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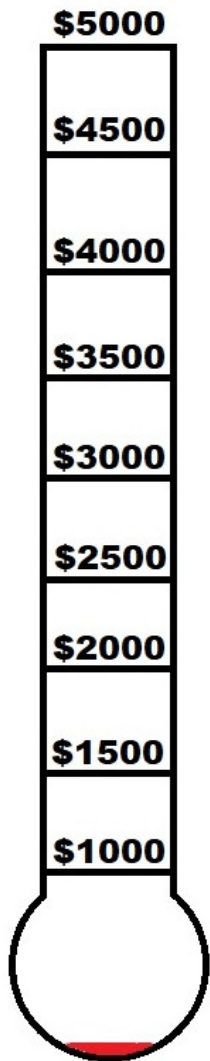
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Chillin' in the Kitchen

A fundraiser to fix our walk-in cooler!

Who remembers Hobart's Hedge Fund? Well, we need to raise \$5,000 to repair our walk-in cooler. Will you buy a loaf of bread? A dozen eggs? Pork chops or half a beef? We will have different categories of giving.

Start with a Loaf of Bread, give a little more and move up to a Dozen eggs - you get the idea!

\$1-100 - Loaf of Bread \$101-250 - Dozen Eggs \$251- \$500 - Fried Chicken

\$501- \$750 - Rack of Lamb \$751-\$1000 - A Whole Hog \$1001+ - A Side of Beef

Where will you see your name?

Bring your checks to the Pub, drop them off at the Lodge, or mail them in...better yet, come to a meeting and present your check in person!



Come Celebrate September!

Join us Saturday September 9th for Meatloaf, Green Beans, Baked Potato, Roll, Salad, and Apple Dessert. \$12/ Person. 5:30 happy hour, 6:30 Dinner served



Saturday
October 7th
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Exalted Ruler Larry Schwindt
Lincoln Lodge No. 80
2023-2024

Attending the Grand Lodge Convention in Minneapolis was both enjoyable and informative. As usual, there were numerous seminars to attend, and many booths at the exhibition hall to visit. Some of the booths had information about the various Grand Lodge programs, and many states had booths that displayed their state major project. There were 18 resolutions that were submitted to the members, which if passed, would change the Grand Lodge Statutes. These resolutions were voted upon, and the results will be published in one of the upcoming Elks National Magazines.

I was able to make time to watch the Grand Island Ritual Team perform. The team did very well, finishing third in the Western Division.

I was honored that Michael Ohren, from Omaha Lodge #39, asked me to deliver his nomination speech for Grand Trustee at the convention. Michael was later elected and installed to the position of Grand Lodge Trustee. I can't say for sure how many people were in attendance when I gave the speech (they said there were over 5000 registered attendees) but I can at least say that giving the speech in front of such a huge group was very exhilarating!

As I am writing this, we still have 20 members who have not yet paid their dues for the year. I am asking each of you to please try to remember why you first joined this great organization. We do so many good things in our community with our scholarships, youth football, and supporting our Veterans in many different ways, just to name a few. We need your support! Paying your dues may have just slipped your mind, or the reminder might have been misplaced, but please take a few minutes to send your dues to the Lodge. It means so much to the community to keep the Elks going strong.

Elks Share! Elks Care!
 Thanks, Larry

Alex Dunne, who volunteers with We Can Do This to do the pick-up of collected items. Alex has been picking up the contents of the barrel and delivering the goods to the We Can Do This storage area at F Street Community Center for several months now.



Secretary's Corner



I hope this copy of the Elk-O-Gram finds you enjoying your summer, wherever you are!

Please let me know if you would find that having the newsletter emailed to you would better satisfy your needs. I find that carrying the electronic copy of the newsletter on my smart phone gives me the ability to reference (or just read it) anywhere that might be convenient for me. Those of you who spend your winters (or summers) someplace other than at your Lincoln home might also consider receiving the newsletter via email. If you would like to switch from a mailed copy to an electronic copy, please let me know and I will add you to the ever-growing list! We appreciate it – it saves your lodge printing and mailing costs – and as I mentioned, you can carry it wherever you go!

We are slowly making progress in contacting our lapsed members. You may not realize that our Lodge pays per capita fees to Grand Lodge (\$29) and the State Association (\$2.50) based on our active members on April 1 each year. What this means is that the Lodge has already paid \$31.50 for each member for the current year. When a member is late paying their current year dues (after April 1 each year), it creates a budgeting shortfall for our Lodge, as the member fees have already been paid on the member's behalf. Knowledge is Power!

The Lodge bade farewell to one of our faithful members, John Aman PER, who passed on August 9, 2023. John was a member for 27 years, served as Exalted Ruler during the 2001/2002 year, and was recognized as Officer of the Year in 2008. John took great pleasure in sponsoring, preparing, and serving the annual St. Patrick's Day dinner every March, and is remembered by many members for that delicious dinner. He sponsored many new Elks. John was very generous to his Lodge. TO OUR ABSENT MEMBER!

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

June 24th found us hosting our 100th birthday celebration with many Past Presidents and members from other Drove's joining us. 100 years goes by so quickly and sees so many changes thru the years. Summer finds us manning food sale stands at the Super Saver stores on Saturdays during the summer, a gig that's a lot easier to handle than the 10 to 12 hours needed to work football concessions.

In case you haven't seen it yet the Does adopted a new logo a few months ago. It's a little easier to figure out the Doe emblem, our official name ~ Benevolent, Patriotic Order of Does, as well as what we stand for ~ Patriotism, Loyalty, Love, Charity. Hope you like it, we sure do!
 See you at the Lodge!



Sandy Reiber, Secretary ~ 402-432-0222
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Larry Schwindt, ER, PER, PSP, PDDGER, and Randy King presented an American Flag to Brayden Huenink, Troop 159, at his Eagle Court of Honor at St. Andrews Lutheran Church, on August 20, 2023. Brayden's project was a food/supply drive for the Capitol Humane Society.



Randy King presenting an American Flag to Eagle Kasey Hazen, Holy Savior Lutheran Church, Lincoln, August 13. Kasey's project was building and installing 5 bat houses at the Optimist's Cabin near Crete.



The mission of Quilts of Honor is to bestow a universal symbol and token of thanks, solace, and remembrance to those who serve in harm's way to protect and defend our lives and freedoms.

Quilts of Honor are made by the loving hands of countless volunteers who wish to thank those who have served and to honor their service and sacrifice.

Our Own Larry Jurgens received his Welcome Home hug a few weeks ago.



Troy Pedersen PER, presenting an American Flag to Eagle Scout Glenn McChristian, Grace Lutheran Church, Lincoln, August 13.



...Our Members...

Sickness & Distress: Jen Giese, surgery.
Deaths: John Aman, P.E.R., 27 year member
Members for Consideration: Al Beer, proposed by Randy King
Members Reinstated: None
Members Elected: None
Members Initiated: None
Hidden Number: July and August's hidden numbers were in the last issue. Neither member (Roger Trautwein or Bob Sindlar) spotted their number (or at least didn't redeem their dinner ticket...) 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 drawing on 7/19 was David Roger, who was not present to win \$29. The drawing on 8/19 was Frank Bruyette, who was not present to win \$42. It pays to come to meetings! The July 19 raffle was won by Ruth Arms, who donated her \$8 prize to the Kitchen Fund. The August 19 raffle was won by Larry Jurgens, who donated his prize of \$13 to the Cooler Fundraiser. Thank You!

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

Boy Scouts: 3 Eagle Flags presented by Troy Pedersen and Randy King.
Drug Awareness: Harry reported on NE State Patrol's ongoing efforts to stem the flow of drugs on the I-80 corridor.
Girl Scouts: A Thank You was received from the Homestead Council for the participation in their Gold Award Ceremony and support of the refreshments afterwards.
House Committee: House Committee met 8/16, discussed options for the walk-in cooler.
ENF: The 2023-2024 goal is \$4.80. Lodge #80 ENF currently at \$8.59 per member.
Membership: 217 Active, 20 delinquent, one pending
Lincoln Youth Football: Games get underway at the South Street field on August 27, and continue through October. Members are encouraged to attend and encourage the players.
Veterans Committee: Victory Apartments distribution completed, Veterans Coffeehaus August 18th.

In Sympathy...

Elks Lodge #80 offers it's sincerest condolences to Charles Aman, in the loss of his father, John Aman, P.E.R.; and to Trustee Jen Giese, in the loss of her sister Samantha.

Did you see the Lodge dinner decorations at Italian Night? Diane did such a wonderful job decorating our Lodge, and the Italian music Harry piped through our in house sound system via Bluetooth was perfect! Created a festive atmosphere for all. Big Thanks to Milt and Diane for inviting so many to join us, great to see new faces mingling with familiar ones at the dinner. The raffle table was packed with goodies - thanks to all who donated! Things like this make it fun!

COLLECTION BARREL

For WE CAN DO THIS at the F Street Community Center. We continue to collect non-perishable food items such as single-serving foods, canned vegetables, canned proteins, and self-care items, such as tooth brushes, tooth paste, deodorants (Axe, Sure, Secret are brands young people seem to like), shampoo, body wash, etc. Remember, these items go to young people and children. 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!

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Loyal Knight.....	Dr. William Jackson
Lecturing Knight.....	Bryan Leavitt
Esquire.....	Troy Pedersen PER
Inner Guard.....	Heather Chesnut
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Chaplain.....	Frank Bruyette
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Trustee 3 Year.....	Milt Schmidt
Trustee 4 Year.....	Jen Giese
Trustee 5 Year.....	Harry Montag, PER
Presiding Justice.....	Amy Jacobsen, PER
Organist	Wauneta Peterson

Elk-O-Gram Editor's Note

Articles Due:

September 21

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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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!



A big shout out to our members who volunteered to work at the lodge in August to support our lounge, our dinners, room rentals, karaoke, newsletter, and other projects, and in general help make our lodge work. Thanks goes to those who served the lodge in August (with kudos to any we may inadvertently miss): Larry Bratt PER; Ken Cohn; Diane Dannelly and Dave Nelson; Larry Jurgens; Vicki Jurgens; Randy King; Harry Montag PER; Laurie Montag PER; Maureen Sadler; Bob Sindlar; Milt and Linda Schmidt; Andrew J Chlebinski (ENF Legacy Scholar), and Larry Schwindt E.R.

2023-2024 Committees

Accident: Scott Schrage
Activities: Harry Montag, PER
Americanism: Vacant
Auditing: Vacant
Benevolence: Larry Bratt, President NE Elks, PER, PDDGER
By-Laws Changes: Vacant
Christmas: Vacant
Community Activities: Larry Bratt President NE Elks, PER, PDDGER
Drug Awareness: Harry Montag, ER, PER
Eagle Scouts: Randy King
Elks Memorial Day: Larry Jurgens
ENF: Larry Bratt President NE Elks, PER, PDDGER
Flag Day: Vacant
Fraternal: Gerald Miles, PER
Girl Scout Gold Award: Randy King
Gov. Relations: Troy Pedersen, PER

Hide Program: Larry Jurgens
Hoop Shoot: Harry Montag, PER
Investigation: Larry Bratt President NE Elks, PER, PDDGER
Membership: Larry Schwindt ER, PSP, PER, PDDGER
PER Association: Larry Bratt, President NE Elks, PER, PDDGER
Public Relations: Harry Montag, PER
Ritual: Larry Bratt President NE Elks, PER, PDDGER
Scholarship: Laurie Montag PER
Standing Relief: Laurie Montag PER
State Major Projects: Larry Schwindt ER, PSP, PER, PDDGER
Veterans: Milt Schmidt
Youth Activities: Laurie Montag PER
Youth Football: Scott Schrage

Notes from the Trustees



As luck would have it, right when the heat wave hit, our 20 year old walk-in cooler broke down.

After several bids to repair this old unit, it was suggested that the cooler unit needed to be replaced. The cost of replacement is extremely high.

A call from Tom Roper suggested a remarkable savings to all of us. Now please keep in mind that ANY repair/replacement of a refrigeration system will be costly.

We are looking at a system called "Cool Bot". The Cool Bot transforms any well-insulated room into a walk-in cooler by harnessing the cooling power of a standard air conditioner. Over 50,000 farmers, florists, hunters, breweries, bars, restaurants, and mortuaries are using this product.

It will cost the lodge; we will be accepting donations to the cause. Look elsewhere in this issue for our fundrais-er. - Harry and the Trustees (Scott is on vacation!)



Karaoke at the Jolly Cork!

Karaoke Sept. 22nd (note the date change), 6-9p at the Jolly Cork. Bring your friends and family, have a good time! Bring munchies to share! 15507. Big Thanks to Al Beer for joining us once again, and in fact, he has decided to be a "loyal member among us" - he filled out an application to become an Elk! Why? Because someone asked him to join. Bring your friends, ask them to join! Ken does a great job KJ'ing, his lighting and wireless mics are a great addition to the fun. Good to see Dennis, John, Doc, Troy, Eli, and all the others having a good time singing. Come on down, bring your friends!



Happy September Birthdays!

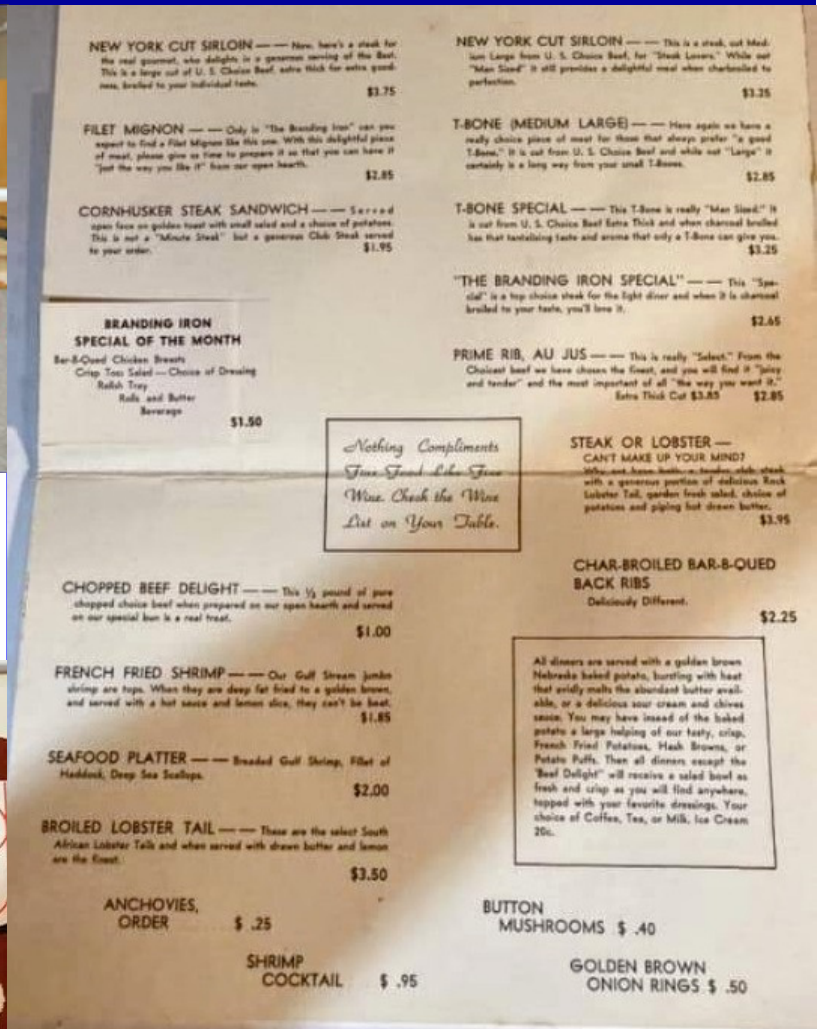
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| 04 - Doug Rienks | 22 - Scott Jurgens |
| 06 - John Hoppe, Jr. | Troy Pedersen |
| 07 - Gary Pohlman | 23 - Larry Schwindt |
| 10 - Kenneth Cohn | 24 - Hannes Zetzsche |
| 11 - Bryan Leavitt | 27 - William Jackson |
| 12 - Larry Pickering | 29 - Mike Jurado |
| 13 - Roger Schwisow | Nate Thedford |
| 20 - John DeMay | 30 - Seth Perret |
- Thomas Morrissey



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)



Left to Right: Bryan Leavitt, E.R. Larry Schwindt ER, PER, PSP, DDGER, Gregory Burrows, State Elks President Larry Bratt, DDGER, PER, and Marie Burrows, with the laptop donated by Bryan, and the voice to text software provided by Elks Lodge #80 - Elks Care, Elks Share!



Who remembers "The Branding Iron"?? A little blast from the past....look at those prices! Steak or Lobster for \$3.95...those were the days!

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...some things to think about...

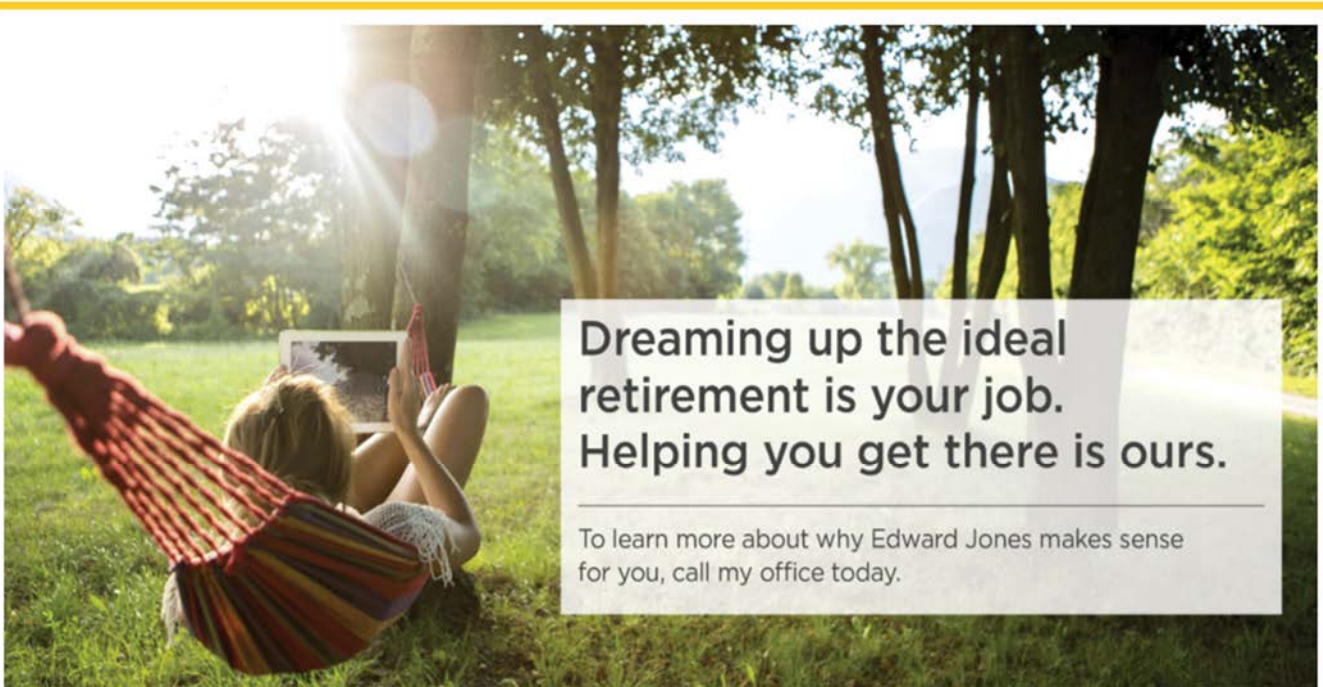
Folks, our kitchen and pub equipment is aging. We replaced a dishwasher a few years ago (2016!), and the cooking range many years ago. We have also replaced our convection oven in the last 6 months. These were all necessary expenditures, as we need to keep our equipment running and reasonably modern.

In time, we'll have to replace a deep fat fryer, and many of our beer coolers in the Pub area are over 20 years old. While we have a "repair" amount budgeted into our yearly budget; we do not have a "hard" savings account to gather funds in for eventual replacement of this equipment. Traditionally we've called the "repair budget" the "kitchen fund" and treated it as a line item account with an idea of a general amount in it.

Rather than waiting 'til something breaks, scrambling to fix it (reactive) and hoping we have enough to cover, we need to be setting aside monies to upgrade and replace equipment as it ages out (proactive). We need to switch gears from being reactive to being proactive and as such, we should begin funding the "kitchen fund" with hard dollars to build a bank with which to do this. Real dollars, not projections.

In this issue is a fun little fundraiser to offset the costs of repairing/renovating our walk-in cooler. We rely on this unit to keep our beer cold, and store our foods for monthly dinners. It is imperative we repair this unit now, then begin saving into the Kitchen Fund for future replacement needs.

We're hoping to make the walk-in the last thing that we have to try and reactively replace! Won't you help out?



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Lodge 80 GOAL: \$4.80 currently \$8.59

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

September 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	28 Closed	29 Pitch 3p	30 Closed	31	1	2 Room rented
3	4 Closed Labor Day	5 Pitch 3p	6 Closed Lodge 7p	7	8	9 Meatloaf Dinner Cocktails 5:30p Dinner 6:30 p
10	11 Closed	12 Pitch 3p Burger Nite 5:30p Am. Legion 6:30 Am. Legion 40/8	13 Closed Corvette Club 5:30p	14 DOES 5:30	15 Veteran Coffeehaus 10a Room rented	16
17	18 Closed	19 Pitch 3p Am.Legion 40/8 potluck	20 Closed House 6p Lodge 7p	21 Trustees 6 pm	22 Karaoke 6-9p Bass Club 7p	23
24	25 Closed	26 Pitch 3p Vets Pantry 3p	27 Closed	28	29	30