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

Elks Day at the Salt Dogs

It was a great day for 38 Elks and their families at the Lincoln Saltdogs game. State President Keith Neilson and his wife Roxie drove in to attend the festivities, and a good time was had by all. Big Thanks to P.E.R. Gerry Miles for organizing this event!



Mark your Calendar for Saturday, **September 18, 2021** for the monthly dinner! Harry and his crackerjack kitchen minions will be whipping up some sort of culinary delight. Cost will be \$12.00 per person. Cocktails at 5:30, Dinner at 6:30. Dinner is sponsored by P.E.R. Dave Kirby and P.E.R. Pat McCashland. Be sure to thank them!



Grand Exalted Ruler, 2020-2021
Paul R. Ryan
 Message from the GER
 Grand Lodge Newsletter, Sept 2021
**September tasks: GER class,
 notices, scholarships, awards**



Exalted Ruler
Lodge No. 80
2020-2021
Harry Montag

With summer coming to an end, now is our opportunity to offer events that give our Members activities and places to gather. Offer dinners once or twice a week and plan various activities that your membership can support and join. Start using these events to promote your Lodge for prospective Members as well as for contacting delinquent Members. It is never too early to start planning your future events.

National Patriotism week starts on Labor Day and runs through September 12. You still have time to download and have your city's mayor sign a proclamation for National Patriotism Week if you were unable to do so last month.

Exalted Rulers, remember the Grand Exalted Ruler class begins this month and runs through October. Let us make it a good one to continue "Meeting the Challenge." If you have not done so, visit elks.org. Look under the Grand Lodge Activities Committee. Then take advantage of the various forms and certificates you can use through the year to recognize program participants and volunteers. Also, make sure to reach out to your committee chairpersons to ensure they are recording and submitting the information to the Lodge Secretary.

Lodge Secretaries, let this serve as a reminder to begin sending your six-month dues and delinquent notices. If your Lodge has not signed up for the Membership Billing System, check into it on elks.org (Membership Tool Kit, Lodge billing) or contact your Area Membership Chair. The cost savings to your Lodge will be significant. Further, once the notices have been sent, have your Membership and Lapsation Committee contact these individuals. You would be surprised what a little personal contact can accomplish.

The Elks Legacy scholarships also open this month on elks.org. Legacy Awards are available to children and grandchildren of Elks' Members. Check on-line for eligibility requirements. The Elks National Hoop Shoot turns 50 this year and it is also just around the corner. Now is the time to start planning your local contest. If your Lodge is involved with this program, thank you. If it has been awhile since your Lodge participated, now is a good time to start. Start small; choose one school in your area and bring your program back to life. If you need help, contact your District Hoop Shoot Director for assistance.

Finally, this is the time to submit your Lodge website for judging to receive the Grand Lodge 5-Star Award. State Association websites can also be submitted for judging as well. This is a great opportunity to demonstrate what your Lodge is accomplishing as well as advertise your Lodge to your community

I do hope that your Summer '21 was one for the books. It was nice for a while being "sort of back to normal". As I pen this article it seems that this persistent 19 is rearing its ugly head again. However, if we remain vigilant and steadfast, we will beat this virus. It is very amazing to see the medical community working so very hard to keep us all safe. When you see a Nurse, Doctor, or a medical professional make sure you give them a smile and a hearty thank you. You know that the organization that you belong to a very long time ago invested in our culture as Jon Gordon tells us (the root). This drives what we do to produce great (fruit) results. When you invest in the Root, you get Great Fruit! So many organizations focus on the outcome (the fruit) and ignore the root. As a result, the tree dies.

The month of September is "our" time to invest in our roots. We need to continue to move our lodge forward. If you know someone who would be interested in joining our lodge now would be a great time to invite them to join. The stronger our Roots are, the greater our harvest will be.

September 11, 2001 still seems like it was yesterday to me. The attacks affected nearly all Americans in some way. Nationally, two-thirds say the attacks had a great emotional impact on them, and another quarter say it had some effect. Fewer than one-in-ten say the events did not move them much.

President Reagan stated in his farewell address delivered from the Oval Office on January 11, 1989, "the resurgence of national pride...won't count for much, and it won't last, unless it's grounded in thoughtfulness and knowledge." Rather, he said, "an informed patriotism is what we want...our spirit is back, but we haven't re-institutionalized it. We've got to do a better job of getting across that America is freedom -- freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom of enterprise. And freedom is special and rare. It's fragile; it needs protection."

I was reading an article from Gallup which stated that American pride has continued its downward trajectory reaching the lowest point in two decades. The new low comes at a time when the U.S. faces public health and economic crises brought on by the coronavirus pandemic and civil unrest.

As Elks, we can show our "Love of Country" by flying our flag. Supporting our Military. Thanking a Police Officer, Firefighter, or Medical Professional. We need to show respect to others. We can have different opinions and talk about them in a civil way.

National Patriotism week starts on Labor Day and runs through September 12. Lets show our neighbors and our city who we as Elks really are.

I appreciate you and thank you for being a member of your Lincoln Elks Lodge #80.
 We will be seeing you around our Lodge. - Harry



Knights Tales

My name is Ed Holloway. I've been a member for just over two years and really enjoy being a part of the organization. I host karaoke every third Friday of the month and we've really had some fun. I am married to fellow Elk Kathleen Holloway and we are the very proud parents of a 22 year old daughter, Elizabeth, who is currently enrolled at UNMC working to complete her RN BSN. We're excited for who she has become and can't wait to see who she'll be.

We are a very small family who values our time together and support each other in all areas of life. We take an "Old School" view towards our lives, where we actually sit around the table at dinner time and discuss our daily activities and work on what we're going to do next. We believe that slowing down, taking a step backwards and looking at the whole picture is a better method to working together as a family. I look forward to learning more of my role and working towards others. I appreciate your trust in me and welcome any chats, questions and comments.



Ed Holloway, Leading Knight



...Random Elk Sighting...

She's not "random", really.... She is your Lodge Chaplain, your Newsletter Editor, and been involved in this Lodge for well over 20 years...from Deer Hides to Dinners, she's worn a lot of hats...

Hey there Lodge Brothers & Sisters! The trip to Florida for the National Elks convention in Tampa Bay went well. I really enjoyed the time we had with our other state members attending. Fun was had by all!

With Hurricane Elsa heading our way some classes & activities were canceled but we did attend some very interesting presentations. As for the hurricane, it could have been a lot worse. Before it hit Tampa Bay, it was reduced to a tropical storm. It was interesting to listen to the weather people talk about the coming storm – winds 35-45 mph! Just a normal day in Nebraska! :) By the way, I slept through the entire storm.

Lunches at the Lodge are way down on attendance. It's the lunches and drinks that help keep our doors open. Please stop in and grab a sandwich and bring a friend.

Enough scribbling for this month. Have a good month and behave yourselves. Everyone stay healthy!

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

-Larry Jurgens, Lecturing Knight



Secretary's Corner

We had occasion to send an email blast on July 13, 2021 to clear up a calendar issue. If you did NOT receive that email, then we do not have a current and correct email address for you.

Please take this opportunity to send an email from an email account that you monitor regularly to secretary@elks80.org so that we can update your contact information accordingly. If your phone number has changed since you joined the lodge, please also include your new phone number.

Also, if you would be interested in receiving your Elk-O-Gram in PDF format via email instead of a paper copy via postal mail, please email me with that request. Please be aware, you can always find the current and back copies of the EOG on our website at elks80.org/newsletter.php

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

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



...and now for the Quickies...

... Great turn out for Diane and David Nelson's reception/dinner on July 31st, good to see the Lodge room full again ... Milt's Birthday Bash with Cowhorn Pepper Company's fixin's was a blast as well, lots of raffle items and merriment made for a great evening ... Elks Youth Football is in full swing, go see a game or two on Sundays, great way to spend some time, support the kids and your Lodge, all in one shot ... Welcome our new Leading Knight, Ed Holloway, as he is going to give it a shot ... Ed KJ's our Karaoke nights, we all have a GREAT time ... thanks so much to our new Trustee Jen Giese, she volunteers to run the bar on those karaoke Fridays, and gets some of her friends to come, makes for a full house ... wish it was like that every day ... Lunch attendance has been pretty low, please stop by and have lunch, we are open Thursday, Friday, and Saturday for food service, and we need the support. Bar service starts at 3 pm ... bring your friends. You have to eat somewhere, right? ... Nice to see the turnout at Chuck Meisinger's memorial, he was a great Elk and will long be remembered at Lodge #80, as will Dick McCashland ... Good turnout for Elks day at the Saltdogs game in August, hot day but a fun one! Cooler weather right around the corner, hopefully no more of these 100 degree barn burners ... along with cooler weather comes Husker Football! By the time you get this, the first game of the season will be history, but we need you to help volunteer for Concessions at the home games! This is an important fundraiser for the Does and the Elks, we need to come up with 12 volunteers for each home game. Speak to Wauneta Peterson or Randy King to sign up ... Remember, many hands make light work; if a lot of us sign up, then we each only work one or two games. Of course, if you are a Concessions junkie, you can work them all! Doesn't have to be an Elk or Doe, can be your friends as well. Person just needs to be at least 14, 16 to work the counter (I have spots for 3 youth 14-16). Plus high schoolers can get volunteer hour credits they need for graduation ... for now, no masks required, but wise to bring one just in case... mask mandate changing as this goes to press - see you for lunch at the Jolly Corker's Pub!

...Our Members...

Sickness & Distress:

West Durst recovering.

Deaths:

Charles "Chuck" Meisinger, 48 year Elk
Rich McCashland, 59 year Elk

Members for Consideration:

None

Members Reinstated:

None

Members Initiated:

Nathaniel Thedford

Hidden Number:

June's hidden number was Donald Norris
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 July 21st meeting was for \$81. Franklin Mills was the lucky name drawn, but he wasn't present to win. Neither was Xavier Shiu on August 17th. The pot now sits at \$96. You have to come to meetings to win! Next meeting is Sep 1st 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.



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Committee Reports

Americanism: No Report.

Boy Scouts: No upcoming Eagle ceremonies at this time.

Drug Awareness: Harry reports an amazing amount of drugs, including the deadly fentanyl, continue to be intercepted by the State Patrol.

Girl Scouts: No Report.

Hide Program: No Report.

Hoop Shoot: No Report.

House Committee: No Report.

ENF: \$10.56 as of 6/16/21. The 2021-2022 is \$4.80

Membership: 233 members.

Lincoln Youth Football: Games being played.

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

Exalted Ruler.....	Harry Montag
Leading Knight.....	Ed Holloway
Loyal Knight.....	Dr. William Jackson
Lecturing Knight.....	Larry Jurgens
Esquire.....	Heather Chesnut
Inner Guard.....	Bryan Leavitt
Tiler.....	Vicki Jurgens
Secretary.....	Laurie Montag PER
Treasurer.....	Jody Schrage
Chaplain.....	Maureen Sadler
Trustee 1 Year.....	Larry Schwindt PER
Trustee 2 Year.....	Scott Schrage
Trustee 3 Year.....	Randy King
Trustee 4 Year.....	Milt Schmidt
Trustee 5 Year.....	Jen Giese
Presiding Justice.....	Amy Jacobsen PER
Organist	Wauneta Peterson

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Elk-O-Gram Editor's Note

Articles Due: Sep 16

Deadline is ALWAYS midnight of the Thursday after last meeting of the month!

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eog.lodge80@gmail.com

All past issues, lodge information, and more can be seen at:
www.elks80.org

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Elks Youth Football

The time for football is back. This summer the Elks Youth Football Teams are getting ready for the upcoming season. This year we have over 145 young men and women that are putting on the Elks Black uniform ready to play. We are able to have 7 teams this year, so that will mean Football all day on Sundays starting August 29th. If you get a chance, come out and support these young men and women and the coaches who volunteer their time to make this program successful. We are the only original sponsor left and have been doing this since the 1950's. Will get a schedule posted as soon as the league gets one out and it will be posted in the Lodge. The coaches, players and volunteers thank you for your support and hope to see you out there. - *Scott Schrage*



Karaoke at the Lodge

Come get your song on!
Karaoke, Saturday Sept. 25,
starting at 6 pm. (note the day change)



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

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 September!
Remember, many hands make light work...



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 July/August (with kudos to any we may inadvertently miss): Larry Bratt; Diane Dannelly, Dave Nelson and friends; Jen Giese; Larry and Vicki Jurgens; Ed Holloway; Randy King; Harry and Laurie Montag; Milt and Linda Schmidt; Scott and Jody Schrage; and Larry Schwindt. Thank You for all you do!

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

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

WE DO NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH MONTHLY DINNERS. We particularly need volunteers to help clean up after dinners. Duties would include supervising the young Scouts as they clear tables, stowing salt and pepper shakers, wiping down tables, taking down tables and stacking chairs, and vacuuming the lodge room carpet. All this can be done after you enjoy your dinner. Recruit a team and make it easy!

Commit to any or all - upcoming dinner dates currently include 9.18.21, 10.1.21, and 11.13.21.
Please contact Harry Montag at 402.990.7199 to volunteer.

Happy September Birthdays!

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|------------------------|----------------------|
| 03 - Wayne Rulifson | 20 - John DeMay |
| 04 - Doug Rienks | Donald Flamme |
| 05 - James Gordon | Thomas Morrissey |
| Ronald Wachter | 22 - Scott Jurgens |
| 06 - Sharon Hockemeier | Troy Pedersen |
| John Hoppe, Jr. | 23 - Larry Schwindt |
| 07 - Gary Pohlman | 27 - William Jackson |
| 10 - Kenneth Cohn | 29 - Mike Jurado |
| 11 - Bryan Leavitt | Nathaniel Thedford |
| 12 - Larry Pickering | 30 - Seth Perrett |
| 13 - Roger Schwisow | |


Filo's reflections...

Several weeks ago, I had the immense pleasure of attending the Elks Scholar Service Trip in Chicago, Illinois. I am extremely thankful for the gracious financial help that was provided to me by the Lincoln Elks Lodge #80. Although I have been to Chicago many times, this experience was particularly meaningful and life changing. I initially wanted to attend this service trip as a chance to meet fellow Elks Scholars. After the 2020 Most Valuable Student Leadership Weekend in Chicago was switched to a virtual format, I saw this service trip opportunity as the perfect chance to finally connect in person to like-minded scholars from across the nation. I landed in Chicago on Tuesday, July 20th, and after navigating my way on the "L" trains in the city, I eventually made my way to the hostel we were staying at. The first day was spent primarily settling in and getting to know one another. A few scholars and I even got to go to the famous Lincoln Park Zoo and eat lunch on the shores of Lake Michigan! As the evening settled in, our Elks Scholar Leader, Grace Roebuck, encouraged us to reflect on our goals for the week. We each went around and told the team what we believed we had to offer and what we needed from the collective.

The next morning, we boarded our bus and headed to our first service site, Humble Design. Humble Design is a non-profit operating in many cities across the United States. Humble Design helps furnish homes for families that have recently existed homelessness. According to the Humble Design director in Chicago, the rate of people who return to homelessness after getting help furnishing their home is much lower than those without a furnished home. We spent the day at Humble Design assembling furniture, cleaning up the warehouse, creating crafts for the families, and packing the moving truck that was going to furnish a home. Afterwards, we got some Chicago deep dish pizza and explored the city! The next day, we served for another local nonprofit called Care for Friends. At Care for Friends, we prepared food for and served about 50 individuals experiencing homelessness. Shrimp Scampi and Frittata was on the menu! I bonded with one individual who was a fellow saxophone player. We talked about jazz music while he enjoyed his meal. This conversation, albeit simple, was an eye-opening experience for me because we oftentimes forget about the lives, passions, interests, and desires of those experiencing homelessness.

After Care for Friends, we made our way over to the Elks National Headquarters and Memorial. Finally seeing the memorial in person was truly breathtaking! At the headquarters, we packed 150 lunches for another service site and learned all about Elk's history. To wrap up our service trip, we prepared a taco bar at Lincoln Park Community Services for dinner. I truly have never experienced anything like this trip before. As someone who always visited Chicago for fun, this was an incredible opportunity for me to really connect to a different side of the city that is often neglected. Once again, I would like to thank the generosity of Laurie and the entire Lincoln Elks Lodge for the support. I am already looking forward to my next service trip!






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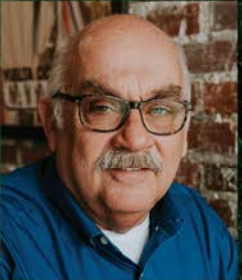
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Don't forget to look for the member number in this issue. If you find yours, call the Lodge for your dinner ticket!

September 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Closed Trustees 6p Lodge Mtg 7p	2 Lunch Bunch 11:30 Scouts 6-8p	3	4 Husker home
5	6 Closed	7 Pitch 3:00 P.E.R. 6:30-7:30	8 Closed Corvette Club 5:30p Does 5:30p	9 Lunch Bunch 11:30	10	11 Husker home
12	13 Closed	14 Pitch 2:30 Burger night 5-7p Am. Legion 7p Am. Legion Aux. 7p	15 Closed House 6p Lodge Mtg 7p	16 Lunch Bunch 11:30 Am. Legion 1p	17	18 Surprise Dinner 5:30 cocktail, 6:30 serve Husker away
19	20 Closed	21 Pitch 3:00 American Legion 7p	22 Closed	23 Lunch Bunch 11:30 Scouts 6-8p	24	25 Karaoke! 6p Carry in munchies Husker away.
26	27 Closed	28 Pitch 3:00p	29 Closed	30 Lunch Bunch 11:30	Oct 1 Oktoberfest Dinner	2 Husker home