	25	26	27	28	29