

Invite a Friend to Dinner at the Lodge!

Saturday January 8th, Social hour 5:30, dinner 6:30. Salad, Roll, Boneless Pork Chops, Sweet Potato Casserole, Roasted Vegetables, Apple Dessert. \$12 per person. Raffle fun!



Come and bring your appetite! Our 9th Annual Chili Cookoff Competition is here. See who's jousting for the Championship this year! \$12 per person Cocktails: 5.30p Dinner 6.30p

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Grand Exalted Ruler, 2021-2022 T. Keith Mills Message from the GER Grand Lodge Newsletter, December 2021 New calendar year arrives, Elks year ends soon

Happy New Year to you all! As I write this letter, I think back to January 2000. The big scare about the electronic world coming to an end at the onset of the new century, and the tricks about turning your computer clock back a few years to ensure you would not lose all your data. Now look at us 22 years later. I was not even thinking this far ahead, or about what I would be doing.

I am not a big resolutions guy. I used to try to stick to a few things, but I found out resolutions just caused me more stress. I decided long ago to work on the things that I can control and do my best to adjust to the things that I cannot control.

Now is the time to start working on your next year's officer corps. Officer nominations begin in your Lodge meetings this month. I hope most Lodges have individuals stepping up and moving forward to the next chair. If not, now is a good time to start looking for people who want the opportunity to serve. Do your best not to just fill a chair. Be open and honest with the person you are asking. Let them know just what the expectations are for the position they are committing to.

At this time, your Lodge also decides the Citizen, Elk, and Officer of the Year. I am going out on a limb here, but you probably have multiple individuals who deserve these honors. It is now time to start observing the final choices. Lodges should have these names submitted to Grand Lodge by the end of February so certificates can be printed and sent back to the Lodges for Officer Installations.

Membership and Lapsation Committee members also need to look over the lapsation list. We all do a great job initiating new Members, but sometimes we forget about our delinquent Members. Your delinquent Members had a reason for joining and sometimes they just need a reminder. If they do not want to return, find out why. If everyone is saying the same thing, you might want to change some things in your Lodge.

The end of year will be here before you know it. With the new Financial Reporting System, your Lodge just needs to ensure all entries are current. The nice thing about the FRS system is your Lodge no longer needs to have the annual audit completed. However, you still must submit your 990 and 990T for each corporation in your Lodge. Have them completed by a qualified individual (e.g., CPA) and filed with the IRS and uploaded on Elks.org.

I have said it before and I will say it again, thank you for everything you do.





Exalted Ruler Harry Montag Lincoln Lodge No. 80 2021-2022

Generally, January is a time of reflecting on the past year's activities. Starting anew, reflecting on goals that were set, and finally reflecting on the budget to change, direct and redirect thoughts and priorities.

According to Grand Lodge records we began our year April 1 of 2021 with 225 members. This year we have Initiated 15 new members. Had one member transfer in. Reinstated one member. We grew by 17. Way to go! Keep on inviting individuals to join. A great recruiting tool is to tell individuals about our scholarships that we do provide for members. We have 3 members waiting in the wings. With the addition of these 3 new members, we have reached the 20 plateau. However, we have 14 members that have yet to pay their dues and will be dropped in March. There have been 6 member deaths this year.

You are also very giving group. On the Average we are giving \$14.23 per member to the Elks National Foundation. Thank you!

As far as our lodge is concerned, we are keeping the boat above water so to say. We are not losing money. So please Thank our Trustees for a Budget well done. Starting in January we will changing our Jolly Corks hours. We will be open on Tuesday, Thursday, from 3 - 7 Friday from 3 - 9 Saturday from 3 - 7. Unfortunately, we will not be serving Lunch.

I know in the future we will be starting a fundraiser for our outside Flag light. The original wiring is bad and needs replacing. There are several companies currently bidding for the job. Hopefully we can get enough funds put together by this summer to illuminate our flags. The three Flags we display are the Flag of the United States (Which stands for liberty, justice, freedom, love of country and national purpose.) The Flag of Nebraska (Which reflects the natural wealth of Nebraska, with its flourishing agriculture, and hardworking people) And the National League of Families POW/MIA flag (Which shows Our concern and commitment for resolving the missing soldiers) There will be more information about this project forthcoming.

I see a very busy January, February and March. We will be asking for assistance on Scholarships, Teen of the year. We have dinners scheduled on January 8th (The Chili Feed on the 22nd), February 12th (Valentines Day), March 12th (St Patty's Day), April 9th (The Fish Fry), Pitch every Tuesday, Burger nights the 3rd Tuesday of every month. Karaoke 3rd Friday plus a multitude of events happening in and around our lodge. We were founded "To promote and practice the four cardinal virtues of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity; to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its members; to quicken the spirit of American Patriotism and cultivate good fellowship" I hope that we are accomplishing this for you.

I hope that Santa was good to you, he seemed to be good to us. In Closing "May your year be filled with peace, prosperity and love. May God's blessings shower upon you and bestow upon each of you a bright, healthy and peaceful new year."

Thanks for being a member of One of the Finest Organizations Lincoln, Nebraska has to offer.

We will be seeing you around our Lodge. - Harry

Knight's Tales

2021 has been an interesting year for me. Taking on the this role has been fun and being a part of a couple rituals and other Scout ceremonies has been enlightening. I've enjoyed them and thank you for trusting me to be a part of.

Moving forward, I will continue to work on my role and participation levels. I wish you all a very Merry Christ-



- Ed Holloway, Leading Knight

mas and Happy New Year!

Here we go into a NEW YEAR!

Vicki and I were present when the checks were delivered to the recipients of our Christmas gifts. All the people were very thankful for our generosity. The smiles on their faces made my heart feel good.

Hope everyone had a good time at the Christmas sacking party and Lodge party. There were lots of good food, snacks, and laughs.

Christmas is over and Santa is taking a break somewhere in the tropics, lucky guy. Our Christmas with the kids was enjoyed by all including the 2 dogs (Kaiser & Cuda). We celebrated early so they could go to Tuscon to have Christmas with Juli's family.

I hope this year we are now entering will be less stressful. The whole world needs a break from this Covid crap. Also, Vicki

and I would like to wish all of our Lodge brothers & sisters the best in this new year of 2022!!

Everyone stay healthy

-Larry Jurgens, Lecturing Knight



Thank You to our Lodge Judges, Heather Chesnut, Maureen Sadler, and Mark Long for scoring each of the high school student applications for ENF Most Valuable Student Scholarship - *Dianne Dannelly*



Hoop Shoot winners, Girls 10-11 yrs, l. to r., Emilia Standeven, 2nd place, Bristol Dalinghaus, 3rd place,Brooklynn Bohling, 1st place, P.E.R. Gerald Miles.

Secretary's Corner

Happy New Year! A brand-new year upon which to write our collective, and individual, stories. Let's vow to make them good stories, filled with Fidelity, Charity, Justice, and Brotherly Love.

Our memorial service was held on December 5, 2021. We memorialized 13 fallen members from December 2019 through November 2021. Our Eleven O'Clock toast says it all: "living or dead, Elks are never forgotten, never forsaken." Our thanks go to all who attended the lovely ritual ceremony. A list of delinquent members appears in this newslet-



ter. We hope that all delinquent members will pay their dues (and perhaps even pay their 2022/23 dues at the same time, to get a head start!). We will need to drop unpaid members in March, and who likes to do that? Not me!

If you would like to keep up on our calendar of events, it is always posted on our website – see the drop-down menu at the top of the mobile display, or to the left of the page on your computer screen. You may also download the TEAMUP app on your phone. No need to establish a login, just tap "existing calendar" and enter this code: ks72770fc1e574f762. You'll then be able to see our calendar on the app. It's so easy to keep up with lodge events!

As always, please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions or need assistance with all things Elk. There is voicemail on the lodge phone, or you may contact me as below. See you at the Lodge!

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

Does Dispatch

Please note the new date for our January Meeting and Installation of 2022 officers: Tuesday,

January 4th at 5:30 pm. Dress will be Business Casual and there will be refreshments following.



Our Christmas lunch/party found us at Lee's Chicken enjoying good food, old friends and new, and wonderful music by our own

Wauneta Peterson and guest singer and guitarist, Stan Mitchell. As you can see by the picture, we had a lot of fun. See you at the Lodge!

Our January meeting and installation of officers will be held on **Tuesday**, **January 4**, **2022 at 5:30 pm**. Refreshments following meeting. Pitch is a 3 pm every Tuesday **EXCEPT** the second Tuesday of the month....January 11, 2022 when we begin at 2:30 pm!

Sandy Reiber, Secretary ~ 402-432-0222 or sreiber@windstream.net



P.S. How do you like those sexy antlers?! LOL!!!

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December was a busy month at our Lodge, and January is shaping up to be the same way. Now for the Quickies... Plenty of things happening, check the calendar on the back page. District Hoop Shoot on the 22nd, Dinner on the 8th, Chili Cookoff on the 22nd... lots of things do to and ways to be involved in your Lodge. Speaking of that, the Lodge year will be up soon, and we need some new Officers! Several of our current Officers have decided not to renew their positions. Please talk to Harry about the upcoming openings, what the positions entail, etc. Step up and help with your Lodge. Join a Committee, get involved. Like most things, you get out of it what you put into it. Helping others and Volunteering is always a good thing....our prayers go out to those affected in the Tornado outbreak December 11 in Kentucky and elsewhere...loss of homes and lives, just devastating... Big shout out to those attending the Volunteer Recognition Dinner, sure was good to see our Lodge Room filled with people. And a special Thanks to those who bought raffle tickets and those who provided items for the raffle...we raised over \$350 to send to Waukesha, WI to help with the aftermath of the Christmas Parade Shooting tragedy...Elks Care, Elks Share, and it was evident that evening...Our candy sacking event went off smoothly thanks to the behind the scenes efforts of Larry Schwindt and Larry Bratt, along with a dozen others... setting up the assembly line, bringing in all the candy and goodies... over 30 people turned out to help bag candy...it was great fun! And the recipients of those treats will enjoy them and get a glimpse of who we are...later that afternoon we set up for carry-in Christmas Party and had "Christmas Karaoke", kind of a new twist with singing Christmas Carols, turned out to be a lot of fun! Big thanks to Jen Giese for staffing the Jolly Corks Pub for everyone to enjoy... Speaking of the Jolly Cork, there are new hours. We have discontinued lunch service due to lack of participation, and changed the hours of operation. Be sure to note this change. Hopefully it will get the Pub more towards the black instead of the red...while we are talking about cost savings, the idea has come up to have the Elk O Gram available on-line (it actually is now) and not print and send a copy to those who don't want it or read it. It costs about \$300 a month for printing and postage.. that's a lot of memberships! We are happy to print and mail for those not computer savvy, but... you might check it out on-line, you get it earlier and its in color! Plus you can adjust the size so it's easy to read... Go to www.elks80.org, click on "Elk-O-Gram", then pick your year and month! They are archived clear back to 2007, thanks to Larry Klein, who manages our website...just call or drop a note to Secretary@elks80.org, or call Laurie at the Lodge, 402-423-6363 and let her know if you'd like to go paperless. That's it for now, see you at the Lodge!

ENF - What you should know

In 1928, one man's dream became a reality for all Elks and the communities we serve.

Then-National President John F. Malley envisioned a plan that would "unite the forces of the Order into a mighty army for the service of mankind." During the annual Grand Lodge Convention in Miami that year, Malley's call to service inspired delegates to take action by voting to establish the Elks National Foundation with an initial \$100,000 grant.

Since inception, the ENF has contributed more than \$500 million toward Elks charitable projects nationwide. Our programs continue to grow each year, allowing Elks to do even more to build stronger communities.

The mission of the Elks National Foundation is to help Elks build stronger communities. We fulfill this pledge by investing in communities where Elks live and work. We provide tomorrow's leaders, our youth, with lifelong skills; meet the needs of today's veterans; help the state Elks associations accomplish their charitable objectives; and fund projects that improve the quality of life in local Elks communities.

When you give to the Elks National Foundation, you're doing more than funding the Elks National Drug Awareness and "Hoop Shoot" programs. You're doing more than supporting the Community Investments Program and providing Emergency Educational Grants to the children of deceased or totally disabled Elks. You're doing more than meeting the needs of today's Veterans and maintaining the Elks National Memorial.

You're doing all that, and you're supporting Elkdom in Our state.

During the 2020-21 Lodge year, the Elks of Nebraska donated \$41,695.94 to the Elks National Foundation. Way to go!

By contributing to ENF you are helping all Elks build stronger communities. Your donation is tax-deductible. The Elks National Foundation, is a public, non-profit, tax-exempt corporation as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Tax Reform Act of 1959. - *Harry*







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Hoop Shoot - Volunteers Needed!

Hoop Shoot competition continues!

Our District competition will be held Saturday, January 22, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. at Lincoln Southwest High School on South 14th Street. Park in the southwest lot and come to the gymnasium door. We need lots of volunteers! We need scorers, ball



shaggers, umpires. This is a great one-off activity that will allow you to experience one of the premier youth activities sponsored by the B.P.O. Elks. It will last about 2 hours. Please contact Harry Montag, 402.990.7199 or Gerry Miles, 402.419.6965 with your commitment to participate, or with questions. Hope to see you there!

Pictured with Christmas stockings also donated by the Lodge are (L-R) Larry Jurgens, Vicki Jurgens, Harry Montag, Beth from Food Fort, Larry Bratt, Laurie Montag, and Larry Schwindt. Not shown is Scott Schrage.

Eagle Scout Ceremony

Elks Lodge #80 awarded an American Flag to Peter Killeen, Troop 45, at Union College on November 7, 2021. P.E.R. Troy Pedersen presented the flag.





Christmas Party Donations

Lincoln Elks Lodge #80 members decided it was too soon in the pandemic to conduct their annual city-wide Elks Children's Christmas Party again this year, so the members decided to donate the moneys that would have been spent to local organizations whose mission is to make Christmas brighter for those less fortunate. Receiving donations were City Impact Gifts of Love, Cedars, Christian Heritage Foster Care Center, WE CAN DO THIS, and the Food Fort. The lodge also made up 1,000 traditional goodie bags to distribute to similar organizations throughout the city.



...Our Members...

Sickness & Distress: Mary Norton, broken hip. Sammi Montag, auto accident. Jerry Wilson's son, hospitalized with COVID

Deaths: None

Members for Consideration: James Varner, transfer from Osage Beach Lodge #1517; Espiririon Savala, JR, proposed by Regie Buckmaster.

Members Reinstated: None

Members Elected: Bruce Schwenke, proposed by Greg Hansen

Members Initiated: None

Hidden Number:

68521

November's hidden number was Donald McGinnis on the front page! 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 Dec 3rd meeting was for \$211. Doug Haggart was the lucky name, but he was not in attendance... You have to come to meetings to win! Next meeting is Jan 5th at 7 pm!

Jolly Corks Pub is closed Sunday, Monday, Wednesday. New Hours starting Jan 1... Tues and Thurs 3 -7, Fri 3 - 9, Sat 3- 7 No food service available.



T: 402-435-1166

Americanism: No Report.
Boy Scouts: One Eagle flag awarded in December.
Drug Awareness: No Report.
Girl Scouts: No Report.
Hide Program: Bin placed on south side of building, bring cleaned hides.
Hoop Shoot:
House Committee: No Report.
ENF: \$13.94 as of 12/01/21. The 2021-2022 goal is \$4.80.
Membership: 234 members, 2 pending. 16 delinquent
Lincoln Youth Football: Season completed.
Retention: No Report.
Scholarship: Deadlines upcoming.
Soccer Shoot: No Report.
Social Community Welfare: No Report.
Veterans Committee: No Report.

Committee Reports

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 15470 Presiding Justice..... Amy Jacobsen PER Wauneta Peterson Organist

Notes from the Trustees

The Trustee's want to remind all Committee's to work on next year's budget and present them to the Trustee's by no

later than February 2nd 2022. We discussed the issue on background checks, with the cost increase of doing back-

need to raise the application cost to \$25.00

members to vote on and approve. Talked about how to save money on the Elk-O-

Gram and discussed about going online

and we will bring this to the meeting for the

ground check on new members. We decided that we

with it for the members that do not wish a paper copy,

Karaoke at the Lodge

As we near the end of 2021, I wanted to say Thanks to all

who participated in karaoke over the year. We had some

really good times. I would love to see the crowd grow in

2022 and would like to see more of our members partici-

pate. Per my list of holiday party participants, I show the same names as those who join us monthly. Thank you for

being there! With that said, I am going to take January and February off and book Today's Sound elsewhere in order

schedule 2022 beginning in March. Again, thank you to all

to recoup costs of downloads and equipment. I will be

working with the leadership team of the Elk's Lodge to

more information to come later. Don't forget to support our

Lodge's Dinners and Raffles because those events help the

lodge to keep operating. - Scott Schrage and the Trustee's

Elk-O-Gram Editor's Note

Articles Due: Jan 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

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

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A big shout out to our members who volunteer to work at the lodge to support our

lounge, our dinners, and other projects, and in general help make our lodge work! Thanks goes to those who served the lodge in December (with kudos to any we may inadvertently miss): Larry Bratt; Jen Giese; Ed Holloway; Larry and Vicki Jurgens; Randy King; Harry and Laurie Montag; Sammi Montag; Milt Schmidt; Jody and Scott Schrage; pedford. And special shout-out to Randy King for sponsoring our December dinner!

who have participated in 2021.

Trustees

Larry Schwindt; and Nathan Thedford. And special shout-out to Randy King for sponsoring our December dinner!

Scholarship Report

UPCOMING SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES: ENF Legacy Awards – February 7, 2022 - https:// www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/Legacy.cfm Lodge 80 Academic, Teaching, and Legacy – January 29, 2022 - https://www.elks80.org/scholarship.php Nebraska Elks – Vocational, Golf, and PER – see webpage - http://nebraskaelks.org/scholarships.php

2021-2022 Committees

Activities: Harry Montag, ER, PER Americanism: Auditing: Jody Schrage Benevolence: Larry Bratt PER, PDDGER, 2VP By-Laws Changes: 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 Jurgens ENF: Larry Bratt PER, PDDGER, 2VP Flag Day: Fraternal: Gerald Miles, PER Girl Scout Gold Award: Randy King Gov. Relations: Troy Pedersen, PER

Accident: Scott Schrage

Hide Program: Larry Jurgens Hoop Shoot: Gerald Miles, PER Indoctrination: Laurie Montag, PER Investigation: Larry Bratt PDDGER, PER, 2VP Membership: Larry Schwindt PSP, PER PER Association: Larry Bratt, PER,

PDDGER, 2VP Public Relations: Harry Montag, ER, PER Ritual: Larry Bratt PER, PDDGER, 2VP Scholarship: Laurie Montag PER Soccer Shoot:

Standing Relief: Laurie Montag PER State Major Projects: Larry Schwindt PSP, PER

Veterans: Harry Montag, ER, PER Youth Activities: Laurie Montag PER Youth Football: Scott Schrage 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 birth-



Happy January Birthdays!

- 01 Thomas H Lynch
- 02 Radley Brewer
- 06 Roger White
- 08 Kevin Anderson Richard Croissant Janis Ireland Roxie Thomas
- 09 Jason Brooks Dave Crouse 12 - Janet Jurado
- 12 Janet Jurado Linda Rienks

- 12 Carol Snyder
- 19 Terry Edwards Chelsea Truka
- 20 Robert H. Taylor
- 21 James Gray
- 24 Terry Hagan
- 25 Matthew Brophy John Hansen
- 26 Larry Benac
- 28 Jason Warrick
- 31 Glen Riensche

Cash Calendars!

Well, everyone, in your October EOG you received your Cash Calendar, with all the particulars about how it works. There is still time to buy!

Once again, Lincoln Lodge #80 will be selling cash calendars to help offset the cost of the many Elks sponsored youth activities and programs provided for the children of Lincoln and surrounding communities. The drawings will begin the 1st of January, 2021. Time is running out! All slips must be received by Thursday December 31, 2020 to be eligible! Instructions are as follows:

1. Fill out the required information so we know who you are when you win. i.e. name, address, phone number. Please fill out this information legibly.

2. Cut along the dashed line(s) and return your personal information, along with \$10 per calendar slip, to Lincoln Lodge #80, 5910 South 58th Street, Ste A, Lincoln, Nebraska 68516, to the attention of Laurie Montag, Lodge Secretary and Harry Montag ER

3. The calendar slips and dollars which you mail back will be collected for the drawing to be held in January of the New Year (2022).

So, dig out the insert from your October Elk-O-Gram or you can go to our website (http://www.elks80.org) print one and choose the number of chances you're willing to try. Remember, whatever slip is pulled out for that particular cash drawing payout, a check will be made out to you as the winner. For more details, see the back of the calendar for additional instructions. Additional calendars can be made available by copying the existing calendar or by going to our website https://www.elks80.org/

On the home page you will notice, under announcements, 2022 Cash Calendar Makes a great stocking stuffer Click here to fill in the form and print or save. Or by asking one of our Jolly Corks Pub bartenders. We need to get excited about SUP-PORTING our Cash Calendar. It's an easy way to give a gift, it's simple to do and it helps to support our numerous youth activity programs and our Lodge. Thank you for your continued support! Merry Cash Calendar to you!

Thanks!

-Harry Montag, ER, Santa's Helper, and a Cash Calendar Representative!

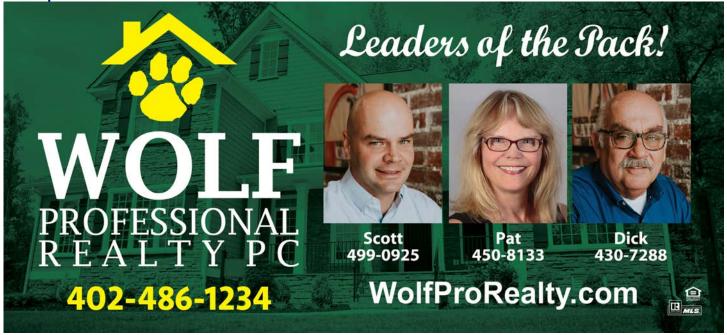




Delinquent List	The following members dues are
	overdue and will be dropped from

our roster if they are not paid. Please get your dues in ASAP!

Tyson Alegria Russell Bergholz Shelly Burklund Chris Clark David Crouse Merle Derry Eric Ebeler Janet Jurado Anthony Kalita Delitha Lang Kurt Lang Kevin Rhodes James Searle Dwight Thomas John Vermaas Jerry Witte







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Member SIPC

Edward **Jones** MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

