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

Flag Day Ceremony...

Fellow Lincolnites joined us for a beautiful day at the park on Saturday June 14th. There was live music, kids' activities, art and exhibits plus food and fun.

Our Flag Day Memorial was Presented by E.R. Troy Pedersen, Leading Knight Dr. William Jackson, Loyal Knight Tami Nordman and Lecturing Knight Dave Shoff, Scouts from Troop 21 along with Vicki and Larry Jurgens.

Larry Bratt, Nancy Kennedy, Larry Schwindt, and visiting Elks Karen and Mark Florh maintained the booth where American Flags were given out.



**Summertime is
Picnic Time!**



Come picnic with us at the Lodge **Saturday July 19th!**
Hamburgers, Brats,
Corn on the Cob, Summer Salad, and Peach Cobbler for
dessert.
\$12 per person Social Hour: 5:30pm Dinner Served: 6:30pm
Sponsored by PER Stephen Wirth and Deborah Burns

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, August 9th, 2025** for a wonderful Pulled Pork dinner! We're in for pulled pork sandwiches and all the traditional BBQ trimmings, and nice cold ice cream for dessert!



Calling the Cowpokes!

Sponsored by members with August Birthdays.
Is that you? See Trustee Milt Schmidt on how to help... \$12 per person
Social Hour 5:30 Dinner served 6:30



Exalted Ruler Troy Pedersen
Lincoln Lodge #80 2025-2026
Welcome New Officers!

Greetings fellow members and guests to another written ER "Segment of Wisdom" and thanks for being an Elk in 2025. The fraternal year is going very well.

We just held a Flag Day celebration ritual at the Veterans music festival at Antelope park, at the band stand in front of members and Veterans who helped celebrate Flag Day and the 250th year of the U.S. Army on June 14th. The weather was great; clear sky and slight breeze. We did a shortened rendition of the Flag ritual and were invited back for next year, which is an opportunity to help promote Flag Day and the Elks in Lincoln NE. Thanks to the Lodge officers and several volunteers in spending there time with us on the day where Elkdom came full circle. Elks promoted and helped make Flag Day a real event.

Elks National Convention in Kansas City will be starting on June 29 thru July 2, a time of learning more about the Elks' National connection with the other local Lodges, training, promoting Elkdom, and hearing and voting on national resolutions. We will hear a speech from the New Grand Exalted Ruler elect, and his take on the upcoming year.

July 4th is almost here, celebrating our founding of Independence and freedom from the King of England, since 1776. There will be lots of fireworks, picnicking, and barbecuing, spending time with friends and family, what a great day! July's dinner will be a picnic on July 19th at the Lodge, hamburgers/brats, corn on the cob, peach cobbler and the sponsor is our very own P.E.R. Steven Wirth. He and Deborah are celebrating 51 years of being together, Congratulations tor both of them!

Remember, only one lodge meeting in July, on the 16th, August on the 20th, both the second meeting of the month (the third Wednesday). In August, our dinner is on the 9th, and it will be provided by Cowhorn Pepper Co. & sponsored by members with August birthdays. Barbeque and fixings on the menu. August also has our State Convention in Kearney, meeting the Grand Exalted Ruler on the 22nd thru 24th, a busy two months coming up. Summer is going fast, time for some well deserved vacations and taking time with friends and family. Remember the Lodge, come by and have a cold one, make some new friends. As always stay active, get involved, keep the EOG handy, and just have some FUN!

Troy Pedersen, E.R, Lincoln Lodge #80



Does Dispatch

Greetings to all and hope all are enjoying the start of summer. Lincoln Drove

#4 members can now relax somewhat now that the Grand Lodge Convention has passed. Even though the attendance was a bit lower than expected, all enjoyed making and meeting new friends. Fund raising efforts will continue as we work hard to give back to our community. New ideas are being explored with more information to come.

- President Vicki Logan

Secretary's Corner



We all visit someplace new for the first time...and when the experience is primarily social and not to admire lovely scenery, it can be a bit scary – and the question you ask yourself is, will I fit in? With that in mind, we need to remember that one of our Elks precepts is Brotherly Love. When you see someone at the lodge, whether a fresh face or an old friend, extend a smile and the hand of friendship. Maybe even invite them to sit with you and chat for a while. You might make a new friend - but at the very least, you will be exemplifying Brotherly Love toward our Elks brothers and sisters. And that's a very good thing – do unto others as you would have them do unto you!

As you will not have another Elk-O-Gram in your mailbox or inbox until late August, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you a safe, happy, and fun summer!

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.

A Letter From The Editor - As many of you may not know, the Elk-O-Gram has been edited by the same folks for the last 15 years. I stepped in when the previous editor found themselves unable to cope with the undertaking that is "The Newsletter", in addition to their other responsibilities. I was still a Senior in college, home for the summer, and thought that I'd be able to help out "just over the summer months" to lighten a load.

I had no idea at the time that it would eventually be given to me full time that same year. A lot has changed in those 15 years! I graduated college, got married (recently celebrated our 14th Anniversary!), changed career paths, built a house, had a kiddo (that many of you are VERY familiar with), and have watched my extended family grow!

It is fitting that as it's the beginning of summer, I'm finding the calling to retire my time as newsletter editor. I am proud to say that in my tenure as Editor, our Newsletter was a 6-time State Newsletter Competition Winner and while that competition is no longer held, there is still no Newsletter that can hold a candle to what ours is - Lodges from other states have even reached out for assistance in editing and technical guidance and I have been happy to help steer them over the years.

A huge thank you goes out to my Dad, Randy, for all of the help and encouragement and grunt work and admonishments to not curse along the way. It has been a source of both great joy and grumbling frustration to work with each other in making this publication into what it is today. I truly hope that whomever steps into the Editor role next finds as much fulfillment and pride in putting this together as we have.

Fraternally,
Maureen Sadler



Girl Scout Community Benefactor Award

On Saturday June 21st, Lincoln Elks Lodge #80 representatives were invited to attend the 2025 Spirit of Nebraska Girl Scout Council Awards Ceremony at Camp Catron's Kimmel Lodge in Nebraska City. Representing our Lodge were Scouting Chairperson Randy King, Chaplain Maureen Sadler, ER Troy Petersen, and Tiler Phil Pickard. Elks Lodge #80 was nominated for their continued support of the Gold, Silver, and Bronze Award Program honoring the accomplishments of area Girl Scouts within the Spirit of Nebraska Council, which spans 92 counties in NE and Carter Lake, IA.

Emilee Reece, the Southeast Nebraska Programming Specialist for the Council, nominated the Lodge thanks in large part to Randy King and his efforts to rekindle the relationship between the Lodge and the Girl Scouts. In 2018, PER Stephen Wirth stepped back as Gold Award Chairperson and in 2019 Randy stepped up and took the reins. In 2020, COVID laid most group gatherings to the side and the Lodge and the Girl Scouts lost touch. In 2022, Randy was approached by a Troop Leader who was out selling cookies with her daughter, having recognized him as helping with their Gold Award ceremonies in years past. She made note that the Gold Award ceremonies had resumed and that our presence (and his!) were missed and invited us to return, which Randy was glad to do!

In the years since, he has been a steadfast presence in the Scouting Community, be it with the BSA or the GSA groups, and has made it a priority to spread the ideals of Patriotism within these groups and the youth involved. Many parents have also come and thanked him for his words and stories and have shared their own memories of other Courts of Honor, Boards of Review, and various Scouting Awards Ceremonies they've seen him at, and his face is always a welcome sight.

Despite the 100* heat, a wonderful ceremony was had, and the Lodge was given a beautiful plaque which will be on display in one of the trophy cabinets for all to see.



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You are invited to join the VAG and other Veterans for CoffeeHaus on the 3rd Friday of each month from 10:00 AM to Noon at Auld Pavilion in beautiful Antelope Park. As always, admission is FREE! Remember - There is NO CoffeeHaus in June or July. We will pick it up in August. As always, there will be freshly baked donuts and refreshments sponsored by our Lodge to wake you up in time for the beginning of your weekend!





Leaders of the Pack!


		
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July 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29 Grand Lodge - Kansas City	30 Closed Grand Lodge Kansas City	1 Pitch 3p Grand Lodge KC	2 Closed Grand Lodge KC	3	4 Happy Inde- pendence Day <i>Lodge closed.</i>	5
6	7 Closed Trustee Mtg 6p	8 Pitch 3p Burger Nite 6p Am. Legn. Aux. 6p Am. Legion 7p	9 Closed Corvette Club 5:30p	10	11	12
13	14 Closed	15 Pitch 3p Am. Legion 7p	16 Closed House 6p Lodge 7p	17	18 Karaoke 6-9p Bass Club 7p	19 Picnic at the Lodge Social 5:30p Dinner 6:30p
20	21 Closed	22 Pitch 3p Does 6	23 Closed	24	25	26
27	28 Closed LEL Charitable Fund, Inc. 6p	29 Pitch 3p Veterans Pantry 3p	30 Closed	31	1	2

August 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27	28 Closed	29 <i>Pitch 3p</i>	30 Closed	31	1	2
3	4 Closed	5 Pitch 3p	6 Closed No Lodge Meeting	7	8	9 Cowhorn Pepper Co. Dinner - BBQ 5:30 Social, 6:30 Serve
10	11 Closed	12 Pitch 3p No burger night	13 Closed Corvette Club 5:30p	14	15 Veterans Coffee- haus 10am Auld Karaoke 6-9p Bass Club 7p	16
17	18 Closed	19 Pitch 3p	20 Closed House 6p Lodge 7p	21	22 State Fall Conf.	23 State Fall Conf.
24/31 State Fall Conf.	25 Closed	26 Pitch 3p Vets Pantry 3p Does 6p	27 Closed	28	29	30 Feed Kids - Belmont Com. Ctr. @ 10a. Golf Tournament Hastings

...Our Members...

Sickness & Distress: Sammi Montag, Sonny Lane PER, Karen McCain, Tom Ferneau.

Deaths: Beverly Erickson, 21 year member, William Overman, 25 year member.

Members for Consideration: Brenda Toney, proposed by Diane Dannelly. Todd Kleinfelter, proposed by Harry Montag.

Members Reinstated: None.

Members Elected: Brenda Toney and Chynna Schlickbernd.

Members Initiated: Chynna Schlickbernd.

Hidden Number:

June's hidden number was 15823...Allen King! 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 June 4th meeting was for \$250. Stephen Wirth PER was the lucky name, but he was not attendance...so he missed out! For the June 18th meeting, the pot was still \$250, and Linda Rienks was not present to win... You have to come to meetings to win! Next meeting is July 16th at 7 pm!

Raffle drawing winner for 6/4 was Leading Knight William Jackson, and he donated his \$20 winnings to the Kitchen Fund. The 6/18 \$11 raffle drawing was won by Secretary Laurie Montag!

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.

Elks Lodge at 13th & P St., ca 1962...



Elks Family Picnic
 The Annual Elks Family Picnic was held on Sunday, August 5th. The weather cooperated with us very well.
 Registration was held from 1:00 p.m. on, under the direction of Gay Blanc, Vince Collura, and Jack Jensen. Approximately 335 persons registered.
 The games started at 2:00 p.m. under the able direction of C. W. Schwartz, Glenn Gordon, Ernie Luckenbuhl, Ronald Bevans, Don Lauderbach, and Reinie Wilhelm. Nearly all the adults as well as the children participated.

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Committee Reports

Americanism: No Report.

Boy Scouts: No Report.

Drug Awareness: Harry reported on the latest drug to hit the streets: Carfentanyl, which is 10 times more powerful than Fentanyl.

Girl Scouts: Flag Ceremony was held June 14th, see pictures elsewhere in the EOG.

Hide Program: No Report.

Hoop Shoot: No Report.

House Committee: See report on page 7.

ENF: \$5.09 as of 6/4/25. We have met the G.E.R.'s ENF goal for 2025-26.

Membership: 219 members, 1 candidate, 23 delinquent.

Lincoln Youth Football: No Report.

Scholarship: Scholarships are being claimed. 09473

Social Community Welfare: No Report.

Veterans Committee: Pantry for Victory Apartments is ongoing, see Milt Schmidt for information.

Collection Barrel

Please remember to bring food and personal care items for the WE CAN DO THIS RED BARREL when you come to the lodge!

Needed items are: Toilet Paper, Dish Soap, Paper Towels, Cereal, Instant Potatoes, Mac & Cheese, Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables (pull tabs if possible), Knorr (or store brand) noodles/rice, and Ramen. These items help the kids help themselves. *Donations have dwindled lately; let's start helping kids again!* - Thanks, Laurie

Fall Conference...

The Fall Conference is held in Kearney at the Holiday Inn and is open to all members in good standing. Our newly-elected Grand

Exalted Ruler (GER) and his spouse will be in attendance, and it's a good time to meet him and other members from all over the state. There will be a golf tournament on Friday morning, an informal get-acquainted meeting on Friday evening, and State meetings on Saturday and Sunday mornings. There will be a banquet on Saturday evening. There will also be activities with the GER's spouse on Friday and Saturday. Please let the Secretary know if you are interested in receiving information by email. Any member in good standing may attend one or all of the activities. You can find out more about other lodges in the state, and the State Association. It's a fun and informative time!

2025-2026 Elks' Lodge #80 Officers

Exalted Ruler.....	Troy Pedersen
Leading Knight.....	Rev. Dr. William Jackson
Loyal Knight.....	Tami Nordman
Lecturing Knight.....	Dave Shoff
Esquire.....	Heather Poysa
Inner Guard.....	Mary Ryan
Tiler.....	Phil Pickard
Secretary.....	Laurie Montag PER
Treasurer.....	Jody Schrage
Chaplain.....	Maureen Sadler
Trustee 1 Year.....	Jen Giese
Trustee 2 Year.....	Harry Montag, PER
Trustee 3 Year.....	Scott Schrage
Trustee 4 Year.....	Ken Cohn
Trustee 5 Year.....	Milt Schmidt
Presiding Justice.....	Amy Jacobsen, PER
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Believe in the goodness in thyself as well as others.


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Karaoke at the Lodge Another great night of karaoke in the books on June 20, good to see Al in action, Heather and Heather Jean were both in fine fashion, Dennis was his usual jovial self, and of course - Troy....a lot of good songs were sung, some really good food shared, and a great time was had by all, despite the 100f heat. Join us in July on the 15th, and August on the 18th, as we enjoy laughing and singing and having fun! Bring your friends and family, bring some goodies to share, and come enjoy your friends at the Jolly Corkers Pub!



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Odds 'n Ends PER, PSP, PDDGER Larry Schwindt reported that the donations to Elks Lodge #80 Scholarship Fund, Inc., during the "Give to Lincoln" event raised \$17,218 in charitable donations.

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To Jim Erickson and family on the passing of his wife Beverly A. Erickson, a 21-year member who passed 6/14/25; to friends of William "Bill" Overman, a 25-year member who passed 6/6/25.

In Sympathy...





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Lodge #80 2026 goal \$5.00 per person. As of 6/4/25 - \$5.09

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

The Girl Scout Gold, Silver, and Bronze Awards were held in Auld Pavillion at Antelope Park in Lincoln, on June 1st. Elks Lodge #80 is a proud sponsor of this event. Elks Scouting Committee members Dave Shoff, Phil Pickard, and Randy King were present to participate in this event. We awarded Certificates of Honor to 47 Bronze Award Honorees, 22 Silver Award Honorees, along with a presentation size American Flag to commemorate the event, and 4 Scouts were honored with the Gold Award. Three were able to attend the ceremony, and we were able to present them full sized American Flags, flown over the Nation's Capital, in honor of their accomplishment. The Lodge also sponsored the reception afterward. There were about 100 in attendance, including Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird. She spoke of her time and fond memories as a Girl Scout.

