



Calling all Elks

Hastings Lodge
#159



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A Fraternal Organization

Hastings NE



Casino Night was held March 14, 2015 at the Hastings Elks Lodge. Those helping out with the evening were back row from left to right: Shirley Meers, Jim Meers, Ed Johnson, Rhonda Johnson, Dick Freeling, Bill Mooney, and Joe Thompson. Front row, left to right-Nancy Freeling, Jackie Norris, Nancy Horsheim, Margo Woolman, Jan Mooney, Don Runcie and Brenda Novich. It was very successful evening with the proceeds from the evening going to the scholarship fund.

Mike's Message *by Mike Norton, Exalted Ruler*

Hello everyone I am Michael Norton and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all to the new Elks Year. I am excited and honored to be given the opportunity to be your Exalted Ruler for the 2015-2016 year. Our past Exalted Rulers have left me with large shoes to fill, but I will do everything in my power to prove that your trust and confidence is well placed. If I can receive as much help and support as Rich received last year I am sure that this year will be a great success.

I am sure that many of you are aware our Lodge membership is continuing to dwindle. This year we have more than 30 members that are delinquent in their dues. This hit our lodge with a large budget shortfall. As such, my main goals this year will be to retain members, increase membership, and to increase member participation in our lodge, community, and golf events. In an effort to retain members I will be sure to make myself available to hear any complaint from our members and do everything that I can to address these in a reasonable manner. In order to increase membership I will make it a personal goal to bring out several people that have not been to our lodge before and I encourage all of you to do the same. Finally, to increase member participation, over the next two months, I will be calling all of our members in order to update their contact information and to make sure that if there is an activity a member is interested in we have a means of contacting them so that they have the opportunity to join in.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of our officers, members and non-members who give so much of themselves to make our Lodge as amazing as it is. Without these individuals it would be impossible for us to accomplish all that we do each year. THANK YOU. Please feel free to contact me anytime with suggestions, questions or concerns. My phone number is 402-984-0800 or you can email me at mpnorton2004@gmail.com.

CLUB HOUSE NEWS

by Theresa Hampton

CLUBHOUSE NOW OPEN 7

DAYS A WEEK!!

9:00AM-SUNDOWN

**April 16, 7:00PM-Thursday
Night Men's League Meeting.**

**This season the kitchen will
be open on league night!!**

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Come Hungry!!!

**April 18, 2015-Scavenger
Hunt:**

Teams of 4

(one must be the designated driver)

6PM-Supper at the Clubhouse

7PM- Scavenger Hunt Begins

10 PM>Returns to Clubhouse

**each team will have a list of
participating bars and a list of

items to find, the team that
returns back to the clubhouse

with the most items wins!!

Joins us for a night of Fun and

Prizes!!

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 Tiler.....Bob Stalholder
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 Conductor.....Andrea Towler
 Inner Guard.....Pat Wich
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 Chaplain.....Sue Crabtree
 Attendant to the President.....Lynn Folcik

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No Ella Snow (3 Yr), Andrea Towler (2 Yr),
 Pat Dickerson (1 Yr)

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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: 7:00 p.m. November-February;
 8:00pm March-October
 at
 3050 East South Street, Hastings, NE
 Lodge Phone: 402-462-6113

Maryland Center Cooking Classes

By PER, Jackie Norris, Youth Chair




Thanks to the generosity of our members, we are able to once again help out at risk young adults that reside at the Maryland Living Center. These are young adults who have aged out of the Foster care system or are without family and are not ready or old enough to be on their own.

The promise Grant allows us to supply each resident most of their kitchen needs, from utensils to pots and pans sets for them to use while they are there and take with them when they are ready to live on their own. As a bonus we come into the center and use one of the kid's apartment kitchen to teach them the basics of cooking, as well as safety and helpful hints to actually preparing easy meals. Once finished with the meal we all eat together.

I would like to extend a special thank you to Ben Dumas, the director and mentor for all the kids there. He keeps them on track and focused as well as helping with day to day needs. A big thank you to Mike Norton, who is a natural at teaching the culinary arts and the kids really respond to him too.



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Does Corner by Pat DuBois, President

Due to the mini storm that blew through on our February date Hastings Drove 112 had their February and March meeting on March 17-Saint Patrick's Day. Deputy Supreme President NoElla Snow had her second installation of officers for Neva Semotan, Outer Guard; Sue Crabtree, Chaplain and Denise Snow, First Counselor Attendant. We draped the Charter for Shirley Murphy.

We celebrated the birthdays of Rose Kehn and Pat DuBois.

A delicious meal of homemade Irish stew, Irish Soda Bread and 4 leaf clover pretzels was prepared by Andrea Towler; with Sue Crabtree helping her serve.

DOES HOSTESS/EVENT CALENDAR

April 21-Honoring Past Presidents
Rose Kehn 11:30am

May 19-Spring Luncheon 11:30am
Donna Dill and June Cameron

June 17-24-Grand Lodge Meeting
Albuquerque N.M.

June, July and August- NO MEETING

August 6-9-Does Round Up
Nebraska Halsey Forest

September 15-Honoring Five Year Officers
Lynn. Folcik 11:30am

October 8-10-Nebraska Central District
Ainsworth, NE

October 20-Nomination of Officers
Jan Schawang 11:30am

November 17-Election of Officers
NoElla Snow 11:30am

December 6-Memorial Service 6:00pm

December 8-Does Christmas Party 6:00pm



INSTALLMENT OF OFFICERS

APRIL 7, 2015

6:00PM

HASTINGS ELKS LODGE

FOLLOWED BY STAG/STAGETTE



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Exalted Ruler's Ball

Honoring Mike Norton

April 11, 2015

Drinks 6:00 PM

Dinner and Dance to follow



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			Family Night 6:30 - 8 PM (Margo Crew)		Limited Dinner Menu 6:30 - 8 PM	Private Birthday Party
					Cards & Games 7:30 PM	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Easter	Installment of Officers 6:00PM		Family Night 6:30 - 8 PM (Grothen Crew)		Limited Dinner Menu 6:30 - 8 PM	ER Ball Drinks 6:00PM Dinner to follow
	Last Stag & Stagette 6:30 - 8 PM Lamb Fries				Cards & Games 7:30 PM	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Hastings College Golf Tourney 1 PM	Mixed League Meeting - 6:30 PM Limited Food	Lodge Meeting 8 PM	Family Night 6:30 - 8 PM (Freeling Crew)	Mens League Meeting - 7 PM Food & Beer Specials	Limited Dinner Menu 6:30 - 8 PM	Scavenger Hunt 6 PM supper 7 PM Hunt Begins 10 PM Return to Clubhouse
					Cards & Games 7:30 PM	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		Last Does 11:30 AM	Family Night 6:30 - 8 PM (Duane Crew)	CCC Golf Outing 4:30 PM	Limited Dinner Menu 6:30 - 8 PM	Private Baby Shower
					Cards & Games 7:30 PM	
26	27	28	29	30		
Debate Team Banquet - 5 PM	Lodge Meeting 8 PM		Family Night 6:30 - 8 PM (Margo Crew)			

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
					Divorce Golf 6 PM	Ladies Opening Brunch 10 AM
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Youth Banquet 5 PM	Mixed League 6 PM	Ladies Association Golf 4 PM - 7 PM	Family Night 6:30 - 8 PM (Grothen Crew)	Mens League 6 PM	Divorce Golf 6 PM	A/B/C/D Scramble
			Senior Golf 1 PM			Private Graduation Party 4 PM
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Private Graduation Party	Mixed League 6 PM	Ladies Association Golf 4 PM - 7 PM	Family Night 6:30 - 8 PM (Freeling Crew)	Mens League 6 PM	Divorce Golf 6 PM	Vets Golf Outing 10:00 AM
		Lodge Meeting 8 PM	Senior Golf 1 PM			Private Graduation Party 1 PM
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Private Graduation Party 4 PM	Mixed League 6 PM	Ladies Association Golf 4 PM - 7 PM	Family Night 6:30 - 8 PM (Duane Crew)	Mens League 6 PM	Divorce Golf 6 PM	Private Birthday Party
			Senior Golf 1 PM		ESU 9 Golf Outing 1:00 PM	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Memorial Day Scramble 1 PM	NO LEAGUE Memorial Day	Ladies Association Golf 4 PM - 7 PM	Family Night 6:30 - 8 PM (Margo Crew)	Mens League 6 PM	Divorce Golf 6 PM	Just For Fun Golf Tourney 9 AM
		Lodge Meeting 8 PM	Senior Golf 1 PM			Private Wedding
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Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Levi Acosta was conducted Sunday, March 15 at First St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Levi had completed a total of 35 merit badges to include 13 required for his Eagle Award. Pictured above are Levi Acosta and Dick Freeling.

April Birthdays

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|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 01. Preston Davis | 20. Robb Samuelson |
| 01. Richard F Gion | 21. J ohn F Farrell |
| 02. Gayle C Johnson | 21. Kenneth C Froschheuser |
| 03. Jim Shaw | 22. Matthew R Friend |
| 04. Vernon L. Dubois | 22. Jim Holmes |
| 05. L F Anderson | 22. Robb Woodward |
| 05. Richard Freeling | 23. Dave Helmick |
| 07. Delmar H Petersen | 23. Donald Johnson |
| 08. Leslie J Lawless | 23. Harry Nicolai |
| 09. Dennis McPherson | 23. Bradley J Novich |
| 11. Brian Graviette | 24. Jimmie L Meers |
| 11. Aaron Martinez | 24. Michele Sedersten |
| 11. Douglas M Snow | 26. Tom Ackles |
| 11. Murray Wilson Jr | 26. DeWayne L Boesen |
| 12. Richard M Freeman | 27. Larry Choate |
| 14. Steve Brouillette | 28. Richard D Heinrich |
| 16. Ronald Hergott | 29. Greg A Gundersen |
| 19. Lloyd Muhle | 29. Francis J Shaughnessy |

BIRTHDAY PARTY COUPON

We congratulate all Elks who have birthdays in April. We invite you and your family to celebrate with us!

Just present this coupon and a paid-up Membership card. \$5.00 will be DEDUCTED from Your evening meal ticket as well as the ticket of one guest.

(Any night food is served)

SAVE THE DATE

Monday, April 13-6:30PM
Monday Night Mixed League Meeting

Thursday, April 16-7:00PM
Men's League Meeting

Saturday, May 2-TBA
Ladies Opening Brunch

Wednesday Senior League to start
in April-Date & Time, TBA



Veterans Activities

by Rich Freeman
Sandwich Day was held on March 17 at the VA Medical Center in Grand Island. It was very successful and appreciated.

Thanks to Denny Rose, Dick Hansen, Jimmie Meers, Rich Freeman, Shari Abner and Brad Norton (not pictured).

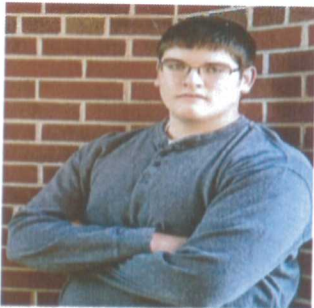
April has no scheduled veteran activities.

The month of May will again have the Armed Forces Day Golf and Memorial Service at Parkview Cemetery.

April 2015 – Students of the Month



Brenda Tran is a senior at St. Cecilia High School. She is a member of National Honors Society, 4-H Junior Leaders, 4-H Fashion Board, 4-H Youth Marketing Team, Youth Leadership Academy and Teens Leading Teens. She is President of Future Business Leaders of America. Brenda plays on the Tennis team, is Captain of the Bowling Club and is Cheerleading Captain. She is taking dual-credit English courses through Nebraska Wesleyan University. Her community service includes Big Brothers Big Sisters and Mayor's Youth Council. She lists her hobbies as baking, cooking, archery, tennis, reading and volunteering. Her parent is Chau Phuong.



Samuel Young is a senior at St. Cecilia High School. He plays Football and Track. He is a member of Future Business Leaders of America. His community service includes volunteering at Catholic Social Services. Samuel's hobbies are hunting, fishing, lifting weights, racquetball and basketball league. He is the son of Greg and Judy Young.

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