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Installation of Officers for Fraternal year 2024-2025



Mark your Calendar for Saturday, April 6th, 2024! Once again, Elks Lodge #80 will be holding its Annual Fish Fry and Raffle. We will be serving Fried Pollock, Homemade Baked Beans, Coleslaw with pickle spears and Rye Bread. Dessert will be Homemade Brownies and Ice Cream.

Social hour 5:30, Dinner 6:30

Cost will be \$12.00 per person and this year we can seat 100 people, so make sure you get your reservations in early, it'll fill up fast!

Come and share a great dinner, raffle prizes, and as always, great fellowship at the Lodge.

Saturday April 6th, 2024

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Mark your Calendar for **Saturday, May 4th, 2024!** 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, Au Gratin Potatoes, Veggies, etc., 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 4, 2024

Dinner sponsored by the Gustin and



Social hour 5:30, Dinner 6:30

Norris families in memory of Ray Norris



Exalted Ruler Troy Pedersen
Lincoln Lodge #80 2024-2025
Welcome New Officers!

I would like to personally thank the Lodge for having the confidence in my ability to perform as an Exalted Ruler for Lincoln Lodge #80 in the upcoming Lodge year. I would like to give a BIG thank you to outgoing Exalted Ruler Larry Schwindt for his leadership and guidance over the last two years. It is hard enough being ER for one year let alone two years back to back! In your Lodge history, there have been several ER's that served for several years in a row, my hat is off to them.

As you may know, I was ER back in Lodge year 2018-2019. I couldn't believe that the year flew by so fast. As I write this column memories start coming back of what I did (or should have done) as an ER. Experience is the best teacher and coach in almost every life situation. As one gets older they should grow a little bit wiser. I do things a little bit differently now than I would have as a younger man and father.

A little bit about myself for people who don't know me; I was raised in a small Nebraska town of 800 people, Nelson, twelve miles north of Superior, NE. When I was younger with not much going on I was ready to leave town and I ended up in Lincoln. My grandfather was ER of Superior Lodge #1297, so I knew of the Elks thru contact with those members. I never dreamed I would join myself until my wife was at one of our past ER's funerals (the late John Brooks) and found out what Brotherly Love actually means. I told her I knew about what the Elks do, and that they would have me volunteer and do things around the community. A year passed, and she kept telling me that I should join. I finally caved and joined and started to attend the meetings. I met a lot of GREAT people and got involved as a Lodge Officer, as Inner Guard. I would eventually go through all of the Officer chairs and ended up as Exalted Ruler!

There are a lot of activities at the Lodge in which to get involved. Come to the meetings and help out if you can. The Lodge has been in Lincoln for over 130 years and we will be here for another 130 years with your help.

Remember the Fish Fry on Saturday April 6th and Burger Night on Tuesday April 9th. There are a lot of other great activities in April. Watch your Lodge calendar for upcoming events.

As always, have a good day and night. See you at the Lodge.
Thanks, Troy

Does Dispatch



The DOES will begin holding meetings on the fourth Tuesday of the month which works better for several of our members. Thank you to the Elks Lodge for accommodating this change.

Several DOES plan to attend the annual Grand Lodge Conference which will be held in Loveland, Colorado in June this year. Supreme President Dawn Smith asked Wauneta Peterson, Ruth Arms, and Vicki Logan to serve on various committees and a huge congratulations to Wauneta for accepting her appointment as Musician, which is a great honor!
Best to all, *Vicki Logan, DOES President*

Secretary's Corner



Let me set the scenario: You take a great new job – your dream job! The end of the month rolls around, and...no paycheck. You think, well, it's just taking them some time to process me into payroll. You enjoy your job, so you keep plugging away. The end of the second month rolls around, and...no paycheck. You decide you'd better talk to someone about this – maybe they've overlooked you. You go talk to your boss, and he looks you in the eye and says, sure, it's a great salary, but you don't get paid until the end of the year (it was in the fine print)! Sur-prise, sur-prise, sur-prise!

Now, it's unlikely that you would ever take a job that only paid you after you had done a year's work. After all, you have food, housing, utilities, and much more to pay every month! How dare anyone think you can hold out for a full year while your employer enjoys the benefits of your hard work?

Not paying your dues when they are due is a similar scenario. The Lodge has ongoing expenses that are supported and paid by our dues. When members do not pay their dues on time (before April 1 of each year or reasonably soon thereafter), the Lodge can have cash flow problems, just like you would after a few months of no paycheck. In fact, you've seen the Grand Lodge per capita and the State per capita that appears on your dues statement – that \$36.50? The lodge has to pay that on your behalf right off the bat by the end of April – whether or not we've received it from our active members – get the message? That said, thanks to our many members who have already paid their 2024/25 dues and have received their shiny new blue membership cards - all 166 of you can just chuckle at this little parable, and you have our thanks for being timely. This is YOUR LODGE – you joined for a reason. Come to a meeting or two and help steer us! We do incredible things in the community – we will award nearly \$50,000 in scholarships to area high school senior this month; we will help Veterans living on the edge to make ends meet; we will help feed kids from low income families who might otherwise go hungry; we will plan for our new Christmas Giving Project that helps many families provide gifts for their kids. Our Lodge does good things – and all of our members are why we can continue to do these things!

Is there Fish Fry AFTER Easter? YES! Come join us on April 6th for a delicious fish dinner with all the trimmings! We will only seat 100, and this is a popular dinner, so get your reservations in early! Call the lodge phone and talk to Roxy or leave a voicemail, send me a text or email, or do it in person during lodge hours!

Our inspiring First Responders' Recognition Dinner coming up on May 4th (yes, as in May the Fourth be with you – and it certainly will be!). We will have a room full of First Responders, and we want you to come and meet and greet them. Please call, email, or text your reservation NO LATER THAN Thursday, May 2 at 7p.m. If you contact us after that time, we cannot guarantee you a seat. 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.



St. Patty's Day dinner fun....



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Teen of the Year...





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...Our Members...

Sickness & Distress: Jeff Sneller, PER, Regie Buckmaster, Larry Jurgens.

Deaths: Greg Hansen

Members for Consideration: None

Members Reinstated: None

Members Elected: None

Members Initiated: None

Hidden Number:

March's hidden number was Tami Nordman! Look close in this issue, if you spot your membership number, you get a free meal at the next monthly dinner!

Membership Drawing: The attendance drawing for the March 6th meeting was for \$133. Craig Rodenbaugh was the lucky name, but he was not in attendance...on the March 20th, the pot was \$148, and our newest Trustee Ken Cohn WAS present, and WON! You have to come to meetings to win! Next meeting is April 5th at 7 pm!

Raffle drawing for 3/6 was Larry Jurgens, he donated his \$25 winnings to dinner sponsorship, and the 3/20 raffle drawing was won by E.R. Troy Pedersen, who donated his winnings to the Does.

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Committee Reports

Americanism: No Report.

Boy Scouts: Flag awarded by PER Jeff Sneller 3/24, Jack Irons, Troop 159.

Drug Awareness: No report

Girl Scouts: Flag Ceremony upcoming in June. Watch for details.

Hide Program: No Report.

Hoop Shoot: Completed district and regional.

House Committee: Upcoming dinners, Bankshot proceeds discussed.

ENF: \$22.68 as of 3/20/24. The 2024-2025 goal has not yet been announced.

Membership: 206 members, delinquents were dropped.

Lincoln Youth Football: No Report.

Scholarship: Scoring of applications completed.

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.

...Scholarship News...

We will soon be awarding nearly \$40,000 in scholarships to high school seniors in Lincoln and the surrounding area, and at least \$7,500 in Legacy scholarships to lodge members' kids and grandkids! After our big scholarship program revision last Spring, all of our scholarships are at least \$1,000 in value, a significant contribution to the cost of recipients' post-secondary education. This is a program in which our Lodge should take much pride! After nine (count 'em – 9!) years at the helm of the Scholarship Committee, I am stepping aside for some fresh new faces to take this wonderful program into the future. I'd like to thank Christian Biester and Bryan Reimers for stepping forward! I will be working in tandem with them this year to show them the ropes and complete the hand-off. I have loved being a part of helping young people realize their dreams, and I trust that Christian and Bryan will find this just as rewarding. My thanks goes to the Lodge for providing me with this opportunity to serve. *Laurie Montag, P.E.R.*

2024-2025 Elks' Lodge #80 Officers

Exalted Ruler	Troy Pedersen
Leading Knight	Randy King
Loyal Knight	Dr. William Jackson
Lecturing Knight	Bryan Leavitt
Esquire	Heather Chesnut
Inner Guard	Maureen Sadler
Tiler	Mary Ryan
Secretary	Laurie Montag PER
Treasurer	Jody Schrage
Chaplain	Dave Shoff
Trustee 1 Year	Milt Schmidt
Trustee 2 Year	Jen Giese
Trustee 3 Year	Harry Montag, PER
Trustee 4 Year	Scott Schrage
Trustee 5 Year	Ken Cohn
Presiding Justice	Amy Jacobsen, PER
Organist	Wauneta Peterson

Elk-O-Gram Editor's Note

**Articles Due:
Apr 18**

Deadline is ALWAYS midnight of the Thursday after last meeting of the month!

Articles can be sent to Maureen Sadler at:

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All past issues, lodge information, and more can be seen at: **www.elks80.org**

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Notes from the Trustees



The Trustees last month handed out the budget for 2024-2025. We made a motion at the March 6th lodge meeting to approve it and voted it in.

The Does came to us and asked if it was possible to change their meeting night. After reviewing what they brought before us, it was decided that they could change their meeting date to the 4th Tuesday of every month and use the Lodge room from 5:30 to 7:00 pm.

The Trustees were informed by Grand Lodge that the Freedom Grant, which was \$3,000 last year, was reduced to only \$1,000 for next year. We will still apply and use this for the Veterans. The Lincoln Southeast Post-Prom Committee sent us a request to see if we can help them with their Post Prom Party. After discussion it was decided to help with a donation of \$250.00 from the special request fund. A motion was made on the floor at the March 20th lodge meeting to do so and the members voted to help. We would like to thank Randy King for all the time and effort he has put in while serving as a Lodge Trustee. He will be moving to the Leading Knight position. We would like to welcome Ken Cohn as he will be installed for the 5 year Trustee position on March 24th. *Scott Schrage and the Trustees*

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!

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



A big shout out to our members who volunteered to work at the lodge in March 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 March (with kudos to anyone we may inadvertently miss): Larry Bratt PER; Ken Cohn; Diane Dannelly and Dave Nelson; Randy King; Harry Montag PER; Laurie Montag PER; Mary Ryan; Maureen Sadler; Milt and Linda Schmidt; Jody Schrage; Scott Schrage; Larry Schwindt ER, and Bob Sindlar. We want to say a hearty THANKS to Hon Rowe, the MVS scholar who returned to help us once again. We also want to thank all the members and guests who pitched in to help put the lodge room back in order after dinner! A particular shout-out goes to Jen Giese and Dr. William Jackson (and to Larry Jurgens for the donation of his raffle money, and to an anonymous donor who helped make ends meet) for sponsoring our fun St. Patrick's dinner, so that all of the proceeds could go to support the lodge!

In Sympathy

Lodge #80 wishes to express its sympathies to the family of Greg Hansen, a 26 year member, who passed February 29, 2024. He was 71. Lodge #80 also extends its sympathies to Scott and Jody Schrage, and daughter Chelsea Truka, in the loss of Jody's mother, Shirley Magnenat, on March 24th, 2024.

2024-2025 Committees

Accident: Scott Schrage
Activities: Harry Montag, PER
Americanism: Vacant
Auditing: Vacant
Benevolence: Larry Bratt PER, PDDGER, PSP 15931
By-Laws Changes: Vacant
Holiday Giving: Larry Schwindt, PER, PSP PDDGER
Community Activities: Larry Bratt PER, PSP, PDDGER
Drug Awareness: Harry Montag, PER
Eagle Scouts: Randy King
Elks Memorial Day: Larry Jurgens
ENF: Larry Bratt PER, PSP, PDDGER
Flag Day: Vacant
Fraternal: Gerald Miles, PER
Girl Scout Gold Award: Randy King
Gov. Relations: Troy Pedersen, ER, PER

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



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| 02 - William Bray | 21 - Justin White |
| Chad Gustin | 22 - Dennis Smith |
| 12 - Scott Schrage | 24 - Wesley Durst |
| 13 - Harry Montag | 25 - Kevin Sadler |
| Bill Novak | 27 - Larry Klein |
| 15 - Amy Jacobsen | 28 - Angela Ehlers |
| 16 - Thomas Roper | 29 - Walter Dondlinger |



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Karaoke at the Lodge We had another great night of karaoke with plenty of winners playing Disco Fever Bingo. Up for grabs were bar credits, some donated St. Patrick's Day themed items and \$10 gift cards. There were many fond memories of the music we used to roller skate to back in the day and we even had the disco lighting up and running. Everyone had a great time and were already looking forward to the next show on April 19th! Don't forget to join us every 3rd Friday of the month for music, friends, good food (please bring something to share), great fun, and prizes! Don't miss it! See you at the Jolly Cork!



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JEFF AND ASHLEY WITH THEIR CART OF GROCERIES FROM ELKS # 80 VETERAN'S PANTRY.



America's newest Eagle Scout Jack Irons, Troop 159 Lincoln. He was awarded his American Flag by Elks Lodge #80 PER Jeff Sneller on March 24th.



Jack built four bat houses for St. Andrews Church to help prevent them from entering the church building.



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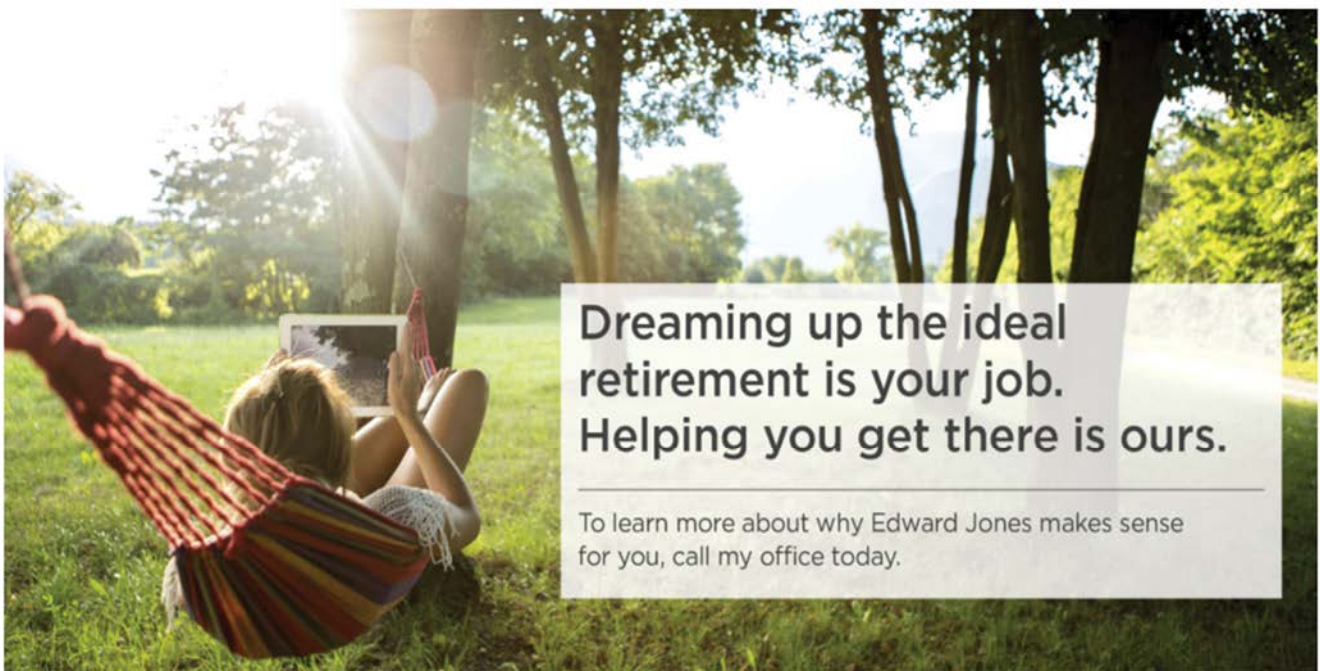


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Lodge 80 '25 goal: not yet announced. As of 3/20/24: \$22.68

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

April 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31 Easter 	1 Closed April Fools! Trustees 6 pm	2 Pitch 3p	3 Closed Lodge 7p	4	5	6 Fish Fry 5:30 Social Hour 6:30 Dinner
7	8 Closed	9 Pitch 3p Burger Nite 5:30p Am. Legion Aux 6p Am. Legion 7p	10 Closed Corvette Club 5:30p	11	12	13
14	15 Closed	16 Pitch 3p Am. Legion 40/8 7p	17 Closed House 6p Lodge 7p	18	19 Karaoke 6-9p Veterans Coffee- haus 10am Auld Pavilion	20
21	22 Closed LEL Charitable Fund 6p	23 Pitch 3 p Does 6 p	24 Closed	25	26 Elks State Kearney	27 Elks State Kearney
28 Elks State Kearney	29 Closed	30 Pitch 3p Vet's Pantry 4p	1 Closed Trustee 6 p Lodge 7 p	2	3	4 First Responders Dinner 6:30 p