



Calling all Elks

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Brad's Message by Brad Norton, Exalted Ruler

Happy New Elk's Year,

I'm Brad Norton and I'm honored that you have placed your trust and confidence in me to lead our Elk's lodge as your new Exalted Ruler for 2013-14.

We continue to face many challenges this year, but I'm looking forward to meeting them head on! I'd be inspired to see your participation in or attending as many lodge, social and golf functions as you possibly can. We always need help on our committees, so please contact myself or the committee chairman (listing in next month's issue) to volunteer for as many activities as you like. Just as important is your attendance at our lodge and social events throughout the year. It also gives you the opportunity to reunite with old friends or even gain some new ones.

A critical challenge we face is the slow decline in membership and with it comes budget funding shortfalls for our Youth, Veterans and Community programs. Meeting these shortfalls requires fund raising, which typically falls on the officers shoulders, but you can relieve the burden by volunteering to help out. Just ask Christy Yackley who ran our extremely successful Casino Night, as an ENF fundraiser, just several weeks ago. Thanks Christy, you did a remarkable job. Everyone I've talked to was very impressed and they all had a excellent time!

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From the Trustees by Duane Norris, Trustee

The Trustees will not elect a Chair until the first April meeting, so I'm pinch-hitting for this issue of the newsletter.

There are quite a few things going on at the Club. Rather than trying to touch everything in a single newsletter article, I'd like to suggest you visit our new Blog:

<http://hastingselksgolf.blogspot.com>

We started the blog to give the Trustees, the Golf Committee and our Managers a way to keep you informed about the decisions being made for our Club. The blog has the advantage of not being limited on space - so we can do a much better job of explaining any changes and decisions made by the Board.

I'm sure you'll find it a valuable place to check in every so often! It's a great way to stay on top of what's happening "behind the scenes" at the golf course, the clubhouse and the Lodge!



"Auctioneer" Bill Mooney, along with his lovely assistant, Christy Yackley, add some buying power to Casino night on March 16th - auctioning donated items to raise money for scholarships. Overall, Casino Night increased by more than \$600 this year, game tables were more full than ever, and the popularity of our most successful Spring event continues to grow.

Notes From the Secretary by Butch Lyons

As I prepare this article, I wish to commend the members on the rapid payment of Lodge dues. (179 members have paid.)

The generosity of our members is wonderful, in the additional check off columns. We have raised the following amounts, for the Elks National Foundation \$339.00, for the DEBT REDUCTION \$1543.50, Youth \$203.50 and Vets \$172.00

Those who have given to the National Foundation will have their donations credited to their individual accounts in July of this year.

In a future Newsletter I will be listing the committees of the lodge if you see any of our many committees that you would like to serve on please contact Brad Norton and he will put you to work.

We need to take time to thank Margo Woolman for the outstanding year that she gave to Hastings Elks Lodge. This has been one of the most active years for our Lodge.

Many thanks are also due Butch Lyons for the many hours that he has donated to the Lodge and Club operations during his 5 yr term as Lodge Trustee.

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2013 ER Ball

Honoring Brad Norton

Saturday, April 6th

Cocktails at 6pm

Enjoy delicious

Dinner at 7pm

"Cream Can"

Dance following the Dinner

Cuisine!