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

2021 First Responders Dinner

On May 8th, 2021 our lodge recognized First Responders in the area for their service to the community. They and their guests were treated to a steak meal, and then were presented Certificates of Service and medals of Service to recognize what they have given to our community. The dinner was very well attended with over 80 people present. The entire dinner was sponsored by the Norris and Gustin families in memory of Ray Norris. The tables were beautifully decorated by Connie Moore, Phillip Hagan, and Joni Hagan. Nebraska State Patrol Lieutenant Kaleb Bruggeman introduced Trooper Jamieson Brown and spoke

about why he was selected to re-Jason Stille with the Lincoln Poficer Josh Fullerton and explained Kendall Warnock of the Lincoln duced Robert Poe and talked to honor him. Captain John Back-Lincoln Police Department introand spoke about him. Deputy caster Sheriff's Department talked Bailey, who had passed away Fiancé Danielle Zabawa and his receive his certificate and a shadmounted inside. The program conspeaking about fallen Lincoln Herrera who was killed in the line



ceive this award. Assistant Chief lice Department introduced Ofwhy he had been selected. Chief Fire and Rescue Department introabout the reasons they had chosen er of the University of Nebraska duced Investigator Caleb Gose Chief Ben Houchin from the Lanabout their honoree Deputy Troy from a heart attack last fall. His mother Connie were present to ow box with his picture and medal cluded with PDDGER Larry Bratt Police Investigator Luis "Mario" of duty. Mario's wife Carrie and

their children, Carlos, Olivia, Adelina, Celia, and Carlos's fiancé Tasha Bredvick were then presented a Certificate of Valor and a Shadow Box with Mario's picture and Medal of Valor mounted inside. This dinner is an annual event to show our support and appreciation to our First Responders in our community.





Mark your Calendar for Saturday, **June 19th, 2021** for our pork chop dinner! We will be serving Pork Chops, House Salad, Glazed Carrots, Scalloped Potatoes, Cornbread Muffins, and a Jello cake for dessert. Cost will be \$12.00 per person. Cocktails at 5:30, Dinner at 6:30. Come and share a great dinner and meet our 2020 Top 20 Scholarship recipient, Filo Habib!



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Grand Exalted Ruler, 2020-2021 Paul R. Ryan Message from the GER Grand Lodge Newsletter, June 2021 June: Our flag, our loyalty, and our Veterans

You should be honored to put on the Flag Day ceremony.

Talk to your city if they have a memorial that can be performed in conjunction with the Legion or VFW. My Lodge has performed it at a Veterans Hospital. Perform the ceremony in a place where many will see it and be educated by it.

As you can see by my pin, the flag of the greatest country on earth is something that Stacey and I cherish deeply. I hope you will feel the same sense of pride this Flag Day.

That being said, you should also honor Fathers this month. I know that my father has taught me a great plenty in life and I am so proud to call him Dad.

My father-in-law has also been a great influence on me. My wife may have been the one that got me into the Elks, but he was the one who set me on my path and mentored me to where I am today. I am proud of them both and I am so glad that they have both been an influence to me.

Make sure to come to Tampa and partake in all of the great convention seminars and meetings. There is so much to do and so much to learn. You will also have a chance to meet other great Elks throughout the nation and gain new ideas and develop new connections. Don't just rush out and join your own state in their hospitality room—go get introduced to others.

Stacey and I look forward to seeing you soon in Tampa.

Remember to Create Momentum for the Future of Elkdom!

Secretary's Corner



We had spring this year, instead of going straight from winter into summer! Yards are green, flowers are colorful, and the cotton from our beautiful and majestic native cottonwood trees is starting to fly. I love spring in Nebraska (maybe more so with the use of a good antihistamine)!

By the time you receive this newsletter, or thereabouts, the first statement of account should be in

the hands of the 29 members who have not yet submitted their dues. If you are among them, please do so as soon as possible. If you paid your dues after April 19, you may receive a statement anyway, as these are generated by Grand Lodge and your payment may not yet have been credited to your account. If this is the case, please ignore the invoice.

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

-Laurie Montag / secretary@elks80.org / 402.202.6673 by text or phone



Exalted Ruler Lodge No. 80 2020-2021

Harry Montag

Did you realize that a little more than a 100 years ago entire industries related to horse-drawn transportation disappeared overnight with the advent of the automobile? Remember Onehour photo labs? Smartphone cameras have made photography a mundane activity. Remember Floppy disks? For over two decades, every computer came with a floppy disk drive to load programs, now they are nonexistent. How about that overhead projector? Now we have smart computers that can cast over the airwaves to a TV (OOPS) monitor. You can even draw or write on the computer as you are displaying the information. Where did all of the "want ads" go? Craigs list, Facebook?

One of life's constants is change. Like it or not, it happens. As a Society we grow, we evolve. What was great for us a few years or even yesterday might be irrelevant today. As Agent Smith stated in the movie the Matrix "You Hear That Mr. Anderson? (Change) Is the Sound of Inevitability!"

A little more than a year ago we were in the beginning of the lockdown. We learned to shop on line. Order food from restaurants to be delivered. Learned to Skype. Believe it or not take a virtual vacation. We changed. We did adapt. Yes, we survived. Last year literally kicked all of us in our back side. We had to make some decisions that were not very popular.

Our Lodge depends on each one of us. Not only in a physical presence but in the dues we pay. Programs that we support also depend on this. As income is not consistent and bills begin to come in, choices need to be made. Hence, there are some things that were curtailed to meet this Inevitability. A line from Rolling Stones song "You Can't Always Get What You Want" written by Mick Jagger and Keith Richards, from the album "Let It Bleed" (1969), simply states that "You can't always get what you want, but if you try sometimes, you might find, you get what you need", and that is so true....

There will be some changing of things in the future: that you can bet on. I cannot predict what they will be. If you know the British Comedy Group Monty Python they penned a little ditty called "Always look at the bright side of life" ... " Some things in life are bad, They can really make you mad. Other things just make you swear and curse. When you're chewing on life's gristle. Don't grumble, give a whistle. And this'll help things turn out for the best. And Always look on the bright side of life, Always look on the light side of life..."

Thanks for spending a little time with me, it is appreciated.

While you're out and about, why not stop by the Cork for lunch or perhaps an adult beverage on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday. Cards are going on Tuesday! Please mark your calendars for our Flag Day Celebration on SATURDAY June 12th. Dinner on the 19th. Don't forget about our Lodge meetings that are on the calendar!

Please remember to enjoy what you do, give a stranger a welcome smile. They can see you now!

Harry

Eagle Scout Award

Sean P. Rodrigo, receiving his American Flag at his Eagle Court of Honor on May 15, Troop 54.

His project was creating 4 new raised bed garden spots at Matt Talbot Kitchens, in addition to the 4 raised beds already there, and a privacy fence to shield the raised beds from viewing from the street.

The garden spots help fill the need for fresh vegetables for Matt Talbot's outreach program.



There are numerous people who donate their time and labor, time after time. We should always thank them! The Lodge is still here because of them.

I have been trying to go to the Lodge every Thursday to have lunch. Invite some friends and come down Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Every little bit helps.

Memorial Day will be over by the time the Elk-O-Gram comes out, but always remember our Veterans and Loved ones.



-Dick Wolf, Leading Knight

Here we go again. As I am writing this in the latter days of May, it is nice to know the masks can be taken off! Like I said another time, I will be able to know whom I am talking to. Thinking back, I probably made a new friend or two that I won't know without a mask.

I personally want to thank Dick Wolf and Greg Znamenacek for organizing all the equipment and people to turn the sign in the Collura Garden around. It was something I have been trying to get done for the last couple of years. Vicki and I have been keeping the weeds cleaned up and now with the bush and tree trunks gone, flowers can be planted.

A shout out to Larry Bratt for organizing the First Responders dinner. The honorees, wives, and families were all touched by what Lodge #80 did for them. Good Job L-2!!!

Well all, I've probably rattled on long enough. Get out and enjoy the new old world mask-less.

Be Safe <----> Be Good ...and most of all... Stay Healthy! -Larry Jurgens, Lecturing Knight



...and now for the Quickies...

... Busy month with graduations and celebrations ... including lifting the masking requirements within Lincoln ... Great turn out and time at karaoke, this month it's June 11th, mark your calendar ... please come to our Flag Day celebration, it truly is impressive ... initiated 4 new members in May, with more to come ... great news, we need the growth! ... Come to the dinner on the 19th, Pork Chops and other goodies, hear our Scholarship winner speak ... First Responders Dinner was awesome, included news coverage on KLKN ... see you at the Pub for lunch! ...

Does Dispatch



June 6th – 11th is the Does Grand Lodge 100th Convention being held at our birthplace in Omaha, Nebraska. Our theme, "100 Years – Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow" Centennial Convention.

Our first evening, Sunday, June 6th will be the Grand Lodge Memorial Ceremony honoring our Deceased Members of which our Drove has three: Marie Wilson (5/12/20), Dorothy Haar (8/05/20) and Diane Rakes (8/20/20).

Monday will be informative workshops with a celebration BBQ prepared by the Omaha Elks and held at their Lodge, followed by a tour of our own National Heritage Center.

Tuesday, will be the "100th Year"; formal banquet hosted by Des Moines Drove # 25, Iowa. Put on your fancy duds and come enjoy a great meal. This banquet honors our Supreme President, Past Supreme Presidents and Grand Lodge Officers. Wednesday Falls City Drove #56, Nebraska will host our "Just Over the Rainbow" luncheon with Supreme President Frances.

Wednesday evening will be our Fun Night banquet, "The Great Gatsby" mystery dinner theatre put on by the Omaha Dinner Detective. Come in your Roaring 20's wardrobe and be prepared to choose an "Alias" at the door. Will you be the criminal or the victim?? Jefferson Drove #196, Iowa is hosting this great meal and fun entertainment.

Thursday will include voting for Grand Lodge officer, the GL business session, Bullshipper meeting, Ways & Means work-shop, and Supreme officers training seminar.

Friday will be the Installation of Officers with a reception to follow honoring our new Supreme President and Elected Officers.

June 22nd is our own Drove #4 birthday. We have postponed our regular Wednesday June 9th meeting to Tuesday, June 22nd for two good reasons: 1) we will be a Grand Lodge on the 9th, and 2) we'll be able to celebrate our Drove birthday on our actual birthday with a pot-luck dinner at 4:30pm (so we can enjoy a concoction or two from Roxie) and our meeting at 5:30pm.

We had a fairly good turnout to man our Concessions booths at UNL's Spring Football game, with the help of our Elks, friends and family members. We'll need 12 volunteers come regular football season. So please come help if you can!! This is our main fund-raiser that helps pay our bills, donate to our Elks, and helps with the scholarship fund. Besides that...it's fun!

- Sandy Reiber, Secretary

...Our Members...

Sickness & Distress: Chuck Meisinger recovering, West Durst recovering.

Deaths: C. Harvey Traudt, May 7.

Members for Consideration: None

Members Reinstated: None

Members Initiated:

Steven & Pat Colborn, Ashleigh Lang-Petersen, and Frank Bruyette II

Hidden Number:

May's hidden number was very well hidden! Wauneta, did you find it? (It was in the Secretary's message!) 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 May 19th meeting was for \$55. Richard McCashland was the lucky name drawn, but he wasn't present to win! Neither was John Hoppe Jr. on May 5th. You have to come to meetings to win! Next meeting is June 2nd at 7 pm!

The Jolly Corker Pub and Kitchen are open for lunch 11:30 -1:30 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.



Committee Reports

Americanism: No Report. Boy Scouts: Four Eagle Scout flags awarded, two upcoming Drug Awareness: No Report. Girl Scouts: No Report. Hide Program: No report Hoop Shoot: No report

House Committee:

ENF: \$6.50 +/- as of 5/19/21. The 2021-2022 goal has not been formally announced. Membership: 235 members, 3 pending. Lincoln Youth Football: Teams being formed. 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	Jody Schrage		
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		
Organist	Wauneta Peterson		

Notes from the Trustees Elk-O-Gram Editor's Note The Trustees met and discussed the Room Rental Contract. Articles Due: June 17 cedures and practices, clarified severe weather policies, etc. Deadline is <u>ALWAYS</u> midnight of the Thursday after last We discussed cost effectiveness of having our Pub open for meeting of the month! it is open due to lack of patron-Articles can be sent to Maureen Sadler at: age. eog.lodge80@gmail.com Discussed moving Flag Day cele-All past issues, lodge information, and more can be seen at: bration from Monday June 14 to www.elks80.org Saturday June 12, may hold it Trustees Created and managed by Webmaster Larry Klein outdoors. - Scott Schrage Elk-O-Gram is a publication of Elks Lodge #80 Lincoln NE and is published 11 times a year. Karaoke at the Lodge Did you see something missing? Was there something you want to announce? Did you have an advertisement that you Come get your song on! wanted to add? Do you have pictures from a recent Lodge Karaoke, Friday June activity? Have suggestions or updates to share? 11th, starting at 6 pm. Please! Contact the Editor at: Eog.lodge80@gmail.com with any tidbits you would like to see included in your Elk-O-Gram. Bring munchies to share, Remember, if it's important, let us know!

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

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)

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

cleaned up some language there. Reviewed Employment pro-

lunches, we lose money every day

bring your friends, we can have a good time and socially distance too!



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 May (with kudos to any we may inadvertently miss): Larry Bratt; Vern Davis; Jen Giese; Larry and Vicki Jurgens; Scott Jurgens; Brian and Jean Leavitt; Harry and Laurie Montag; Sammi Montag; Ed Holloway; Sonny Lane; Heather Chesnut; Scott and Jody Schrage; Larry Schwindt; Dick Wolf; Greg Znamenacek; and Elk friends Phillip Hagan, Roseann Lane, Connie Moore, Eva Kennedy, and Scarlett Anderson.

Thank You for all you do!

03 - James Baruth

- 04 Katherine Bohling
- Glen Pummel
- 06 Daniel Holland
 - Kevin Rhodes
- Dick Stephenson
- 08 Rex Jensen
- 11 Luann Hamilton
- Gregory Meyers
- 13 Layne Auman

- Happy June Birthdays!
 - 14 Sharon Buss
 - 17 Donald Norris
 - 19 Kim Wiseman
 - Patrick McCashland
 - 20 Richard Baker
 - 23 Jacob Bliven
 - 26 Greg Norris
 - Thomas Ferneau III
 - Thomas Holland





Scholarships

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 fourteen in the nation to do so, and only the second Nebraskan 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.

Reservations for dinner will be accepted through June 18. Call the lodge during open hours or text or email the secretary with your reservation request.

IF YOU HAVE A CHILD OR GRANDCHILD WHO IS SOON TO BE A HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR, the following opportunities will be open to them next Fall. Summer is a good time to begin preparing those applications. **Lincoln Lodge 80** Legacy, Teaching, and General Scholarships (the latter two are also open to any local area graduating senior): Criteria and applications are at elks80.org, submission deadline is January 29, 2022.

Nebraska State Elks Association has scholarships that are available to all Nebraska high school seniors, including vocational grants and a golf scholarship. They also offer the McQuillan Marauders Scholarship that is only available to children and grandchildren of current Elks officers. The due dates range between January 15 to February 15, 2022. More information is available at https://www.nebraskaelks.org/scholarships.php. All applications must be submitted to Lincoln Lodge #80 and the envelope marked with the name of the scholarship for which they are applying.

The following are Elks National Foundation (ENF) Scholarship opportunities:

ENF Legacy Scholarships: Criteria and applications are at https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/Legacy.cfm **ENF Most Valuable Student Scholarships**: Available to all high school seniors; criteria and applications are at https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/MVS.cfm

ENF Emergency Educational Grants: Grants to children of deceased or totally disabled Elks. Criteria and information at https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/Eefgrants.cfm Additional incentive to apply for these scholarships exist if a *-con't-*

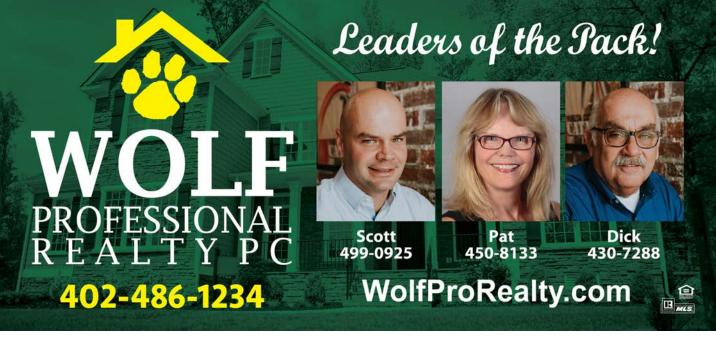
Our Newest Elks



New members initiated May 19, left to right - Ashleigh Lang-Peterson (Larry Schwindt), Frank Bruyette II, (Larry Schwindt & Allen King), Steven & Pat Colborn (Harry & Laurie Montag) and receiving her flag, Reggie Buckmaster.

We were also treated to a visit from Orange, CA Lodge #1475 member Don Poysa, here to visit his daughter - our own Esquire, Heather Chesnut! *-con't-* student plans to pursue a medical degree:

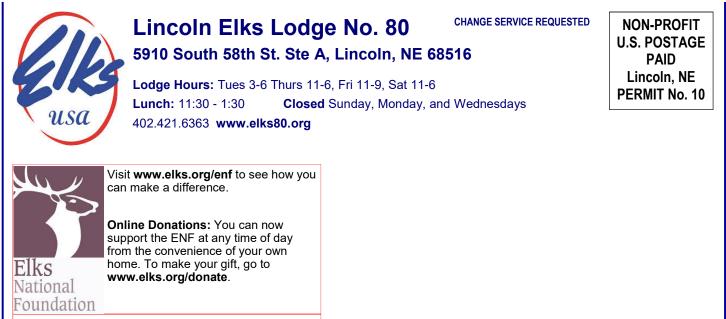
Weigel Medical School Scholarships: For Elks Scholars – previous winners of any of the above ENF scholarships who are entering their first year of Medical or Osteopathic Medicine school are eligible to apply. Criteria and information are at https://www.elks.org/scholars/sc holarships/MedicalSchoolSchola rship.cfm



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Lodge 80 GOAL: \$???. As of 5/19/21: \$6.50 ish

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

June 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Pitch 2:30	2 Closed Trustees 6p Lodge Mtg 7p	3 Lunch Bunch 11:30	4	5
6	7 Closed	8 Pitch 2:30 Burger night 5-7p Am. Legion 7p Am. Legion Aux 7p	9 Closed Corvette Club	10 Lunch Bunch 11:30	11 Karaoke! 6p Carry in munchies	12 Flag Day Ob- served 2p
13	14 Closed	15 Pitch 2:30 American Legion 7p	16 Closed House 6p Lodge Mtg 7p	17 Lunch Bunch 11:30 Am. Legion 1p	18	19 Pork Chop Dinner 6.30p
20	21 Closed	22 Pitch 2:30 Does mtg 5:30 (carry in 4:30) LARC board 6p	23 Closed	24 Lunch Bunch 11:30	25	26
27	28 Closed	29 Pitch 2:30	30 Closed	1 Lunch Bunch 11:30	2	3