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Hastings Lodge
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A Fraternal Organization

Hastings, NE

CASINO NIGHT 2017

By: PER Jackie Norris, Youth

Chairman

The Casino Night Committee held its annual event on March 11th to raise money for our Scholarship fund. These scholarships are awarded to local students at the Youth Recognition Banquet we hold in May. It was a great success, as we raised \$1300 for the evening.

Thank you to everyone who attended Casino night and helped make it such a fun evening! We are so thankful to those of you who faithfully attend every year, and this year there were lots of new faces too! Many local businesses donated to our cause, and there is a power point presentation that shows all the businesses logos and a thank you that plays all night long.

We owe a debt of gratitude to those businesses and donations from our members to make this night possible, as well as the committee that works so hard to get great prizes for the auction. The committee members are, Chairperson Margo Woolman, Don Runcie, Jackie Norris, Jan and Bill Mooney, Jim and Nancy Horsham, Ronda and Ed Johnson, Dick and Nancy Freeling.



We also rely heavily on our volunteer dealers who make the evening happen. They give up play time to help the cause. As Youth Activity Chair, I cannot express enough my gratitude to all of you who give up their time to help keep our scholarship program going. The volunteer dealers were; John Folcik, Mike Norton, Joe Thompson, Jimmy and Shirley Meers, Brian Kennedy, Aaron Martinez, Mark Jaspersen, Dick Hansen and Randy Gartner.

We owe a special thanks to our entertaining Auctioneer, Trint Bottelfson, who adds real flair to the evening. He does this for us for next to nothing out of the goodness of his heart.



Cooking Classes at Maryland Living Center

by: Jackie Norris, Youth Chairman

Mike Norton and I held the 1st cooking class at Maryland Living Center on February 22nd. Young adults who are too young to be on their own, but too old for the Foster care system come here to have a safe place to live where they stay until they are done with school and are prepared to live on their own. There is a full and part time staff that oversees the Living Center which has 12 apartments for incoming clients and one for the full-time house manager. We try to supply as many kitchen set ups as we can each year for incoming kids in need. These are theirs to keep when they leave.

This is all possible due to the Beacon Grant that we get through ENF. Myself and volunteers such as Mike Norton then teach 3 different cooking classes to the kids. The first one this year, we chose to teach breakfast pizza and sausage and gravy on biscuits, which is always a hit. Each one must participate in the cooking process and we all eat together when it is done. We also teach cooling safety, tips and recipes that are healthy and economical. It's always a learning experience for all of us.

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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: 7:00pm November-February;
8:00pm March-October

Aaron's Message By: ER Aaron Martinez

Hello fellow Elks! If we have not met yet my name is Aaron Martinez and I am the Exalted Ruler for the coming year! I want to start by thanking Dick Hansen and the other PERs for their support and helping me the last few months to prepare for the journey I have ahead this year. I am very excited for the coming year and feel that we have a great group of officers who will continue to help the 159 move forward in hopes that we will not fall behind like other organizations. Feel free to come out on April 4th at 6pm to meet the officers at our officer installation, or at the Exalter Ruler Ball on Saturday, April 8th at 6pm.

We have many things happening in the month of April; however, one of the most noteworthy is the Open House on Saturday, April 15th from 10am - 4pm. Too many people think we are just a golf course, but there are many things we do for our community. This will be a day where we encourage you, as a member, to come out and learn about the different things you might not know that we do. We need to get new members as well as old members more involved in our activities. The bottom line is, to keep these programs going we need more member activity! There will be door prizes for guests as well as members only and a free hotdog lunch. There will also be specials running on greens fees for the day, so please grab as many friends as you can and bring them out to support our club!

If you can't make it to the Open House, please consider every event we have out at the club as an opportunity to get someone new involved in our organization. Casino night, the Throwback Party, Ladder Golf, Family Burger Nights on Wednesdays, Stag Night, the Does Soup Supper Night, these are just a few examples of all the different times we could bring our families and friends out to the lodge and get people more involved!

We still have a chair open for the 2017 year, and that is the Esquire position. If you are interested, please feel free to let myself or one of the officers know and we can get you more information. I also want everyone to know if you have any questions or concerns about anything at the club you can contact me at 402-984-4951 or by email at aaronmmartinez33@gmail.com. I want to make myself available to everyone for the following year.

In closing I would like to thank all the officers, trustees, members and non-members for their support to the club. I hope together we can make this lodge year great!

NOTICE
MONDAY NIGHT MIXED LEAGUE
MEETING
6:30PM
AT THE CLUBHOUSE

If you cannot attend and would like to play in this league,
please contact Nancy Freeling (402) 463-6489



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Randy Witt~

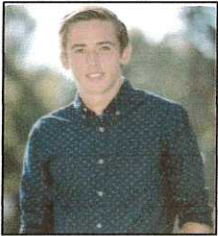
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FEBRUARY STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Kelsey Ripperger is a senior at Hastings Senior High School. She is a member of National Honors Society and Key Club. Kelsey participates in Freshman Mentoring Program and Yearbook. She plays volleyball, track and basketball. Her community service includes Church Youth Group, Hands and Hearts Against Hunger, Kiwanis, elementary school mentor, mobile food pantry, volunteering at a local soap shop, Hastings Crop Walk, prom/homecoming decorator, volunteering at Halsey National Forrest and many volunteer activities in her earlier high school years. Her work experience includes baby-sitting, volleyball coach, concession work and detasseler. Her hobbies include painting, reading, writing, running, playing volleyball, movies and being with family and friends. Kelsey is the daughter of Pam and Rick Ripperger.



Austin Seamann is a senior at Hastings Senior High School. He has earned the Eagle Scout award through Boy Scouts. He is a member of National Honors Society, Boy Scouts and Order of the Arrow. Austin's community service includes Big Brothers Big Sisters and Camp Augustine Camp Committee. He participates in Senior Student Principal Advisory Committee and is proficient in all areas of Microsoft Office. His sports are bowling and tennis. His work experience includes lifeguard, swimming instructor, café cook, detasseler and camp counselor. His hobbies are phone repair, geocaching, computer hardware work and graphic design. His parents are Tammy and Robert Seamann.

MARCH STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Amanda Karr is a senior at Hastings Senior High School. She is a member of National Honors Society, Student Council and Key Club. She participates in Freshman Mentoring Program, Yearbook, homecoming set-up and Tiger Ambush. She plays tennis, intramural basketball and volleyball and is Volleyball Team Captain. Her community service includes church babysitter, Little Kids Volleyball Camp, computer maintenance, volunteering at Crossroads, Hastings CROP Walk, volunteering at a local soap shop, Kiwanis, Open Table and Church Youth Group. Her work experience includes office aide, baby-sitting, concession stand and office assistant at a local business. Her hobbies are tennis, time with family, crafting and baking. Amanda's parents are Darci and Steve Karr.



Peter Goodin is a senior at Hastings Senior High School. He is a member of Key Club, Future Mentoring Program and is on the Honor Roll. He was awarded Greater Nebraska Conference All Academic Team in basketball. His sport is currently swimming and he played football and basketball in past years. Peter's community service includes Youth Group, Hearts and Hands for Hunger and Crop Walk against Hunger. His work experience includes lifeguard, and detasseler. His hobbies are weight lifting, playing video games, fantasy football and fantasy basketball, Monopoly, playing basketball and swimming. He is the son of Dora and Rodney Goodin

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Eagle Scout Award by: Dick Freeling, Scout Chair

Samuel E Johnson was awarded his Eagle Scout ranking on March 19, 2017 at the First Christian Church in Hastings, NE. Samuel belongs to Troop 207 at First St. Paul's Lutheran Church. He completed a total of 36 merit badge in addition to his Eagle project which was the remodeling of the fellowship hall at First Christian Church. Samuel is the son of Mike and Rachelle Johnson of Hastings.

Dick Freeling presented Samuel with a framed Eagles Scout Certificate during his Eagle Scout Court of Honor.

Does Corner By: Pat DuBois

Our regular monthly meeting was held March 21 at the Hastings Elks Lodge. Hostess Jan Schawang served her mother's Yum Yum Recipe with all the trimmings for lunch.


Neva Semotan and Pat Wich announced Hastings Does Spring Luncheon will be held May 16, 2017 starting at 11:30AM at the lodge. Does members and their guest will need to make reservations. More news about this next month.

Next meeting: April 18, 2017 at 11:30AM at the Lodge. We will be honoring Past Presidents. Hope to see you all at the Elks. Happy Easter to you and your families.


You are Cordially Invited to Attend the

Exalted Ruler Inaugural Ball

Honoring Exalted Ruler Aaron Martinez and his Officers



Saturday April 8th, 2017
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		Stuffed Meatloaf Dinner \$12.00 with all the trimmings	Family Night 6:30 - 8:00 PM (Grothen Crew)		Rehearsal Dinner	ER BALL Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Monday Night League Meeting 6:30 PM	Lodge Meeting 8:00 PM	Family Night 6:30 - 8:00 PM (Freeling Crew)	Men's League Meeting 7:00 PM Chicken Fried Steak Dinner		Open House 10am-4pm
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
HAPPY EASTER		Does Meeting 11:30 AM	Family Night 6:30 - 8:00 PM (Horsham Crew)	CCC Golf Outing 4:30 PM		Scavenger Hunt
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		Lodge Meeting 8:00 PM	Family Night 6:30 - 8:00 PM (Mooney Crew)	Men's League 6:00 PM		Ladies Opening Brunch 9:30 AM
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Pancake Feed 9:00 AM - 12.00						

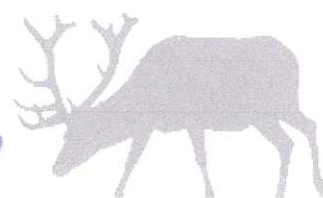
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Mixed League 6:00 PM	2 Ladies Ass'n Golf 4:00 - 7:00 PM	3 Family Night 6:30 - 8:00 PM (Duane Crew)	4 Mens League 6:00 PM	5 Couples Golf 6:00 PM	6 Private Graduation Party
7	8 Mixed League 6:00 PM	9 Ladies Ass'n Golf 4:00 - 7:00 PM	10 Family Night 6:30 - 8:00 PM (Margo Crew)	11 Mens League 6:00 PM	12 Couples Golf 6:00 PM	13 Private Graduation Party
Youth Banquet		Lodge Meeting 8:00 PM	Senior Golf - 1 PM	Graduation Party		
14	15 Mixed League 6:00 PM	16 Ladies Ass'n Golf	17 Family Night 6:30 - 8:00 PM (Grothen Crw)	18 Mens League 6:00 PM	19 Couples Golf 6:00 PM	20 Armed Forces Golf Outing 9:00 AM
Private Graduation Party		Does Spring Luncheon 11:30 AM	Senior Golf - 1 PM			
21	22 Mixed League 6:00 PM	Soccer Awards HHS	24 Family Night 6:30 - 8:00 PM (Freeling Crew)	25 Mens League 6:00 PM	26 Couples Golf 6:00 PM	27
Just for Fun Golf Tournament		Lodge Meeting 8:00 PM	Senior Golf - 1 PM			
28	29 NO MIXED LEAGUE Memorial Day	30 Ladies Ass'n Golf 4:00 - 7:00 PM	31 Family Night 6:30 - 8:00 PM (Horsham Crew)			
Memorial Day Scramble 1:00 PM			Nebraska Seniors Ass'n Tourn. 10:00 AM			

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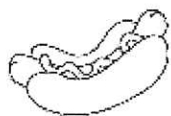
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