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

Installation of Officers Sincoln Ladge #80 Beneviclent and Protective Order of Elko dially insiles you to the public installation Harry Montag Exalted Ruler Elect

Cancelled

5910 South 58th Street Lincoln, Nebraska

Reception following Installation

Scholarships Update

The current circumstances with COVID-19 have caused us to make the tough calls to cancel both the Teen of the Year recognitions and our Youth Day recognition formerly scheduled for May 4.

Lodge 80 members have made the commitment to be sure the 8th grade students will still receive their plaques and prize for Teen of the Year, and the Juniors who would have been recognized on Youth Night will still receive their certificates by mail. And, of course, our scholarship winners will still receive their scholarships.

Scholarship winners will be posted on our website by April 15, and will be notified by mail. We will plan to resume our recognition ceremonies in 2021.

Rescheduled?!

Due to the current constraints placed on large gatherings of people in one place, the installation of your new officers for 2020-2021 has been tentatively rescheduled for April 1st.

PGDD, Nebraska Ritualistic Chairman, and PER Larry Bratt will administer the oath of office to all new officers directly after our Lodge meeting on April 1st.

All awards and recognitions will be held at a reception later in April.

This is still subject to change! Please keep an eye out on the Lodge website (www.elks80.org), the TeamUp Calendar, and social media for any updates.

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Grand Exalted Ruler, 2019-2020 Robert L. Duitsman Message from the GER Grand Lodge Newsletter, April 2020

The Game Plan for Incoming Lodge Leaders.

Welcome to a new fraternal year. April is a busy time filled with items of business that need to be tended to, some for the year gone by as well as for the year just starting.

I hope that the installations of officers are going well. They can instill a sense of deep pride not only in the incoming officers but in the Members and guests who attend. Everyone likes to be recognized, and a dignified installation will set the stage for dedicated service for the coming year.

If it hasn't been done yet, make sure to get all committees appointed. Past practice for some Lodges has been to just put names on paper, without the appointee caring—or in some cases even knowing—what the responsibilities are. Many Lodges have developed ways to ensure all committees are being supported and their Members made to understand that duties need to be carried out. One model involves assigning Lodge committees to the various chair officers so that periodic review can be made, ensuring that the duties and requirements of each committee are being taken seriously.

Lodge Secretaries, I hope you have been mindful of the annual report to the Grand Lodge and to the Lodge membership as required under Section 12.050 of the Statutes.

Lodge Trustees, or Board of Directors if the Lodge is incorporated, please be mindful of your responsibilities concerning the finances of the Lodge. A detailed, separated budget must be submitted to the membership for adoption no later than the last regular meeting in April, or the following regular meeting. In recent years increased scrutiny has pushed Lodges to maintain a strong financial footing, meaning that budgets are balanced and taken seriously. It isn't always easy to keep an eye on the Lodge's purse strings, but through your diligent efforts the financial viability of your Lodge can be maintained for the years to come.

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Exalted Ruler Lodge No. 80 2020-2021 Harry Montag

"*It's the End of the World as We Know It (And I Feel Fine)*" is a song by the American rock band R.E.M., and was released way back in 1987. The title resonates with us today.

The world that we grew up in has changed. Can you remember not wearing a seatbelt? You could literally sit any where in a car or in the back of a flat bed truck. What the heck?! I could stand in the back of a truck and not have any fear. You could ride a bicycle and not have to wear a helmet.

We got to drive cars that were not so safe. You could play outside and not have to worry about anything. No internet to tell you what was right or wrong. The Russians were not friendly and where the heck was Czechoslovakia located? No insta-pots, cell phones, home phone numbers began with a prefix like "Glendale". The cost of a first-class stamp was 4 cents. We had gas wars between gas stations.

Today we live in an ever-changing world full of misinformation, misdirection, and misguided thought. We learn of an incident that happened in China the moment it happens and you say Tom Brady is not a NE Patriot. The world has certainly changed.

Among the constants that we can count on are the Elks. Since 1868 the Elks have evolved, yes, but the basic pretense of what we stand for has never wavered. We are a benevolent organization, who honor our Veterans. We are dedicated to service in our communities and helping the youth in our state and nation.

The next few weeks will be filled with uncertainty and decision making. At times you might even sink into the depths of despair. Elizabeth Edwards once stated that "You all know that I have been sustained throughout my life by three saving graces - my family, my friends, and a faith in the power of resilience and hope. These graces have carried me through difficult times and they have brought more joy to the good times than I ever could have imagined."

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Secretary's Corner



Happy New Lodge Year!! Yes, the new lodge year (2020-2021) begins April 1st. The new Lodge Officers will be installed as we are able.

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!

And finally; as Bob Hope once sang, "Thanks for the Memory"! It has been a great 13(!) years of being your Secretary and serving you. I began this journey after moving to Lincoln in 2006 and have acquired many new friends. Thanks for being there and supporting me in my good and bad times. I will still be around the lodge and do not plan on disappearing.

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

Well Elks life has certainly changed in a hurry! I think this has probably touched everyone by now. The guy at the gas station keeps his distance when he fills the tank, I don't blame him at all. When walking the dog, people go into the street to keep their distance, there again I am fine with it. Some people are hoarding various things that everyone needs, that's life people. If they need that to get by, so be it. We really need to look around and see if everyone is Ok and not jump on the complaining bandwagon.

The Elks shut down, but it's not the end of the world. We will open again, and stronger than we were. If we just have to get thru this and follow the rules of the government, City, State, Federal, and watch out for our fellow man, maybe we'll all be the better for it.

One of my friends broke down on the phone with me the other day. He said this is "like a

horror film". Basically, he is almost correct. We do have each other, reach out so you do have someone. The church across the street from where I live rings their bells once in a while. When they do, it gives me time to think about how blessed I am. Take time to reflect, say a prayer, tell your family you love them. And Elks? This too will pass.



-Dick Wolf, Leading Knight

The journey to an enlightened life is fraught with ups-n-downs. So much so that one might often miss the more than enviable response as most people might; that is...it's not my concern.

Well, let me break it to you gently then. I mean: really, why is knowing what you know so important to your...uh...mission in this life? Is there another pathway to your desired joy really that hard to find? Well...again...let me put it to you gently...enlightenment is in the eye of the viewer with an appropriate perspective, especially with regard to your honor as a lady or a gentleman.

Being an Elk means that loyalty, honor, and justice reign supreme in your life as a sign of the Lord's Biblical mandate for human being's just living. We who aspire to do well by God, and His greatest creation—us—ought to remain aware of that special courage it takes to stand up proudly among your peers, even as some, including family, may find your pre-occupations…well…let's just say…less invigorating than they'd seek to emulate.

Rounding up this bit of mind-winding trip to everyone's land, known as reality, let's ease out of

this gentle journey of remembrances about honor by knowing that as you stand for Godhonoring principles, so will those who trust your demeanor and poise,

along with your good sense. So be kind to your real self and serve your fellow humans with distinction and gratitude to our Lord.

-Rev. Dr. William Jackson, Loyal Knight



Spring is here, bringing with it a new version of modern life. Just when we thought it was safe to go outside, we find ourselves coping with a virus that's attacking humankind. The company I work for is taking steps in dealing with the virus, as are many other entities. The kids are at home, bored to tears, waiting for school to back in session some day. I do feel for those who are in their Senior years, and who will be missing out on their last year of sports, music, theater, and friends. Not to mention missing Senior Night, Prom Night, maybe even Graduation.

While viruses and other bugs have been around for a long time, this is one of those times that we need to heed the warnings out there, stay home if we're able. If we can't stay home, then take the needed precautions outlined for us so we can help prevent spreading this stuff around. In time this will pass, and life will go on.

I want to THANK our ER Harry Montag, our Officers, and our Trustees for their leadership in this trying and uncertain time. Your efforts are appreciated.

As always, get involved. Get out there, volunteer, go to the dinners, and just have fun!



...and now for the Quickies...

... My, how quickly life can change. By the time you read this, I hope your lives are returning to normal, or the new "normal"...whatever that is. Guess the old adage "one day at a time" has really been played out here ... at this point, we hope to reopen our Lodge and complete our initiation of new Officers on April 1 ... as this goes to press, that is the plan. Thank You for your patience, and your part in helping with this crisis, whether it is sheltering in place, helping the elderly with food and medicine and necessities, checking in on others to make sure they are OK, whatever it is we can do ... Elks Care, Elks Share. I think we have seen that borne out many times over these last several weeks ... As we, as a nation, move past the "curve", or flatten it out, whatever you call it. I think this is a great opportunity to recruit new people into our Lodge. Helping one another is what we do, on a regular basis, without thought. Perfect time to show others what it means to be an Elk, and that these selfless examples of helping are second nature to us ... At some point we will reopen the Jolly Corkers Pub, although there may be changes. I would encourage you to come to the Pub, support our Lodge in attendance at meetings, helping with an event, enjoying an adult beverage, etc. Our Lodge needs your patronage even more now than before ... even in the midst of this mess, Elks could be seen doing good things for others. We managed to get our annual St. Patty's Day dinner in, the food was great! Turnout was a bit low, but the weather wasn't great and news of this outbreak had just surfaced, and the spread and complexity was not yet fully understood ... P.E.R. John Aman and his crew did a great job, the raffle was a lot of fun (!) and there was extra brisket for those who wanted to take some home ... Teen of the Year unfortunately was canceled due to safety concerns ... Eagle Scout Court's of Honor were still occurring, flags were being presented. A new Venture Scout Crew is shaping up to come into existence, and our Lodge will sponsor them in their endeavors. ... The ever-popular fish fry will still occur, look for details elsewhere in the Elk O Gram ... State Convention has been cancelled, and no decision has been made for sure on National ... The one thing we can count on at this point is change, and there is plenty of that. So remember to help others whenever you can, be flexible and fluid, let's work together to adapt to whatever changes come at us, and support one another ... Watch your Elk O Gram, listen for Calling Posts to announce important information, watch the Elks Lodge #80 Facebook page, and our website, www.elks80.org for the latest information and updates ... be safe, be smart ... be Elks ...



-Troy Pedersen, Lecturing Knight

...Our Members...

Sickness & Distress: John Vermaas - Health Concerns

Deaths:

None

Members for Consideration: None

Members Reinstated: None

Members Initiated:

None

Hidden Number: March's hidden number was 15838, Dwight Thomas, hidden on page 6 in the lunch specials article.

Membership Drawing: The membership drawing for the March 4th meeting was \$196, James Gray was the name drawn and he was not present to win. The March 18th meeting was canceled due to COVID-19 concerns.

The Jolly Corker Pub and Kitchen are open for lunch starting at 11:30 Tuesday - Saturday. Come join us for phillies, soups, shrimp, burgers, salads, and more! *Soup is on from 4 - close!* **Remember that the Jolly Corker Pub closes at 8pm Tuesday - Thursday, Saturday. 9pm on Fridays.** *No food service after 7pm.*



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Committee Reports

Americanism: No Report.

Boy Scouts: At least one ceremony was attended, further ceremonies are on hold per the Boy Scout Council. **Drug Awareness:** There is to be a drug take back event on April 25th. Please take unused

drugs to pharmacies where they can be disposed of properly. Fentanyl is still a concern. It is manufactured in China and comes into the country via Mexico. Two coalitions, ADAPT and MPP, are pushing for legalization of medical marijuana in Nebraska, and they have succeeded in getting both medical and recreational marijuana on the November ballot in South Dakota.

Girl Scouts: No Report.

Hide Program: Hides have been delivered to the state gathering site and are pending shipment to the tanning factory.

Hoop Shoot: No Report

House Committee: 1) a carpet pattern and color has been picked out and we are awaiting installation 2) Elks Night Out at the Salt Dogs is set for July 25th. 3) Stops have been installed to keep the bench in the entry hallway away from the wall and display windows.
4) Determined outside lighting placement on the south side of the building. Estimated cost is \$1200. A motion was made and approved to move ahead with that installation.
ENF: \$22.03 as of 2/23/20. The 2019-2020 goal is \$4.75.

Membership: No Report.

Lincoln Youth Football: No Report. Retention: Membership is at 227 members, 2 candidates, and 3 delinquent. Several members may require assistance.

Scholarship: Judging took place March 1 and those who did the judging were thanked. Soccer Shoot: No Report

Social Community Welfare: No Report.

Veterans Committee: 2019-2020 grant funds have been exhausted. There is a plan in place to apply for the 2020-2021 Beacon and Freedom grants, at \$2500 each. The Veterans committee will continue its work with the Vets in the Victory Park Apartments.

2020-2021 Elks' Lodge #80 Officers

Exalted Ruler	Harry Montag		
Leading Knight	Dick Wolf		
Loyal Knight	Dr. William Jackson		
Lecturing Knight	Larry Jurgens		
Esquire	Heather Chesnut		
Inner Guard	Justin Williamson		
Tiler	Vicki Jurgens		
Secretary	Laurie Montag PER		
Treasurer	Wauneta Peterson		
Chaplain	Maureen Sadler		
Trustee 1 Year	Gerry Miles PER		
Trustee 2 Year	Larry Schwindt PER		
Trustee 3 Year	Scott Schrage		
Trustee 4 Year	Randy King		
Trustee 5 Year	Milt Schmidt		
Presiding Justice	Amy Jacobsen PER		

<u>Elk-O-Gram Editor's Note</u>

Articles Due: April 16

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!

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)

2020-2021 Committees

Accident: Scott Schrage Activities: VACANT 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 SP, 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 SP, PER Veterans: Luann Hamilton Youth Activities: Laurie Montag PER Youth Football: Scott Schrage





With all of the goings on in the world right now, my message is a plain one.

I simply wish you all the best of health. For now, our Drove activities are on hold until further notice, as are the Elks activities. While that is disappointing, we all need to understand that it is for the best!

Pray that this all will end soon, and with the best outcomes possible for everyone involved. Let God hear from all of you

how much we have to be thankful for in this uncertain time we are experiencing.

May God's hold us all in his arms as we move forward. Diane Zabokrtsky (dianezabokrtsky@gmail.com)

Next Meeting: April 28th, 6pm (tentative)

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Finally, I hope all Lodges have implemented the new Financial Reporting System approved by the Grand Lodge at its 2019 session. It was designed to allow for the timely review of Lodge finances, to identify unhealthy trends, and to help Lodges remain viable. All state associations have been developing a network of specialists to assist Lodges that are still having challenges. Please seek out those people to make this important leap forward to help your Lodges survive and prosper.

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Wise words in our troubled time. Remember we Care for you, so please take a diligent stance and say a silent prayer for others and yourself. After this crisis is over, it will take time to return to normal. We can and we will! Stay safe and let others know if assistance is needed.

In the book Law of Attractions, the author Ed Lester states "Accept what's happening in life right now, put what's happened behind you, let it all go and have faith that good things are coming your way." I will be seeing you around our lodge.

Happy April Birthdays!

- 01 James Searle
- 02 William Bray
- Chad Gustin 05 - Merle Derry Brent Travis
- 09 David Caudy
- 12 Scott Schrage
- 13 Harry Montag Bill Nowak
- 15 Amy Jacobsen

- 16 Thomas Roper
- 21 Justin White
- 22 Dennis Smith
- 24 William Biggs Wesley Durst
- 25 Kevin Sadler
- 26 Ken Krupicka
- 27 Larry Klein
- 28 Angela Ehlers
- 29 Walter Dondlinger





Fried Pollock Homemade Baked Beans Coleslaw with

Pickle Spears Rye Bread

Homemade Brownies and Ice-Cream for dessert

April 2020

Cocktails 5.30p Dinner 6.30p \$10 per person

(please RSVP)

Come and share some good fellowship! Good food, raffle prizes, and great music.

Sponsored by friends of the late Rick Logan What a difference a few weeks make. As I'm sure is the case with you, COVID-19 has upended things around here. I'd like to take a few minutes to update you on how the pandemic has affected our staff and programs. I'll start with the staff.

On Monday, there were 18 of us in the office. Yesterday, only five. Everyone else is working remotely from home. We're all communicating with one another using wonderful technology. And the people at home have access to the network via work-issued laptops, as well as their work phones and email. Contacting us should be seamless for you. The skeleton crew in the office should shrink to four at some point this week. We are here to deal with the aspects of our work that do not lend themselves to working remotely. You can help us further reduce our numbers. If you are a Lodge officer or ENF Fundraising Chair who has been sitting on a stack of donations, please send those in today. The faster we can process those donations, the sooner we can get more people out of the office and working from home. Better still, consider submitting your donor list electronically and covering the donations with a credit card instead of a check. Staff members at home can help process those donations.

Relatedly, we've fielded questions about our donation deadline. Given all that is happening, people are wondering whether we will stick with our March 31 deadline for donations. Unfortunately, that date is not flexible. It's our fiscal-year end. We can't change it. So, please send your donations in, preferably electronically. Anything we receive after March 31 will count toward the 2020-21 year. Let's turn to our programs. COVID-19 may hit older adults hardest, but it is indiscriminate about disrupting services.

Last Friday, we made the difficult but necessary decision to cancel eight of the 12 Regional Hoop Shoot Finals and the National Finals. As you can imagine, the entire Hoop Shoot family is devastated by this decision. Not just the contestants and their families, but also the many volunteers, who pour their hearts and souls into the program, and the staff, who have been planning for the Finals for months. So, there will not be a National Finals this year. We do hope to crown 72 Regional Champions, and from that field, six National Champions, but we're not yet sure how we're going to do that. There's time to figure it out. It's just not that important right now. What we can focus on now is how to make this year's Hoop Shoot experience as special as possible for the kids who are missing out on the opportunity to compete in Chicago. That's a better use of our time and talents, because that decision space isn't nearly as vulnerable to external influences.

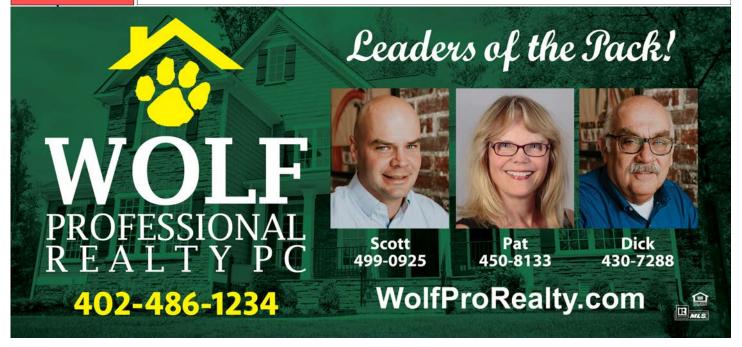
We also quietly lost the Spring Elks Scholar Service Trip. We were supposed to be serving in Wheeling, West Virginia, this week, but the trip collapsed when our partner in the endeavor, a local university, closed its doors to outside groups. The next event in the crosshairs is our Leadership Weekend, scheduled for April 23-26 in Chicago. National judging just began yesterday. Our national judges have been working remotely for several years now, so the virus won't slow them down. But we won't have our top 20 finalists until March 30, so we have some time to decide.

The new CIP grant year is supposed to open on April 1. We're talking about that now, and it's looking like we will delay the start of the grant year to June 1 for all grant components except the Gratitude Grant. Plus, we know that some of you are facing challenges wrapping up your grant projects for the current year. (Communicate with us if this is the case for you.) A pause will buy more time to work that out.

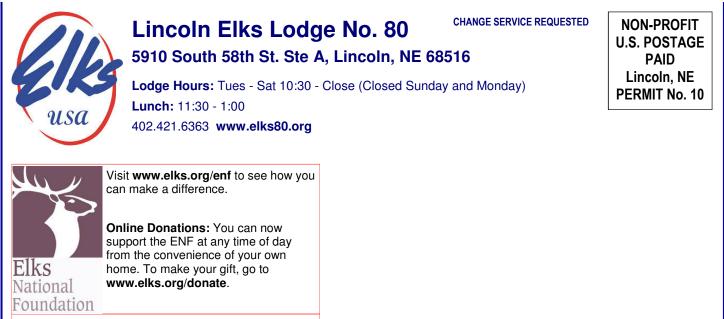
And we will get through this. We've been working together to build stronger communities, and that work will pay off now as we pick one another up and fight through this. In a few weeks, we'll announce 800 new Elks scholars, and they'll all have opportunities to attend plenty of future service trips. Undoubtedly, some will choose to study infectious diseases.

As for the Hoop Shoot, do you know why it is such an effective youth program? Because it teaches kids to deal with setback. Normally, the contestants have some agency in those setbacks, as they occur at the free throw line. "I lost because I made fewer free throws than the other kid. If I work harder, maybe I'll make more next year." However, many times in life, setbacks occur due to events beyond our control. That's another powerful lesson. -Jim O'Kelley, Director, Elks National Foundation

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Lodge 80 GOAL: \$4.75. As of 2/23/20: \$22.03

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

April 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
All activities are subject to cancellation or postponement.			1 Lodge Mtg 7p, Officer Installation	2	3	4
5	6 Lodge Closed	7	8	9 Pitch Tournament 6p	10	11 Fish Fry Dinner 5:30p
12	13 Lodge Closed	14 Burger Nite 5:30p American Legion	15 Lodge Mtg 7p	16 American Legion	17 Karaoke 7p	18
19	20 Lodge Closed	21 American Legion	22 Bass Club	23	24	25
26	27 Lodge Closed	28 DOES 6p LARC Mtg 7p	29	30		