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LODGE #80, EST. 1901

Home of Past GER Vincent R. Collura, Past GER George B. Klein, Past Grand Secretary Jack M. Jensen, & Past 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

Sweetheart Dinner  
Saturday, February 13th



Steak, Baked Potato, Shrimp Cocktail,  
Dinner Roll, Asparagus,  
Sweetheart Brownie

Cocktails: 5.30p Dinner 6.30p  
Tickets: \$15

## 113th Annual Children's Christmas Party

Sadly, the 113<sup>th</sup> Elks Children's Christmas party didn't happen this year. Like so many other events, it had to be cancelled due to the COVID crisis. It was very difficult making the decision to cancel the Christmas party, but by cancelling, it opened other doors for our Lodge to make a difference in our community. Our Lodge was able to help spread the Christmas cheer by partnering with three organizations within our community. We donated funds to help the following organizations:

**We Can Do This**, an organization inside the F Street Recreation Center, that helps feed kids in need.

**Cedars Adopt a Family**, which provides clothing items and toys to struggling families.

**City Impact Gifts of Love**, which allows parents from income-qualified families to buy gifts for their children at highly discounted rates, giving them a Christmas with dignity.

Larry Bratt and I volunteered for the City Impact event and found it very gratifying. They have an amazing facility and the people who work there are very passionate about their mission in the community. Lincoln Elks Lodge #80 was highly visible on City Impact's Facebook page and Twitter feed as a contributor to their event, and our Elks banner appeared on TV during news coverage of their event.

Lest we forget, our main goal as Elks is to help Veterans and children in our community, and with our involvement with the above organizations during the Christmas season, I believe we accomplished that goal in a very commendable fashion.

I would like to thank the following people who made donations to our Lodge to help cover the costs of helping these great organizations. If I have omitted anyone from the list I apologize, as the donations pass through multiple hands and we may have missed recording some names. If your name has been omitted, please let me know, and I will have it published in a future EOG.

Terry Edwards	Larry Bratt	Larry and Vicki Jurgens
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Bob Taylor	Gary Pohlmann	Frank Mills
Bill Palmer	Steve Blomgren	Roger White
Gary Northouse	Larry Schwindt	Ken Johnson
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**Grand Exalted Ruler, 2020-2021**  
**Paul R. Ryan**  
**Message from the GER**  
**Grand Lodge Newsletter,**  
**February 2021**  
**Finish your year strong by creating momentum**



**Exalted Ruler**  
**Lodge No. 80**  
**2020-2021**  
**Harry Montag**

### *Creating Momentum for the Future of Elkdom.*

This is my motto going into my year, but this can be your thoughts going out of your year. Finish the year strong - don't think to yourself that you only have two more months until you are done. Instead, think that you have two more months to make a difference.

Start bringing your Leading Knight or whoever will be your ER to all the events and all the meetings to help train them going into April. Don't forget, April 1 is a Thursday, and for the next week the Lodges throughout the country will be voting in the new leadership. Hopefully that doesn't mean you are stepping away. PERs are essential to the future of the Lodges.

Have a celebration for the Birthday of the Elks. The date of our origin is February 16th. It may be a Tuesday, but you can make it a profitable day! Celebrate our birthday and create an avenue for a fundraiser.

This is the time of year both current and future leaders of your Lodge need to come together to set the goals for the next year. Engage Members in this process. Getting them involved can Create Momentum for the Future of Elkdom, and this is what we all want.

Contest 'A' — All American Lodge Contest certification forms are due in March, so get prepared to participate in this. Even if you don't think you qualify, it is worth the efforts to work toward it. I know the parameters are different this year, but the efforts are still worth it!

Stacey and I have had minimal travel throughout the country. However, in our travels we are meeting some great people who are Creating Momentum. We feel change is coming and we look forward to meeting even more people and seeing how this Momentum is helping keep Elkdom strong.

Being a student of History I often asked my teachers and Professors a simple question: Does History repeat itself? To my surprise (not a lot of suspense here) the resounding answer was yes. But as memory fades, events from the past can become events of the present.

100 years ago, America was faced with much the same things. War, The Spanish Flu pandemic, and civil strife. If you look at our present situations it appears that we have not learned from our past. But can we? Someone once stated that the past is a treasure chest filled with learning opportunities for our present and future, but only if we look inside. In other words, yes, we can.

As we all struggle to find some sort of normalcy in our lives, there are many positive aspects of membership in our organization. Take the ENF - Elks National Foundation. They have a simple mission which is to us build stronger communities. We do this by investing in communities. This past year we helped Lincoln by contributing to assisting those who were less fortunate than us.

ENF (Our Organization) had a budget of \$36.1 million dollars which was shared with lodges (including us) across the USA.

This past year, we were blessed to have applied for and received 4 grants. These grants helped not only children and local families but veterans as well. An author by the name of Jon Peters wrote a book called the Energy Bus. It's a simple book to read and follow. One underlying principle that Jon talks about in this book is Positivity. This attitude as you say belief is in each one of us. I believe that Heraclitus (ancient Greek philosopher) is credited with the saying that the one constant in life is change and those unwilling or unable to embrace change will be passed by those who do.

Part of this constant is Positivity. The past year was a year that many celebrated by saying "so long" to on December 31. But what about all of the positive it brought to us? If you can't think of any, just remember the 103-year-old young lady who beat COVID-19 and celebrated her win with a beer. Seeing a lot of our members on Tuesdays drive up to pick up meals, seeing youth drive up and celebrate being recognized by their individual schools, and witnessing various acts of kindness by our members to others. I have witnessed our members inculcate (instill an attitude, idea, or habit by persistent instruction or action) the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity. Please keep those smiles (hidden under those masks) in your eyes to give your positivity away.

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### **Secretary's Corner**

Happy February! There are so many reasons for optimism - only 6 more weeks until Spring - soon we'll hear lawn mowers instead of snow blowers. The sun is rising earlier and setting later. The COVID vaccine is on the horizon! Life is good.

We now know that Grand Lodge will be mailing the renewal dues billings on February 4, so you should look for them before Valentine's Day. An envelope will be enclosed that is addressed to Lodge 80, so if you wish to pay by check, please use that. You will also have the option to pay your dues via debit or credit card at the website referenced on the statement (we no longer have the capability of paying dues on elks80.org). You should be aware that a small convenience fee will be added to your dues, so you will pay a bit more this way, but perhaps the convenience of a paperless online transaction will offset the cost of the check and postage. As always, we can set up an automatic withdrawal from your checking or savings account each month to pay your next year's dues, but you will need to pay the current year's dues in full.

Remember - the due date for the year's dues is April 1, 2021. On April 2, you are considered delinquent, and not a member in good standing, and you must be a member in good standing to enjoy the benefits of Lodge membership. Also, remember all the good things our Lodge does - and will hopefully be able to do again this year. Your dues and participation help to fund all the good work we do for the children and veterans in our community.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions or need assistance with all things Elk.

Laurie Montag / lodge80secy@yahoo.com / 402.202.6673 please leave a voicemail



**Knight's Tales**

Justice demands that things be made right when things went wrong. But who adjudicates when, why, where, who, how, and what is to be done to rectify?

That's where the Elks Tribunal comes into play. If justice means fairness, fair play, fair-mindedness, and equity, what happens to dislodge that virtuous presence? It's what the Elks Tribunal will assess based upon an earnest examination, to know what Brotherhood obligation(s) or procedural exercise(s) came under scrutiny.

Duties and procedures are what make any organization a close knit team of individuals more than willing to be of service not only to their Lodge, but to the community they serve as well. But why is adherence to obligations and procedures be so essential for the Lodge?

For any group of dedicated persons to achieve their goal of personal growth through group identification with a meaningful cause, such as Veterans support, child welfare, grade-school scholarships, and many more activities, they must be somewhat single-minded.

Let us always look forward to remain in step with Lodge leadership to achieve the best effort in catering to our community's general welfare.

*-Rev. Dr. William Jackson, Loyal Knight*



Well Elks, it is a New Year and we all get to start fresh again...at least that is what my Grandma always told me.

The Elks Lodge is still running under Covid Rules and so is everything else in my life! With everything running half mast, try and help people who are not as fortunate as you. It is confusing on how to help and keep your distance.

I hope every one could stop at the Lodge for lunch or a drink, every little bit helps. Meetings are the first and third Wednesday of every month at 7 pm, they are fun! Exalted Ruler Harry Montag always keeps everything moving and the other Officers are there or are Zooming in.

Also with change of Government Leaders, please everyone try and get along. It will always change every 4 or 8 years and hopefully the change goes over peacefully.

*-Dick Wolf, Leading Knight*



Hope everyone had a Happy New Year! I actually stayed up to watch the New Year in, but to me doesn't seem any different. Everyone is still wearing a mask and sometimes I still don't recognize someone with their face covered. Part of that could be my age, but I doubt that! Oh well.

So far we have 52 hides salted and in the Gaylord box. I doubt if we will get very many more. The ones we have will go for a good cause. I would like to thank those who brought the hides to the Lodge.

The Lodge dinners have started again and with regulations being lessened, I hope to start seeing more people attend. Takeout is fine but I don't think things put in a box can be as good as served fresh.

Like I said before, I do miss not seeing my brother and sister Elks on a steady basis.

Well "kids", writers block has started to set in so I better sign off for another month. Until then I bid you ADIEU (that's French for goodbye).

Be Safe <-----> Be Good  
...and most of all...  
Stay Healthy!

*-Larry Jurgens, Lecturing Knight*



**...and now for the Quickies...**

February is upon us, which means we are much closer to Spring! ... The Chili Cookoff was a good time, nice to see the Lodge Room full of people again. Many tasty chili's made their appearance, and a good time was had by all ... Our Tuesday Burger Madness nights continue to grow in numbers, both take out and in house. Please join in and support the Lodge, these fund raisers are critical, especially during a time when all revenues are down ... come to the Pub for lunch, they are open Thursday, Friday, and Saturday ... Deer Hide collection was successful this year, I think we had 52 at last count, that is up over previous years ... Scholarships are being processed and evaluated, thankfully we can continue that project and help out our future leaders ... Good to see the number of delinquents dwindling, if you know a person on the list (elsewhere in the Elk-O-Gram), please call them and encourage them to renew ... and remember, dues are due April 1. Please pay them right away. We waste a lot of time and resources asking delinquents to pay up, and you are not "an Elk in Good Standing" if your dues are unpaid. Better yet, when you write your check for dues this year, go in and get set up with Laurie on auto-pay. You never have to worry about renewal, and it's less than \$8 a month ... big Thank You to P.E.R. Troy Pedersen for his efforts creating Valentine candy sacks and treats for the kids at Cedars. It's a special way to remind kids in less than stellar circumstances that they are not forgotten, that someone is thinking of them ... Lars Pedersen is coming up on his Eagle Scout Award, so we will have much to celebrate this spring ... Look for your hidden number in this issue! If it's yours, just call the Lodge and you get a free meal at our next monthly Lodge Dinner ... speaking of Lodge Dinners, would you consider sponsoring a dinner? If you are a business owner, you can put your banner up or provide advertising, and write off the cost as a business expense ... or maybe you have an idea for a dinner. Sponsor it and create the menu, come down and help prep and serve if you like, the kitchen is open to all who want to help. It usually costs about \$400 to sponsor a dinner, then whatever the Lodge takes in is all profit ... our Sweetheart Dinner is Saturday February 13<sup>th</sup>, cocktails 5:30 and dinner at 6:30, with our DHM we can seat 50 in the Lodge Room, and more in the Pub, so please get your reservations in quickly. This is always a popular steak dinner, fills up fast ... karaoke is on for Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup>, bring munchies, come have a good time. We have it figured out how to enjoy, maintain our social distancing, and sing a tune or two. Even if you can't sing, we need audience, and Janice would appreciate the patronage at the Pub ...remember, applications for membership are on the counter in the Pub, so bring a friend for lunch, then help them fill out an application... right now with Covid, we aren't doing formal Initiations, we can do them over the phone! Doesn't get any easier to be an Elk, and the more the merrier! See you at the Lodge...

**Does Dispatch**



Happy February! This means we are moving forward in this changing world and changing way of life.

I am looking forward to our February meeting on the 10th at 5:30pm. We will be celebrating founders day with a potluck after the meeting. I hope to see some memorabilia from the past events of our drove; please send me some things to add to our story of Lincoln Drove #4!

At the January meeting, we had our installation of officers for 2021, with Past President Wauneta Peterson presiding. We will install 3 officers at the February meeting who were unable to be installed in January.

2021 Officers are as follows: President - Diane Zabokrtsky, First Counselor - Vicki Logan, Senior Counselor - Kay White, Junior Counselor - B.A. Fisser, Secretary - Sandy Reiber, Treasurer - Penny Taylor, Chaplain - Randy King, Inner Guard - Candi Brady, Trustee - Wauneta Peterson, Trustee - Vicki Logan.

We are looking at updating the Drove's By-laws, and have a committee working on them. We are also considering different attire for rituals, to be discussed at our February meeting. Our meetings are on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 5:30, and we would like to see more members attend with ideas to grow and fundraising ideas!

Until next month, stay Healthy and Happy! Self-care is the first step to being able to help others.

President Diane Zabokrtsky, [dianezabokrtsky@gmail.com](mailto:dianezabokrtsky@gmail.com)

## ...Our Members...

**Sickness & Distress:**

None

**Deaths:**

None

**Members for Consideration:**

Helen Burke, proposed by Roxie Thomas  
Regina Buckmaster, proposed by Scott Shrage

**Members Reinstated:**

None

**Members Initiated:**

None

**Hidden Number:**

December's hidden number was 15586, Larry Benac, and it was on page 2, did you find it? Look close in this issue, it might be yours! If you spot your number, you get a free meal at the next monthly dinner!

**Membership Drawing:** The membership drawing for the January 6th meeting was for \$250. The lucky name drawn was Ron Wachter, but he was not present to win. January 20 was Chad Gustin, he was not present to win either! You have to come to meetings to win! Next meeting is February 5th at 7 pm!

The Jolly Corker Pub and Kitchen are open for lunch starting at 11:30 Thursday - Saturday. Come join us for phillies, soups, shrimp, burgers, salads, and more!  
Closed Sunday, Monday, Wednesday.  
Remember that the Jolly Corker Pub closes at 6pm Tuesday - Thursday, Saturday. 9pm on Fridays.  
**No food service after 7pm.**



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## Committee Reports

- Americanism:** No Report.
- Boy Scouts:** No Report
- Drug Awareness:** No Report.
- Girl Scouts:** No Report.
- Hide Program:** Collection bin in place, accepting hides. The more the merrier!
- Hoop Shoot:** Canceled due to COVID19.
- House Committee:** Upgrading pest control, alarm systems.
- ENF:** \$22.58 as of 1/19/21. The 2020-2021 goal is \$4.80.
- Membership:** 229 members, 0 pending, 7 delinquent.
- Lincoln Youth Football:** No Report
- Retention:** No Report.
- Scholarship:** Being processed.
- Soccer Shoot:** No Report.
- Social Community Welfare:** No Report.
- Veterans Committee:** No Report.

*Committee reports are minimal due to our meetings being abbreviated. Many Lodge activities are on hold due to COVID19 concerns.*

### 2020-2021 Elks' Lodge #80 Officers

<b>Exalted Ruler.....</b>	Harry Montag
<b>Leading Knight.....</b>	Dick Wolf
<b>Loyal Knight.....</b>	Dr. William Jackson
<b>Lecturing Knight.....</b>	Larry Jurgens
<b>Esquire.....</b>	Heather Chesnut
<b>Inner Guard.....</b>	Justin Williamson
<b>Tiler.....</b>	Vicki Jurgens
<b>Secretary.....</b>	Laurie Montag PER
<b>Treasurer.....</b>	Wauneta Peterson
<b>Chaplain.....</b>	Maureen Sadler
<b>Trustee 1 Year.....</b>	Gerry Miles PER
<b>Trustee 2 Year.....</b>	Larry Schwindt PER
<b>Trustee 3 Year.....</b>	Scott Schrage
<b>Trustee 4 Year.....</b>	Randy King
<b>Trustee 5 Year.....</b>	Milt Schmidt
<b>Presiding Justice.....</b>	Amy Jacobsen PER

## Elk-O-Gram Editor's Note

Articles Due: **Feb 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**

Created and managed by Webmaster Larry Klein

We would like to give a big thanks to Seth Parrett for providing OUR Lodge with some of the most delicious and tender smoked meat entrees that have been offered in quite a while!

Seth, your generosity to our Lodge is greatly appreciated!



### Karaoke at the Lodge

Come get your song on!

Karaoke, Friday Feb 21st, starting at 6 pm. Bring munchies to share, bring your friends, 15926, we can have a good time and socially distance too!



### Hides...Hides...Hides...

Please bring your clean deer hides in plastic bags to the Red container on the south side of the Elks Lodge. Tell your hunter friends - the more the merrier! THANK YOU!

Hide Chairman - Larry Jurgens

### E.R. Message, con't.

Thank you all for being a member of the most generous charitable foundation in the USA. Thank you all for being a member of OUR lodge and your contribution to it. Vince Lombardi stated that "People who work together will win, whether it be against complex football defenses, or the problems of modern society." Individual commitment to a group effort – that is what makes a team work, (the Elks) work, a society work, a civilization work. We will be seeing you around OUR lodge.

### Happy February Birthdays!

- |                        |                         |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 01 - Kathleen Holloway | 10 - Gregory Znamenacek |
| Todd Speidell          | 14 - Lyle Paul          |
| Kenneth Spellmeyer     | 16 - Dave Shoff         |
| 02 - Tom Kent          | 20 - Franklin Mills     |
| 04 - Samuel Carter     | 25 - Delitha Lang       |
| 06 - Ron Hoffman       | 27 - Vance W. West      |
| David Roger            | 29 - Dwight Thomas      |



**Did you see something missing? Was there something 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!**

Thank you to those who helped fold the EOG for January!

*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 2 days before your birthday, on your birthday, and 2 days after your birthday)



### 2020-2021 Committees

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <b>Accident:</b> Scott Schrage                            | <b>Gov. Relations:</b> Troy Pedersen PER             |
| <b>Activities:</b> Harry Montag, ER, PER                  | <b>Hide Program:</b> Larry Jurgens                   |
| <b>Americanism:</b> Diane Dannelly                        | <b>Hoop Shoot:</b> Gerald Miles PER                  |
| <b>Auditing:</b> Jody Schrage                             | <b>Indoctrination:</b> Heather Chesnut               |
| <b>Benevolence:</b> Larry Bratt PER, PDDGER, 2VP          | <b>Investigation:</b> Larry Bratt PDDGER, PER, 2VP   |
| <b>By-Laws Changes:</b> Chuck Meisinger PDD, PSP, PER     | <b>Membership:</b> Larry Schwindt PSP, PER           |
| <b>Christmas:</b> Larry Schwindt, PER, PSP                | <b>PER Association:</b> Laurie Montag PER            |
| <b>Community Activities:</b> Larry Bratt PER, PDDGER, 2VP | <b>Public Relations:</b> Harry Montag, ER, PER       |
| <b>Drug Awareness:</b> Harry Montag, ER, PER              | <b>Ritual:</b> Larry Bratt PER, PDDGER, 2VP          |
| <b>Eagle Scouts:</b> Randy King                           | <b>Scholarship:</b> Laurie Montag PER                |
| <b>Elks Memorial Day:</b> Larry Schwindt PSP, PER         | <b>Soccer Shoot:</b> Chris Clark                     |
| <b>ENF:</b> Larry Bratt PER, PDDGER, 2VP                  | <b>Standing Relief:</b> Laurie Montag PER            |
| <b>Flag Day:</b> Dick Wolf                                | <b>State Major Projects:</b> Larry Schwindt PSP, PER |
| <b>Fraternal:</b> Gerald Miles PER                        | <b>Veterans:</b> Luann Hamilton                      |
| <b>Girl Scout Gold Award:</b> Randy King                  | <b>Youth Activities:</b> Laurie Montag PER           |
|   | <b>Youth Football:</b> Scott Schrage                 |



**Scholarships:**

We will be scoring lodge scholarship applications on Sunday, March 14 starting at 1:00 p.m. We will distribute throughout the lodge for social distancing.

If you are interested in helping with this, please let me know by text at 402.202.6673 or by email at [elkslodge80scholarship@gmail.com](mailto:elkslodge80scholarship@gmail.com) so I know who I can count on.

- Laurie Montag, P.E.R.

*Please do not attend if you are feeling ill or if you have been notified that you should quarantine.*

**Drove Doin's**



**SOCIAL GET TOGETHER**

There are a few of us that have started having a lunch/social/"games and whatever" to support the lodge! We meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 1pm, and stay 'til 4 or 5, but you can come and go at any time.

We would enjoy your company, so come on down!

**A Note From Your Trustees**

The Trustees are currently working on several projects for our Lodge. We are reviewing bids for upgrades to the building's insurances and alarm systems.

The Trustees will also be working on next year's budget starting the first of February.

If you have a budget for 2021-2022 please get it to the Trustees no later than February 1st, 2021.

Thank you!

Scott Schrage



**Trustees**

**Delinquent Members**

The following individual's membership will be dropped February 2021, unless payment of their 2020-2021 dues is made prior to that.

Beverly Boellstorff

Jason Jirsa

Claire Brummer

Susan Lien

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Lodge 80 GOAL: \$4.80. As of 1/19/21: \$22.58

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

# February 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 Closed Lodge Meeting 7p NOMINATIONS PERs preside	4	5	6
7	8 Closed	9 Burger Night 5-7 pm American Legion A.L. Auxiliary	10 Closed Does 5:30 p	11 Scouts 6 p	12	13 Valentine Dinner Social 5:30 Dinner 6:30 
14	15 Closed	16 American Legion 7p	17 Closed Lodge Meeting 7p Election of Officers	18	19 Karaoke! 6p carry-in munchies.	20
21	22 Closed	23 American Legion, 40/8 7p	24 Closed Lodge Mtg 7p	25 Scouts 6 p	26	27
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