

Announcements

For Sale

The Lodge has a 27 inch RCA color TV that we are no longer using. We are offering it to the members!

If you're interested in the TV, please just make us an offer!

-House Committee



Karaoke at the Lodge!

Please join us at the Jolly Corker Pub on Friday **April 12th** 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!

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

Get your house in order now to avoid future stress.

We avoid unwelcome future surprises by getting our affairs in order now. Set a goal to accomplish the following tasks before July 1 by spreading the workload out between your Board of Directors (BOD) members. This ensures that nobody becomes overwhelmed.

First, review your Lodge Bylaws to learn whether any items are in need of attention. Next, review your House Rules to ensure that they are written to protect your Lodge from a business perspective and clearly define the rules that Members are required to follow.

While keeping in mind that all states have their own unique corporate laws, ask the following questions:

• Is your corporation BOD required to be listed on all Lodge licenses?

Have you renewed your corporation license and updated BOD member information?
Is your "Registered Agent" listed correctly?

You should also ask the following questions in regard to Lodge property insurance:

• Have Lodge Trustees reviewed your coverage or is it a perfunctory exercise?

 When was the last time your Lodge conducted a local appraisal to determine the value of your property?

• Is the BOD in agreement with the amount of coverage? Is there a savings for less? Do not let others make your coverage decisions for your Lodge.

Answering these questions effectively will ensure that you have adequate insurance coverage if a loss were to occur.

Take time to update your list of fixed assets, enter the information into your accounting program, and check it against your accountant-supplied depreciation schedule. This should always be a priority. Review all job descriptions for every employee, whether they be in your office, dining room, club, or any other entity that falls under the Lodge umbrella.

While this list may seem lengthy, if every BOD member does their part, it won't be difficult to complete. Diligence in these matters will also ensure that you're on sound footing for the new Lodge year while preventing problems that could take far more time to overcome.

Work hard, pay attention to details, and follow through. By "Working Together to Make a Difference," BOD members reinforce your community's trust and Member confidence in your Lodge. Barb and I wish you the best of fortune for the 2019-2020 Lodge year.

DOES News



Finally, Spring has sprung. The Husker Spring Game is Sat. Apr. 13. We need volunteers to work the game. Students need to be 16+, have a picture ID, and be able to count back change. The game starts at 1 pm, so workers will need to be there by 11 am. Please notify Randy (402.450.0978) or Wauneta (402.483.1649) if you can work. Names of volunteers need to be turned in a week before the game. This is a good way to financially help the DOES and Elks.

On May 11, the DOES are having a Spring Vendor Sale. These local vendors offer a variety of home and personal gifts. The show hours ar 11 - 4 at the Lodge. Invite your neighbors, coworkers, relatives, and people you don't know that like to shop! Raffle tickets will be sold for items donated by the vendors. \$2 for 1 ticket or \$5 for 3. Refreshments will be available.

It's time to go for walks and enjoy the sunshine. Keep moving!

In sisterly love, Wauneta Peterson



Exalted Ruler Lodge No. 80 2019-2020

Harry Montag

Before we begin our new year, I would like to express our thanks and gratitude to the newest PER Troy Pedersen and his spouse Heather Pedersen for their guidance last year. It is not easy working a full-time job, balancing what teenagers do, and trying to corral a herd of ELKS.

In addition, I would like to congratulate our Trustees Scott, Gerald, Larry, Laurie and our 5-year trustee Randy. They are a huge resource for us. Our New Officers Heather, Maureen, Vicky, Larry, Dick, William, Troy, and muscif will all work together to improve communication between all of us.

myself will all work together to improve communication between all of us. Coach Bobby Knight once stated that "the will to succeed is important, but what is more important is the will to prepare."

This year I believe that there are three simple things that we as a group must do. The first one is to communicate effectively with each other. Not just assume that, but to actually do that. You'll see some evidence of this in the near future. What about Fellowship? What can we do with each other to promote our lodge to others? Free advertising when our name is out there. Could we possibly have fun in doing this? I think so. By building on two simple ideas growth can happen. With growth - things excel. We need to stop relying on old thoughts and expecting things to just happen.

Again, Coach Knight stated "I think that we as a people are always prone to think about, well, tomorrow will be a better day. Well, why will it be a better day? And I think the more that we believe in doing things better, doing the right thing rather than hoping that that's going to happen, let's make it happen" We need the support of all of us

As you finish reading this remember embracing change is not a difficult skill to learn. Once you start looking at change as a good thing, you'll be amazed at some of the benefits that can follow.

And if I haven't thanked you for allowing us to serve you for the upcoming year, I do so now.

My phone is always on. If I do not answer, please leave a message I will call back.

We will be seeing you around the lodge!

Secretary's Corner



Happy New Year!! Yes, the new lodge year (2019-2020) begins April 1st. The new Lodge Officers will be installed April 3rd, and the celebration will be the same night!

Thanks to those of you that have already paid your membership dues for the new year. Your continued support is most welcome. Because of the many payments received in a very short time, I may have made my first mistake ever by not sending out your new membership card. I apologize in advance and

ask that you contact me if you think that is the case.

The dues statements were sent out late February. If you did not get a statement, please let me know. Your promptness in paying is very much appreciated.

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

The weather seems to be on everyone's mind. The devastation people have suffered is unreal. The ice chunks piled on the highways; farms and bridges are gone; family homes are either gone completely, or damaged with such a mess the cleanup looks like an impossible task. Watching other people pitch in and help clean up the mess in several small towns did my heart good. Someday, hopefully, life will return to normal for these people.

I was proud of Lincoln citizens for supporting the Mayor's water rationing. It made me proud so many people and businesses got behind it. Bars, restaurants, and car washes to name a few. And I did not hear anyone complain about it.

My family is always a source of amazement for me. My 16 year old grandson works part-time for a grocery store. The employees were asked to consider shaving their head to collect money for Children's Cancer. Max was the only youth to sign up. His goal was to raise \$100 to publicly shave his head, he raised \$150. I told him, he looks good in baseball caps. Seriously, that is something I would never have done and for those who know me, I am bald.

Changing direction a little bit, the Elks Lodge #80 felt good for me the first time I walked in the door. The general feel has always been very positive and I've always felt welcome. I like the fact that at meetings a lot of issues are covered and are usually dealt with at that meeting.

Speaking of feeling better, Scott Frost has done a lot for the positive feelings about Husker Football. I know several Booster's of the program. The opinion is that even if we do not have a winning season, we certainly are headed the right way. The Basketball program has gone farther this year. Coach Miles has stepped up, but the opinion is that there is probably going to be a change in coaching staff.

Everyone probably noticed I am not as good at this as Harry is. In the coming year I will probably continue to be more involved in things. Since becoming an Elk, I have found volunteering to be quite rewarding. I would highly recommend it, and if anyone else wants to volunteer it certainly gives you a good feeling. I actually feel better about myself because of volunteering.

As a side note: Is it just me? Or is anyone else confused about which Larry is which??

Hopefully, I'll be seeing you around our lodge!

-Dick Wolf, Leading Knight

Hello! My name is Troy Pedersen. You might have heard of me from a few different places. I've just moved over to the Lecturing Knight chair.

With Brotherly Love in mind, I would remind you to be mindful of those around us who may be experiencing grief or hard times. I would be remiss if I didn't offer a shoulder when needed. Please let me know how I can help you and your loved ones when the need arises.

It has been my pleasure to serve the Lodge, and I look forward to continuing that in my new role. Lets have a good fraternal 2019-2020 year. I look forward to what's to come!



...and now for the Quickies...

... Spring has finally sprung, the temps are turning around, and 75% of Nebraska is enduring extreme hardship due to flooding and blizzards. Farmers have lost their land and equipment, ranchers have lost cattle and hogs, our roads and bridges are severely impacted, as well as infrastructure for dozens of small communities. Tough times are ahead for all. So let us, as Elks, double down on our efforts to help one another, do good where we can, lift the spirits and lighten the burdens of those affected ... Our St. Patty's Day dinner was a success, good food and good times shared by all. A big Thank You to P.E.R. John Aman, and his crew of E.R. Harry Montag, Trustee Scott Schrage, servers Kim and Pat Wiseman, P.E.R. Laurie Montag, and Jody Schrage for all the help they lent to make it a success ... The Fraternal year has come to a close, and the Lodge did well under the leadership of P.E.R. Troy Pedersen. Troy will be a Knight in the upcoming Fraternal year under the leadership of E.R. Harry Montag. You will see some new faces in Lodge Officer positions, as several people have stepped up to try their hand at holding a position. Come to the Lodge meetings, and thank these folks for volunteering ... many hands make light work, and with everyone pitching in, it makes our roles within the Lodge fun! ... Nice to see some new faces around the Lodge, Kathleen Holloway was just initiated, you'll likely see her at Karaoke nights, cheering on her husband Ed and the crew that make Karaoke so much fun! ... Kyle King is now an Elk, joining his brother Allen and his sister Maureen, and brother in law Kevin (and Dad, Randy) ... There are a couple candidates slated for Initiation in April. We need everyone to help grow our Lodge, our numbers are down and we need to increase membership. Make it a point to recruit at least one new member this year, two is better ... Fish Fry dinner coming up April 6th, that is a popular dinner, so be sure to get your reservations in and plan on attending. Call the Lodge 402-421-6363 to get your reservations in place, it helps them know how much fish to prepare ... as you may have heard, our longtime bartender Nancy resigned, we wish her well in her new endeavors and she will be sorely missed ... Diane Z has graciously agreed to take on some of her hours, so you will see her cheerful face behind the counter and we have decided to try to run the Pub on Thursday nights with Elks Volunteers. So, if you'd like to try your hand at bartending, or you were a bartender in your college days, get ahold of E.R. Harry for more info on this ... hours are 6-9 pm and you will need to have a food handlers permit and complete the Responsible Beverage Servers Training, both of which can be done on-line ... the Lodge budget has been completed and is available for all members to review, we will vote on it the second meeting in April, the 17th ... Our Installation of new Officers is the first meeting in April, the 3rd. That is a public ceremony, so bring your family and friends to see it. Good opportunity to introduce them to the Lodge and what we do, applications for membership are in the foyer by the coat room ... please come to the Lodge for lunch and drinks, and fellowship with members of your Lodge. We need the support to justify keeping the Pub open during the days, it is here for your enjoyment and patronage

... keep the Lodge Officers in your prayers for safe travels as they head to spring convention later this month ... when you see Lu Hamilton, thank her for her diligent work keeping the Victory Apartment project rolling along. She has a great crew of dedicated Elks that help her manage this important project ... since the new Fraternal year is just starting, now is the time to get your donations in for ENF ... the quicker we meet our goal of \$4.75 a person, the quicker we can apply for the grants available, and we need those grants to continue the important work they underwrite ... also, now is the time to renew your advertising in the Elk O Gram. A business card sized ad is just \$10 a month, other sizes available upon request. If you have a small business, this is a great way to reach 250+ people a month, plus it supports and helps underwrite the cost of publishing your newsletter ... remember, Installation on the 3rd, fish fry on the 6th, karaoke on the 12th ... April is shaping up to be a busy month! See you at the Pub for lunch...

-Troy Pedersen, Lecturing Knight

...Our Members...

Sickness & Distress: None

Deaths: Virgil Wieting passed March 28

Members for Consideration:

George Venteicher by Randy King Diane Zabokrtsky by John Aman

Members Reinstated: None

Members Initiated:

Kathleen Holloway Kyle King

Hidden Number: March's hidden nur Christine Armitage, hidden on page 6 endar results article.

Membership Drawing: The membership dra March 6th meeting was \$140. Keith Kirstine drawn, and he was not present to win. The n drawing for the March 20th meeting was \$15 was the name drawn and he was not presen

The Jolly Corker Pub and Kitchen are open fo at 11:00 Monday - Saturday. Now also serving Come join us for phillies, soups, shrimp, burge more!

Remember that the Jolly Corker Pub close Monday - Thursday. No food service after



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Committee Reports

Americanism: No Report.

nber was 1581 in the Cash Ca	 7 Lodge members to present flags. March, with Boy Scout Chair Randy honorary neckerchief in thanks for H Drug Awareness: Improper use of Everyone was encouraged to turn in prescription drugs. Girl Scouts: No Report. Hide Program: No Report. Hoop Shoot: No Report. House Committee: 1) Budget is an on April 17th. 2) It was proposed th plates for a cost of \$70. It was vote ENF: \$19.63 as of 2/26/19. The 20' Membership: Everyone was encour with 41 of those utilizing the monthil Lincoln Youth Football: No Report 8, Retention: Membership is at 235 n members delinquent. Those who an 	controlled prescription drugs is a concern. n their old or no longer needed controlled vailable for review if desired. It will be voted at we purchase two cases of small saucer d on and approved. 18-2019 goal is \$4.75. iraged to pay their dues. 99 have so far, y deduction plan or online payment options.				
awing for the was the name nembership	Social Community Welfare: No Report Veterans Committee: Pantry items for the Victory Apartments were delivered March 21, with much gratitude given to those who helped.					
i6. James Smith t to win.	2019-2020 Elks' Lodge #80 Officers					
r lunch starting	Exalted Ruler	Harry Montag				
g light suppers! ers, salads, and	Leading Knight	Dick Wolf				
s at 9pm 7pm.	Loyal Knight	Dr. William Jackson				
	Lecturing Knight	Troy Pedersen				
	Esquire	Heather Chesnut				
	Inner Guard	Larry Jurgens				
	Tiler	Vicki Jurgens				
4	Secretary	Jerry Wilson				
	Treasurer	Wauneta Peterson				
University Ave, West Des Services	Chaplain	Maureen Sadler				
	Trustee 1 Year	Scott Schrage				
TITUTE	Trustee 2 Year	Gerald Miles PER				
METRIST	Trustee 3 Year	Larry Schwindt PER				
	Trustee 4 Year	Laurie Montag PER				
	Trustee 5 Year	Randy King				
	Presiding Justice	Amy Jacobsen PER				

Elk-O-Gram Editor's Note

Articles Due: April 18

Deadline is <u>ALWAYS</u> 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 **April 23** to assemble the Elk-O-Gram for May! Thank you to those who helped with folding the EOG for March. *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: Harry Montag, ER Auditing: Vicki Jurgens Benevolence: VACANT By-Laws Changes: Chuck Meisinger PDD, PSP, PER Christmas: Larry Schwindt, PER, SP, Larry Bratt PER, PDDGER, 3VP Community Activities: Larry Bratt PER. PDDGER, 3VP Drug Awareness: Harry Montag, ER Eagle Scouts: Randy King Elks Memorial Day: Larry Schwindt SP, PER ENF: Larry Bratt PER, PDDGER, 3VP Flag Day: Larry Bratt PDDGER, PER, 3VP Fraternal: Gerald Miles PER

Gold Award: Stephen Wirth PER Gov. Relations: Troy Pedersen PER Hide Program: Larry Jurgens Hoop Shoot: Gerald Miles PER Investigation: Larry Bratt PDDGER, PER, 3VP Membership: Larry Schwindt 2nd VP, PER PER Association: Laurie Montag 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 Youth Football: Scott Schrage



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When I'm not stuffing baggies with Tide pods and dryer sheets, I'm at the VA Clinic helping with the monthly VA Coffeehaus as your State Elks local representative. We have been helping out with snacks for the event and recently I took over as the communications coordinator.

The goal of the Coffeehaus is to promote health and well being through music and fellowship and is held every third Friday of the month from 11-12:30.

Snacks, coffee, etc. are free to around 100 people and the music is provided for free by local musicians. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Quilts of Valor present their hand pieced quilts in a ceremony at 12:15. This last month (March), our own Wade Graft and Dr. William Jackson were two of six recipients in honor of their service and sacrifice. Congratulations to both and a sincere thank you.



Happy April Birthdays!

- 01 Searle, James
- 02 Bray, William A Gustin, Chad
- 05 Derry, Merle Travis, Brent
- 09 Caudy, David W
- 12 Schrage, Scott
- 13 Montag, Harry Nowak, Bill
- 15 Jacobsen, Amy G
- 16 Roper, Thomas H
- 21 White, Justin 22 - Smith. Dennis K
- 24 Biggs, William J
 - Durst, Wesley N

- 25 Sadler, Kevin 26 - Krupicka, Ken
- 27 Klein, Larry J
- 28 Ehlers, Angela
- 29 Dondlinger, Walter D



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A Note From The "Corned Beef Kid"

I'm not sure how many years the tradition has endured, but I think it was 1998 that Alex "Bud" Dietrich talked me into cooking my first St. Patty's celebration after the lodge's cook broke his leg. Yes, we had a chef then!

I was "volunteered" (more like drafted). That year, Bud gave me a B for effort. I gladly accepted, and then imitated a drunken Irish sailor on holiday, but just for a few hours.

This year, we had a great turnout, about 90, and every last morsel of beef that wasn't served was spoken for. That's a wonderful compliment! Thank you! ER Elect Harry Montag and Board of Trustee's Chairman Scott Schrage were the backbone of the kitchen, lifting the heavy trays of raw beef and managing the kitchen. It's very tricky and it turned out fantastically.

My thanks to my son Charles and his lovely wife Edie, who set the tables and chairs, and decorated the lodge room beautifully. I sure hope he learns to cook soon, because my back and knees might find out I'm 70, like other parts of this "model 48" seem to have. The assistance of Pat and Kim was so appreciated. Thanks also to the Boy Scout volunteers for the excellent cleanup.

The St. Patty's dinner brought in almost \$1500, which is great! Next year, I suggest many of you bring a guest, a couple, or a friend. We need, and have the ability to cook (300 pounds of brisket!) for 120 people, maximum. Team spirit! Then maybe, just maybe, some of these guests might want to (and will) join the Elks; the Best People of Earth, guardians of so many charitable efforts. Who wouldn't want to be a part of that?

Just like the celebrations in all Irish communities, small clans and big, St. Patrick's Day is about celebrating the victories and miracles both big and small. And isn't that what we, as Elks, do with every project and effort? From the little children to our aging Vets and everyone who crosses our threshold?

Thank you, all of you, for your support. I can hardly wait until next year: all 120 of you.

-John Aman, PER

A Special Shout Out

I would like to give a shout out to PER John Aman for all of his time and effort, along with the gifts, for the St. Paddy's Day dinner. A BIG thank you for the gift of a year's membership to the Elks, which I will greatly enjoy!

-Diane Zabokrtsky

DOES Spring Vendor Show

It's not too soon to mark your calendars for the Saturday, May 11 2019 DOES Spring Vendor show! A number of local vendors are coming together to offer a variety of home and personal gifts. Hours for the Show are 11am to 4pm at the Lodge.

Come shop Scentsy, Norwex, Young Living essential oils, Pampered Chef, Premier Jewelry, Stampin Up!, plus miscellaneous crafts and custom gift ideas. Buy and enter your raffle tickets into the drawings for items graciously donated by the vendors. \$2 for 1 ticket or \$5 for 3 tickets.

Come out, bring a friend and support the Lincoln DOES in their ongoing efforts to give back to our community. We'll see you there! -Vicki Logan

Congratulations to Our Newest Members



Pictured L to R: Sponsor Randy King, Kyle King, PER Troy Pedersen, Kathleen Holloway, Sponsor Ed Holloway

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Our Newest Eagles





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

April 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 Lodge Mtg 7p Officer Installation	4	5	6 Fish Fry 5.30p
7	8	9 Burger Nite 5.30p American Legion	10 Room Rented	11	12 Karaoke 7p	13
14	15 DOES	16 Cub Scout Blue&Gold 6.30p American Legion	17 Lodge Mtg 7p	18 American Legion	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 State Convention, Kearney, NE	27 State Convention, Kearney, NE
28 State Convention, Kearney, NE	29	30				