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## Valentine's Dinner

Reservations are a Must



Live Music, Steak, Baked Potato, Broccoli, & Dessert

February 10th  
(RSVP Feb 8th)

\$20.00

Social Hour: 5:30 Dinner: 6:30



### St. Patrick's Day Dinner Celebration

Saturday, March 16th Cocktails 5:30, Dinner 6:30

Call the Lodge with your reservations! Traditional corned beef, tender cooked buttered cabbage, new potatoes cooked in butter and parsley, finger carrots, rye bread with real Irish butter, and dessert. Need RSVP by March 14

\$15.00 per person. Sponsored by Jen Giese and Rev. Dr. William Jackson



DID SOMEONE SAY



FISH FRY?

Fried Pollock Homemade Baked Beans, Coleslaw with Pickle Spears, Rye Bread

Homemade Brownies and Ice-Cream for dessert

April 6th, 2024 - Cocktails 5.30p Dinner 6.30p - \$12 per person  
(please RSVP by Thurs Apr 4! ..... we can seat 100)

Sponsored by friends of the Jolly Cork.

First Responders Dinner upcoming in May - Watch your Elk - O - Gram for more information...



**Exalted Ruler Larry Schwindt**  
**Lincoln Lodge No. 80**  
**2023-2024**

The nominations for Officers and Trustees for the upcoming year will be held during meeting on Wednesday, February 7th. The elections for Officers and Trustees will be held during the meeting on Wednesday, February 21st. If you would like to have a voice in the decisions that are made within the Lodge, please take this opportunity to become more involved in your Lodge by becoming a part of this process. Even if you aren't an Officer, you can have a role in the decisions made by coming to the Lodge meetings. Every member at the Lodge meeting has a vote in all matters concerning the Lodge. After all, this is YOUR Lodge! Come to meetings, have a voice!

Our Lodge has received every grant that was available to us through the Elks National Foundation. This has provided us with an extra \$12,000 (more than any other Lodge in the state) to continue our charitable work in the community. This funding is made available by the generous donations made to the Elks National Foundation by our members over the years.

Many thanks go out to Laurie and Harry Montag for coordinating and submitting the applications for these grants. Without their help, we would not have been able to help so many people in our community.

February 10th we will be having our annual Valentine's Sweetheart Dinner. The food will be great and will be accompanied by music from Bert & Scott, who play a wide variety of music including country, classic rock, and oldies. Come to the Lodge for a fun night of food, music, and dancing.

Many thanks go to Mitch Becker for sponsoring last month's seafood boil dinner. Thank you also to all of the people who gave so freely of their time and energy to set up and take down tables, purchase and cook the food and clean up after everything was over.

- Thanks, Larry

**Does Dispatch**

The month of February is recognized as a milestone for the Benevolent Patriotic Order of DOES. This is due to thirty-two women from Omaha who wanted to form an organization similar to the ideals of the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks. The Grand Lodge of the BPO Does was chartered later that month. Since that time, Doves across the country gather in February to celebrate Founder's Day and remind all the meaning of the DOES; Patriotism, Charity, Loyalty, and Love. Lincoln Drove #4 will be planning their celebration later in the month; more information will be sent to DOES members.

Best to all, President Vicki Logan



**Secretary's Corner**



Happy Valentine Month! All kinds of things happen in February. First, we'll hopefully put the frightful January weather behind us (brrrr, can we all say "arctic tundra"?). Second, we'll be nominating (on February 7) and electing our new officers (on February 21) for the 2024/2025 Lodge Year which starts April 1, 2024. If you are interested in being an officer or heading up a committee (or even working on one), now is the

time to speak up!

Dues statements went out in mid-January (if you are on the auto-pay program, you did not receive one because you'll be paid up by March). We hope you'll pop that dues check in the mail or go to the Revopay website to remit online before the statement gets buried on your desk. Remember, you can also include donations to our Building Fund, our Lodge Scholarship Fund, or to Elks National Foundation (ENF) with your dues – and if you like even numbers, you can choose to round up your payment and make that extra \$1.50 donation to the lodge – which actually helps us keep our lodge dues down for everyone.

Speaking of keeping lodge dues down, you might notice that 24/25 dues are \$5.00 higher than 23/24 dues were. This is the result of a Grand Lodge per capita increase that is related to liability insurance. It has nothing to do with the portion of your dues that help to maintain and run our lodge.

January was full of weather-related disruptions in the operations of the lodge. A reminder, it is our policy to follow LPS' determinations for weather closure – if LPS is closed, the Lodge will also be closed.

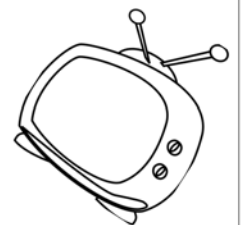
February starts the busy end-of-year-and-preparations-for-next-year period in our Lodge life. I mentioned elections above, but there are also opportunities for fun and service! On February 4 at noon, you can come take part in the review of scholarship applications for this year's students. Then on February 10, you can celebrate Valentine's Day at the lodge with a great dinner and entertainment. Karaoke follows the next week!

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

**And now for something completely different...TV Trivia!**

- Which man's testimony before a Senate subcommittee in 1969 prevented PBS' funding from being cut?
- What was Walter Cronkite's closing catchphrase on CBS's *Evening News*?



(find the answers elsewhere in this issue!)



# Local Youth Hoop Shoot



## ...Our Members...

**Sickness & Distress:** Ed Muggy, Katie Bohling  
**Deaths:** None.  
**Members for Consideration:** Sandy Dimick Kohl, proposed by Harry Montag.  
**Members Reinstated:** None  
**Members Elected:** None  
**Members Initiated:** Bruce Trautwein, proposed by Harry Montag  
**Hidden Number:** January's hidden number was 15612, Randy Slope! Look close in this issue, the hidden number might be yours. If you spot your number, you get a free meal at the next monthly dinner!

## Committee Reports

**Boy Scouts:** No report.  
**Drug Awareness:** Harry reported on NE State Patrol's ongoing efforts to stem the flow of drugs on the I-80 corridor.  
**Girl Scouts:** No Report.  
**House Committee:** No Report.  
**ENF:** The 2023-2024 goal is \$4.80. Lodge #80 is currently at \$15.61 per member.  
**Membership:** 218 Active, 12 delinquent, one pending  
**Lincoln Youth Football:** No Report.  
**Veterans Committee:** Victory Apartments January 30th, Veterans Coffeehaus February 16th. See Trustee Milt Schmidt for more information.

### 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 and fruit, and canned proteins, and self-care items, such as tooth brushes, tooth paste, deodorants (Axe, Sure, Secret are brands young people seem to like), body wash, etc. Remember, these items go to young people and children. There is also a need for household items, such as dish soap, Spic & Span cleaner, Comet, Windex, toilet cleaner, garbage bags, and dishwasher soap – many of these are available at the Dollar Tree. Please consider adding one or two or a few 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!



### Blast from the past....



### Scholarship News...

All members are invited to help us review scholarship applications for the 2024 awards. The only qualifications necessary are the ability to enjoy a little fellowship time as we marvel at the accomplishments of this year's high school seniors! Please come to the lodge at noon on Sunday, February 4 to help. Snacks and non-alcoholic beverages will be available – and if you want to bring something to share, that is fine too. Hope to see you there!

**Membership Drawing:** The Raffle on 1/3 and 1/17 was won by Ken Cohn. He donated his \$20 winnings to the Karaoke prize fund. The name picked for the \$67 attendance drawing on 1/3 was Micheal Murphy, who was not present to win. The name picked for the \$75 attendance drawing on 1/17 was David Regers, who was not present to win. It pays to come to meetings!

**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.**

### 2023-2024 Elks Lodge #80 Officers

<b>Exalted Ruler.....</b>	Larry Schwindt PSP, PER, PDDGER
<b>Leading Knight.....</b>	Troy Pederson, PER
<b>Loyal Knight.....</b>	Dr. William Jackson
<b>Lecturing Knight.....</b>	Bryan Leavitt
<b>Esquire.....</b>	Larry Bratt SP, PER, PDDGER
<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>	Randy King
<b>Trustee 2 Year.....</b>	Milt Schmidt
<b>Trustee 3 Year.....</b>	Jen Giese
<b>Trustee 4 Year.....</b>	Harry Montag, PER
<b>Trustee 5 Year.....</b>	Scott Schrage
<b>Presiding Justice.....</b>	Amy Jacobsen, PER, PDDGER
<b>Organist .....</b>	Wauneta Peterson

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

**Articles Due:  
February 22**

**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 wanted 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 January 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 December (with kudos to anyone 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; Milt and Linda Schmidt; Jody Schrage; Scott Schrage; Larry Schwindt ER, and Bob Sindlar. A particular shout-out goes to Mitch Becker for sponsoring our Seafood Boil dinner, so that all of the proceeds could go to support the lodge!

### **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  
**Holiday Giving:** Larry Schwindt, ER, PER, PSP, PDDGER,  
**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**



The Trustee's started our meeting with guest Mitch Becker going over our investments that we have. He talked about how we are right on track in what we are doing. Our investments are up 8% this year and next year looks good for us. Thank you Mitch for the update.

The lodge is going with Nebraska Best Carpet Cleaning to have our lodge room carpet cleaned. We are hoping to have this done with in the next month.

The Trustee's got a request from the Food Fort. They are in need of having their bus repaired and new tires installed. After some discussion, we would like to help with this. Randy contacted "Your Next Tire" in Cortland and after talking to Ron the owner, he is able to put tires on for \$1500.00 which includes tires and all labor. The Trustee's made a motion at the Lodge meeting to get approval. Motion was made and members voted to go forward with this. The funds will come from special requests from the Smith Youth Account.

Another reminder that the 2024-2025 Budgets need to be turned in by February 10th. Get these to a Trustee please because we will be working on them later that week.

*The Trustees - Scott, Jen, Milt, 15972, Randy, and Harry*

### **Karaoke at the Jolly Cork!**

Greetings, fellow Elks! Unfortunately, karaoke was canceled due to weather-related issues in January. The theme would have been "Disco Fever", so some of you dodged that bullet... for now. Mr. C's Karaoke will be back at the Lodge to flex your vocal cords on February 16<sup>th</sup>. The bingo theme will be "From the Heart" as we play Valentine's themed bingo with love songs. Listen for the filler songs, or sing one of the songs on your bingo card, complete bingos, and win gift cards, bar credits, or other great prizes. Bring your wit, voice, snacks, and munchies to share with the rest of the crowd! We will see you all on the 16<sup>th</sup> around 6 P.M.! Ken (Mr. C) Cohn



### **Happy February Birthdays!**

- |                        |                     |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| 01 - Kathleen Holloway | 08 - Frank Bruyette |
| Todd Speidell          | 14 - Lyle Paul      |
| 02 - Tom Kent          | 16 - David Shoff    |
| 04 - Sam Carter        | 18 - Samuel Segrist |
| 06 - Ron Hoffman       | 27 - Vance West     |
| David Roger            |                     |



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)

### Budget Time...

The Trustee's will start working on the 2024-2025 budget, and we are asking that budgets be submitted by February 10th. Please include the following information: what the funds are for, when the funds will be needed, and what the cost will be. Without this information it is difficult to make an accurate budget. We'll be working on the budget at the Lodge on the 17th, starting at 9 am. Please turn your budget in to one of our Trustee's and if you have any questions just contact a Trustee for help. Thanks for all the hard work everyone does to make the Lodge successful.

The Trustee's

### Delinquent on Dues...

Russell Bergholz  
 Jason Brooks  
 David Crouse  
 Harry Malone  
 Alisa Neff  
 Linda O'Connor

Xavier Shiu  
 Nathaniel Thedford  
 James Varner  
 George Venteicher  
 Jerry Witte

The Lodge relies on your dues to keep the lights on...your timely payment ensures we can meet our monthly budget. When you are delinquent, it takes additional time and resources to encourage you to get current. Remember, dues are due before the first of the Fraternal Year, April 1. When you are delinquent, you cannot vote at a Lodge meeting, your Jolly Cork privileges are suspended (and other benefits of membership)...Please get your dues in ASAP!

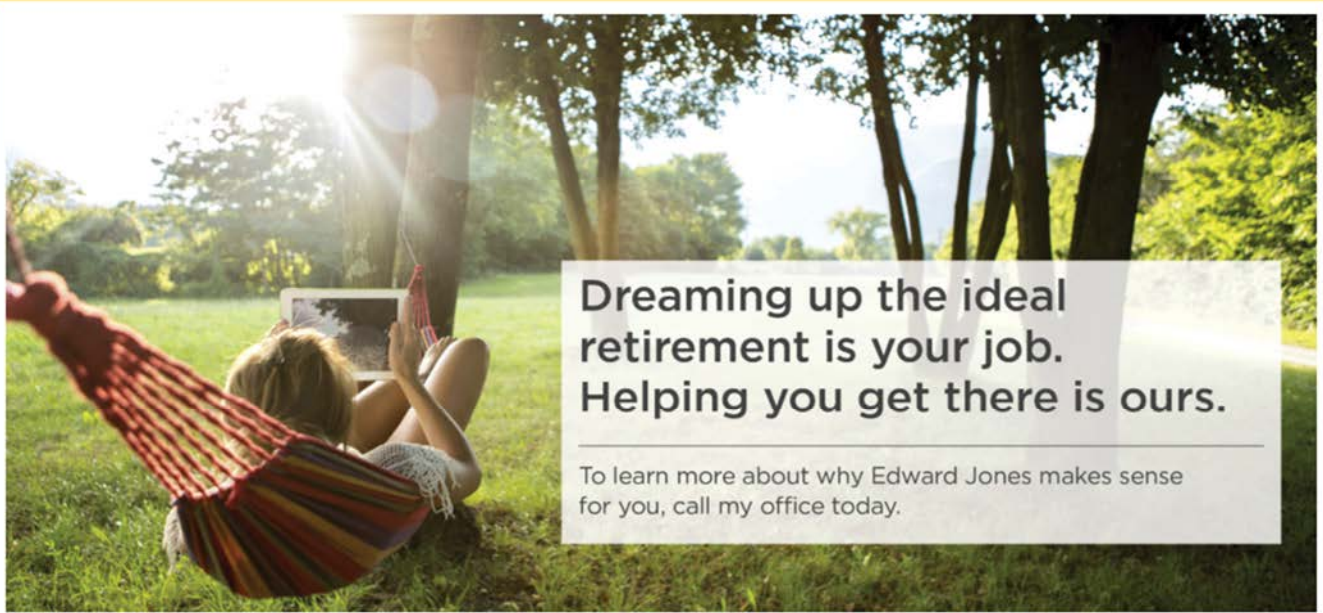
### TV Trivia answers

- It was Fred Roger's testimony that saved PBS's funding. He spoke with a notoriously stern Committeeman, pled the case for their funding, and secured a \$22M budget for PBS on May 1, 1969.
- Walter's signature catchphrase was "And that's the way it is."



Larry Schwindt, E.R., P.E.R. P.D.D.G.E.R. P.S.P.  
 new member Bruce Trautwein, and Harry Montag, P.E.R.

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**Good of the Order...** Teen of the Year awards were discussed. The idea of the cash prize currently awarded was thought to be ineffective. Ken Cohn suggested that we replace that with Precious Metal, i.e. a Silver ingot valued at approximately \$25. Larry Bratt made a motion to do water bottles, discontinue the cash prize this year, and to look into switching to precious metals and cases for next year. Bryan Leavitt volunteered to help Ken explore this idea. The motion passed.

The Food Fort is a non-profit that serves children in the north and northwest areas of the city. They have a bus that they use to take meals to the children in the areas they serve. They also use the bus for homework sessions. The Lodge helped The Food Fort with grant money during the pandemic. The Lodge fielded a request for assistance with their bus, which needed significant repairs and new tires. Randy King worked with the director of the Food Fort and a tire distributor he knew to obtain a great deal on new tires for the bus. At our Jan. 17 lodge meeting, Randy made a motion to use \$1,500 of the remaining Special Request money to purchase and install these tires, and the members present passed it unanimously. Kudos to Randy King for taking the lead on this and helping out these kids!

Thesauruses will be distributed to 5th graders at Waverly, Ashland/Greenwood, and Norris.



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Lodge 80 GOAL: \$4.80 Currently \$15.61

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

# February 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	29 Closed	30 Pitch 3p Vets Pantry 3p	31 Closed	1	2	3
4 Scholarship Review 12p	5 Closed	6 Pitch 3p	7 Closed Lodge 7p	8	9	10 Valentine Dinner 6:30p
11	12 Closed	13 Pitch 3p Burger Nite 5:30p Am. Legion Aux 6p Am. Legion 7p	14 Closed Corvette Club 5:30p Does 5:30p	15	16 Veteran Coffeehaus 10a Auld Pavillion Karaoke 6-9p Bass Club 7-8p	17 Trustee Budget Workshop 9a
18	19 Closed	20 Pitch 3p 40/8 potluck 6p	21 Closed House 6p Lodge 7p	22	23	24
25	26 Closed	27 Pitch 3p Vets Pantry 3p	28 Closed	29 	1	2 Officer Train- ing - Kearney 12p