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

Installation of Officers

Lincoln Lodge #80

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

cordially invites you to the public installation of

Troy Pedersen

Exalted Ruler Elect

and our Lodge officers.

For the Fraternal year 2024-2025

Sunday, March 24, 2024 at 2:00pm

5910 South 58th Street Lincoln, Nebraska

Reception following Installation

Please join your fellow Elks Saturday **March 16h** for
The 22nd Annual
St. Patrick's Dinner Celebration

Cocktails 5:30pm Dinner 6:30pm
Call the Lodge with Your Reservations!

The menu consists of Traditional Corned Beef, Tender Cooked Buttered Cabbage, New Potatoes cooked in Butter and Parsley, Finger Carrots, Rye Bread with Real Irish Butter and Dessert.



Cost is \$12.00 per person.

The plan is to cook extra corned beef. If you would like to order extra, let us know!
The cost is \$6.00 per pound.



Sponsored by Trustee Jen Giese and Loyal Knight Rev. Dr. William Jackson



*~May your heart be light and happy,
may your smile be big and wide, and
may your pockets always have a coin
or two inside!~*

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 2023-2024 Lodge year is drawing to a close, so this will be my last article as Exalted Ruler. The past two years have been a rewarding experience. Keeping the Lodge running smoothly is no easy matter, it's a team effort which requires the dedication of many people.

I especially want to thank our Lodge Secretary Laurie Montag for keeping me on track the past two years. Laurie does a fantastic job managing the office, tracking all of the upcoming events and adding them to our electronic calendar, processing all our membership renewals and records, handling room rentals, as well as being our Youth Activities Chairperson in charge of scholarships. This doesn't even count all of the behind-the-scenes things that Laurie handles in the day-to-day operations of the Lodge. Thank you, Laurie, for your support and friendship.

I also want to thank Trustees Scott Schrage and Harry Montag for all of their time spent making trips to Omaha to pick up bar supplies to save the Lodge hundreds of dollars in delivery costs, as well as the large amount of time they spend at the Lodge doing anything and everything necessary to keep it functioning at peak efficiency. A huge thank you goes to the main kitchen crew, Harry & Laurie Montag, Scott & Jody Schrage, Larry & Vicky Jurgens, and Larry Bratt, who put in countless hours preparing our monthly dinners, cooking and serving for burger nights, and preparing food for the Corvette club. Milt & Linda Schmidt and Diane Dannelly & Dave Nelson have been kind enough to volunteer for setting up and decorating the tables for dinners during the past couple of years and have done a marvelous job. Your help and decorating expertise are always appreciated. For those of you who have stepped in from time to time to help with the food service, I thank you also.

Treasurer Jody Schrage has done an excellent job of making sure that our bills are paid promptly and that all accounts are properly balanced. Thank you to all of the committee chairpersons for making sure that our kids and Veterans programs have run so smoothly. We do so many good things in our community, and the guidance of our chairpersons and the volunteers who step up to help with our programs makes our organization the best in Lincoln.

The new Lodge year will soon be here and I ask every member of the Lodge to give their full support to our new Exalted Ruler Troy Pedersen and his team of officers. I will continue to make the Lodge a high priority in my life and do everything I can to help it continue to be a shining star in the community. We do great things as an organization, and I will do all that I can to keep this Lodge a vital part of our community.

Thank you all for your help and support for the past two years.

- Larry

Secretary's Corner



Two months down and ten to go! My goodness, time sure flies! As we enter the last month of our fraternal year, I want to thank all of you who have already paid your 2024/25 dues. It would be wonderful to enter the next fraternal year with 100% of our members paid up. It would certainly be one for the books!

March is a busy month at the Lodge, being the last month of the fraternal year. We have the delicious St. Paddy's Day Dinner on March 16 to look forward to – this is always a winner, starting with the corned beef! Please be sure to call in your reservations by Thursday, March 14. Then, on March 23, we will be celebrating exceptional Middle School 8th Graders at our Teen of the Year reception at the lodge. We will have two sessions – one at 10 AM and one at 1 PM. Hearing about these outstanding students always makes me feel good about the future of our dear nation. Our new ER, Troy Pedersen, will have his installation on Sunday, March 24 – And don't forget – Easter Sunday comes early this year, on March 31.

I recently fielded a question about why donation options appear on our dues statements. Mostly, we add these giving opportunities because it makes it easy for you to lend your support to several worthwhile causes, such as ENF. If you read the Elks Magazine, you will be familiar with the Elks National Foundation (ENF) and everything it does for our community. We give you the opportunity to donate - \$5, \$10, or more – because our lodge applies for and receives much more grant money than we donate to ENF. Some grants require that our lodge meet the *per capita* (per member) amount set by the Grand Exalted Ruler; other grants have bonuses based on the number of our members who give even a small amount, and also the number of our members who have signed up to be in the Fidelity Club and give an automatic amount monthly. This year, we used grant money for the Veteran's Pantry, to support the Veterans Advisory Group, and to support holiday projects at We Can Do This, City Impact, and the Malone Center, all in the name of Lincoln Elks Lodge #80 and Elkdom.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions or need 15860 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

Lincoln Drove #4 celebrated Founder's Day last month and are working on upcoming events in the next few months. Football concession work is one of the main areas we'll be discussing along with other charitable drives where we can help our community. Talk amongst the members is the possibility of having a wine/brewery tour as a fun social event.

Best to all, President Vicki Logan





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Troop 76 Eagles Fredric Bush and Ayden Hornburg at their Eagle Ceremony in Waverly, 2/25. Fred's project was restoring headstones in the Greenwood Cemetery. Ayden made shadow boxes for two fallen firefighters in Waverly for their turnout gear.



On February 16th the Elks Lodge #80 donated \$2000.00 to the VAG Coffeehaus. The Coffeehaus is a monthly gathering to honor our Veterans with free coffee, beverages, and snacks. There is always Entertainment, and Quilts of Valor are awarded to our Veterans who served our country.

The Lodge is able to help the Coffeehaus with the Spotlight grant that we received from Grand Lodge. We would also like to thank Milt Schmidt for chairing the Veterans Committee and all the volunteer that help make this happen for the Coffeehaus and the Victory Apartments projects.

Scott Schrage



The Dictionary/Thesaurus Project was founded in 1995 by Mary French of Charleston, SC. Over the course of the program, nearly 15 million third grade students have received their own book. Elks Lodge #80 joined this movement in 2004. Nationwide, the Elks have donated more than 1.2 million books to students and their teachers, as sponsors of the Dictionary/Thesaurus Project over the last 6 years. Students of the Ashland, Waverly, and Norris School districts will benefit from this helpful book this year.



HOOP SHOOT

STATE WINNER
HOOP SHOOT

8/9 yr Old Boys
 State Elks Hoop Shoot
 Winner from Lincoln Lodge
 #80
 Ryan Bohling

...Our Members...

Committee Reports

Sickness & Distress:

Deaths:

Members for Consideration:

Members Reinstated:

Members Elected: Donald Scheinost, Sandy Kohl

Members Initiated: Donald Scheinost, proposed by Larry Bratt February's hidden number was 15972, on page 5. Jim Erickson spotted it and got a free dinner! 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!

Boy Scouts: Two flags presented in Waverly February 25th.

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: Bankshot review, we've had a couple big winners! Upcoming dinners discussed.

ENF: The 2023-2024 goal is \$4.80. Lodge #80 is currently at \$17.07 per member.

Membership: 217 Active, 11 delinquent,

Lincoln Youth Football: No Report.

Veterans Committee: Victory Apartments March, Veterans Coffeehaus March 16th. See Trustee Milt Schmidt for more information.

In Sympathy...

Member Ashleigh Lang-Peterson's grandmother, Vauceil Lang, passed away. Elks Lodge #80 extends it's condolences to Ashleigh and her family during this difficult time...



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!



Membership Drawing: The Raffle on 2/7 was \$18, won by Bryan Reimers. 2/21 was won by Bev Erickson. She donated her \$18 winnings to the Kitchen fund. The name picked for the \$67 attendance drawing on 2/7 was Chelsea Truka, who was not present to win \$90. The name picked for the \$108 attendance drawing on 2/21 was Scott Wolf, who was not present to win. It pays to come to meetings!

Does Drove #4 Donation to the Lodge



Does Drove #4 President Vicki Logan presents a check for \$1000 to Elks Lodge #80 for our assistance in the Does Concessions project at UNL.

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

Exalted Ruler.....	Larry Schwindt PSP, PER, PDDGER
Leading Knight.....	Troy Pederson, 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
Presiding Justice.....	Amy Jacobsen, PER, PDDGER
Organist	Wauneta Peterson

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Elk-O-Gram Editor's Note

**Articles Due:
March 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 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 February (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 Larry Schwindt, Larry Bratt, Larry and Vicki Jurgens, Bob Sindlar, and Harry and Laurie Montag for sponsoring our lovely Valentine 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 Trustees have been working on next year's budget. After putting in many hours and gathering information, the Trustees were able to come up with budget that meets the needs of the Lodge. It will be presented at the February 21st Lodge meeting and final vote will be at the March 6th meeting.

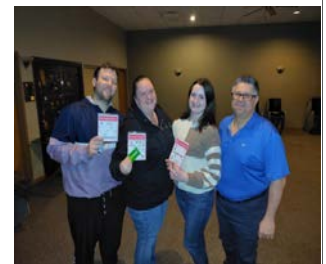
Remember that the Lodge has monthly dinners, it is a time to enjoy a great meal and fellowship with other members. By attending these dinners it also helps the lodge with the monthly bills we incur. The Lodge is always looking for members to help in sponsoring the dinners, if you want to help, contact a Trustee and we will get you on board.

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

Karaoke at the Jolly Cork!



We had a great time in February, playing karaoke bingo with a Sweetheart theme. Join us this month on the 15th at 6 (ish) for more fun and karaoke bingo! Bring munchies, bring your friends and family. Don't sing? That's fine, come join us for camaraderie and good times, plenty of adult beverages to enjoy. There's a tip jar on the food table to help cover the costs of plates and silverware, and a tip jar on the counter for our K.J. Ken. He does all of this volunteer, upgrades equipment and software with the tips that he receives. Donations for the bingo prizes are cheerfully accepted, and he always has some great prizes for the winners...



Happy March Birthdays!

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|------------------------|---------------------|
| 01 - Harry Lippert | 19 - Larry Ossenkop |
| 02 - Kenneth Johnson | 21 - Steve Ahrens |
| 06 - Russel Langley | Jeffrey Flamme |
| 07 - Kenneth Tenhulzen | Larry Jurgens |
| 08 - Jason Jirsa | Margaret Schumacher |
| 10 - Vicki Jurgens | 22 - Michael Truka |
| 11 - Latoya Winroth | 25 - Ronald Wilson |
| 13 - Dave Ulferts | 26 - Dick Deets |
| 17 - Mark Whitehead | Sammi Montag |



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)

Delinquent on Dues...

Russell Bergholz
Jason Brooks
David Crouse
Harry Malone
Alisa Neff

Linda O'Connor
Xavier Shiu
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. 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! Get caught up and then get on the monthly deduction plan. You'll never miss it, and never be late again...

REMINDER - MEMBERS WHOSE DUES ARE NOT PAID BY MAY 1, 2024 WILL ENTER DELINQUENT STATUS.



WELCOME TO LODGE #80

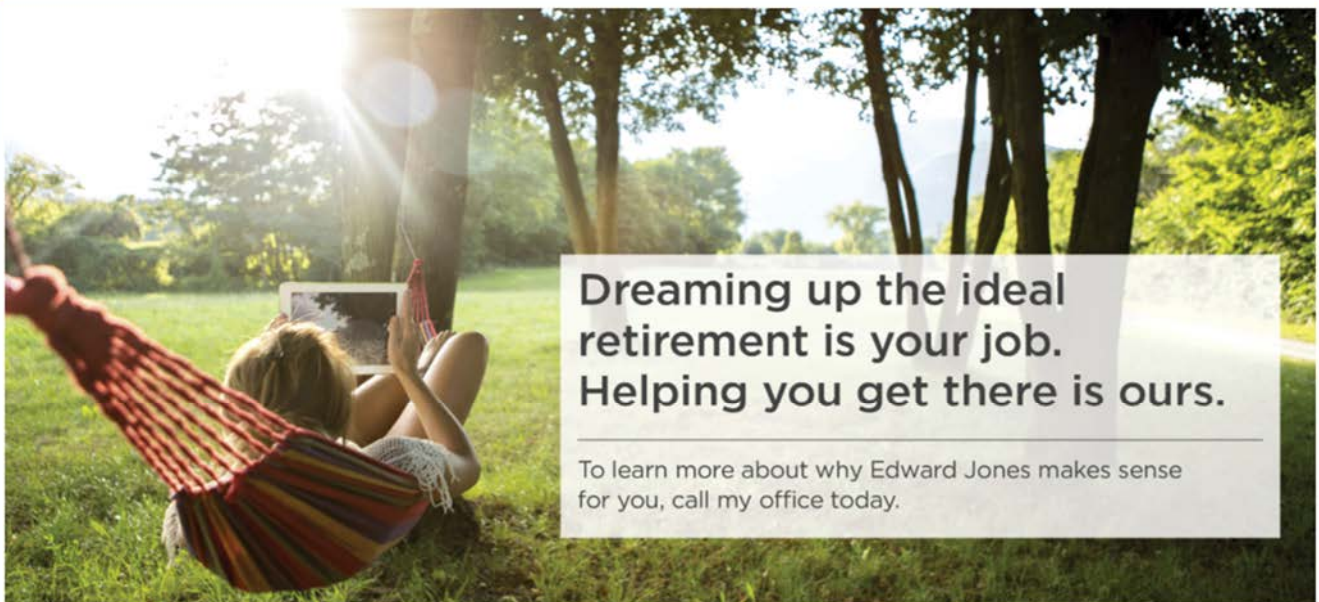


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Chili Cookoff...

Trustee Jen Giese, our Chili Cookoff Organizer, with this year's winner Jim & Bev Erickson! There were over 14 different chilis to sample (chicken soup too!), a festive atmosphere, and plenty of fun!



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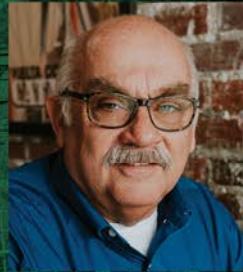
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Don't forget to look for the member number in this issue. If you find yours, call the Lodge for your dinner ticket!

March 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
25	26 Closed	27 Pitch 3p Vets Pantry 3p	28 Closed	29 	1	2 Officer Training - Kearney
3 Officer Training - Kearney	4 Closed	5 Pitch 3p	6 Closed Lodge 7p	7	8	9
10	11 Closed	12 Pitch 3p Burger Nite 5:30p Am. Legion 7p	13 Closed Corvette Club 5:30p Does 5:30p	14	15 Veteran Coffeehaus 10a Auld Pavillion Karaoke 6-9p Bass Club 7-8p	16 St. Patty's Dinner 6:30p
17 	18 Closed	19 Pitch 3p 40/8 potluck 6p	20 Closed House 6p Lodge 7p	21	22	23 Teen of the Year 10a & 1p
24/31 Officer Installation 2-4p	25 Closed	26 Pitch 3p Vets Pantry 3p	27 Closed	28	29	30