

Secretary's Notes (Continued from Page 1)

We need to take time to thank Russ Shaw for the outstanding year he gave Hastings Elks Lodge. This has been one of the most active years for our Lodge.

Many thanks are also due Dick and Nancy Freeling for the countless hours that they donated to the Lodge and Club operations during Dick's term as a Lodge Trustee!

From the Trustees (Continued from Page 1)

A big thanks to Crystal, Brenda, McKayla and any other employee who has donated their time and worked for tips only these past several months, you are appreciated!

Volunteers are needed to pickup range balls during the week, marshal non-lodge tournaments, and minor cleanup around the course, to work in the club house tending bar, helping in the kitchen, and various other tasks.

If you are interested and are looking for something to get you out of the house, make you feel good, and give back to the organization, please talk to either of the managers. If you'd like to volunteer to help with veterans or youth programs please talk to an officer or trustee. Volunteers are our greatest resource!

Newsletter Changes

Our "Calling All Elks" Newsletter is undergoing some major changes concurrent with the new Elks' year. We've changed the look of the newsletter slightly and we've added a calendar insert page that is perfect for the refrigerator door, for example. Best of all, we have reduced the cost of producing the newsletter.

The newsletter is an enormous job each month -- and we owe Brad and Reta Norton nothing but thanks and praise for the fantastic job they've done with it this past year. Moving forward, we're hoping to build a committee that will share the burden of the newsletter, so it doesn't become an overwhelming job for one or two people.

If you'd be interested in helping with the newsletter, please let Jackie or any of the trustees know. It's a great way to make sure our newsletter remains strong.



Learning About The History and Traditions of B.P.O.E.

How we became "Elks"

Since its founding on February 16, 1868, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (BPOE) has been represented by the noble, antlered creature that serves as the symbol of our Order.

It could have been very different. The fifteen Founders of the BPOE nominated two animals of stature, both native to America: the buffalo and the elk.

It is interesting to note that the main Founder of the Elks, Charles Algernon Sidney Vivian, was an English-born actor and a member of the British fraternity known as the *Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes*.

Vivian argued long and hard to sway the vote among his fourteen cohorts, hoping the new Order would adopt the title of Buffaloes rather than Elks. The final vote was razor tight -- eight members voted to adopt the elk, seven favored the buffalo.

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There are LOTS of fun things happening -- check the calendar!

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Lodge Meetings: Second and Fourth Tuesday of each month except July and August (fourth Tuesday only) and December (second Tuesday only.)
Lodge Meeting time: 8:00 p.m. at 3050 East South Street, Hastings, NE

House Committee meets 7:00 p.m., second Tuesday of each month.

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