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

Christmas Party 2018!

The 111th Children's Christmas Party was held at Pinnacle Bank Arena on a warm December 16th afternoon. The temperature was in the mid 50's, above the normal mid to upper 30's temperatures for this time of year. The attendance for this year's party was 1511 people, up almost 350 over last year. Everywhere you looked there were kids running around with toys, enjoying the candy they received as they entered the arena, and dancing to the Christmas music provided by Dorothy Applebee. Dorothy has been playing the organ and providing Christmas music at the Children's Christmas Party for over Forty years. What an accomplishment! Dorothy goes out of her way to accommodate our Christmas party. **THANK YOU DOROTHY** for your many years of entertaining the children and families of Lincoln at our Children's Christmas Parties.

On Thursday, December 13th, 50 people participated in the sacking party on the fifth level of the arena. We had two assembly lines set up, and churned out 1999 bags of goodies (SOMEONE tore one of the sacks, so we didn't have an even 2000 bags). The delivery of the items for the goody bags was accomplished by the finely coordinated teams of Larry Jurgens, & Harry Montag (apples and oranges from the Super Saver on 27th & Cornhusker), Larry Bratt (candy) and Larry Schwindt (snacks from the North Sam's). A huge **THANK YOU** goes out to Tran at Super Saver for getting us such high quality apples and oranges.

Shopping for the toys was done by Larry Bratt, Nancy Kennedy, Larry & Vicki Jurgens, Larry Schwindt, and Tami Nordman. To add to the toy collection some people dropped toys off at the Lodge and Sonny Lane's business networking group donated 47 additional toys. Thank you Sonny for coordinating and delivering your group's donations. Overall we had 378 toys to distribute at the Christmas party.

On Saturday morning December 15th, Scott Jurgens provided an enclosed trailer, which Vicki Jurgens, Nancy Kennedy, Larry Bratt, and Larry Schwindt loaded with all of the toys. While the trailer was being loaded, Scott & Larry Jurgens, Scott Schrage, and Harry Montag went to pick up Santa's sleigh. Many thanks go to Tom Roper for storing Santa's sleigh for us during the year, and picking it up after the party was over.

On Sunday morning, December 16th, Larry & Vicki Jurgens delivered the toys to the Arena, and Larry & Wyatt Schwindt, Larry & Vicki Jurgens, Larry Bratt, and Nancy Kennedy unloaded the trailer. The toys were then sorted by age and displayed for easy viewing and selection by the kids. Heather Pedersen's music students were on hand once again to set the tone for the event by providing Christmas music as everyone entered. Entertainment was provided by Juggler/Comedian Dan Bennet, and Magician Janene Harris, and once again Steffany Lien was able to be with us to WOW the kids with her amazing baton twirling skills. Harry and Laurie Montag were our Master of Ceremonies, and did an outstanding job. There were 44 volunteers who came to out to help with the party, handing out candy, counting people as they entered, distributing toys, and helping Santa. Santa commented that this was the largest number of kids that he could remember who stayed after the entertainment was finished to talk with him.

Of special note, five Lighting & Sound Technicians from Pinnacle Bank Arena Volunteered their time to set up and tear down the lighting and microphone systems for the performers. They were there from early morning to set up, and until after Santa had finished talking with the kids to do the tear down. I'd like to thank them very much for their time and efforts to make our party the best it could be.

I would also like to thank JP at KZKX radio for promoting our event on his show. JP is Program Director and Morning Show Host at 96 KX, and is also a coach for one of our youth football teams. **THANK YOU JP!**

This event couldn't have taken place without all of the people who came out to volunteer at both the sacking party and the Christmas party, and also those who generously donated to this wonderful event. It makes me proud to call myself an Elk when you see the smiles and laughter during the party, and know that we all had a part in providing such a wonderful event for the community.

Larry Schwindt

Children's Christmas Party Chairman

Announcements

2019-2020 Budgets

It is time to start thinking about the Lodges Budget for 2019-2020. The Trustees will start working on the budget for next year at the first of March so we would like the all committee's budgets in by **Monday February 25th**. You can give them to any Trustee or drop them off at the office.



Karaoke at the Lodge!

Please join us at the Jolly Corker Pub on Friday Feb 22nd for Karaoke Night!

We're all there for the fun, so come on down and perfect your skills!

Already have skills? Bring your friends with and show 'em what you've got!



**Grand Exalted Ruler,
2018-2019**
Michael T. Luhr
Message from the GER
Grand Lodge Newsletter,
February 2019

**Finishing strong can jump
start a new Elks year.**

As the Lodge Year nears its end, let's not lose focus on the fact that another will soon begin. Every Member seeking an officer position should be prepared to vote this month. Incoming Exalted Rulers-Elect should have their committee chairs lined up and ready for April 1.

When your Lodge Secretary sends out dues notices, Exalted Rulers should consider including a letter addressing the "State of the Lodge." List your Lodge's accomplishments during the previous 12 months, and include the many hours you've donated to your community. Introduce incoming Lodge Officers and inform them of your scheduled Installation date. Outline the challenges the new Elks year will bring. Include a "fixed cost" report that details the operational expenses of your Lodge.

This kind of open communication with Members helps them understand how dues are spent, and makes them feel good about supporting those in need of assistance.

Has your Lodge met the GER per capita goal of \$4.75 per Member? Do you have a 151st Elks Birthday Celebration or Valentine's Dinner scheduled for mid-February? If not, there is still time.

Now is also the time to consider your Citizen, Officer, and Elk of the Year Awards. Also, your All American Lodge Contest "A" request form, and your GER Special Citation selections are due in March. What better way to show appreciation for your hard-working Members than to present them with an award for their dedication to your community.

Let's all finish this Elks year strong and be ready to hit the ground running when April returns by "Working Together to Make a Difference!"

DOES News



The DOES Installation was Sunday January 20, 2019 at 2pm. This ceremony is open to the public. Thank you to those who joined us to support our officers. A light lunch was served after the ceremony.

All **volunteer** stadium workers were invited to attend the Elk's dinner on January 12 at the Elks at 5:30pm. Those who were able to attend were thanked for their hard work and time spent helping work concessions in 2018.

Sunday January 27 the Elks are having their Annual Pancake Feed from 8a-1p. The DOES will be having a bake sale and craft sale. Please join us and support the Elks and DOES.

In sisterly love, Wauneta Peterson



Exalted Ruler
Lodge No. 80
2018-2019

Troy Pedersen

Winter is sure going by at a fast clip! We recently had a lot of snow, which I like. I feel like winter should have some snow - it brings that little bit of hardship that keeps us honest with the weather.

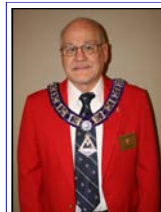
It is February and love is in the air with that special day called Valentine's Day. The Love it or Hate it day where we go get flowers, chocolate, and (of course) that Hallmark Card. Some of us, when we were young, traded Valentine's cards with all the kids in school, trying to make sure to get that one special one to the person who held your eye (or at least tried to, I was too nervous!).

As we get older, the nervousness goes away, and we learn to see the one we were intended to go through life with. Settle down, start a household, maybe a family (the furry kids count too!) along the line as well. It all works out somehow, I don't know how, just that it does. It's all part of being human.

Elks Lodge #80 will be making Valentine's Cards for the kids at Cedars Home for Children again this year. We are planning to make 151 goodie bags for the Elks National Year of 151 years of service to Veterans and Youth of the United States. Please contact me if you would like to help out.

As always, remember to come to the dinners, get active, and just have fun, so we can be Elks helping Veterans and Youth for another 150 years!

Secretary's Corner



Two months from now, April 1st, is the beginning of a new year for the Elks Lodge. With the new Elks Lodge Year, there will be an election of new officers, and getting ready for the annual (April) conference to be held in Kearney. (FYI: The location of the annual conference was incorrectly stated in the January Elk-O-Gram).

The Elks Lodge New Year will also begin the task of renewing your membership with the payment of your annual dues. Statements will be mailed out late February, early March.

As stated in last month's Newsletter, on February 15th we will drop those members who did not pay their 2018 - 2019 dues. **The list of those members is elsewhere in this newsletter.** If you do not have a membership card reflecting those dates, or if you have received a delinquent dues notice several months ago, please mail in your payment or contact the office if you feel there is an error.

Please, if you have any questions or comments of how I can better serve you, please contact me. My phone number is 402-570-2555 and my email is: lodge80secy@yahoo.com. See you all around the lodge.

Knight's Tales

As I gaze out my windows and observe the stark whiteness of my back yard, I can only think of the time we have left of this winter and look with much anticipation to the spring. As of the time of this writing, there are only 61 more days left of this white stuff and there is more on its way. We have been "blessed" this year with a somewhat mild winter, but when winter peeks its head around the corner it sure does let you know it's here. When I look at the old Farmers Almanac, it states that January temperature should be 5degrees above normal, but we could expect more moisture (snow). Now February our shortest month, the almanac prognosticated a 7degree temperature increase over the average and average precipitation. (Only if I was a betting man.) Oh well! As I was taught "it's winter in the Midwest; might be different from year to year but you can always expect cold temperatures and some snow".

I don't know if you had read the article on the Elks Website called If I could "I Could Live Again". The article is about a young veteran mother by the name of Rose who loves being a mom to her 11-year-old twin daughters. Like most parents, Rose works day in, day out to keep the rent paid, the lights on and her children fed. I bring this up because it illuminates where your contribution to ENF goes. I am not trying to be political but facts are facts. Your ENF has contributed over 4 million to help end veteran homelessness. The money funds the Elks National Veterans Service Commission's Welcome Home initiative, which includes an Emergency Assistance Fund for veterans in eight metropolitan areas targeted by the V.A. for increased focus by the Elks. To date, the Elks have helped more than 1,350 veterans exit or avoid homelessness through emergency assistance. That's something that should melt the snow off your driveway!

Something that we all need to be made aware of is that our society's hidden crisis, the drug crisis, is taking a deadly toll on a group you might not expect: middle-aged women. A new report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reveals that drug overdose deaths among females aged 30 to 64 have skyrocketed in recent years. According to the report, from 1999 to 2017, the drug overdose death rate in this age group increased 260 percent. The rate rose from 6.7 deaths per 100,000 people (4,314 overdose deaths total) to 24.3 per 100,000 (18,110 overdose deaths).

In the middle of month I am sure that you heard that 27 and 28 year old parents were charged in the death of their 18 month daughter, the reason was that the infant was found to have an "extraordinary" amount of fentanyl in her system at the time of her death.

I am sure that you have heard that in our Unicameral The Legislature's Judiciary Committee advanced Legislative Bill 622, sponsored and prioritized by State Sen. Anna Wishart of Lincoln, 6-1. It deals with the legalization of medical marijuana. Senator Wishart said supporters will have to work hard to educate lawmakers about how the medical cannabis program would operate. We will keep you posted.

Finally, the end of the long and somewhat unpredictable NFL season is upon us. We are having a Superbowl watch party at the Lodge Sunday, February 3rd. Kick Off is at 6:30. Please bring something to share with all.

Calvin Coolidge was quoted way back in the early part of the 1900 as stating that "Nothing in this world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent. The slogan Press On! has solved and always will solve the problems of the human race."

We will be seeing you around our lodge!

-Harry Montag, Leading Knight



...and now for the Quickies...

... Thanks one and all that attended the Pancake feed, it was well attended and a lot of fun. Many Thanks to P.E.R. Stephen Wirth for spearheading this project, and all the help and volunteers that went into it. Thanks to Wauneta for providing the music that lent to the enjoyment of the day, and to the Does for the bake sale items ... Be sure to see E.R. Peterson to help with the Cedar's Home for Children Valentine's Day goodie bag project. This provides much appreciated treats and remembrances to children in a tough spot in their lives, and anything we do to brighten up their day is much appreciated ... District Hoop shoot is behind us, and the State Hoop Shoot is just around the corner. Many of our Lodge #80 participants advanced to State, it will be Feb 9 in York, see P.E.R. Miles for details and how to help ... Rumor has it that P.E.R. Sneller was seen presenting an Eagle Scout with an American Flag from our Lodge at his Court of Honor, Thank You Jeff ... the Chili Cookoff is coming right up, Feb 23, so mark your calendars and let Randy King or Maureen Sadler know you want to get in on the fun! Doesn't cost anything to enter, and you can put that killer chili recipe you've been hiding up against all the others. Decorate your table in your favorite display, it can be something to showcase our Lodge and it's activities, or something you enjoy. \$10 each to sample and vote, always a good time and a good turnout ... We missed Karaoke last month due to illness, but it's back! The date got shifted a bit due to scheduling, but it will be Friday the 22nd at the Jolly Corkers Pub, bring your friends and your singing voices, or at least cheer the others on ... this one will be potluck, so bring munchies, a crock of smokies, meatballs, your fav scalloped potatoes, whatever sounds good. Lodge will provide plates and forks, and of course the Jolly Corker Pub is open for your enjoyment of adult beverages ... Lodge Scholarships will be scored Feb 7th, Sunday, see P.E.R. Montag for helping with that project. Only takes a couple hours, and you get to review and recommend applications for these scholarships. Great way to spend a Sunday afternoon, helping youth ... if you see our newest member Merle Duffy at the Pub, be sure to shake his hand and say "Hi", he was initiated January 16 and is very involved in our community ... The Lodge voted to approve Marlen Luff for Life Membership, Marlen has been a member 54 years ... be sure to get your reservations in for the Valentine's Dinner, the Larry's always have something special cooked up for that event, and it's right around the corner! ... We've turned the corner on winter, spring is only a few weeks away, and things will start to get busy. Stop past the Jolly Corkers Pub for lunch or a cold one, bring your friends and share a cup of coffee, volunteer a few hours with any of the many projects ongoing at our Lodge ... many hands make light work, and everyone has a good time doing it. See you at the Lodge ...



...Our Members...

Sickness & Distress:

None

Deaths:

Jack Jensen passed Jan 1st, 2019

Members for Consideration:

None

Members Reinstated:

Ashley Vaughn (reinstatement)

Members Initiated:

Merle Derry

Hidden Number: January's hidden number was 15860, Tami Nordman, hidden on page 6, in the Pancake Feed article

Membership Drawing: The membership drawing for the Jan 2nd meeting was \$98. Marvin Logan was the name drawn, and he was not present to win. The drawing for the Jan 16th meeting was \$112. Richard Baker was the name drawn and he was not present to win.

The Jolly Corker Pub and Kitchen are open for lunch starting at 11:30 Monday - Saturday. Now also serving light suppers! Come join us for phillies, soups, shrimp, burgers, salads, and more!

Remember that the Jolly Corker Pub closes at 9pm Monday - Thursday.

Committee Reports

Americanism: No Report.

Boy Scouts: Performed several Eagle Scout award ceremonies in January with more planned in February.

Drug Awareness: There is a SMOSH video that has been released and has received over a million views. Harry provided some statistics; Teen smoking is down, but Vaping is up! For some reason, the list of ingredients in Vape smoke is preferred over nicotine. 33 states have legalized the use of Marijuana, and a Nebraska Senator is proposing Marijuana be legalized for Medical use in the 2020 legislature meeting.

Girl Scouts: No Report.

Hide Program: 22 hides were collected this year.

Hoop Shoot: The State Shoot has been scheduled for Feb. 9th.

House Committee: 1) It was recommended by the Trustees that we donate \$250 to the yet TBD Memorial for Jack Jensen. It was proposed, voted upon, and approved. 2) The lodge will be closed for 6 major holidays in 2019, with early closing on December 24th and 31st. 3) Budget inputs are due by February 25th.

ENF: \$15.04 as of 12/25/18. The 2018-2019 goal is \$4.75.

Membership: No Report.

Lincoln Youth Football: No Report.

Retention: Membership is at 248 members, 2 candidates, and there are 14 members delinquent. Those who are delinquent will be dropped in early February.

Scholarship: Receipt of the local Lodge Scholarship applications are underway. They were due Jan 31st. Evaluation of the scholarship applications will take place Feb 17th/

Soccer Shoot: No Report.

Social Community Welfare: No Report

Veterans Committee: The Victory Apartment experience continues! The Elks has been receiving Kudos from those at the VA, we are being recognized!

2018-2019 Elks' Lodge #80 Officers

Exalted Ruler.....	Troy Pedersen
Leading Knight.....	Harry Montag
Loyal Knight.....	VACANT
Lecturing Knight.....	VACANT
Esquire.....	VACANT
Inner Guard.....	VACANT
Tiler.....	Larry Jurgens
Secretary.....	Jerry Wilson
Treasurer.....	Wauneta Peterson
Chaplain.....	Dr. William Jackson
Trustee 1 Year.....	Randy King
Trustee 2 Year.....	Scott Schrage
Trustee 3 Year.....	Gerald Miles PER
Trustee 4 Year.....	Larry Schwindt PER
Trustee 5 Year.....	Laurie Montag PER
Presiding Justice.....	Amy Jacobsen PER



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Elk-O-Gram Editor's Note

Articles Due: Feb 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 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!

Please Join us **Feb 26** to assemble the Elk-O-Gram for March!
Thank you to those who helped with folding the EOG for January.
Remember, many hands make light work...

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)



2018-2019 Committees

Accident: Scott Schrage
Activities: Stephen Wirth PER
Americanism: Mary Brooks PER
Auditing: Vicki Jurgens
Benevolence: VACANT
By-Laws Changes: Chuck Meisinger PDD, PSP, PER
Christmas: Larry Schwindt 2nd VP, PER, Larry Bratt PDD, PER
Community Activities: Mary Brooks PER
Drug Awareness: Harry Montag
Eagle Scouts: Randy King
Elks Memorial Day: Larry Schwindt 2nd VP, PER
ENF: Larry Bratt PDD, PER
Flag Day: Larry Bratt PDD, PER
Fraternal: Gerald Miles PER
Gold Award: Stephen Wirth PER

Gov. Relations: Troy Pedersen ER
Hide Program: Larry Jurgens
Hoop Shoot: Gerald Miles PER
Investigation: Larry Bratt PDD, PER
Membership: Larry Schwindt 2nd VP, PER
Midget Football: Scott Schrage
PER Association: Gerald Miles PER
Public Relations: Stephen Wirth PER
Ritual: Stephen Wirth PER
Scholarship: Laurie Montag PER
Soccer Shoot: Doug Rienks PER
Standing Relief: Laurie Montag PER
State Major Projects: Larry Schwindt 2nd VP, PER
Veterans: Luann Hamilton
Youth Activities: Laurie Montag PER



Vet's Corner



Hope you all had a great Christmas and your new year is off to a good start! Your veterans committee continues to work with Heroes Into Homes to provide cleaning and personal care supplies to the vets who were previously homeless. Your support in this effort is needed and extremely appreciated. The vets have commented that our visit is the highlight of the month. Heroes Into Homes volunteers have sung praises and expressed thank you's for Elks Lodge 80 efforts at public and online events. Keep giving, keep caring and if you want some 'hands-on' let me know. Kudos to the PERs for helping with the prep work - team work makes the dream work.

Here's the current needs list. Your donations of the products helps our grant money go even further. We still need them. Thanks to all of those who have either donated products themselves and/or those who have involved their friends from other organizations. Elks care, Elks share.

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| 13 Gallon Garbage Bags | Bar Soap |
| Paper Towels | Toilet Bowl Cleaner |
| Laundry Detergent PODS | Shaving Gel |
| Dryer Sheets | All-Purpose Spray Cleaner |
| Dishwasher PODS | Toilet Paper |
| Liquid Dishwashing Soap | Razors |
| Men's & Women's Deodorant | Body Lotion |
| Shampoo | Tooth Paste |
| 3 in 1: Shower Gel/Shampoo/Conditioner | Individually Wrapped Toothbrushes |



Happy February Birthdays!

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| 01 - Speidell, Todd | 21 - Miller, Don |
| Spellmeyer, Kenneth | 29 - Thomas, Dwight |
| 04 - Carter Jr., Samuel | |
| 06 - Hoffman, Ron | |
| 19 - Edwards, Terry L | |
| 09 - Wingrove, Dirk | |
| 12 - Lahr, Richard | |
| 14 - Paul, Lyle | |
| 17 - Gray, Jerrod | |
| 20 - Mills, Franklin | |



Scholarship Review

Come one, come all! Help us review applications for our lodge scholarships! Please come to the lodge at noon on Sunday, February 17 to help us move forward with awarding our lodge scholarships for 2019. Lodge members get to do the fun part - learning more about these ambitious high school seniors by reviewing their activities and their letters of recommendation! This is an important function - you get to play a part in helping many young students finance their college career! A light lunch will be provided. If you have any questions, I can be reached at 402.202.6673 - leave me a message. Hope to see you there!

Christmas Party 2018 Pictures



The following is a list of people who have generously donated to the 111th Annual Children's Christmas Party. It's truly amazing to see how many people care about, and support, this fantastic event. The Children's Christmas Party lets our Elks Lodge showcase the true meaning of "Elks Care, Elks Share". I thank each and every one who donated to this great cause. If I have omitted anyone from this list I sincerely apologize. The donations pass through several people and sometimes not all of the names of those who have donated make their way to me. Please let me know if you have donated and your name is not included, and I will include it in the next Elk-O-Gram.

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Delinquent Members

Wahadi Allen
 Scott Beyer
 Polly Conyers
 Timothy Cox
 Carrie Fiedler
 Ryan Fiedler
 Jerrod Gray
 Patrick Hardesty

Chase Orsborn
 John Robel Jr
 Michael Smith
 Melvin Tucker
 Mark Whitehead
 Jason Wilbur

The above members will be dropped for non-payment of dues February 15, 2019. This notice serves as the requirement to provide this information in writing.

The 6th Annual Chili Feed is fixin' to happen!



Bring your best to the Lodge on Feb 23rd!

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Chaplain's Corner

"Is That All There Is?"

Elks Lodge 80 Chaplain, Dr. William Jackson

Service by mankind's definition refers to working in performance of an occupation, business, or consultation; as well as duties for a superior as a subordinate (Farley, 2019. the Free Dictionary [Online]).

Service from Holy Scripture offers three references from the Hebrew and Greek perspective. There is Sharath, "to attend", as a worshipper giving their time and talent to the Lord when and where required (Exodus 35:19; 39:1,41). There is Tsabha', "numbered for service" as for war, campaign, and hardship (Numbers 4:30,35,39,43; 8:24). Finally, there is Diakonia (Greek), "ministry", where you serve the Lord by serving His church and those still unsaved (2 Corinthians 11:8; Revelation 2:19).

Unfortunately, you do not get to choose which of those service options to follow. God does that for you, through the fruits of His spirit to you (Galatians 5: 22, 23). Keep in mind Jesus' parable about "talents"; i.e., God's expectation of us to use and multiply His gifts for His purpose and the further salvation of humankind (Matthew 25:14-30).

Another consideration for your service is...why...? Do YOU know why you've accepted the Lord's salvation? Do you know what He EXPECTS of you as His adopted son or daughter?

How active are you with the Church, and those who don't know the Lord? You are an evangelist, right, as part of His great commission (Matthew 28:16-20)? Don't worry. This is not a judgment thing, and no one knows YOU like the Lord does.

Maybe it's time to take stock of yourself; a sort of self-admonishment, if you will (Colossians 3:16). The Lord does not need you to save humanity. But He does want you as part of His church of believers to witness to your fellow humans who need His salvation.

Are you up for it? The Lord is. How about making that move in your soul/mind to get right with the Lord, the way you know you should be doing. No judgment again. Just that admonishment already discussed. If you love the Lord, I know you'll be worthy of His commission.

You're invited to direct any Scripture or nature of God inquiries directly to me at the following, with private, confidential, and anonymous responses in the next available Elk-O-Gram. Email: wcjdoc@gmail.com Instagram: @williamcjacksonjr



Valentine's Dinner
Saturday Feb 9th

Cocktails 5:30, Dinner 6:30
Prime Rib, Spring Salad, Green Beans,
Baked Potato, Bread, and Larry's Special
Brownies for dessert!

\$20 w/reservations only



Please call in your
reservations!!

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Welcome to Lincoln Lodge No. 80

As of Wednesday evening, January 16th, Merle Derry is our lodges' newest member. Merle is retired from Pfizer Inc. here in Lincoln. His proposer is Roger Schwisow. He is very active within the community which includes the Sowers Club and Shriners. Before Merle left the lodge building, he had already been approached by a number of Elks to see if he may be interested in getting involved with our organization.



Pictured with Merle is Exalted Ruler Troy Pedersen and acting Esquire Past District Deputy Larry Bratt. Welcome to Lodge #80 Merle and thank you for joining. Get involved, it is very rewarding.

Lincoln DOES Drove No. 4 Presentation

On Wednesday evening, 01/02/2019, President of Does Drove No. 4, Wauneta Peterson presented the following checks to Exalted Ruler Troy Pedersen totaling \$5,350.50. Donations included \$200 to the Children's City Wide Christmas Party, \$1,000 to the Does Drove No. 4 Scholarship Fund, \$1,000 to Lincoln Lodge No. 80's General Fund and \$3,150.50 representing one half of the Nebraska Football Volunteer Stadium project.

In addition, Wauneta then invited all the volunteers, of the stadium project, to join her for a Salisbury steak dinner on Saturday, January 12th, 2019 at the lodge in appreciation for all their dedication.



Elks District Hoop Shoot



On Saturday, January 12th, 2019 the show must go on. Even though Lincoln received 4 to 5 inches of snow on Friday night, our East District Hoop Shoot competition was still game on. The four lodges, whose 12 shooters represented Fairbury, Falls City, Lincoln and Omaha. Lincoln Lodge No. 80 is proud to announce that the winners in their respective age groups were all from Lincoln.

Girls 8-9, Anna Ludwig (15), Girls 10-11, Lexie Crocker (10), Girls 12-13, No Shooter, Boys 8-9, Jaden Lang (15), Boys 10-11, Kruz Fiddler (21) and Boys 12-13, Carter Mick (21).

Each shooter is allowed 25 shots from their age group respective foul line. In case of a tie, the shooters get an additional 5 shots and so forth until a winner is determined. The next stop for our district champs will be in York, Nebraska at the York Middle School Gym, 1730 North Delaware Ave. on Saturday, February 9th, 2019. Arrival time for shooters is 9:00 a.m. and then competition from the Nebraska West, Central and East District winners will start at 10:00 a.m. sharp.

Congratulations to all of Lincoln's winners and best of luck to you and your families in York.

A big THANKS to all of our volunteers and school staff who helped out at the local and district levels which were held at Southwest High School.





Lincoln Elk's Lodge No. 80

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Lodge 80 GOAL: \$4.75. As of 12/25/18: \$15.04

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

February 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2 Pinewood Derby 9-5
3	4	5	6 Lodge Mtg 7p	7	8	9 Valentine's Dinner 5.30p State Hoop Shoot, York
10	11	12 Burger Nite 5.30p	13 Room Rented	14	15	16
17 Scholarship Meeting 12p	18 DOES	19 American Legion	20 Lodge Mtg 7p	21 American Legion	22 Karaoke 7p	23 Chili Cookoff 5.30p
24	25	26	27	28		