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Upcoming Dinners

Mark your Calendar for **Saturday, May 6th, 2023!** Elks Lodge #80 will be recognizing our local First Responders and all of the good they have done for our community. We will be serving Porkchops, Asparagus, Cheesy Potatoes, Roll and a sweet dessert.

Cost will be \$12.00 per person. This is a well attended dinner, so make sure you get your reservations in early, it will fill up fast!

Come and share a great dinner and thank those being recognized for their service.

Saturday May 6 , 2023

Dinner sponsored by the Gustin and



Social hour 5:30, Dinner 6:30

Norris families in memory of Ray Norris

Mark your Calendar for **Saturday, June 17th, 2023** for our monthly dinner! We will be serving Rotisserie style Chicken, Pasta Salad, Honey Roasted Carrots, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Bread and a Peach Cobbler for dessert!

Cost will be \$12.00 per person.

Saturday June 17th, 2023

Social hour 5:30, Dinner 6:30

Collection Barrel Information

Benefitting WE CAN DO THIS at the F Street Community Center. For May, we will continue to collect non-perishable (not needing refrigeration) food items that are easily prepared or are readily edible, such as single serving microwavable containers of mac & cheese, stew, soup, boxes of oatmeal packets, etc. that only require the addition of water for preparation. Also appropriate would be single serving containers of fruit, Jell-o, pudding, applesauce, that type of thing. Cans of tuna, vegetables or fruit would be appropriate; containers that do not need an opener are preferred, but not required. Bear in mind, milk, eggs, or butter may not be available to prepare boxed mixes. Please consider adding one or two of these items to your shopping list, and leave them in the red container at the Lodge. A BIG THANK -YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE DONATED! The need continues!

Larry Jurgens was presented with the Lincoln Elks Lodge #80 Elk of the Year award for 2022 - 2023.



Jody Schrage was presented with the Lincoln Elks Lodge #80 Officer of the Year award for 2022 - 2023.

Linda Schmidt was presented with the Lincoln Elks Lodge #80 Citizen of the Year award for 2022 - 2023.





Exalted Ruler Larry Schwindt
Lincoln Lodge No. 80
2023-2024
Welcome New Officers!

We're starting the second month of the Lodge year and we have 35 members who haven't yet paid their dues. Our member's dues are a vital link in the chain that keeps the Lodge running, and it's very important that dues are paid promptly. If a member's dues aren't received by April 1st, they are considered delinquent; you are not considered a member in good standing. You may be denied access to the club and your Lodge privileges. For those who may have misplaced their dues statement, new statements will be sent out soon.

Please remit your dues as soon as possible; your Lodge has already paid the portion of your dues that is assessed by the state and national organizations. Paying your dues on time will also save the Lodge the cost of postage, as well the time volunteers will have to spend contacting delinquent members.

Thanks to our ever-efficient Lodge Secretary Laurie Montag, we are already in the process of applying for grants for the upcoming fraternal year. When we obtain approval from Grand Lodge for these grants, we will once again be able to resume our Veterans program at the Victory apartments, as well as some of our other charitable activities.

At the end of April, I had the privilege of attending our State Convention in Kearney. I was able to attend the District Deputy clinic as well as the business sessions. Attending the convention also provided a great opportunity to network with other Lodge officers from around the state. The highlight of the convention however, was watching our very own Larry Bratt get installed as our new State President for the 2023-2024 Lodge year. I have every confidence that Larry will do an outstanding job as our State President. Congratulations Larry!!

Thanks, Larry

Secretary's Corner



Happy Spring – er, well, it's trying to come, anyway. As I write this, we just had an overnight freeze. But, things are looking up! And the best news? The Huskers won! Well, the White team won – but is there really ever a loser in the Spring Game? And Frank Solich was back in Memorial Stadium! So much excitement in the Land of the Huskers!

We have come a long way from the last newsletter – we only have 36 members who remain unpaid at this writing. To those of you who have paid – THANK YOU! To those who have not yet – what are you waiting for? The next set of statements will go out in mid-May. Due to lag time, if you remit your dues after May 1, you may receive a statement even if you have paid. If you have a yellow 2023-2024 membership card, your dues are current.

We have some delicious meals coming up this summer, so if you are in town, please don't hesitate to come join us for our monthly dinner! It's always a good time with good food. A suggestion – if you see someone you don't know, sit with them and get to know them. We are a fraternal organization – let's fraternize! Let's make everyone feel good every time they come to the lodge. And if you are vacationing away from Lincoln – visit other Elks lodges! It's another benefit of our organization. You can find out what lodges are close to you by searching the zip code on elks.org.

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

Youth Activities

We've had a very active period in Youth Activities over the past couple of months – we distributed Thesauruses, and we recognized our Teen of the Year nominees in March. In April, scholarships were awarded, winners were notified by mail on or about April 15th, and the winners were posted on our website, elks80.org. The Junior Recognition letters and certificates will be mailed on May 1, and will be posted on our website thereafter. Congratulations to all!

Nomination for Life Membership - Duane Vanderbeek



Eagle Scout Award



Troy Pedersen and Michael Bean, Troop 64 Hickman. Project was creating a Little Food Pantry in Cortland.



Troy Pedersen and Christian Townsend, Troop 64. Project was creating a Cemetery Directory for Panama Cemetery.



Spencer Sharp, Troop 25, project was installing updated flagpoles and landscaping for Messiah Lutheran Church.



Nick McGahan, Troop 159, project was building 4 outdoor porch swings for a church camp in McCool Junction.

Owen & Gabriel Lingren Troop 32. Owen built benches and flower boxes for the Lincoln Amateur Radio Club building. Gabriel completed a landscaping project for Holy Saviour Lutheran.



Photo courtesy of Ed Holloway

One Last Hurrah!

On Saturday April 23, members of Does Drove #4 volunteered for what would be the last time as a part of the Nebraska Husker Football Concessions Project. This project was something that the Does Drove was involved in for the last 55+ years! The Drove decided to retire the project after this years' Spring Game. However, where a door closes, a window presents itself - the Drove will now be volunteering for Husker Volleyball Concessions instead! If you're interested in helping out, reach out to a Drove member!

Does Drove #4 President Vicki Logan volunteering at Concession Stand 52 at the Husker Spring Game April 23.

Ken Cohn, B.A. Fisser, and Diane Z. volunteering at Concession Stand 53 at the Husker Spring Game April 23.



...Our Members...

Sickness & Distress: P.E.R. John Aman, P.E.R. Wes Durst

Deaths: Dale Hansen

Members for Consideration: None

Members Reinstated: None

Members Elected: None

Members Initiated: None

Hidden Number:

March's hidden number was Alisa Neff on page 5! 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 April 5th meeting was for \$145. Roxy Thomas was the lucky name, but she was not in attendance...neither was Dan Holland on April 19th, he missed out on \$155. You have to come to meetings to win! Terry Edwards won the \$10 raffle drawing, donate his winnings to the kitchen fund. Next meeting is May 3rd 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.

Committee Reports

Americanism: No Report.
Boy Scouts: 5 Flags and Certificates given since last month.
Drug Awareness: Disposal bags for old medication available at the Lodge.
Girl Scouts: Flag Ceremony June 4. Watch for details.
Hide Program: No Report.
Hoop Shoot: Completed district and regional.
House Committee: Convection oven up and running, donations accepted!
ENF: \$17.64, finished 2022 4th in the State. Fidelity Club allows automatic deductions from your bank account. Consider joining. The 2023-2024 goal has not yet been announced.
Membership: 217 members, 36 delinquents. Please Pay Your Dues!
Lincoln Youth Football: No Report.
Scholarship: Scholarship Award letters have gone out. No Youth Day this year.
Soccer Shoot: No Report.
Social Community Welfare: No Report.
Veterans Committee: Pantry for Victory Apartments is ongoing, see Milt Schmidt for information, the Veteran's Coffehaus received a donation from our Lodge - funds provided by one of our ENF grants.

In Sympathy

Lodge 80's heartfelt sympathies are extended to: The family of our departed member Dale Hansen

Thank you to those who helped fold the EOG for May!
Remember, many hands make light work...

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NEW HOURS

TUESDAY, THURSDAY
 3pm - 7 pm

FRIDAY
 3 PM - 9 pm

SATURDAY
 3 PM - 7 pm

LINCOLN ELKS LODGE #80

2023-2024 Elks' Lodge #80 Officers

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

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Elk-O-Gram Editor's Note

Articles Due:

May 18

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



The Trustee's met and the first order of business was to elect a new Chairperson and Secretary. Scott Schrage was elected Chairperson and Harry Montag was elected Secretary for the upcoming year. The monthly reports were handed out and all members approved them.

The Trustee's were asked about helping with the Does 100th Birthday celebration. We discussed what was needed and it was decided that the Does would sign a room rental agreement at members price, also they would pay for all the food. The Lodge will prepare the meal and then serve and clean up the kitchen. Expecting around 50-60 for the dinner. This will take place on June 24th.

We had a guest speaker, Lee Peterson, from the Cornhusker Council for the Boy Scouts of America. Lee talked about what the scouts are doing and how they are working with the youths of Lincoln. Lee talked about different ways the Elks could be apart of this and showed us how we can help. The Trustee's are going to look into this and Troy is going to get us more information on this matter.

It was brought up about getting a display case so we could have Elks apparel displayed for members to purchase. Going to look at what we can display and what it would cost to get this started.

Remember to attend the Monthly Dinners for good food and fellowship with members and a Great Time! - *Scott Schrage and the Trustee's*

Did you see something missing? 15951 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!*

Karaoke at the Lodge

Join us on Friday May 19 at 6 pm for the fun. Bring pot luck or

munchies to share, bring your friends, get your song on! Ken has a ton of music to share, we need singers as well as audience. See you there!



A big shout out to our members who volunteered to work at the lodge in April to support our lounge, our dinners, room rentals, and other projects, and in general help make our lodge work. Thanks goes to those who served the lodge in March (with kudos to any we may inadvertently miss): Larry Bratt PER; Ken Cohn; Diane Dannelly and Dave Nelson; Jen Giese; Larry Jurgens; Vicki Jurgens; Randy King; Harry Montag PER; Laurie Montag PER; Troy Pedersen; Maureen Sadler; Milt and Linda Schmidt; Jody Schrage; Scott Schrage; Bob Sindlar; and Larry Schwindt ER.

The Fish Fry dinner was fabulous, as all those who attended know. Big thanks for both working and sponsoring the dinner go to: Scott and Jody Schrage; Randy Bergholz; LaDonna Dannehl, Elliott Schrage; Maggie, Colin, and Landon Schumacher; Vicki Logan; Sharon Buss; Chelsea and Michael Truka; Dave and Sandy Reiber; Greg Hansen; Greg Meyer; Harry and Laurie Montag; Roxy Thomas; Mary Ryan, Randy King, John Hansen, Milt and Linda Schmidt, and Justin White.

We also thank a Most Valuable Student Scholarship recipient – back for the second time for his assistance at the April Fish Fry dinner – Hon Rowe!

2023-2024 Committees

Accident: Scott Schrage
Activities: Harry Montag, PER
Americanism:
Auditing: Jody Schrage
Benevolence: Larry Bratt, President Nebraska Elks, PER, PDDGER
By-Laws Changes:
Christmas: Bryan Leavitt
Community Activities: Larry Bratt, President Nebraska Elks, PER, PDDGER
Drug Awareness: Harry Montag, PER
Eagle Scouts: Randy King
Elks Memorial Day: Larry Jurgens
ENF: Larry Bratt, President Nebraska Elks, PER, PDDGER,
Flag Day:
Fraternal: Gerald Miles, PER
Girl Scouts: Randy King
Gov. Relations: Troy Pedersen, PER
Hide Program: Larry Jurgens

Hoop Shoot: Harry Montag, PER
Indoctrination: Laurie Montag, PER
Investigation: Larry Bratt, President Nebraska Elks, PER, PDDGER
Membership: Larry Schwindt, PSP, PER, PDDGER
PER Association: Larry Bratt, President Nebraska Elks, PER, PDDGER
Public Relations: Harry Montag, PER
Ritual: Larry Bratt, President Nebraska Elks, PER, PDDGER
Scholarship: Laurie Montag, PER
Soccer Shoot:
Standing Relief: Laurie Montag, PER
State Major Projects: Larry Schwindt, PSP, PER, PDDGER
Veterans: Harry Montag, PER
Youth Activities: Laurie Montag, PER
Youth Football: Scott Schrage

Happy May Birthdays!

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|-------------------------|----------------------|
| 01 - Christine Armitage | 13 - Wade Kendall |
| Ed Muggy | 14 - Randy Bergholtz |
| 02 - Jean Leavitt | 15 - Mark Long |
| Elliot Schrage | 17 - Alisa Neff |
| 03 - Allen King | 19 - Maureen Sadler |
| 05 - Eric Ebeler | 21 - Juli Jurgens |
| 08 - Walt Hayes | Randy Strope |
| 09 - Mitch Becker | Neil Stuthman |
| 10 - Rebekah Petersen | 22 - Larry Bratt |
| Colin Schumacher | Sonny Lane |
| 11 - Craig Rodenbaugh | 26 - Ruth Arms |
| 12 - Curtis Rohn | Marvin Godding |



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)

Give to Lincoln Day...

Event Overview:

Give to Lincoln Day is an event that encourages people to contribute to Lincoln and Lancaster County nonprofit organizations. Give to Lincoln Day is coordinated by Lincoln Community Foundation, in partnership with local nonprofit organizations. Every donation made through Give to Lincoln Day makes a bigger impact, because nonprofits also get a proportional share of a \$500,000 matching fund.

Making a donation:

Online donations (the preferred method) can be made with a credit/debit card at www.givetolincoln.com from May 1 starting at 12:00am, through May 24 at 11:59pm. Offline donations (checks) will follow a special process this year. Checks must be written to "Lincoln Community Foundation" with the nonprofit name specified in the memo line, and mailed to the address below (postmarked by May 17):

Lincoln Community Foundation 215 Centennial Mall South, Suite 100, Lincoln NE 68508

Is there a minimum/maximum donation?

The minimum donation on www.givetolincoln.com is \$10. There is no maximum donation limit. Household gifts exceeding \$10,000 per nonprofit will be eligible for match fund dollars up to \$10,000, and any amount in excess of \$10,000 will not be eligible for the match fund.

What does all of this mean for the Elks?

The Elks Scholarship Fund is eligible to receive funds through the Give to Lincoln Day event. This is the sixth year we have participated in this event, and have increased our base scholarship fund each year. If you have ever wanted to give to the scholarship fund, now is the time! All contributions are tax deductible and will be increased by the matching funds through the Lincoln Community Foundation. The Lincoln Elks Lodge makes a huge impact on the community with the scholarships that we give. We should be very proud that we can have an impact on so many young adults in the area. Any contributions that you can make to the scholarship fund will help keep this program strong, and will ensure the viability of this program well into the future. To contribute, go to www.givetolincoln.com and search for Lincoln Elks Lodge #80 Charitable Fund Inc. There will also be a link on our web site elks80.org under the "Announcements" heading.

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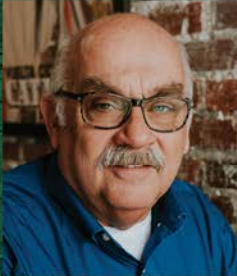
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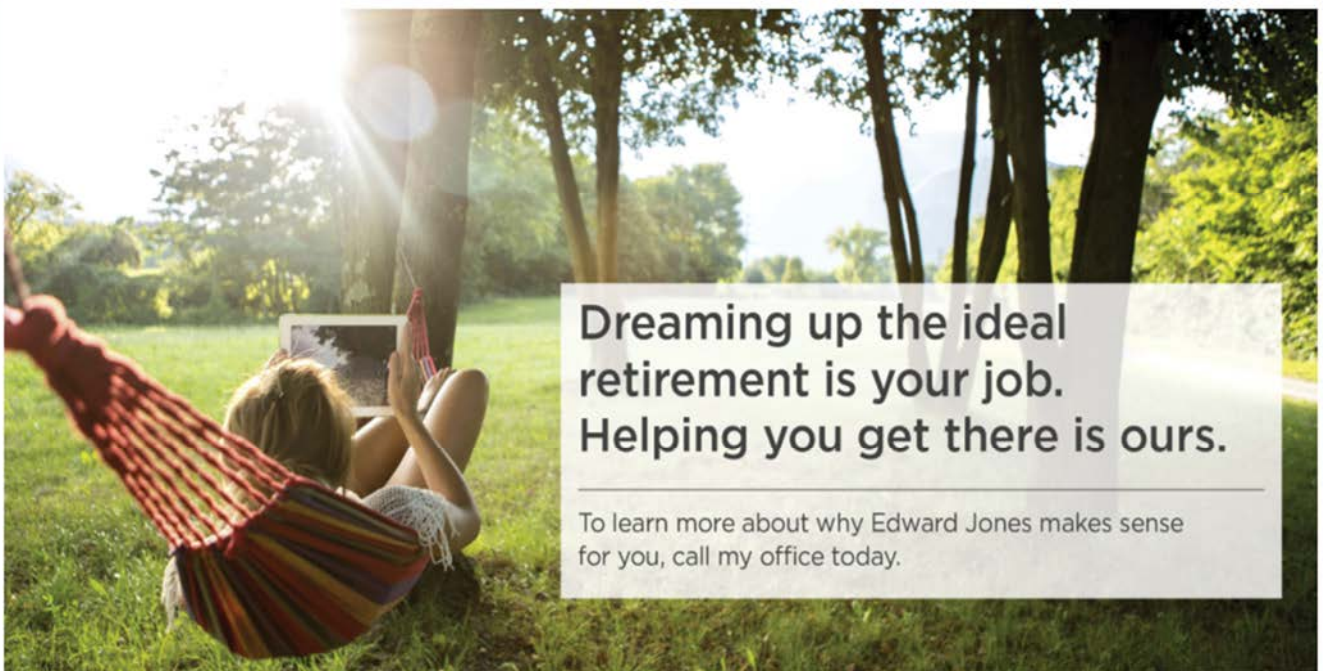
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Our Lodge was present at the BIGGEST event of the year for the Wysong PTO, on Friday, April 21st. Special thanks goes out to Milt and Linda Schmidt and Laurie and Harry Montag for their help at this local event. They showed that 'Elks Care, and Elks Share'. There were lots of interactive activities going on, so everyone who attended had plenty of fun!



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Lodge 80 GOAL: 2023 not yet announced. As of 3/15/23: \$17.64

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

May 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Closed	2 Pitch 3p	3 Closed Lodge 7p	4 Trustee 6p	5	6 First Responder's Dinner 6:30p Cocktails 5:30p
7	8 Closed	9 Pitch 3p Burger Nite 5:30p Am. Legion Aux 6p Am. Legion 7p	10 Closed Corvette Club 5:30p Does 5:30p	11	12	13
14 Happy Mother's Day! 	15 Closed	16 Pitch 3p Am. Legion 40/8 7p	17 Closed Vets 1p Star City Shores Show n' Shine House 6p Lodge 7p	18	19 Karaoke 6-9p Bass Club 7-8p Veterans Coffee- haus 10a Auld Pavilion	20
21	22 Closed	23 Pitch 3p	24 Closed	25 American Legion Aux 1p	26 Room Rented 3p	27 Room Rented 4p
28 Room Rented	29 Closed Memorial Day	30 Pitch 3p	31 Closed	1	2	3