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

Elks Lodge #80 was American Flags, June 27, at Lars Pedersen Eagle Ceremony

pleased to award three the Eagle Ceremony of Jo-

siah Dames, Mason Rowe, and Lars Pedersen, of Troop 21. Lars is the son of P.E.R. Troy and Heather Pedersen. Troy and fellow Elks Scott and Jody Schrage, and Dick Wolf, awarded the new Eagle Scouts American Flags that have been flown over our Nation's Capital in honor of their achievement.



Mark your Calendar for Saturday, **July 31st, 2021** for our rotisserie chicken dinner! We will be serving Rotisserie style Chicken, Baked Potato, Veggies, and Brownies for dessert. Cost will be \$12.00 per person. Cocktails at 5:30, Dinner at 6:30. Come and share a great dinner and congratulate Diane and Dave on their recent nuptials!





Mark your Calendar for Saturday, **August 14th, 2021** for the Cowhorn Pepper Company BBQ dinner! We will be serving Cowhorn Pepper Co BBQ, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Roll, and dessert. Cost will be \$12.00 per person. Cocktails at 5:30, Dinner at 6:30. Dinner sponsored by Milt Schmidt and family. Thank you!

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Grand Exalted Ruler, 2020-2021 Paul R. Ryan Message from the GER Grand Lodge Newsletter, July 2021 See you during the Momentum of the next many years.

A year ago, Stacey and I were just beginning this crazy time of representing all of you as the Grand Exalted Ruler. I can honestly say that this was something I would have never envisioned, but I am so glad to have been given this opportunity.

Why did I use Creating Momentum for the Future of Elkdom for our year? This organization is over 150 years old. It began with a group of actors who got together and decided to help the spouse of one of their friends who had passed and left her with nothing. That was in a different time, but benevolence is still a main focus of our organization. But our organization is not the only thing that is aging—it is our membership. I want the Members to continue to recruit Members of the younger persuasion and get that benevolence into our younger generations.

I would love to continue to tell you what you should be doing during this time of year, but I think instead I want to delve into what this year has meant to Stacey and me.

I joined this organization because my wife and her entire family were members. If you are 21 or over, believe in God and a part of my wife's family, you are an Elk! My in-laws then asked me to get on the board because of my experience in the hospitality industry and because of my business background. I had no idea it would lead to this position. Even a couple of years into my membership, I had no clue what a Grand Exalted Ruler was.

This year I will admit was difficult, the main reason is the COVID situation and the fact that Lodges were closed, Conventions were cancelled and States could not have people in and together. But it also has been very rewarding. However, once we were able to start to travel it was the time away from our family that was difficult. To be able to spend time with other people who love what this organization is all about. The warmth we received and the Elks we have had the chance to meet has been absolutely fulfilling. Nothing replaces our family, but the Elks Family sure helped remind us that we have a huge family. The COVID situation only showed me that it can get us down, but COVID cannot knock us out.

Stacey and I promise to continue to serve you as we move forward in our lives. We absolutely look forward to serving this organization and the people who we love and enjoy. You, the Elks!

We look forward to joining you in Tampa. It will be a fun and exciting convention. Thank you for allowing Stacey and I to represent you this last year and into the future.





Exalted Ruler Lodge No. 80 2020-2021

Harry Montag

This is our double issue, meaning twice the information or twice the content? Or simply giving our hard-working Editors a respite. I think the latter. On a positive note, we need to thank Maureen and Randy for their diligent work they have been doing putting our monthly newsletter together. Additionally, a tip of the hat goes to Larry Klein for his work on our web site, keeping it up-to-date and modern.

When this publication returns in September, I prediction that the Huskers will be Winning and the temperature will be well below 100. Safe bets, safe speculation, certainty or dumb luck?

You and I are the providers for own future. We (to a certain sense) control where we are going and how we are going to get there (with a certain degree of certainty). You are in control of your own destiny. No one else, just you. You are in control of whether you succeed or accept defeat, get up or continue to lie down, live as a victim or as a champion. It is all 100% within your control.

Like wise we are in control of our lodge. Did you catch the key word "we"? Each one of us has an equal vote or if I can equate the term vote to voice in how our lodge operates. We are all responsible. We are equally responsible for growth. Membership is the life blood of our lodge! All of us provide the leadership. and the manpower for performing programs. We all contribute to the financial stability of our Lodge and assure our standing as a leading benefactor to our community. What we do, how we do and when we do are all important.

When I was working, the success of my job was measured by a profit and loss statement. Like wise our lodge is judged by this and membership. We are not doing to bad at this point financially and we are plus members (not counting on those who have not paid their dues yet.)

According to the Harvard Business Review "When we think about progress, we often imagine how good it feels to achieve a long-term goal or experience a major breakthrough. These big wins are great—but they are relatively rare. The good news is that even small wins can boost inner work life tremendously "

So, if you have heard rumors, stories, tales, reports, statements, descriptions or accounts of our demise, as Mark Twain stated, "that the reports of (OUR) demise have been grossly exaggerated."

Remember George Bailey from It's a Wonderful Life? He had so many things go wrong that he actually wished he'd never been born. God gave him that wish and he found out just how many lives he had touched and just how important he was. Just think if we were granted that wish. How many lives in Lincoln, NE have we touched? How important we are to helping Veterans, Scouts, children. Just imagine, if you would.

I want to Thank you all for being a member of Elks Lodge 80. Again, without you we could never be.

Have a wonderful Summer. Stay cool, smile and always look forward. We will be seeing you around our Lodge. - *Harry*

Knight's Tales

How come when people violate the rules of any circumstance, whether it be along a physics perspective, sociocultural persuasion, or from a socioeconomic stance, they pretend that they didn't know there was a problem? It's sort of like this: when you throw a ball up, it comes down. When you stop at a red light, the other side gets a green light. Lastly, when your parents say "No…" to whatever wish you desire, who'll lobby in your favor against them?

So is the issue when you violate an obligation, or fail to perform a required duty. Isn't being obedient to an organization's rules part of your voluntary will to serve that same organization? Let's look to an obvious notion of rule of law. With the U.S. Armed Forces, there's the Uniform Code of Military Justice, which prescribes sanctions and guidelines for any and all infractions of the UCMJ by military persons, whether active duty, guard, or reserve. And then there's the Ten Commandments—the Decalogue—from the Bible's Old Testament, which prescribes virtuous behavior as a counter to evil actions. Probably the best way to describe this human battle for doing good vs. becoming bad may be seen in the example of plain ol' habits. Yes, that thing again about what you do—and DON'T do—to be freely accepted within the comforts of human behavior.

Remember in junior high school days (which now, I guess, is middle school) when you were feeling the strength of your id (i.e., Freudian unbridled desire) when it came to that certain young lady or man; or even your gang fascination, battling with your superego (i.e., moral and ethical reasoning) for some kind of ego (i.e., compassion and wisdom) reality?

Now that you ARE an honest-to-goodness adult, you've come to accept rules as God's way of helping humankind to live peaceably with one another. It's the same with any given group you choose to be a part of, whether it be a church, a community service organization, or being an American veteran. Following the rules helps keep all of us in line, so-to-speak, towards greater concern for all of humanity. What

you do to serve your particular organization allows others to see the benefit of being hospitable, compassionate, and genuine.



-Rev. Dr. William Jackson, Loyal Knight

HIDEY HO Fellow Elks! If this sounds like I'm in a good mood while writing this – YOU ARE CORRECT. It is June 13th and Vicki & I will be leaving in the morning for a month long vacation.

And yes, we will be taking our masks with us, just in case. Look out Southeast states because we're on our way.

The Flag day ceremony went well. I want to thank the Legion Honor Guard Team for doing a Flag retirement of our flags in the Collura Garden. Speaking of the garden, the plants are growing and looking fine. A shout out to Greg Z. who will be watering while we are gone! Don't let them die. :0)

We are getting some new members into our Lodge which is Great! The greatest part of this new membership will be more voices spreading Brotherly Love throughout Lincoln and beyond.

Bye until next Month!!!

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





Secretary's Corner

Let me set the scenario: You are looking at today's mail, when you spy an envelope bearing the return address of Lincoln Elks Lodge 80. You open it – and behold, it's a statement for this year's dues! You think, \$93.50 seems like a lot of money – am I really getting that value out of my membership? Well, let me help answer that question for you.



Your dues help make it possible for our lodge to continue to do good works in Lincoln - last

year we brought \$10,500 in grant money from Elks National Foundation into Lincoln to help fund COVID relief work done by various organizations, including Cedars, City Impact, WE CAN DO THIS at the F Street Community Center, Heroes into Homes, and the COVID Fund at the Lincoln Community Foundation. If the Lodge did not exist, all that money would not have been available to our community. In addition, many activities such as the Elks Lincoln Youth Football teams, our \$45,000+ in lodge and legacy scholarships, the Elks Children's Christmas Party, and other youth and veteran-oriented activities would cease to exist. Plus, the lodge offers you social benefits – a lounge in which to socialize, activities in which to be involved, monthly Burger Nights, and our monthly dinner.

So, as you can see, the lodge makes your \$93.50 dues go a long way, and even gives you that warm feeling that you are contributing to something bigger than yourself. And that is compounded even further when you know that the Elks National Foundation has approved appropriations and distributions of \$39.8 million nationwide for this year – that's a lot of money benefiting communities and projects all over the U.S.! You can be proud of your membership in the Elks! If you haven't paid your dues yet, we hope you will do so soon, and if you have done so, a heartfelt thank-you!

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

...and now for the Quickies...

... Nice to see our scholarship award winner at the dinner in June...and what a dinner! If you missed that, you missed a good one! ... Summer is upon us, time for weddings and vacations and A/C. Be sure to stop past the Pub for lunch for a cold one ... Karaoke was a blast, next one will be too.... July 19 (and August 20) 6 pm start ... Dinner July 31st celebrating member Diane Dannelly and David Nelson's marriage, be sure to attend to support Dave and Diane as they start a new life together ... Milt Schmidt is sponsoring a dinner August 14th ... many Eagle Scout ceremonies as of late, catching up from last year's hiatus, it seems ... good to see P.E.R. Troy Pedersen's son Lars getting his Eagle Award, along with two other new Eagle Scouts ... nice to see the card room being used for the pitch players, more activity at the Lodge. This is a good thing! Get involved. Spend some time there. Volunteer for an activity, participate in an event. Even something as simple as helping at a dinner, gathering items for a raffle, or stopping in for lunch. You are all the threads that weave together to make the fabric of the Lodge! ...

July 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Lunch Bunch 11:30	2	3 Lodge Closed
4 Happy Inde- pendence Day!	5 Closed	6 Pitch 3:00	7 Closed	8 Lunch Bunch 11:30	9	10
Grand Lodge	Grand Lodge	Grand Lodge	Grand Lodge			
11	12 Closed	13 Pitch 2:30 Burger night 5-7p Am. Legion 7p	14 Closed Corvette Club 5:30p Does 5:30p	15 Lunch Bunch 11:30 Am. Legion 1p	16 Karaoke! 6p Carry in munchies	17
18	19 Closed	20 Pitch 3:00 American Legion 7p	21 Closed Trustees 6p Lodge Mtg 7p	22 Lunch Bunch 11:30	23	24
25	26 Closed	27 Pitch 3:00p LARC 6:30p LEL 7p	28 Closed	29 Lunch Bunch 11:30	30	31 Chicken Dinner 5:30 cocktail, 6:30 serve

August 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Deadline for Salt- dogs tickets	2	3 Pitch 3:00	4 Closed	5 Lunch Bunch 11:30	6	7
8	9 Closed	10 Pitch 2:30 Am. Legion 7p Am. Legion Aux 7p	11 Closed Corvette Club 5:30p Does 5:30p	12 Lunch Bunch 11:30	13	14 Cowhorn Pepper Co. Dinner 5:30 cocktail, 6:30 serve
15	16 Closed	17 Pitch 3:00 American Legion 7p	18 Closed House 6p Lodge Mtg 7p	19 Lunch Bunch 11:30 Am. Legion 1p	20 Karaoke! 6p Carry in munchies	21 Room rented 9:30a
22	23 Closed	24 Pitch 3:00	25 Closed	26 Lunch Bunch 11:30	27 State Conference	28 State Conference
29 State Conference	30 Closed	31 Pitch 3:00				

Does Dispatch



Happy summer, everyone! Feels like we've already had the hot humid days of July and August and I'm ready for temps in the 70's with no humidity!

Grand Lodge in Omaha was a success and our Lincoln Does were recognized for placing in the top ten in supporting the 2020 Grand Lodge Ways & Means project. \$10,000 was generated for "Dogs for Better Lives". There are three different Assistance Dog programs, which include dogs for Hearing, Program Assistance, and Autism Assistance as well as Companion dogs. Dogs are rescued from shelters, trained and placed free to the recipient. For more information: www.dogsforbetterlives.org.

The BPO is also collecting Campbells labels and General Mills Box Tops for Education, in support of St. Jude's Ranch for Children located in Boulder City, NV. This project is an Organization-wide project in

which each Drove collects and submits the labels and box tops collected by their community. These labels and box tops provide such items as typewriters, computers, encyclopedias, and hopefully a much needed van. St. Jude's is asking that we send ONLY the UPC codes instead of the complete label. For more information: http://www.stjudesranch.org

Grand Lodge is rethinking its Student Loan Fund established in 1957. The fund is a revolving fund and as principal and interest are repaid, the money is returned to the original fund and is available to individuals who want a higher education. In place of a Loan Fund, GL is looking at providing Scholarships in the future. More work has to be done to bring this idea to fruition.

A tour of the National Heritage Center, a symbol of the future and a loving tribute to the history of our Order, was one of the highlights of convention. The history and memorabilia of our Order, which was founded in 1921, is proudly on display in this building, a building built with devotion to those who have gone before us and love for those who will follow us. The National Heritage Center is open by appointment.

During this time of political and economic uncertainty, many of us are making choices as to our expenditures. Spending as well as saving our money is a challenge. We are apprehensive about the money that we have invested in the financial market as well as in our homes and our communities. Now, more than ever, in our Order, as in our Nation, it is important that we come together and show unity; that we remain level-headed and hold steadfast to our values; that we have the foresight to look beyond these times and dedicate our energies and resources toward the things in our lives that signify the future.

Sandy Reiber, Secretary

PS, Don't forget our Tuesday Four-Point Pitch games! We have room at a table for you!!



...Our Members...

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

Deaths: None

Members for Consideration: None Members Reinstated:

None

Members Initiated: Richard Croissant

Hidden Number:

June's hidden number was Dr. Harbans Deol. 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 June 16th meeting was for \$75. Chelsea Truka was the lucky name drawn, but she wasn't present to win! Neither was Dennis Macek on June 2nd. You have to come to meetings to win! Next meeting is July 21st 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: Three Eagle Scout flags awarded, five upcoming Drug Awareness: State Patrol started "100 Days of Summer" campaign. Girl Scouts: No Report. Hide Program: No Report. Hoop Shoot: No Report. House Committee: Reviewing contract for towels. **ENF:** \$8.38 as of 6/16/21. The 2021-2022 goal has not been formally announced. Membership: 235 members, 1 pending. Lincoln Youth Football: Teams being formed. **Retention:** No Report. Scholarship: No Report. 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

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Elk-O-Gram Editor's Note

Articles Due: Aug 19

Deadline is <u>ALWAYS</u> midnight of the Thursday after last meeting of the month!

Articles can be sent to Maureen Sadler at:

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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 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 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 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, PDDGFR 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

Notes from the Trustees

The Trustees met and went over the Lodges monthly reports. Take a look to the north of the building at the Elks Sign. It has been moved to face the Lodge and a few flowers have been planted, Good job to those who worked on that project.

We want to encourage all members to enjoy what we have to offer, come attend a monthly dinner or burger night. Come down and



have Lunch or just to have a cold one and enjoy the fellowship with other members. For the Lodge to be effective we need our members attending events. Most of the club events come to you by the way of the Calling Post we send out. - Scott Schrage

Karaoke at the Lodge

Come get your song on! Karaoke, Friday July 16th, (and August 20) starting at 6 pm.

Bring munchies to share, bring your friends, sing or be the audience, we want you either way!



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 June (with kudos to any we may inadvertently miss): Larry Bratt; Vern Davis; Jen Giese; Rev. William Jackson; Larry and Vicki Jurgens; Randy King; Bryan and Jean Leavitt; Harry and Laurie Montag; Ed Holloway; Wauneta Peterson; Maureen Sadler; Scott and Jody Schrage; Larry Schwindt; Dick Wolf; and Greg Znamenacek.

Thank You for all you do!

Happy July Birthdays!

- 05 Imre Bonyhady
 - Diane Zabokrtsky
- 10 Jeff Sneller
- 11 Greg Hansen
- 13 James Ray
- 14 Xavier Shiu
- 16 Paul Holt
- 17 Duane Vanderbeek 18 - Diane Dannelly

20 - Charles Aman 24 - Helen Burks

- Wade Graft
- 28 Ashleigh Lang-Petersen
- 29 Dennis Macek
- Donald McGinnis
- 31 David Reiber

Happy August Birthdays!

- 02 Ward Hoppe Milt Schmidt
- 03 John Vermaas

- 13 John Aman
- Jerry Wilson

- 17 Marvin Logan
- 19 Dick Wolf
- 23 Stephen Wirth
- 24 Deborah Burns
- 28 Diana McNeese
- 29 Ron Bonebright
- 30 Neal Anthony

- - 30 Reggie Buckmaster
 - Randy King

16 - Fred Gustin

- 08 Harbans Deol
- 10 Bob Gade
- 11 Mark Maxwell
- 14 Jody Schrage



Our 2020 Most Valuable Student Top 20 winner, Filo Habib, joined 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.

He was accompanied by his parents, Nahed and Habib, along with other members of his family. He shared with those in attendance his aspirations for his education, noting that he was earmarking his Elks Scholarship money for his eventual time in Graduate school.

Everyone in attendance was happy to wish him well in his endeavors and look forward to seeing what he can accomplish. Congratulations again, Filo!



Grand Lodge Propositions...

Grand Lodge Propositions were read, discussed, and voted upon. The results were as follows: Sect. 4.490: Defeated 3 ayes, 13 nays. Sect. 16.035: Defeated unanimously, 0 ayes, 16 nays. Sect. 16.036: Passed 10 ayes, 6.nays. Sect. 13.190: Defeated 0 ayes, 16 nays. Sect. 9.010: Passed 16 ayes, 0 nays. Sect. 14.310: Passed 16 ayes, 0 nays. Sect. 14.160: Tied 8 ayes, 8 nays.





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