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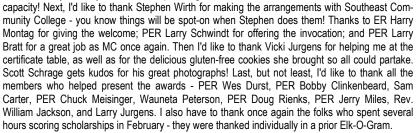
THE FAULTS OF OUR MEMBERS, WE WRITE UPON THE SAND—THEIR VIRTUES UPON THE TABLETS OF LOVE AND MEMORY

Youth Day 2019

Lincoln Elks Lodge #80 conducted Youth Day ceremonies on Monday, May 6, 2019, with over 400 students, family, and friends in attendance at the Southeast Community College gym in Lincoln. The event was held in conjunction with Elks National Youth Week.

The Lodge awarded certificates to the 40 recipients of its annual scholarships, which total over \$45,000. Also recognized with Certificates of Achievement in seventeen areas of academic excellence and excellence in the Arts were 240 High School Juniors from Lincoln and the surrounding areas.

A big thanks goes to all involved. First, to Mark Long - he was the organizer behind the Junior awards. And Mark says next year he will help in a greater



And now I'll make a plea - if you think you might be interested in participating in this very significant Lodge project, please let me know. As I've said before, many hands make light work, and we can certainly portion a job to suit your availability - and I'll train you!

Other photos appear on our lodge website - elks80.org. Please check them out!







Fried and Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Saturday, July 13

Vegetable Medley, and dessert!

Cocktails: 5.30p Dinner 6.30p \$10 in Advance, \$12 at the door

Membership Recognition Dinner Saturday, August 10

Menu TBD

Cocktails: 5.30p Dinner 6.30p Tickets: \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. PAGE 2 VOLUME 131, ISSUE 4/5



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

Teamwork Will Reverse Membership Trends.

Working Together To Make A Difference was what we were hanging our hat on when this year began. A huge difference has been made thanks to everyone who pitched

It has been a fantastic voyage these past 12 months. Barb and I have toured the country and have seen the tremendous efforts put forth by our Local Lodge and state leaders.

Together, while making the difference, you have reversed the membership trend and led us down a path that needs to be followed. The books have been locked for 2018-2019, and it's official: The Elks have added a net total of 94 Members, our first gain in 39 years.

We need to ensure that we don't rest on our laurels. Membership needs to be a focus every day, so keep working and keep the most recent trend intact.

As your Grand Exalted Ruler, I have seen the many programs that you are employing across our country to aid our youth, military personnel, and veterans. The Elks run camps and schools for those with special needs and have worked to assist those in VA homes and hospitals. Together, you did make a difference.

As this year comes to an end for Barb and I, we can only hope that your efforts continue to keep improving communities across our country. Your hard work and dedication have inspired us. The memories of this year will never leave us and the appreciation we have for those we have met shall not wane. You have inspired us and you have made the Order better and stronger for years to come.



Exalted Ruler Lodge No. 80 2019-2020

Harry Montag

I grew up hearing that little things mean a lot. As I grow older I found out that this term really does stand for what it means.

As our day of Independence approaches, please remember in 1774 (the year leading up to the Revolutionary War) the English Parliament were passing laws placing excessive taxes on the colonists in America. The Sugar Act, Stamp Act, and a variety of other laws that were meant to get money from the colonists for Great Britain.

Did you realize that there were a lot (some Historians say a majority!) of Colonists who were against the war? But a little means a lot again.

There was a battle in South Carolina by a town called Cowpens. This was a very decisive victory for us in our fight for independence. It was, in fact, the beginning of the end for the British. The number of American soldiers involved in the battle was about 800 while the British numbered more. In the span of an hour, our little force had taken over 500 British as prisoners and had killed or wounded over 300, compared to losing only 12 of our own.

This little talked about battle damaged British morale while boosting the morale of the Americans. The "little" had turned the tide. Who would have thought that in 8 months the King of England granted our Independence. We thank God for the little things, they do mean a lot!

There is a lot going on in the slow days of summer. We have Grand Lodge going on in the first part. Independence Day (please remember the lodge is closed), Karaoke on the 5th, Burger Night on the 9th (a great burger for a great price), and "A Night Out at the Ball Park" on the 11th (what a great deal: food for \$15.00 that includes burgers, hot dogs, potato salad, chips, and a drink! The game \$5.00. We are going on Thirsty Thursday too!). Please plan on attending! Don't forget about the 17th, it's our only lodge meeting of the month.

You will need to keep August 10th open too. We are planning to have a dinner honoring members, Elks and Does, who have been members for a while. More on this to follow.

"Some say freedom is a gift placed in our hands by our forefathers.

Some say freedom is a human right that none should be denied.

Some say freedom is a privilege that can and will be seized if taken for granted.

Some say freedom is the key that opens doors otherwise meant to imprison.

Some say freedom is power to do, to be, to say, and to accomplish what the oppressed cannot. Some say freedom is a responsibility—a weight to be carried and shared by those willing to protect it.

Perhaps freedom is all these things, but in my eyes I see freedom as a treasure. It is a gem so rare and precious the fiercest battles rage over it. The blood of thousands is spilled for it—past, present, and future. Where true and unblemished freedom exists, it shines with perfect clarity, drawing the greedy masses, both those who desire a portion of the spoils and those who would rob the possessor of the treasure, hoping to bury it away.

Without freedom I am a slave in shackles on a ship lost at sea. With freedom I am a captain; I am a pirate; I am an admiral; I am a scout; I am the eagle soaring overhead; I am the north star guiding a crew; I am the ship itself; I am whatever I choose to be."

I found these words by Richelle E. Goodrich in the book Making Wishes to be appropriate.

Have a Family filled, Save, Fun and Wonderful 4th!

We will be seeing you around our Lodge



Secretary's Corner

Jerry Wilson

Hopefully you are enjoying the summer and taking a much needed vacation, or playing some extra golf, or even a nap! Your Elks Lodge may have slowed down a little as well, but "no vacation"! We are still here and continuing on

with dinners, the lounge is still open for lunch and evening beverage services, and of course, we still have meetings! There are still a few stragglers that have not yet paid their Membership Dues for the current lodge

year. Your attention to taking care of paying them will be greatly appreciated. Membership is what makes our organization strong and viable in the community. Also, we have several new members that may not be familiar to you. Please be cordial and friendly to them, they may be your new best friend

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 lodae.

DOES News

attend and help us welcome her.



we will end the evening at the Elks for dinner.

Be checking your schedule, the DOES and ELKS could use workers at our home UNL football games at the stadium. Please step up to the plate and volunteer.

The DOES will be initiating a new member in September. Please

Save the date for October 19th. A wine trip is being planned and

Both the Elks and DOES are trying to inform the public of what we do for the community. You can also tell your friends, co-workers, relatives, and neighbors. Invite them to the club for a sandwich at noon or one of our monthly dinners. We try to assist the Elks in keeping our club alive!

Enjoy your summer and have safe travels!

In Sisterly Love,

Wauneta Peterson

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Knight's Tales

The month of June, for me, was dumped up-side down. My wife had a heart attack June 10th. She spent a couple of days in the hospital, and is now home doing well.

When you get a call that your wife is in the hospital, it sorta takes all your breath away and your fear is almost more than you can handle. My heart goes out to everyone who has lost spouses and loved ones. The backup I have received from the Elks and friends makes me wish I had done more for the people I know. Our son, Scott, who is also an Elk member came to the hospital. Even under stress, he knows all the right questions to ask and how to keep me from losing it. He has always amazed me. Our daughter, Jennifer, came down from her home 560 miles away. She cooked meals, froze them, then threw out my junk food. She amazes me also. I think my children take after their mother! After she came home, a friend asked my wife Pat how she was doing. "Great!" she said, "Day 9 of the rest of my life."

I stepped away from the Elks for a few days. I will return soon. The work we do must go on. Instead of watching, I will become more involved and

next month everyone's lives will get a little better with our help.

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

-Dick Wolf, Leading Knight



It is SUMMER! The 4th of July is almost here with all of the fun and spectacular firework displays we can handle.

If you have kids at home, they are planning and scraping up money so they can buy their own fireworks for their own fun. We should also be planning on celebrating our very own independence from the mother country. Many people have fought for our rights to do what we see fit, to celebrate in any way we want.

Remember that what we have can go away quite quickly, almost overnight it might seem. Celebrate the 4th as you see fit - fireworks, BBQ, watch the city displays, spend time with family and friends. But also remember to raise our flag with honor, the American way. Remember the cost of that day, not just in the monetary sense, but in the sense of sacrifices made as well.

Save the date July 11, there will be an ELKS night at the baseball fields at Haymarket Park. We will be enjoying food and fellowship with fellow ELKS in Lincoln and surrounding areas. See you there!

Enjoy the summer, August comes around quickly and with it the start of school. Kids will wonder just where the time

wentl

As always, stay active, go to the dinners, and just have fun!

-Troy Pedersen, Lecturing Knight



...and now for the Quickies...

... Summer is upon us, and as is typical in Nebraska, we went from cool and rainy to 100+ degree heat. Since it is too miserable to be outdoors, you need to come to the Jolly Corkers Pub and enjoy a cold adult beverage, lunch with your friends, a card game in the card room. or just enjoy TV on one of the big screens at the Pub. Bring your friends, the more the merrier, and hand them an application while you are at it! ... If you haven't heard, we have a new ice maker! The old one finally gave up the ghost after many years of service, and our new unit is whirring away busily making ice. If you'd like to contribute to the cost of replacing it, simply make out a check to the Elks "kitchen fund" and specify "ice maker". We all enjoy the ice in our beverage when we are there, so lets all pitch in a few bucks to cover the cost ... as we write this the Officers are all off to National Convention in St. Louis, learning a lot about new ways to enjoy and promote our Lodge. For us to stay in existence, we all need to recruit new members. Unfortunately, we lose about a dozen each year to death or infirmity, so we need a constant flow of new members to support our Lodge. When I started with this Lodge 20 years ago, we averaged about 330 members. I have watched that steadily decline, and now we are around 250 members. We have to reverse that, folks. Our Lodge was designed to operate in the black with about 600 members. We have to recruit new people to come into our Lodge. It is important if we are to keep the doors open. Please attend the dinners, which support our operating costs (pay the light bill, insurance, etc.). Bring your friends and family, encourage them to become a member and participate. We do a lot of good things for our community, but those things will cease if we don't have the members to implement them. While you are at it, volunteer to chair a committee, lend us your expertise, whether you are an accountant or a welder, your skills are needed to help our Lodge run smoothly. Contact Harry or any of the Larry's, Jerry, or any Officer at our Lodge for more information ... how long has it been since you've been at a Lodge Meeting? You ought to see our new crop of Officers in action, it is impressive, to say the least ... plenty of activities to be involved with this summer, from dinners to Scouts, Veterans to Burger Nite, there is always something going on you could be a part of. Our Lodge is what you make of it; get involved and get active, encourage your fellow Elks to do the same ... We have a baseball game night coming up, should be great fun for all at the Saltdogs game, and it will get us some positive airtime on the local media, not to mention on the radio play by play broadcasts. We have invited other area Lodges to come and enjoy, so show up and wear your red polo! Don't have one? Ask Larry Schwindt to get you one ordered. Doesn't take long and they are not terribly expensive ... 4th of July our Lodge will be closed, but the 5th we are open, and karaoke will be in fine fashion at the Jolly Corkers Pub. Come get your song on, or at least cheer on those brave souls who give it a shot. Bring some food for potluck (leftover picnic fare from the 4th will do) and enjoy adult beverages from the Pub ... it's a good time, and you can participate in the 11 o'clock toast as we close out the evening ... see you at the Lodge! ...

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When: July 11, 2019

Time: Game time 7:05 Food is served from

6:00 - 7:30 pm

Menu: Black Angus Burgers, Fairbury® Brand Hot Dogs, Potato Salad, Variety of Chips, Assorted Cookies & Beverage

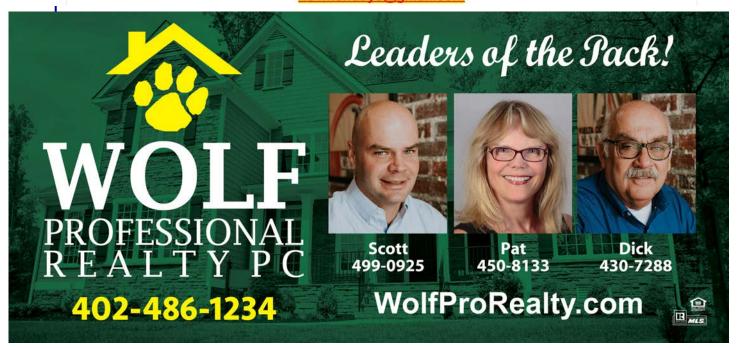
Where: Haymarket Park, Lincoln, NE

Right Field Picnic Area: Note this area also has a Bar Area

offering a variety of adult beverages

Cost: \$20.00 For Adults Kids TBD

Please Call the lodge at (402) 421-6363 Before July 5th for Reservations or email h54mondays@gmail.com



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July 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Grand Lodge Convention	2 Grand Lodge Convention	3 Grand Lodge Convention	4 Lodge Closed	5 Karaoke 7p	6
7	8	9 Burger Nite 5.30p American Legion	10 Room Rented	11 Elks Night at the Salt Dogs Game 7p	12	13 Campfire Chicken Dinner 5.30p
14	15 DOES	16	17 Trustee/House Mtg 6p Lodge Meeting 7p	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

August 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 Karaoke 7	10 Membership Recognition Dinner 5.30p
11	12	13 Burger Nite 5.30p	14 Room Rented	15	16	17
18	19 DOES	20	21 Trustee/House Mtg 6p Lodge Meeting 7p	22	23 State Convention	24 State Convention
25 State Convention	26	27	28	29	30	31

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...Our Members...

Sickness & Distress:

None

Deaths:

Larry Lewis passed June 12th Robert "Speck" Klein passed June 16th

Members for Consideration:

None

Members Reinstated:

None

Members Initiated:

Beverly Boellstorff Vernon Davis Anthony Kalita Donald McGinnis

Hidden Number: June's hidden number was 15912, located in the birthday list. This number was incorrect, and should have been 15902, Xavier Shiu. The 15912 number was given to the editor by "Yours Truly, the Secretary"!

Membership Drawing: The membership drawing for the June 5th meeting was \$229. Ron Wilson was the name drawn, and he was not present to win. The membership drawing for the June 19th meeting was \$254. Steve Arens was the name drawn and he was not present to win.

The Jolly Corker Pub and Kitchen are open for lunch starting at 11:00 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 - Wednesday. *No food service after 7pm.*



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Committee Reports

Americanism: No Report.

Boy Scouts: One ceremony performed June 22 with several in the future. **Drug Awareness:** New information regarding Drug Awareness is coming out and will be discussed at Grand Lodge. Of interest, hemp is now considered a legal crop for Nebraska farmers.

Girl Scouts: Ceremony was June 8th. It was at Lincoln Southeast High School this year, and the location lent itself well to the program. There were 7 Gold awards given, with each recipient receiving a flag flown over the Nation's Capital. Certificates for the Silver and Bronze awardees were also presented. The Elks participation in supporting the scouting program was recognized and mentioned by many.

Hide Program: No Report. **Hoop Shoot:** No Report.

House Committee: There were many subjects discussed, but final resolu-

tions are still pending.

ENF: \$6.79 as of 6/5/19. This year's goal is \$4.75.

Membership: Contact with delinquent members will resume after the Grand

Lodge Convention.

Lincoln Youth Football: No Report.

Retention: Membership is at 239, 2 candidates pending. 27 members are

delinquent.

Scholarship: No Report. Soccer Shoot: No Report.

Social Community Welfare: No Report.

Veterans Committee: 1) The Pork-A-Palooza dinner was Saturday, June 22nd. Volunteers were reminded of the dates for June's monthly pantry

delivery.

2019-2020 Elks' Lodge #80 Officers

Exalted Ruler..... Harry Montag

Leading Knight..... Dick Wolf

Loyal Knight...... Dr. William Jackson

Lecturing Knight...... Troy Pedersen

Esquire..... Heather Chesnut

Inner Guard...... Larry Jurgens

Tiler...... Vicki Jurgens
Secretary..... Jerry Wilson

Treasurer...... Wauneta Peterson

Chaplain..... Maureen Sadler

Trustee 1 Year..... Scott Schrage

Trustee 2 Year...... Gerald Miles PER

Trustee 3 Year..... Larry Schwindt PER

Trustee 4 Year..... Laurie Montag PER

Trustee 5 Year...... Randy King

Presiding Justice..... Amy Jacobsen PER

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Elk-O-Gram Editor's Note

Articles Due: August 22

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

Created and managed by Webmaster Larry Klein

Did you see something missing? Was there something that the Lodge has coming up that 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! You might have been the only one to remind us...

Please Join us **August 27** to assemble the Elk-O-Gram for September!

Remember, many hands make light work...

Did you know that you can receive a free drink at the Lodge for your birthday? Come down to the Lodge to celebrate your birthday. Present this coupon and have a free drink on us! (Coupon is good two days before your birthday, on your birthday, and two days after your birthday.)



2019-2020 Committees

Accident: Scott Schrage
Activities: Stephen Wirth PER
Americanism: Harry Montag, ER
Auditing: Vicki Jurgens
Benevolence: Larry Bratt PER, PDDGER, 3VP
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: Randy King 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: VACANT Ritual: Larry Bratt PER, PDDGER, 3VP 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



Vet's Corner



Thanks so much to everyone who contributed to the Pork-A-Palooza fundraiser dinner and to Seth Parrett for providing the delicious pulled pork! We were especially touched by those who knew they wouldn't be attending and contributed anyway. Our lodge has an excellent group of people on the Vet's committee who serve unwaveringly to make sure the Vets are well cared for through our project. Thanks to them as well.

This is the time of year when we are especially reminded of the Veterans' sacrifices for our freedoms and safety. Lets try to not lose sight of this as the year continues. A kind word of appreciation goes a long way. Small contributions may not seem like much at first, but those small things add up and can impact a number of lives.

Have a great summer, and we'll see you at the lodge!





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Happy July Birthdays!

- 05 Bonyhady, Imre Zabokrtsky, Diane
- 10 Sneller, Jeff
- 11 Hansen, Greg
- 13 Ray, James
- 14 Shiu. Xavier
- 15 Simms, Jerrie
- 16 Holt, Paul
- 17 VanDerbeek, Duane
- 18 Dannelly, Diane
- 20 Aman, Charles
- 24 Graft, Wade

P.O. Box 6291

- 29 Macek, Dennis McGinnis, Donald
- 30 King, Randy D.
- 31 Reiber, David E.



Happy August Birthdays!

- 01 Gearhart, Ivan
- 02 Hoppe, Ward F. Schmidt, Milt
- 03 Vermaas, John D.
- 08 Deol, Harbans
- 09 Neumayer, Randall
- 10 Gade, Bob
- 12 Megrue, Dan D.
- 13 Aman, John F. Wilson, Jerry L.
- 16 Gustin, Fred W.
- 17 Logan, Marvin W.

- 19 Wolf, Dick
- 23 Wirth, Stephen F.
- 24 Burns, Deborah L.
- 28 McNeese, Diana 29 - Bonebright, Ron
- 30 Anthony, Neal J



Flag Day Remembered

On Friday evening, June 14th, our lodge held our lodge Flag Day Recognition. Past DD Larry Bratt organized a fantastic team of officers to conduct the tribute to our nation's flag. In addition, boy scouts from Troop #159 assisted in carrying in the nine different flags commemorating the event as well as several members of the VFW, who graciously donated their time.

Today, the flag consists of 13 horizontal stripes, seven red alternating with six white. The stripes represent the original 13 Colonies and the stars represent the 50 states of the Union. The colors of the flag are symbolic as well; red symbolizes hardiness and valor, white symbolizes purity and innocence, and blue represents vigilance, perseverance and justice. Thank-you to all who were in attendance.



Newest Members Welcomed!

April: George Venteicher (Randy King, Sponsor) and Diane Zabokrtsky (PER John Aman, Sponsor), with ER Montag



May: Justin Williamson (Randy King, Sponsor), Gregory Znemenacek (Dick Wolf, Sponsor), Diane Kohl (Dr. William Jackson, Sponsor), with ER Montag



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