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



Mitch Becker, a lodge member and our Edward Jones financial advisor, will be visiting with us at our next lodge meeting on May 5th.



Mitch believes it's important to review our investments from time to time and to fully understand how they are performing. Mark your Calendar for Saturday, **May 8th**, **2021**. Once again, Elks Lodge #80 will be recognizing our local First Responders and all of the good they have done for our community. We will be serving Steak, Garden Salad, Baked Potatoes, Asparagus, and a cobbler for dessert. Cost will be \$12.00 per person and this is a reservations only dinner, so get them in early! Reservations are due 5/6/2021.

Come and share a great dinner and thank those being recognized for their service.



So bring yourself and bring questions!

There will be NO carry out or raffle for this dinner.

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Grand Exalted Ruler, 2020-2021 Paul R. Ryan Message from the GER Grand Lodge Newsletter, March 2021 Planning the new year means taking a look back.

April showers bring May flowers—as the season blossoms so do the activities of the Elks.

In Minnesota, there is a possibility we could still get a snow storm. But in the rest of the country, I am hoping that the season is changing for you and your Lodges. We are moving into the time of the year that traditionally can be a little slower for most Lodges because of the season coming upon us: Convention season... just kidding, the summer. But don't let it get you down.

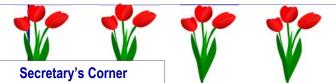
This is a great time to have (safe) gatherings outside the Lodges for friends, families, and people who you can get interested in joining this super organization. We will take any Members, but young ones will Create Momentum for the Future of Elkdom.

A tradition for us this time of year was to go and visit our family on Memorial day. This is a time to remember our family, friends, and Members who have gone before us. Memorial Day is an opportunity to reflect. Although they have gone on another journey, they will never be forgotten.

Also, a day to celebrate is Mother's Day. This entire month should be spent honoring them. I know that the mothers in my life have been a great influence on me. Make sure to give them the attention they deserve this Mother's Day.

Don't forget that this is when your Lodge's Annual Report is due. If you have been keeping up with the Financial Reporting System, this will be a much easier year for you. Now you will still have to have someone prepare your 990 and maybe a 990T but a complete audit can be avoided. Is this a wonderful feeling?

Stacey and I are diligently preparing for the Tampa Convention. It isn't too far away and we will be preparing for the meeting and end of our term. We appreciate all the support you have given us throughout the year. We look forward to serving this organization in the years to come.





Exalted Ruler Lodge No. 80 2020-2021

#### Harry Montag

You may have heard the unusual claim that Bill Gates is using the Covid-19 vaccine to implant microchips in everyone so he can track where they go. Bizarre as it sounds, in May a Yahoo/YouGov poll found that 44 percent of Republicans (and 19 percent of Democrats) said they believed it. It's false, of course, debunked repeatedly by journalists and fact-checking organizations.

It is amazing though that this falsehood still persists — in fact, it's one of the most popular conspiracy theories making the rounds. Speculation as defined by the dictionary is the forming of a theory or conjecture without firm evidence. Great adult beverage conversation but ...

There is a child's game called Chinese whispers or telephone. Players form a line or circle, and the first player comes up with a message and whispers it to the ear of the second person in the line. The second player repeats the message to the third player, and so on. When the last player is reached, they announce the message they heard to the entire group. The first person then compares the original message with the final version.

Although the objective is to pass around the message without it becoming garbled, 99 out of 100 tries it usually ends up happening. Errors typically accumulate in the retellings, so the statement announced by the last player differs significantly from that of the first player, usually with amusing or humorous effect.

The Pew Research Center suggests that 23 percent of U.S. adults have shared the telephone effect, knowingly or unknowingly, with friends and others. That in itself is an amazing statistic.

Today it is very easy to spread misinformation. We have various on-line formats like Facebook, Twitter, What's APP and soft news sites.

How do we stop misinformation? Three words Stop, Reflect, and Verify.

On the flip side if you are not attending your Lodge Meeting, House Meeting, Trustee Meeting or Charitable Funds Meeting you're not verifying. What you are hearing might not be correct. I encourage you to attend, participate and help run your lodge.

Vineet Raj Kapoor stated that "If you respect others in their preparation, you will never drop the baton".

Thank you for being a member of our lodge and thank you for paying your dues. By paying your dues you are supporting our lodge, and all of the activities we do for our community.

We will be seeing you at our Lodge!

A few words regarding Grand Lodge's quarterly member billing service that we are using, which not only saves us money, but keeps your secretary sane(r).

First, it is still possible for you to pay your dues via credit card online. In the bottom right corner of your dues statement, there is a paragraph, "How to Renew." You may make a payment at https://search.revopay.com/elkslodge. At the "Please search your property name" page, type "Lincoln" and select "Lincoln Elks 80." At the login page, select "Make a Quick Payment." Enter your member number on the next page. From there, it's a piece of cake to use either your debit card or a credit card to pay your dues. 15789.

Second, please be aware that if you submitted your dues payment after April 10th, you may still receive a bill around the first week of June. This is due to necessary lag time inherent in the system. If you receive a bill and you have already paid your dues, please accept our thanks and file it in the circular file.

Thirdly, please remember that our lodge year starts on April 1 each year. Once April 1 arrives and you have not yet paid your dues, your membership is NOT in good standing, and you are NOT eligible to take advantage of the lodge facilities until your dues are paid (House Rule #5). PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES EACH YEAR PRIOR TO APRIL 1 and everyone will be happy!

A big shout-out to Dick and Pat Wolf for donating and installing our new combination lock for the office door! It works great. Thanks so much!

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 is akin to carrying out the counterbalance over violations of statutes and by-laws, and/or failure to conform to fraternal rules of conduct. But how is it manifested on the local level?

If a brother or sister Elk violates a standard of the local Lodge, it is reflective of that person's overall desire to have their way over what Grand and State Association leadership values designated since the beginning of the Elks. Balance must be maintained, as with the Lord's Ten Commandments, and Jesus' incarnation-birth-life-deathresurrection to reconcile sinful spirits back to Him. Remember: being an Elk means you love the Lord and are an American patriot. But exactly how does one get themselves back into the good graces with the Benevolent and

Protective Order of Elks? That would be in accordance with dictates of the Elks Tribunal. The offender would have the opportunity to present their case before that court of their peers. If found guilty, appropriate steps would be taken to reorient the offender to being a faithful member Elk or be removed from the roles of being an Elk.

Comprehend this: the Elks are a benevolent, compassionate, and honorable group of Americans who strive to be service to the local communi-

ty. If that is where you belong, then stay within the confines of BPOE. Being an Elk is a privilege, but take being one of its members as having the other family you didn't know you had.



-Rev. Dr. William Jackson, Loyal Knight

Hello Fellow Elks! It is 36\* out - just a little to cold for the 22nd of April! Like everyone, I need spring or summer and everything to return to normal.

This weekend is the State Convention in Grand Island. It will be great to see other members from other Lodges and hopefully everyone has had their shots.

We had 4 new members join last night, that really felt good! Last Tuesday we had some work done by members on the lodge, Larry Jurgens painted the yellow stripe on the curb from parking lot to sidewalk, which was really needed.

I have been having lunch more at Lodge, Thursday is a good day come on down.

Everyone have a good month of May.

-Dick Wolf, Leading Knight

If the old adage "April showers bring May flowers" is true, this month of May will have flowers clear up to the old "kazoo"! Shouldn't have to worry about the water table. The real plus for all the rain we had, it's nice that the yards are green NOT white.

With the weather getting nicer and Covid restrictions lessening, the mind starts thinking about travel. Vicki and I are planning a couple of trips and hoping to plan for some others this year. Last year was a bummer. With many conditions brightening, it gives us all hope for a better future.

The Fish Fry was a giant success. I personally would like to thank Scott Schrage and crew for a job well done. Last month we had our first in house member initiation in over a year. Things are starting to get back to like it used to be!!! So kids, see ya at The Lodge.

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



## ...and now for the Quickies...

Spring is finally upon us, and it is a classic. 28f one night, 90f the next week .. Things are starting to open up at the Lodge, come have lunch with the Lunch Bunch 11:30 on Thursdays, great way to meet fellow Elks and Does and get to know each other ... the Jolly Corkers Pub needs the business as well. If you like to play pitch, there is a pitch group meeting Tuesdays at 2:30, come join the fun! ... we had a great turn out for the Fish Fry, hats off to all who helped prep and serve ... big Thanks to Dick and Pat Wolf for donating and installing our new office door lock. Sure helps streamline things ... Another thanks to Larry Jurgens, Dick Wolf, Harry and the others who taped off and painted the yellow stripe along our curb edge, sure helps remind us of where the step is ... good to see an Initiation done in person in the Lodge, and we were able to recognize two recent members with their flags; they had been "virtually initiated", and while that was necessary and a good thing, it is nicer to see Initiation in person ... First Responders Dinner is coming right up, that one is reservation only and fills fast. The latest DHM allows us 75% occupancy, which helps. So call early, get your reservation in for this very special dinner. In this time when the media seemingly attacks law enforcement and micro-analyzes every difficult situation, it is much needed to recognize and reward the vast majority of Law Enforcement and First Responders who do it right. This is a great way for the Elks to do just that ... Spring Game is in the books by the time you read this, they allowed about 40% seating in the stadium. Concessions and our participation in this fundraiser will continue, albeit in a different fashion ... the one thing that is constant in our world now is change, and how we do Concessions will change as well. We need volunteers for this fall, if you like to meet and greet people, this is a great way to enjoy the fun of game day and help the Does and Elks as well. You do not need to be a member to help, but you do need to be at least 16. For those in high school that need community service hours, this does count, we can sign off on at least 4 hours each game. Contact Randy or Wauneta to be a part of this fun event ... Tornado season will be shortly upon us, the Lincoln Amateur Radio Club is a big part of our county wide protection provided by Civil Defense. Hams are the folks out on the hilltops reporting on the storms as they pass by, instantly delivering real-time information to Civil Defense. LARC has their Board Meetings at our Lodge, and two of our newest members are hams! The Lincoln Amateur Radio Club is a service group (much like the Elks) and we have a lot of parallels. So when you see those funny license plates in the parking lot, thank a Ham for their efforts ... and if you are interested in Ham Radio, our Lodge members who are hams are quite happy to help you get licensed! Just ask Heather, Maureen, Kevin, Randy, Ed, Brian, Ken, Bob (P.I.G.), the list keeps growing! ... as a friendly reminder, your dues were due April 1, please get them paid and get your new membership card. You need to be current to enjoy the Lodge and Pub, and we rely on those dues to pay the light bill ... come support burger nites, eat lunch at the Jolly Corker, come to the dinners, recruit new members. Every little bit helps! See you at the Lodge ...

## **Does Dispatch**



May finds the great majority of us vaccinated against the Corona-19 virus and ready to burst out and enjoy more of our world, meet carefully with family and friends, and get back to a little bit more of the "old" normal.

By the time you read this the Does and Elks will have manned our concession stands for UNL's Spring Football game. I know there will be some changes in how we do things at the game...but how fun it will be to

cheer for our Huskers and enjoy the camaraderie of our fellow Doe and Elk members!

We will be decorating graves for our departed Drove members for Memorial Day. We will meet Monday, May 24th at 2:30 pm at Lincoln Memorial Cemetery's Mausoleum located at 6800 South 14th Street, to receive instructions on which cemeteries and graves our members are located at. Wear comfortable walking shoes and dress for fickle May weather.

Diane Dannelly has been instrumental in reviving the Tuesday Pitch games. We meet every Tuesday at 2:30 pm. Come join us...there's always a table with a spot just for you!

Sandy Reiber, Secretary sreiber@windstream.net

## ...Our Members...

Sickness & Distress: None

**Deaths:** None

Members for Consideration: Jacque Marquez, transfer from Scottsbluff Lodge #1367

Members Reinstated: None

Members Initiated: Ken Cohn, Brian & Jean Levitt, Chelsea Truka

#### Hidden Number:

April's hidden number was very well hidden! 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 April 7th meeting was for \$39. The lucky name drawn was Chaplain Maureen Sadler! April 21st name was Donald Hanway, Jr., but he was not present. You have to come to meetings to win! Next meeting is May 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*.



# **Committee Reports**

Americanism: No Report.

Boy Scouts: Eagle Scout flag awarded, one upcoming Drug Awareness: No Report. Girl Scouts: No Report. Hide Program: No report Hoop Shoot: No report

**House Committee:** Set dinner schedule. Replacing paper towel dispensers. Adjusted bar hours, lunch menus.

**ENF:** \$26.03 as of 4/7/21. The 2020-2021 goal is \$4.80.

Membership: 231 members, 1 pending. Lincoln Youth Football: Registration started April 1 Retention: No Report. Scholarship: Being processed. Soccer Shoot: No Report. Social Community Welfare: No Report. Veterans Committee: Freedom grant applied for.

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

#### 2021-2022 Elks' Lodge #80 Officers

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

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## Elk-O-Gram Editor's Note

Articles Due: May 20

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 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 April! *Remember, many hands make light work...*  The Trustees met and elected Scott Schrage as Chair, Vicki Jurgens as Secretary. We discussed and approved up to \$300 to replace the lock on the office door, with a coded pushbutton lock. The new alarm system was installed, and a

Notes from the Trustees

sensor extension was ordered and installed for the kitchen. Mitch Becker will attend a Lodge Meeting soon and give an update on the Paulding and Esther Smith Charitable Fund for our Lodge. Thank you! Scott Schrage



## Karaoke at the Lodge

Come get your song on! Karaoke, Friday May 21st, starting at 6 pm.

Bring munchies to share, bring your friends, we can have a good time and socially distance too!



**Teen of the Year** The Lodge recognized Teen of the Year recipients on Sunday, April 18 at the Lodge. Each recipient and their parents drove up to the west side of the lodge to receive their engraved water bottle, certificate, cookies, and \$25 cash. Teens of the Year are 8th graders from surrounding area Middle Schools who are nominated by their teachers for being well-rounded and involved in their schools – one boy and one girl are selected. Twenty-eight students arrived to pick up their award during a 2-hour period. Thanks goes out to T-O-Y chairperson Amy Jacobsen and volunteers Scott and Jody Schrage, Harry and Laurie Montag, Larry and Vicki Jurgens (who also provided the cookies for the winners), Larry Schwindt, Larry Bratt, Rev. Dr. William Jackson, and Wauneta Peterson for helping us recognize these deserving young people! And a tip of the hat

to Larry Bratt, who took on the task of getting the remaining awards to those who were not able to attend.

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)

#### 2021-2022 Committees

Accident: Scott Schrage Activities: Harry Montag, ER, PER Americanism: Diane Dannelly Auditing: Jody Schrage Benevolence: Larry Bratt PER, PDDGER, 2VP By-Laws Changes: Chuck Meisinger PDD, PSP, PER Christmas: Larry Schwindt, PER, PSP Community Activities: Larry Bratt PER, PDDGER, 2VP Drug Awareness: Harry Montag, ER, PER Eagle Scouts: Randy King Elks Memorial Day: Larry Schwindt PSP, PER ENF: Larry Bratt PER, PDDGER, 2VP Flag Day: Dick Wolf Fraternal: Gerald Miles PER Girl Scout Gold Award: Randy King

Gov. Relations: Troy Pedersen PER Hide Program: Larry Jurgens Hoop Shoot: Gerald Miles PER Indoctrination: Heather Chesnut Investigation: Larry Bratt PDDGER, PER, 2VP Membership: Larry Schwindt PSP, PER PER Association: Laurie Montag PER Public Relations: Harry Montag, ER, PER Ritual: Larry Bratt PER, PDDGER, 2VP Scholarship: Laurie Montag PER Soccer Shoot: Chris Clark Standing Relief: Laurie Montag PER State Major Projects: Larry Schwindt PSP, PER Veterans: Luann Hamilton Youth Activities: Laurie Montag PER Youth Football: Scott Schrage

## Happy May Birthdays!

- 01 Christine Armitage
- Eddy Muggy
- 02 Jean Leavitt
- Elliot Schrage
- 03 Allen King
- 05 Eric Ebeler
- 08 Walt Hays
- 09 Mitch Becker
- 09 Jerry Pesek
- 10 Rebekah Peterson
- Colin Schumacher 11 - Kyle King
- Craig Rodenbaugh

- 12 Curtis Rohn 13 - Wade Kendle
- 14 Randall Bergholz
- 15 Mark Long
- 17 Chris Clark
- Alissa Neff
- 19 Maureen Sadler
- 21 Randy Strope
- Neil Stuthman
- 22 Larry Bratt
  - Sonny Lane
- 29 Marvin Gooding
- 30 Mary Norton

HÁPPY BIRTHDAY



## Scholarships:

This year's scholarship winners are recognized on our home page at elks80.org! Check it out! Also, our 2020 Most Valuable Student Top 20 winner, Filo Habib, will join us for our June 19, 2021 dinner. Filo won a \$20,000 scholarship, one of only 14 in the nation to do so. Put it on your calendar and come meet Filo and hear this exceptional young man talk about his experiences as an MVS winner during the pandemic year.

## Volunteer Corner

You may not be aware of this, but our members (and friends) who volunteer to work at the lodge to support our lounge, our dinners, and other projects help make our lodge work! Thanks goes to those who served the lodge in April (with kudos to any we may inadvertently miss): Harry and Laurie Montag, Scott and Jody Schrage, Elliott Schrage, Dick Wolf, Greg Znamenacek, Larry and Vicki Jurgens, Laurie Montag, Jen Giese, Vicki Logan, Colin, Maggie, Paige, and Landon Schumacher, Ladonna Dannehl, Greg Meyers and Mike, Larry Bratt, Larry Schwindt, Greg Hansen, Randy Bergholz, Randy King, Maureen Sadler, Sammi Montag, Ed Holloway, and Roxy Thomas.

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## **Eagle Scout Award**

Pat

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Scott

499-0925

Elks Lodge #80, Represented by Scouting Chair Randy King, presented an American Flag to Ryder E. Williams, Troop 159, St. Andrews Lutheran Church, on Sunday, April 25th at his Court of Honor.

For his Eagle project, Ryder organized a group of Scouts to do landscaping and re-mulching of the commons areas and parking islands at the Northeast YMCA.





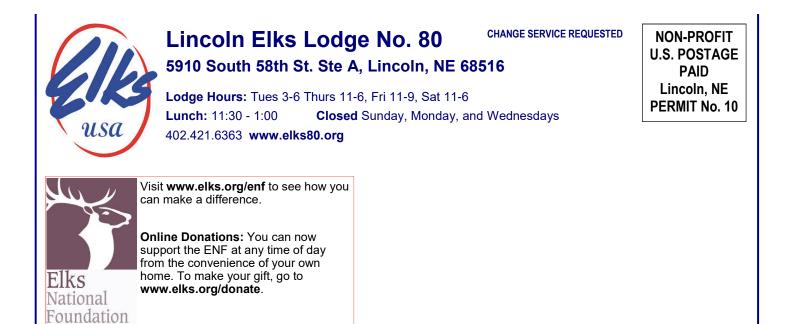
ed April 21, left to right - Chelsea Truka (Scott Shrage), Ken Cohn, Brian and Jean Leavitt, (Ed Holloway), and receiving their flags were Helen Burkes and Bill Sands, along with Trustees Scott Schrage, Randy King, and E.R. Harry Montag.

Dick

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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 dinner ticket!

Lodge 80 GOAL: \$4.80. As of 2/17/21: \$22.70

# May 2021

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2	3 Closed	<b>4</b> Pitch 2:30	<b>5 Closed</b> Trustees 6p Lodge Mtg 7p	<b>6</b> Lunch Bunch 11:30	7	<b>8</b> First Responders Dinner 6:30p
9	10 Closed	<b>11</b> Pitch 2:30 Burger night 5-7p Am. Legion 7p Am. Legion Aux 7p	<b>12 Closed</b> Room Rented 5:30p Does 5:30p	<b>13</b> Lunch Bunch 11:30	14	15
16	17 Closed	<b>18</b> Pitch 2:30	<b>19 Closed</b> House Mtg 6p Lodge Mtg 7p	<b>20</b> Lunch Bunch 11:30 Am. Legion 1p	<b>21</b> Karaoke! 6p Carry in munchies	22
23/30	24/31 Closed 31 Memorial Day	<b>25</b> Pitch 2:30 LARC Board 6:30p	26 Closed	<b>27</b> Lunch Bunch 11:30	28	29