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

On May 14th, 2022 our lodge recognized First Responders in the area for their service to the community. They and their guests were treated to a Pork Chop meal, and then were presented Certificates of Service and medals of Valor to recognize what they have given to our community. The dinner was very well attended with over 60 people present. The entire dinner was sponsored by the Norris and Gustin families in memory of Ray Norris. The tables were beautifully decorated by Milt Schmidt, Scott Schrage and Harry Montag. Nebraska State Patrol Lieutenant Jon Beckstead introduced Sergeant Drew Ferguson and spoke about why he was selected to receive this award. Captain AL Crist of the Lincoln Fire and Rescue Department introduced Firefighter Justin Maas and talked about the reasons they had chosen to honor him. Sheriff Terry Wagner from the Lancaster Sheriff's Department talked about their honoree Sergeant Michael Scriven and talked about why he was selected as their

officer of the Year for the Department John Hudec was unable to attend as his son had a family program concluded with PDDGER Larry Bratt talking about what every law and First Responder everyday and the effects it has on not only them but their family and spouses. This dinner is an annual event to show our support and appreciation to our First Responders in our community.



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## All You Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner!

Join us Saturday, June 18th for spaghetti 3 ways - sauces offered will be Beer Cheese, Red, and Red with Meatballs. Also on the menu are a side salad and Lemon Cake for dessert - all for \$12 per person.

## Come Celebrate Summer!

Join us Saturday July 16th for Rotisserie Chicken, Melon Salad, Mashed Potatoes, and Corn on the Cob with a festive Red, White, and Blue poke cake for dessert. \$12/ Person





**Exalted Ruler Larry Schwindt**  
Lincoln Lodge No. 80  
2022-2023

I am proud to be an Elk. What other organization engages in a more diverse number of charitable endeavors than we do?

We help our Veterans by providing them with cleaning products and personal hygiene products and just recently we have started sponsoring their CoffeeHaus gathering. We are also looking into other ways to support them this coming summer. We have an active hides program, where deer hides are collected and turned into gloves for wheelchair-bound Veterans.

Over the past year we have made donations to several organizations that support children in need within our community. The children in our area also benefit in other ways through the generosity of the Elks. Our Christmas party is one of the highlights of the year and our scholarship program is one of the best in the city. Flags which have been flown over our nation's Capital have been given to Eagle Scouts and Girl Scout Gold Award winners. We recognize kids in our area for our Teen of the Year ceremony as well as high school juniors during our scholarship presentation night. The Youth Football program we sponsor allows many kids to participate in a sport they love and gives them a solid foundation for moving forward in high school football. One of our important committees is our Drug Awareness Committee, which educates the children in our area about the importance of staying away from drugs and alcohol.

One of the unique things we do is our First Responders dinner, where we recognize the people in our area who risk our lives to keep us safe.

You may sometimes ask yourself why you became an Elk. A friend, co-worker or family member may have asked you to join, and you joined as a favor, but your continuing membership in our organization enables us to keep all these programs going. I thank each of you for the continuing support of your Lodge, whether you are a long-time member or if you have just recently joined. Please take pride in what your membership has provided for our community. Without our Lodge, Lincoln and the surrounding communities would be missing so much!

Elks Care – Elks Share

*Thanks, Larry*

***Here's a chance to give back to our community!***  
On Saturday June 25th, the F Street Rec Center will be holding their Juneteenth celebration! Volunteers are needed from 11-2 at the Rec Center - contact Laurie Montag to sign up!

## Secretary's Corner

We got some rain, and some more chances tonight as I write this! Whoopie! It's so good to see the liquid gold coming down from the skies. We'll take a pass on the severe weather, though.

And it's now graduation season – best wishes to all those young graduates! They've definitely got their work cut out for them.

If you would like to put the Lodge calendar on your phone you can download the TeamUp app and gain access to our online calendar with this password: ks72770fc1e574f762. Of course, the calendar is also accessible on your computer at our website, [elks80.org](http://elks80.org). Thanks so much to our internet guru, Larry Klein!

To reiterate one more time: If you are planning an extended absence (over a month) this summer (or anytime, really), please let me know to either stop or forward your Elk-O-Gram. Because we mail at bulk rate, the post office will not forward the newsletter, but they will send us a lovely postcard with first-class postage due to let us know they couldn't deliver it - sometimes they send 2 or 3! It saves the lodge money if you give us a heads-up of how you would like to handle delivery during those times you are away. You might even consider switching to email delivery and save the paper cost!

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](mailto:secretary@elks80.org) / 402.202.6673 by text or phone*



## Does Dispatch

Elks and Does are always hungry, right?! Well, in that case mark your calendar for Saturday, June 4th and stop by Super Saver on 56th and Highway 2 any time between 10 am and 2 pm. The Does will be manning a food stand in front of the store. Nothing better than a hot dog, chips, and a drink on a nice summer day to help support your Does. Bring the family! Bring friends!

Thursday, May 26th found many of us decorating the Lincoln graves of our departed members for Memorial Weekend. Thanks to Wauneta Peterson and Randy King for getting this all together with flowers and streamers commemorating our deceased Doe members.

Our next regular meeting will be Wednesday, June 8th at 5:30 pm. We also discussed having a regular meeting on July 13th, but we will be dark in August.

See you at the Lodge!

*Sandy Reiber, Secretary ~ 402-432-0222 or [sreiber@windstream.net](mailto:sreiber@windstream.net)*





Susan Brown, Director of WE CAN DO THIS, stopped by the lodge before the meeting on Wednesday, May 18, to talk to us about what is happening at F Street Community Center and what we can do to help.

WE CAN DO THIS operates out of the F Street Community Center, and does many things for the youth in that section of town, many of whom are extremely underprivileged. Susan and her assistants coordinate maintaining a pantry at the facility, and they serve weekend meals to the kids. Susan also endeavors to address clothing needs when she becomes aware of them. She is also helping to form intramural basketball to compete in the city leagues. But one thing that is coming up soon is Juneteenth, and Susan needs help! She says this celebration will focus on the kids, and she could sure use some Elk members to volunteer to help with games, directing, all that good stuff. The celebration will be held at the F Street Community Center, 13th and F, on Saturday, June 25 from 11 a.m. to 2

p.m. There is also an opportunity to prepare and serve lunch on the third Saturday of each month – maybe that sounds like something you'd like to take on! If you, your spouse, and/or your family is interested in helping, please let Lodge Secretary Laurie know, and she'll get information for you. And by the way, Susan took a check from our Smith Fund in the amount of \$1,000 to help with the Juneteenth activity and the pantry. We have sponsored WE CAN DO THIS since 2017, and Susan has been doing great work!



Congratulations to our own P.E.R. Larry Bratt for accepting his new role as Leading Knight for the 2022-23 Lodge #80 Fraternal year! Let's all wish him well and support him as he takes on this new responsibility. P.E.R.s Larry and Troy were installed in their new positions after the Lodge meeting on May 18th.

Congratulations and a huge Thank You goes out to P.E.R. Troy Pedersen for accepting his role as Lodge #80 Esquire for Fraternal year 2022-23. The role of Esquire requires a lot of memorization and attention to detail, and this is an area where Troy excels!



Did you know that Flag Day wasn't observed nationally until 1877, over 100 years after the Stars and Stripes were first flown? Did you know that it wasn't until flag was flown? Did you know that behind establishing Flag Day in our different versions of our flag were meanings behind each?

Learn about all these things and observance of Flag Day and the a ton of interesting history to be lesser known and not often seen one to see!



1960 that the present day 50-star the Elks were the founding push Country? Do you know how many flown through the years and the

more at the Lodge's annual ceremony that goes with it. There is shared, we bring out some of the flags, and display them for every-

This year, we're observing Flag Day on Sunday June 12th at 2pm.

This is a public event, so please bring family and friends along. You never know what you might learn along the way!

## ...Our Members...

**Sickness & Distress:** None  
**Deaths:** None  
**Members for Consideration:** None  
**Members Reinstated:** None  
**Members Elected:** Andrew "Drew" Marcarelli, transfer from Carmichael, CA Lodge #2103  
**Members Initiated:** None  
**Hidden Number:**  
 March's hidden number was Vernon Davis on page 4! 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 4th meeting was for \$250. John DeMay was the lucky name, but he was not in attendance...neither was Dennis Smith on May 18th, he missed out on \$250. You have to come to meetings to win!  
 Next meeting is June 1st at 7 pm!

**Jolly Corks Pub is closed Sunday, Monday, Wednesday.**  
**Open hours are Tues and Thurs 3 - 7, Fri 3 - 9, Sat 3- 7**  
**No food service available.**

**NEW HOURS**  
**TUESDAY, THURSDAY**  
 3pm - 7 pm  
**FRIDAY**  
 3 PM - 9 pm  
**SATURDAY**  
 3 PM - 7 pm  
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## Committee Reports

**Americanism:** No Report.  
**Boy Scouts:** Flags awarded at Willard Community Center, Vine Congregational Church  
**Drug Awareness:** No Report.  
**Girl Scouts:** No Report.  
**Hide Program:** Larry Jurgens recognized at State for most hides in Nebraska  
**Hoop Shoot:** Completed local and district.  
**House Committee:** No Report.  
**ENF:** The 2022-2023 goal is pending. Donations for ENF have not been sent in yet.  
**Membership:** 228 members, 23 delinquent.  
**Lincoln Youth Football:** Registration has begun for the upcoming season.  
**Retention:** No Report.  
**Scholarship:** Scoring of applications completed.  
**Soccer Shoot:** No Report.  
**Social Community Welfare:** No Report.  
**Veterans Committee:** No Report.  
*Committee reports are minimal due to our meetings being abbreviated. Many Lodge activities are on hold due to COVID19 concerns.*

**Did you see this message? Let us know!**  
 As with all of the other changes going on in the world around us, we're taking a look at how our Membership views their Elk-o-Gram (...or if they don't. Yeah, we know...). Do you wait for it to show up in the mail? Visit the Lodge website and view it online? Via your email? Would you like to receive it in a different manner than you currently are? Please let us know!

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### 2022-2023 Elks' Lodge #80 Officers

<b>Exalted Ruler.....</b>	Larry Schwindt
<b>Leading Knight.....</b>	Larry Bratt
<b>Loyal Knight.....</b>	Dr. William Jackson
<b>Lecturing Knight.....</b>	Bryan Leavitt
<b>Esquire.....</b>	Troy Pederson
<b>Inner Guard.....</b>	Heather Chesnut
<b>Tiler.....</b>	Maureen Sadler
<b>Secretary.....</b>	Laurie Montag PER
<b>Treasurer.....</b>	Jody Schrage
<b>Chaplain.....</b>	Frank Bruyette
<b>Trustee 1 Year.....</b>	Scott Schrage
<b>Trustee 2 Year.....</b>	Randy King
<b>Trustee 3 Year.....</b>	Milt Schmidt
<b>Trustee 4 Year.....</b>	Jen Giese
<b>Trustee 5 Year.....</b>	Harry Montag, PER
<b>Presiding Justice.....</b>	Amy Jacobsen PER
<b>Organist .....</b>	Wauneta Peterson

## **Elk-O-Gram Editor's Note**

**Articles Due:**

**June 16**

**Deadline is ALWAYS 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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## **Notes from the Trustees**

To update the Lodge on the Boy Scouts, we will start presenting flags at Eagle Scout Court of Honor outside of our building. As for having scouts and scouting events within our building, we have decided not to participate with those until the lawsuit against the Scouts have been settled or we hear different from Grand Lodge. The Northeast Booster Club came and helped out with the May Dinner. After hearing a report from Randy, it was decided that we need to look into increasing our insurance coverage on the Lodge and that is being done. It was also brought up that we need an informational book on what all the committees are and what they do. We are asking all Chairpersons to do a write a description on their committees and submit them to the Lodge. Remember to support our monthly dinners! - *Scott*



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!*

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### **Karaoke at the Lodge**

We had a great time in May! Ken stepped in and subbed as KJ for Ed, who had another commitment with his band.



The crew has decided to take a sabbatical for the summer months, so Karaoke will return in September.

Mark your calendar for September 15!

To note - at the May 18 meeting, there was a proposed Lodge Resolution read on the floor. This is to be voted on at the 157th Grand Lodge convention.

The proposition is currently posted on the Lodge bulletin board. If you desire a copy, one may be requested by email to secretary@elks80.org.



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 May (with kudos to any we may inadvertently miss): Larry Bratt; Jen Giese; Larry and Vicki Jurgens; Randy King; Harry and Laurie Montag; Jody and Scott Schrage; Milt and Linda Schmidt; Maggie and Colin Schumacher; Larry Schwindt.

### **Happy June Birthdays!**

#### **2022-2023 Committees**

**Accident:** Scott Schrage  
**Activities:** Harry Montag, PER  
**Americanism:**  
**Auditing:** Jody Schrage  
**Benevolence:** Larry Bratt PER, PDDGER, 2VP  
**By-Laws Changes:**  
**Christmas:** Larry Schwindt, ER, 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

**Hide Program:** Larry Jurgens  
**Hoop Shoot:** Harry Montag, PER  
**Indoctrination:** Laurie Montag, PER  
**Investigation:** Larry Bratt PDDGER, PER, 2VP  
**Membership:** Larry Schwindt ER, PSP, PER  
**PER Association:** Larry Bratt, PER, PDDGER, 2VP  
**Public Relations:** Harry Montag, PER  
**Ritual:** Larry Bratt PER, PDDGER, 2VP  
**Scholarship:** Laurie Montag PER  
**Soccer Shoot:**  
**Standing Relief:** Laurie Montag PER  
**State Major Projects:** Larry Schwindt ER, PSP, PER  
**Veterans:** Harry Montag, PER  
**Youth Activities:** Laurie Montag PER

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|------------------------|---------------------|
| 03 - James Baruth      | 17 - Donald Norris  |
| 04 - Katharine Bohling | 19 - Kim Wiseman    |
| Glen Pummel            | Patrick McCashland  |
| 06 - Daniel Holland    | 20 - Richard Baker  |
| Dick Stephenson        | 23 - Jacob Bliven   |
| 08 - Rex Jensen        | 26 - Gregory Norris |
| 11- Luann Hamilton     | Thomas Ferneau III  |
| Gregory Meyers         | Thomas Holland      |
| 14 - Sharon Buss       |                     |



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)



Eagle Scout Josh Stearns, Troop 55, receives an American Flag at his Court of Honor on April 30th. His project was to build raised flower and growing beds at the Willard Community Center.

An American Flag was given at a Court of Honor on April 23rd for Paul Ruder, Troop 56, at North American Martyrs Church. His project was landscaping a garden at the Pink Ladies Convent near 56th & South.

On May 7th, an American Flag was given at Troop 32 Court of Honor, St. Peter's Catholic Church, for Jack Tapling. His project was rebuilding and expanding a play area for the school at that location.

On May 15th, 3 American Flags were given at Troop 8 Court of Honor at Vine Congregational Church for Phillip Rushman, Zackary O'Brien, and Owen Kriekemeier. Phillip built a disc golf course at Youth for Christ campus 65th & Pine Lake. Zackary built Archery stands and target stands for the Isaac Walton League near Cheney. Owen built a Gaga ball pit at Camp Sonshine near Roca, for the kids.



Do you remember these??




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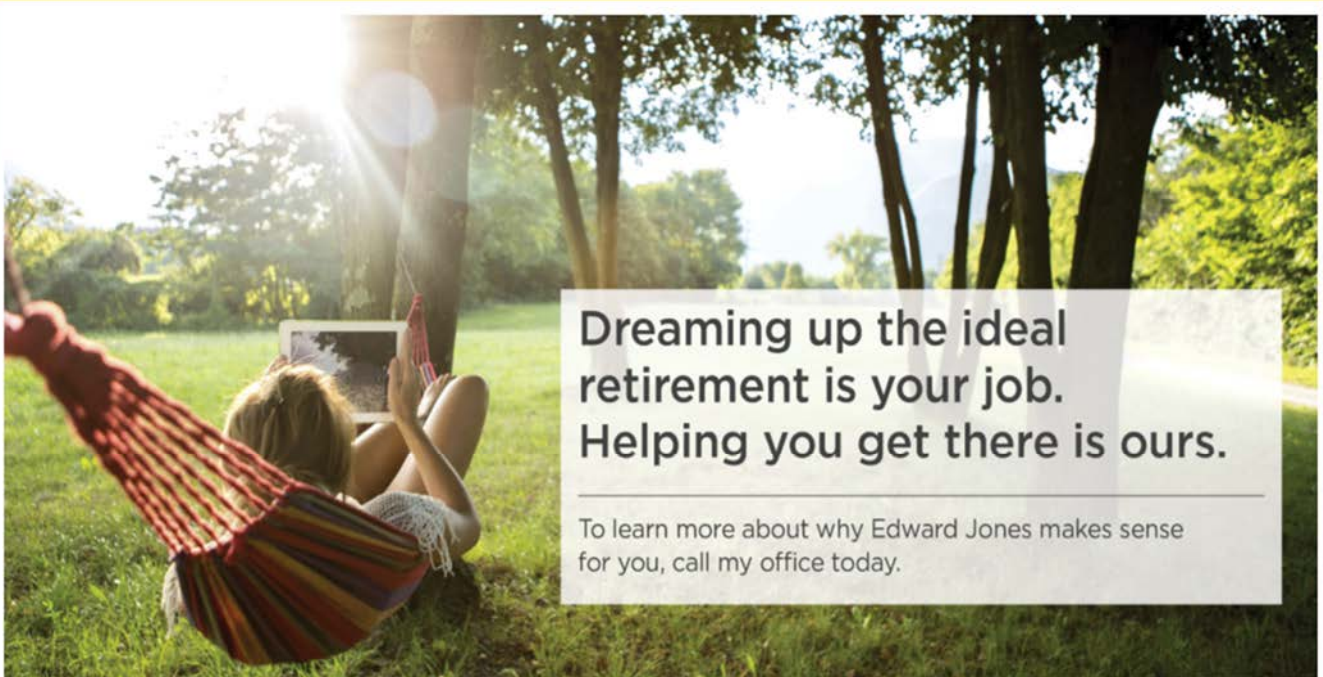
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Lodge 80 GOAL: Not yet declared for 2022

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

# June 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29	30 Closed Memorial Day	31 Pitch 3p	1 Closed Trustee 6p Lodge 7p	2	3	4
5	6 Closed	7 Pitch 3p Am. Legion 7p	8 Closed Corvette Club 5:30p Does 5:30p	9	10	11
12 Flag Day Celebration 2p	13 Closed	14 Pitch 2:30p Burger Nite 5:30p Am. Legion Aux 6p Am. Legion 7p	15 Closed House 6p Lodge 7p	16 American Legion Aux 3p	17 Bass Club 7p	18 Spaghetti Dinner 5.30p
19	20 Closed	21 Pitch 3p Am. Legion 40/8 7p	22 Closed	23	24	25 Lodge Rented  Juneteenth at F st. Rec Center
26	27 Closed	28 Pitch 3p	29 Closed	30	1	2