



# Calling all Elks

Hastings Lodge  
#159



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A Fraternal Organization

Hastings, NE

## 2020/21 Installation of Officers



Hastings Elks Lodge held their installation of officers for the upcoming lodge year on March 25 at the lodge. After a delicious meal, Nebraska State President Keith Nielson serving as Grand Exalted Ruler installed Julie Rothfuss as Exalted Ruler, John Folcik as Lodge Secretary, Dick Hansen as Lodge Treasurer, Russ Shaw as 5-year Trustee, Joe Thompson as Inner Guard and Kent Rothfuss as Tiler. Installing officers for the night were Bill Koller, Esquire from the Grand Island Lodge 604; Jane Berggren, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Nebraska Elks Association; PER Jackie Norris, PER Margo Woolman, PER Rich Freeman and PER Mike Norton.



Following the installations of officers, Exalted Ruler Julie Rothfuss presented two awards out.

**Citizen of the Year for 2020** was given to Katie Kimminau. Katie faithfully has helped each and every week on Wednesday night for Wingin' It Night since Covid-19 restrictions forced many of our volunteers to have to stop. She is a delight to have around and serves our customers with a smile. We are so grateful for her time and commitment she has given us.

**Elk of the Year for 2020** was given to Duane Norris. Duane has been an Elk for the past 16 years and has served on various committees, cooking crews, as an officer as well as a Trustee. Many of the day-to-day operations and behind the scenes activities could not be completed without his involvement in them. Duane is a wiz at public relations and computer activities at the lodge.

Next award given was to Rich Freeman from the Elks National Foundation for donating a total of \$2,000 or more to the Elks National Foundation. Rich received the Permanent Benefactor Award. PER Joe Thompson presented Rich with his award.



## STATE ELK'S ASSOCIATION DONATES MONEY

On March 22<sup>nd</sup> Julie Rothfuss and John Folcik on behalf of the Nebraska State Elks Association, presented the Hastings Food Pantry with a check for \$1500. This check was made possible by funds that are normally used for the State Elks Association's New Kids on the Block program. Due to Covid-19 restrictions they were not able to go into schools to do the program, so the funds used for this program were given to each lodge in Nebraska to give to a food pantry in their area to help area families in need.



**HASTINGS ELKS LODGE #159 B.P.O. ELKS  
A FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION  
3050 EAST SOUTH STREET  
HASTINGS, NEBRASKA 68901  
(402) 462-6616-Golf Course**

Exalted Ruler.....Julie Rothfuss  
 Leading Knight..... OPENED  
 Loyal Knight.....  
 OPENED  
 Lecturing Knight.....OPENED  
 Esquire.....OPENED  
 Chaplain.....OPENED  
 Inner Guard.....PER Joe Thompson  
 Tiler.....Kent Rothfuss  
 Secretary.....PER John Folcik  
 Treasurer.....PER Dick Hansen

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President.....Pat DuBois, protem  
 First Counselor.....NoElla Snow  
 Senior Counselor.....Denise Snow  
 Junior Counselor.....Catherine Willits  
 Secretary.....Janet Schawang  
 Treasurer.....Donna Dill  
 Conductor.....Pat DuBois  
 Chaplain.....Lynn Folcik  
 Inner Guard.....Pat Wich

**Trustees**

NoElla Snow (3yr), Janet Schawang (2yr),  
 and Pat DuBois (1yr)

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Randy Gartner, Head Trustee  
 Pat Markle, PER Russ Shaw, Don Runcie  
 David Miller

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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

**Julie's Message** By: ER Julie Rothfuss

A new Elk year is now upon us. I want to personally thank those of you that attended the installation of officers held on March 25<sup>th</sup>. Angie did a fabulous job on the food. A special thank you to our visiting officers for helping with installing as well as our own PER's who helped. Thank you for allowing me to be your Exalted Ruler once again this year. We had a lot of challenges last year and we managed to come out fairly well. Looking ahead it is my hope that we continue to come together and work to improve our lodge even more.

If you have not already done so please pay your dues. Right now, we have about 50% of our members that have paid. I hate to harp on this but without your dues we are not able to accomplish the programs we provide to the community and to our members. We dropped 10 people from our membership for non-payment of last year's dues, so our numbers are continuing to go down.

Our average member age is 69 years old. This is something I would like to work on in the coming year. My goal is to attract and retain younger members. I want to challenge my current officers and even members to bring one new member into the Elks organization. I am not sure if everyone knows or not but with the new point of sale system allows our club house staff to know who a paid-up Elk member is and who is eligible to receive the Elk's discount on their drinks. This is one benefit of being an Elk.

We have some events coming up in the next few months. One being the Easter Buffet on Easter Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup> from 11-4. Please see the flyer elsewhere for more details. We will be having our youth banquet on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and our Armed Forced Golf Outing on May 15<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to help with any of these events please let us know, we would love to have your help. Until next month-God Bless.

**Grand Lodge News**

**Reinstatement notice letters to be sent soon.**

By Rick Gathen

Membership Marketing Manager

All Lodge Secretaries are required by Statute 14.180 to send a 60-day reinstatement notice letter to Members dropped in March. An unaffiliated Member whose name has been stricken from the rolls of membership for nonpayment of dues, may on his/her application, if made within sixty (60) days thereafter, be reinstated as a Member in good standing in the Lodge upon majority vote thereof at the next regular meeting and payment of the delinquent and current dues.

The Secretary shall advise the unaffiliated Member in writing of the date of him/her being dropped from the rolls and of his/her right to re-affiliate within 60 days. The reinstatement shall not result in the loss of continuous and consecutive membership standing. The 60-day reinstatement letter and mail merge option can be found on CLMS2 PC.

## March - Student of the Month By: Allyson Bohlen



**Lauryn Dee Mullen** is a senior at Hastings High School. Lauryn is a three-year member of National Honor Society, where she currently serves at the treasurer. She is a multi-year letter winner and member of the HHS track team, swim team, and the debate team. She has also been a part of HHS bowling teams and has served as a student athletic trainer at HHS. Lauryn participates in the HHS orchestra, is secretary of the Young Democrats club, secretary of the Multicultural club and co-secretary of the Juniata United Methodist Women's club. Lauryn serves as a youth member of the Administrative Council at church and is a member of the gender sexuality alliance at HHS. When she is not busy at school and church she has been employed at Mid-Nebraska Individual services, City of Hastings Parks and Recreation and Combs Detasseling. Her hobbies include swimming, reading, knitting, bowling, hanging with friends, playing the violin, and journaling. Lauryn is the daughter of Robert and Glenda Mullen.

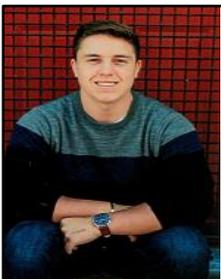


**Landen Miles Jacobus** is a senior at Hastings High School. Landen is a member of National Honor Society and FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes). He is a member of the Hastings High School football team, basketball team and golf team. . When Landen is not participating in sports and activities at school, he enjoys video games, being with friends and lots of sports. Landen is the son of Adam and Adrienne Jacobus.

## April - Student of the Month By: Allyson Bohlen



**Dacey Jean Sealey** Is a Senior at Hasting Senior High School and a member of National Honors Society and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She is a four-year member of the HHS volleyball team, basketball team and track team where she has received all-academic team honors in both basketball and volleyball, NCPA Academic all-state volleyball award and outstanding track athlete award. When she is not active in sports and clubs she serves our community by writing letters and reaching out to the elderly, coaching elementary girls' volleyball, and participating in canned food drives. Dacey has also worked at Tropical Sno, babysits, and helps parents get younger children to and from school. Dacey's hobbies include reading, walking dogs, working out and crafting. She is the daughter of Nick Sealey, Shelly Sealey and Kim Sealey.



**Isaiah Malachi Henry** is a Senior at Hastings Senior High School where he is a member of the National Honors Society and a student mentor for Mentoring works. Isaiah is a four-year member and three-year letter winner of the football team where he held the position of senior captain this year. He is also a four-year member and one year letter winner of the baseball team and a two-year member of the basketball team. He has earned most improved player award in basketball and football as well as being a three-time academic All-state winner. When Isaiah is not involved in sports and clubs he works at Sonrisa Kitchen, Umpires for Hastings Brickyard Bombers and at Eldon's Automotive. His hobbies include, church activities, sports, lawn care, lifting weights and mentoring younger students.

### Hastings Elks Lodge 159 2020-2021 Youth Banquet Sunday, May 2, 2021

Doors Open at 5:00 PM

Dinner at 5:30 PM

Program at 6:00PM

\$5:00 per meal

RSVP by April 18, 2021 by calling or texting (402) 984-5519

### Attention Elk's Golfers

If you have not already done so check out our new web page:  
<https://hastingselksgolf.com/>

You can book your tee times in advance simply by clicking  
9 holes, 18 holes with or without cart.

Make sure you log in to see your membership rate.

# April Elks Birthdays

01.....Richard F Gion	12.....Richard M Freeman
02.....Gayle C Johnson	14.....Clare Ef Martinez
05.....L F Anderson	19.....Lloyd Muhle
05.....Richard Freeling	21.....Ryan Hall
08.....Leslie J Lawless	22.....Robb Woodward
09.....Robert W Ackles	23.....Dave Helmick
09.....Dennis R McPherson	24.....Jimmie L Meers
11.....Aaron Martinez	26.....Tom Ackles
11.....Douglas M Snow	28.....Stanley J Harvey
	28.....Richard D Heinrichs

### 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)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Membership #: \_\_\_\_\_

## ARMED FORCES DAY GOLF TOURNAMENT

**2 PERSON SCRAMBLE**

**MAY 15, 2021**

**9:00AM SHOT GUN START**

**ELKS GOLF COURSE**

**3050 E SOUTH STREET**

**HASTINGS, NE**

**ALL MILITARY AND VETERANS**

**PLAY FOR FREE**

**NON-VETERANS PLAY FOR \$40**

**CARTS ARE EXTRA**

For more information or to sign up call Kent  
(402) 984-6037

Or call the clubhouse (402) 462-6616

Proceeds from this tournament go to fund our  
Veteran's Service Programs

# Grand Lodge News

## Some veterans need a helping hand—Yours!

By David R. Carr, PGER  
ENVSC Past Chairman

Many veterans, despite a successful tour in the military, return to find that their war experiences make it difficult to adjust to civilian life. Drug abuse and social, marital, and psychological difficulties are more common among veterans than any other identifiable group in society. On any given night, thousands of homeless veterans are sleeping on the streets in the United States. It's estimated that 11% of the homeless population are veterans.

Because the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is recognized by the Veterans Administration as receiving veterans support in their communities, the VA has asked us to expand our outreach to veterans in need.

The Elks Welcome Home Program is a terrific way to do just that! The program is aimed at ending veteran homelessness. Lodges everywhere work closely with veteran organizations, community leaders, and medical workers to combine efforts to serve this population.

And this year, we're expanding Welcome Home to give Lodges even more resources. Starting April 1, the Welcome Home Kit program will grow! The ENVSC will reimburse the Lodge up to \$300.00 per kit and up to \$500.00 for kits that include a bed.

These kits include essential supplies for normal household use: bedding, cleaning supplies, pots and pans, etc. Lodges can work with the veteran to find out just what is needed to set up their new home.

We are also adding two new cities of focus to the program! Lodges in Las Vegas and San Francisco are now eligible to apply for Focus Grants to address veteran homelessness. And, veterans receiving care at VA facilities in these cities can now apply for the Elks Emergency Assistance Program to help them prevent or exit homelessness.

Even if you're not in these cities, you can get involved. Lodges can use grant funds or organize clothing drives, supply drives and anything else needed to assist these veterans in your community. You can also invite veterans into your Lodge for a free meal at some point after you deliver the kit to the veteran. Above all, thank them for their service, make them feel welcome and always remember: "All gave some, some gave all."

Thank you for your support and demonstrating once again that "Elks Care—Elks Share."

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AN EVENT  
FOR

# AN EASTER BUFFET

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THE ENTIRE  
FAMILY



**Sunday, April 4, 2021**  
**11:00AM-2:00PM**

serving ham, fried chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, cheesy hash browns, corn, green beans, lettuce and dinner roll

\$13.50 per person with a reservation  
\$7.50-children under 10 years old with a reservation  
*for reservations call (402) 462-6616*

\$14.50 per person -walk in  
\$8.50-children under age 10 at the door

**Hastings Elks Lodge**  
3050 E South Street Hastings, NE 68901

*proceeds go towards building improvements*



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						Ladies Opening Brunch - 9:30 AM
						Retirement Golf Outing & Party
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Youth Banquet doors open 5:00pm	Monday Night 2 Person Mixed League - 6:00 PM	Does Meeting 11:00 AM Ladies Assn Golf 4:00 PM	Senior Golf -1:00 PM Wing It Wednesday 6:30 - 8:30 PM (Mooney Crew)	Mens League 6:00 PM	Leadership Hastings Golf Outing Graduation 5:00 PM Friday Night Fights	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Graduation 2:00 PM	Monday Night 2 Person Mixed League - 6:00 PM	Ladies Assn Golf 4:00 PM Lodge Meeting 8 PM	Senior Golf -1:00 PM Wing It Wednesday 6:30 - 8:30 PM (Duane Crew)	Mens League 6:00 PM	CCC Golf Outing 12:00 - 5:00 PM Graduation 5:00 PM Friday Night Fights	Armed Forces Day Golf Tournament 9:00 AM
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	Monday Night 2 Person Mixed League - 6:00 PM	Ladies Assn Golf 4:00 PM Lodge Meeting 8 PM	Central Nebr. Seniors Golf 10:00 AM Wing It Wednesday 6:30 - 8:30 PM (Freeling Crew)	Mens League 6:00 PM	Graduation 5:00 PM Friday Night Fights	
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Memorial Day Tournament 1:00 PM	<b>NO Monday Night League</b>			June 3rd Round Robin Southern Hills		