

Elk - - Gram

Home of Past GER Vincent R. Collura, Past GER George B. Klein, Past Grand Secretary Jack M. Jensen, & Past Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight Bobby Clinkenbeard

TEEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Elks Lodge #80 held our annual Teen of the Year recognition on March 28, honoring 46 students from 23 different middle schools in Lincoln and the surrounding area. Nominations were sought from schools to name outstanding eighth graders, one boy and one girl, from each school. Youth were chosen based on each school's own criteria, including civic engagement, academic accomplishment, or general strength of character. Families were notified and the kids arrived to the ceremony with parents, siblings, grandparents and teachers to share in their honor. Each student received a certificate and \$25.

Teen of the Year Chair Mary Ryan remarked, "It's so encouraging to see these kids stepping up and showing leadership abilities at such a young age. For many, this is their first time being recognized for their character, but it certainly won't be their last." Teachers expressed their gratitude for being able to honor their students before they move on to high school.



ANNUAL FIRST RESPONDERS DINNER

Please join us on Saturday, May 2nd, as we honor our First Responders. An individual from Lincoln Police, Lancaster County Sherriff's Office, Lincoln Fire and Rescue, Nebraska State Patrol, and the University of Nebraska Police will be recognized and honored for performance above and beyond the call of duty.

This is a wonderful way to say, "Thank You!" for the Selfless service these First Responders provide for all of us! Social hour 5:30, Dinner served 6:30 \$15 each. Dinner sponsored by Doug Reinks.

BEER AND BURGER NIGHT

American Legion meets at our Lodge and during their meeting on the second Tuesday of the month, we host a beer and burger meal from 6pm to 7pm, serving Legion members **and** Elks all together. We'd love to see more of our members at the dinners! Our next Burger Night will be on Tuesday May 12th.

Freshly made burgers, hand cut French fries, homemade baked beans and coleslaw are served, all for WAY less than you would spend on a fast food meal (and it tastes much better!). Join us, visit with your fellow Elks, and grab a drink at the bar. If you'd like to help cook and/or serve, talk to Harry Montag for more details—it's a fun evening all around!

KNIGHT'S CORNER

Until a new Exalted Ruler is elected, the three Lodge Knights will alternate with a column in the Elk-o-Gram.

Greetings from Lincoln Lodge #80,

As Leading Knight, it falls to me this month to bring you the news from the Lodge, and I'm honored to do so.

One of the things that drew me deeper into the Elks was the alignment between what we say we value and what we actually do. Our support of youth programs is one of the clearest expressions of that. I've spent decades in Scouting myself, and I can tell you firsthand that the Elks' commitment to Scouting — through Eagle Scout recognition, NYLT support, and the quiet generosity that keeps units running — makes a real difference to young people becoming leaders in our community. Every Scout who reaches Eagle does so with adults around him or her, and our Lodge is part of that circle for many.

We have several events coming up that I hope you'll join us for:

First Responder's Dinner — Saturday, May 2nd, 5:30 to 8:00 PM. An evening to honor those who heed the call to go when the rest of us are heading the other way. Bring a first responder you know; we'd love to thank them in person.

Burger Night — Tuesday, May 12th, 6:00 to 7:30 PM. Good food, good company, no fuss. Bring a friend.

Veterans Coffee House — Friday, May 15th, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the Auld Pavilion. A standing welcome to those who served and those who walk alongside them.

Thank you for the trust you've placed in this year's officers. We'll keep the work going.

— Dave
 Dave Shoff
 LEADING KNIGHT
 LINCOLN LODGE #80
 2025-2026



YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS ANNOUNCED

These outstanding students have each won a scholarship this year from Elks Lodge #80!

2026 Elks Lodge #80 Scholarship Recipients

Nicole Evans	Raymond	Kalli Grummert	Norris
Greer Kramer	LSW	Alex McMullen	LSW
Addyson Schlegelmilch	LEHS	Khloe Cuttlers	Raymond
Kayla Wilken	Milford	Micah Royuk	Seward
Payton Veik	Waverly	Mckelvie Talich	LSE
Danielle Pallat	Seward	Julianne Tvrdy	Raymond
Olivia Burns	Standing Bear	Legacy Winners - \$2,000 Each	
Avery Rodocker	Seward	Louisa Pedersen	
Brinley Keiser	Homeschool	Brook Wilson	
Kamryn Wernhoff	Pius X	Jordy Wilson	
Katelyn Pischel	LSE	Mackenna Marshall	
Theodore Kastl	Pius X	Lillian Fiedler	
Quinn Zegers	Milford		
Esther VanOverbeke	Waverly		
Ella Kossow	Seward		

Congratulations
to all our scholarship winners!

Visit our scholarship page on our website for more details.

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Elk-O-Gram Editor's Note
 May 2026 Articles Due: On or (preferably) before **April 18th**

Deadline is **ALWAYS** midnight of the Saturday after last meeting of the month!
 Articles can be sent to the at: eog.lodge80@gmail.com

*All past issues, lodge information, and more can be seen at:
www.elks80.org Site created and managed by Webmaster Larry Klein*

ANNUAL LODGE FISH FRY A GREAT SUCCESS

We would like to thank all the members and friends that attended the annual Fish Fry Dinner. We had over 100 people attend this dinner, raffle, and live auction. The highlight was the live auction: there were Nebraska Football Tickets, Kansas City Chiefs Super-bowl Mirror, great baskets with spa items and a basket with homemade jams, fruits and veggies, and others items. Big thanks to all that donated these items and to the people who sponsored and helped with the cooking and serving, It was a total team effort.



More photos from Teen Of The Year Honors



SECRETARY'S CORNER



Who could believe we are a third of the way through 2026 already! Time really flies when you're having fun, which is exactly what we've had in the past few months. Awarding scholarships, recognizing Teens of the Year and exceptional high school Juniors – just a bit of the fun we've had so far this year.

We finished the 2025/26 year with 218 members, up two from last year! We initiated 19 new members; lost 5 to death; granted transfers to 4 members; granted 3 absolute dimitis; and lost 5 members to lapsation. Our State Membership Chairman, Harry Montag, is pleased that we are in the "PLUS" column!

As always, please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions or need assistance with all things Elk. See you at the Lodge!

—Laurie

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402.202.6673 by text or phone.

Team Up Calendar:
<https://teamup.com/ks72770fc1e574f762>

2026-2027 ELKS LODGE #80 OFFICERS

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Troy Pedersen

Ken Cohn



SCOTT SCHRAGE NAMED OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Congratulation, Scott Schrage, on being awarded Elks Lodge #80 Officer of the Year! Scott's involvement as Trustee, his work with Youth Football, and his willingness to step of to be photographer, assistant or whatever he is asked to do made him the natural choice for this honor!

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COMMITTEE REPORTS FROM MARCH

Americanism: No report.

Boy Scouts: Phil Pickard reported tht flags were awarded at three recent Courts of Honor.

Children's Weekend Meals: May 31st will be our next weekend to work, volunteers needed.

Drug Awareness: No report

Girl Scouts: No report.

Hide Program: No report

Hoop Shoot: No report

House Committee: We are in need of sponsors for the July, August and September dinners. Members encouraged to consider sponsoring - currently the sponsorship cost is \$450, which members could pool among several to share the cost. This helps the Lodge immensely!

ENF: \$24.02 at the end of the fiscal year, putting us third in the state.

Membership: 217 Members, 3 candidates, 44 delinquent members (pending payment of dues after statements went out).

Lincoln Youth Football: Scott S.chrage reported that registration is underway

Scholarship: Laurie Montag reported that scholarship letters would be going out on April 16.

Youth Activities: Harry Montag thanked Mary Ryan for her work on the Teen of the Year awards. Laurie Montag reported that Junior Recognition was underway.

Social Community Welfare: No report.

Veterans Committee: Pantry for Victory Apartments is ongoing, see Milt Schmidt for information. Veterans Pantry will be May 26th. Let Milt know if you would like to help. Milt thanked members for their help in March and April. Remember the monthly CoffeeHaus events at the Auld Pavilion in Lincoln.



2025-2026 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Accident: Scott Schrage

Activities: Harry Montag, DD, PER

Americanism: Vacant

Auditing: Vacant

Benevolence:

Larry Bratt PER, PDDGER, PSP

By-Laws Changes: Vacant

Holiday Giving:

Larry Schwindt, PER, PSP PDDGER

Children's Meal Distribution:

Mary Ryan

Community Activities:

Larry Bratt PER, PSP, PDDGER

Drug Awareness:

Harry Montag, DD, PER

Elks Memorial Day: Larry Jurgens

Elks National Foundation (ENF):

Larry Bratt PER, PSP, PDDGER

Flag Day: Vacant

Fraternal: Gerald Miles, PER

Scouting Awards: Dave Schoff

Gov. Relations:

Troy Pedersen, ER, PER

Hide Program: Larry Jurgens

Hoop Shoot: Harry Montag, DD,

PER

Investigation:

Larry Bratt PDDGER, PER, PSP

Lapsation: Harry Montag, DD, PER

Membership:

Larry Schwindt PSP, PER, PDDGER

PER Association:

Larry Bratt, PER, PDDGER, PSP

Public Relations:

Harry Montag, DD, 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

Teen of the Year: Mary Ryan

Veterans: Milt Schmidt

Youth Activities: Laurie Montag

PER

NOTE: Secretary Laurie Montag if you are interested in serving on any of the committees or would consider filling a vacant committee chair position.



NOTES FROM THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees will be looking over last year reports and account balances to finish the fiscal year. We will be addressing the request to help with the Lincoln Hockey league and what our next steps will be.

The Trustees were excited that the Lodge was able to help with the "Case for Toys". We were able to meet them at the Lodge and to help with this worthy cause. Remember to support the Lodge by attending Dinners, Beer and Burger, Karaoke, and other Lodge events.

The Trustees - Scott, Harry, Troy, Milt, and Ken

OUR MEMBERS

Sickness & Distress:

Karen McCain, Sonny Lane, Terry Edwards

Deaths:

none

Proposed for Membership:

None

Awaiting Initiation:

Jeffre Mann, Joan Kelly, Samuel Shoff

Members Initiated:

Clark Pitchford, Barbara Brower, Nicole Tunnison, Morgan J. Bevan II

MEMBERSHIP DRAWING

Attendance drawing is still at \$250! April 1 winner drawn was Dick Stephenson, who was not present. April 15 winner drawn was Kevin Anderson, who also was not present.

You have to be at the meeting to win. The next drawing will be \$250 and continue at that amount until someone wins.

We also have a raffle at every meeting. The raffle on April 1 was for \$16 and was won by Ken Cohn. On April 15, \$16 was won by Phil Pickard.

SECRET NUMBER:

The secret membership number in the April issue belonged to Eric Ebeler. Don't forget to look for your number in this month's issue!

Upcoming meetings:

MAY 6TH @ 7PM
MAY 20TH @ 7PM

MAY BIRTHDAYS

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|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 - Christine Armitage | 13 - Wade Kendle |
| Eddy Muggy | 14 - Randall Bergholtz |
| 2 - Jean Leavitt | 15 - Morgan Bevan |
| Elliott Schrage | Mark Long |
| 3 - Allen King | 19 - Maureen Sadler |
| 4 - Eli Memming | 21- Juli Jurgens |
| 5 - Eric Ebeler | Randy Strobe |
| 8 - Walt Hays | Neil Stuthmann |
| 9 - Mitch Becker | 22 - Larry Bratt |
| 10 - Rebekah Petersen | Sonny Lane |
| Colin Schumacher | 26 - Ruth Arms |
| 11 - Craig Rodenbaugh | 28 - Tim Wright |
| 12 - Curtis Rohn | 29 - Marvin Godding |

JOLLY CORK BIRTHDAY TICKET

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.)

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION (ENF)



CURRENT STATISTICS:

Lodge 80 '25 goal: \$5.25 per person.

As of March 31, we ended our fiscal year at \$24.02, third in Nebraska!! Way to go, Lodge 80.

Visit www.elks.org/enf to see how you can make a difference.

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UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

WE CAN DO THIS – Pack and distribute weekend meal kits for kids. Some children go hungry on the weekends because school lunch is their only meal of the day. This program offers nutrition when school lunch isn't available. Lodge #80 serves on the fifth Sunday of months with five weekends. Belmont Community Center, May 31st at 11:00a.m. Contact Chairperson Mary Ryan, 402.499.6881

VETS' PANTRY – help distribute food and hygiene products to veterans. Always the last Tuesday of the month at Victory Apartments near 70th/O. 3pm. We always need extra hands to distribute food and household item, or donations as well. Contact Chairperson Milt Schmidt, 402.489.7903.

MONTHLY DINNERS – Our dinners are a volunteer activity that serves the lodge. Have a favorite recipe you'd like to share with others? Food preparation (an easily-obtainable food handler's permit is required for preparation), serving and cleaning up are all part of the fun. Time spent working together helps folks to meet new friends at the lodge. Call Harry Montag, 402.990.7199.

BEER AND BURGER NITE - Second Tuesday of every month, we need extra hands for prep and serving! Call Harry Montag, 402.990.7199

CHRISTMAS GIVING PROJECT – (November and December) Larry Schwindt 402.416.5239

SCOUTING – Dave Shoff 402. 937.8745

SOCCER SHOOT – Ken Cohn 402.310.8526

And simplest of all: Come to the dinners each month. Donate a little something to the raffle (even a \$10 family size package of pub mix, homemade bread, golf tees and balls, or whatever your skilled craft produces). Come to Beer and Burger Nite. And come to the meetings a few times a year. We have many activities you can help with! If you have an activity you think would be a good fit for the Elks, come to a meeting and let us know.



A big shout out to our members who volunteered to work at the lodge in April to support our lounge, our dinners, room rentals, karaoke, newsletter, and other projects, and in general help make our lodge work: (with kudos to anyone we may inadvertently miss): Larry Bratt PER; Ken Cohn; Diane Dannelly and Dave Nelson; Todd McCain; Harry Montag PER; Laurie Montag PER; Jim and Tami Norman; Troy Pedersen ER/PER; Mary Ryan; Milt and Linda Schmidt; Larry and Vicki Jergens; Scott and Jody Schrage; Larry Schwindt PER; Bob Sindlar. Big thanks go to the Jolly Corker group and friends for not only sponsoring, but cooking, serving, conducting the raffle, and clean-up! A great time was had by all!

Leaders of the Pack!

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Give to Lincoln Day 2026



Event Overview

Give to Lincoln Day is an event that encourages people to contribute to Lincoln and Lancaster County nonprofit organizations, and is coordinated by Lincoln Community Foundation, in partnership with local nonprofit organizations. Every donation made through Give to Lincoln Day makes a bigger impact, because nonprofits also get a proportional share of \$650,000 in matching funds.

Making a donation

Online donations (the preferred method) can be made with a credit/debit card at www.givetolincoln.com from May 1 starting at 12:00am, through May 28 at 11:59pm. Offline donations (checks) must be written to "Lincoln Community Foundation" with the nonprofit name specified in the memo line, and mailed to the address below (postmarked by May 21):

Lincoln Community Foundation
215 Centennial Mall South, Suite 100
Lincoln NE 68508

Is there a minimum / maximum donation?

The minimum donation on www.givetolincoln.com is \$10. There is no maximum donation limit. Household gifts exceeding \$10,000 per nonprofit will be eligible for match fund dollars up to \$10,000, and any amount in excess of \$10,000 will not be eligible for the match fund.

What does all of this mean for the Lincoln Elks Lodge?

The Elks scholarship fund is eligible to receive funds through the Give to Lincoln Day event. This is the ninth year we have participated in this event, and have increased our base scholarship fund each year. If you have ever wanted to give to the scholarship fund, now is the time. All contributions are tax deductible and your donation will be increased by the matching funds through the Lincoln Community Foundation.

The Lincoln Elks Lodge makes a huge impact on the community with the scholarships that we give. We should be very proud that we can have an impact on so many young adults in our area. Any contributions that you make to the scholarship fund will help keep this program strong, and will ensure the viability of this program well into the future.

To contribute, go to www.givetolincoln.com and search for Lincoln Elks Lodge #80 Charitable Fund Inc. There will also be a link on our web site elks80.org under the "Announcements" heading, which will direct you to the Give to Lincoln Day donation page.

DOES DISPATCH



Thanks to all who supported the Elks 15th Annual Fish Dinner last month. Thanks to you it was a huge success! This dinner has special meaning to me and all my friends at the Elks. We are already planning next year's event. This month, Lincoln Drove #4 will be honoring departed DOES members by placing a red rose on each grave. This tradition has been going for many years and I thank all who help with this. There is a project in the works that will utilize technology to identify grave locations which will help immensely. The Drove anticipates hearing all the details very soon.

Best to all,
—Vicki
President Vicki Logan

YOUTH FOOTBALL KICKS OFF!

It is that time of year again. Youth Football Registration has started, you can go on line or contact the league on how to enroll your child.

The Elks are already holding training drill every Monday and Wednesday at Lincoln Northeast High School. These drills are open to all boys and girls. They are doing conditioning drill and basic workout routines.

We have 12-15 Elks coaches doing this and the turnout is around 50 athletes every session.



KARAOKE AT THE LODGE

Our next karaoke night will be Friday, May 22 starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Jolly Corks Pub! Join us to sing or watch, visit and get caught up. You don't have to well to get up and belt out a tune or two—Heck, you don't need to sing at all if you just 15787 want to come out for the fun, fellowship, and prizes. Bring your smile and some snacks to share with everyone else! It's always a good time.

THIS IS YOUR ELK-O-GRAM!

If you notice anything missing, or have suggestions or updates to share, let us know! Do you have any announcements, business advertisements, or photos from recent lodge activities you'd like us to add?

*Please contact Mary at eog.lodge80@gmail.com
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Hidden Number:
 April's hidden number was Eric Ebeler! Look closely in this issue; if you spot your membership number, you get a free meal at our next monthly dinner!

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ROSUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26	27	28 Pitch 3p Does 6p Veterans Pantry @Victory Apts 3-5p	29	30	1	2 First Responders Dinner Social 530 Dinner 630
3	4	5 Pitch 3p	6 House 6p Lodge Meeting 7p	7	8	9
10	11	12 LIFELINE HEALTH SCREENING Pitch 3p Burger Night 6p Am. Legion 7p	13 Room Rented Corvette Club 6p	14	15 Veteran's Coffehaus @ Auld Pavilion 10a Karaoke 6p	16 Room Rented
17	18	19 Pitch 3p American Legion Potluck 7p	20 Lodge 7p	21	22	23 Room Rented
24 Kids Meals @ Belmont Comm. Center 11a-1p	31 25 MEMORIAL DAY	26 Pitch 3p Does 6p Veterans Pantry @Victory Apts 3-5p	27	28	29	30