



Calling all Elks

Hastings Lodge
#159



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A Fraternal Organization

Hastings, NE

Hastings Elks lodge donates money to the Buddy Check Program



DICK HANSEN, GRANT WRITER AND EXALTED RULER PRESENTED A CHECK TO WAVE'S PIZZA FOR SUPPLIES FOR THE BUDDY CHECK PROGRAM.

Every year Elks lodges across the nation are eligible to apply for the Freedom grant through the Elks National Foundation. Freedom Grants must be used to serve veterans and/or military members and their families. Grant projects must serve a population in need. Projects must focus on one of these five areas: employment, homelessness and housing, military families, health, and educational support. Last April the Hastings Lodge applied and received a \$2500 grant to help with expenses for the Hastings area Buddy Check program.

Each day, 22 veterans die by suicide. The Buddy Check program is a program aimed at building a support system for veterans and active military members through networking and comradery. This is done by connecting veterans who have had similar experiences, the program provides veterans care and support for one another. Social meetings are always on the 22nd of each month. In Hastings, meetings are held at Wave's Pizza.

Each month the Hastings Elks lodge provided the funds to Wave Pizza to host the Buddy Check Program. Wave Pizza supplied pizza and drinks to all veterans who attended the Buddy Check Program.

This grant could not be possible without the generous donations of our members donating to the Elks National Foundation.

Grand Lodge News

New Freedom Grant options suit range of project sizes

By Hannah Graber, ENVSC Programs Coordinator

This year, we're making big changes to the Freedom Grant! We're excited to offer more flexibility than ever. We're also increasing the number of Freedom Grants to 600.

Freedom Grant applications will become available on April 1 at 12:01 a.m. (Central Time) and will close on April 15 at Noon (Central Time). Grant recipients will be notified in mid-May.

Freedom Grants are competitive, and applications will be evaluated based on the type of project proposed and the quality of each Lodge's plan.

Each Lodge will have the choice to apply for the type of Freedom Grant that best fits their project.

The Freedom Grant Classic, at \$3,000, is for active projects and requires direct service to veterans. Projects with a high level of Elks involvement will qualify for this grant. Consider this option if your Lodge is planning a large event or has experience with an ongoing project.

The Freedom Grant Spark, at \$1,000, is for projects that serve veterans in need. Involvement is encouraged when possible. This option has fewer restrictions and is an excellent choice for Lodges just getting started with service to veterans, or for smaller Lodges in rural areas.

All Freedom Grant projects must serve veterans and/or military members and their families. Grant projects must focus on one of these five areas of need: employment, homelessness and housing, military families, health, and educational support.

More information about the Freedom Grant and how to decide which version would be the best fit for your Lodge can be found at <https://www.elks.org/vets>.

During our regular lodge meeting on April 12th, we will be voting on the following applications for new membership and reinstatement.

For Membership

Jeremy Hartwell
Kelly Scarlett
Regina Hansen

For Reinstatement

Todd Frazier
Kory Baumgardner
Steve Ernst



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A FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION
3050 EAST SOUTH STREET
HASTINGS, NEBRASKA 68901
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Exalted Ruler.....Julie Rothfuss
Leading Knight.....OPENED
Loyal Knight.....OPENED
Lecturing Knight.....Aaron Martinez
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
First Counselor.....NoElla Snow
Senior Counselor.....Denise Snow
Junior Counselor.....Catherine Willits
Secretary.....Janet Schawang
Treasurer.....Donna Dill
Conductor.....Andrea Towler
Chaplain.....Lynn Folcik
Inner Guard.....Pat Wich

Trustees

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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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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)

April Elk Birthdays

09.....Robert W Ackles 21.....Ryan Hall
09.....Dennis R McPherson 22.....Robb Woodward
11.....Aaron Martinez 23.....Dave Helmick
11.....Douglas Snow 26.....Tom Ackles
12.....Richard M Freeman 28.....Stanley J Harvey
14.....Clare Ef Martinez 28.....Richard D Heinrich

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 #: _____



Hastings Elks Lodge 2021-22

Youth Banquet Sunday, May 1, 2022

Doors Open at 5:00pm

Dinner at 5:30pm

Program at 6:00pm

Cost \$5.00 per person

RSVP either by calling or texting

(402) 984-5519 or email

jackie@renznorris.com

by April 22, 2022 if you plan to attend
and how many are in your party.



Julie's Message By: ER Julie Rothfuss

The month of April has arrived and so has a new lodge year. Once again I am your Exalted Ruler for the year. I thank you for entrusting me with this position. We will be installing our officers on April 12 before our regular lodge meeting. Officers being installed are myself, Aaron Martinez, Dick Hansen, John Folcik, Joe Thompson, Kent Rothfuss and Margo Woolman. I still have some open officer chairs and would love to fill them. If you are wanting to get involved and become an officer, reach out to me and I will get you started this year.

I have been busy working on the lodge budget with the help of the trustees and John Folcik. The budget is ready to be presented to the lodge floor during the 2nd lodge meeting on April 26th. If you are unable to come to the lodge meeting but would like to see the lodge budget please reach out to me and I will see that you get a copy.

We have a few activities we are planning this year as we do every year. In the month of May, we will be having our Youth Banquet. This is the time we honor our student of the months that we have had throughout the year, as well as our scholarship winners and our Eagle Scouts. Jackie Norris, our youth chairman really puts on a nice program, so I encourage you to come out and support our youth on this night. Later in the month of May we will be having our Armed Forces Day Golf Outing. This is the day we honor all veterans as well as all Active-Duty military for their service to this country. In June we honor our nations flag on Flag Day. Our Scholarship Golf tournament is scheduled in the month of July, as well as our Youth/Adult Golf tournament and the blood mobile. These activities are just a few of the activities we have going on and there is more so if you would like to get involved and help with any of these or have suggestion please reach out to me and I will point you in the right directions.

Elsewhere in the newsletter you will see that we are asking for input and volunteers for a possible Casino Night. We have been asked by several people in the community as to whether we are going to have this again. The answer is only if we can get the volunteers to help do it. If you are a fan of the Casino Night then this is your opportunity.

On April 1st the Elks National Foundation grants opened up for lodges to apply for. Many of these grants are highly competitive and so we have to have our plan in as soon as they open up. The Freedom Grant is one of them. This grant is for veteran use only. Thank you, Dick Hansen for putting together this grant proposal for us for the coming year and getting it in to ENF on April 1st. The other grants that our lodge plans to apply for are the Spotlight grant, the Beacon Grant, and Gratitude Grant.

In closing, I would like to thank each of our members who have sent in their dues for the coming year already. If you have not sent in your dues, please do so. Our lodge secretary John Folcik will be out of commission during the month of April due to a medical procedure. If you need something please contact me or treasurer Dick Hansen and we will do our best to help you. Until next time, God Bless!

ARMED FORCES DAY GOLF TOURNAMENT

2 PERSON SCRAMBLE

MAY 21, 2022

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



**GOOD SAMARITAN RESIDENT
COUNCIL AND ADVISORY BOARD
MEMBERS**

**Are Hosting A Free Veteran Soup &
Dessert Luncheon to show our
veteran appreciation!**

**Veterans and spouses join us in the
Community Center 926 East E St. on
Thursday, April 28th**



April Student of the Month -By: Allyson Bohlen

Luke David Landgren is a senior at St. Cecilia High School in Hastings, Nebraska. Luke is a member of the St. Cecilia Honor Roll. He is vice president of the FBLA, a member of Teens for Life and Kids Against Hunger. Luke is the captain and a four-year member of the football team and basketball team. He is also a four-year member of the golf team and enjoys weights. His hobbies include reading, writing, lifting weights, art, science, and traveling. He also enjoys learning about other cultures. Luke is the son of David and Kelly Landgren of Hastings.



Olivia Claire Kvols is a senior at St. Cecilia High School. Olivia is a 3-year member of the National Honor Society, on the Honor Roll is an Academic All State and Academic All -Conference participant. She is a 3-year Academic Letter winner, an 3-year NSAA Academic All State winner and an NSAA Academic All State member in Tennis. Olivia is a USTA Tennis Sportsmanship Award winner, Lincoln Journal Star Softball Honorable Mention award winner, an All-Heartland Softball Honorable Mention award winner, has been on the St. Cecilia High Honor Role for four years and is in the top 10% of her graduating class. She is a UNK regents scholarship winner. She is a member of the FFA and a participant in the Spring Musical. When she is not involved in academics and athletics she is active in her community where she has completed 147 hours of community service helping with many events in Adams County. Olivia's hobbies include exercising, listening to music, being outdoors, and spending time with friends. Olivia is the daughter of Scott and Megan Kvols of Hastings.

May Student of the Month -By: Allyson Bohlen



Jordan Michael Whitlock is a senior at St. Cecilia High School in Hastings, Nebraska. Jordan is the captain and a member of the St. Cecilia football team. He is also a member of the band and Ministry Singers. He enjoys being part of the YLA and Strive for the Hawks. His hobbies include playing strategy games, reading, learning, and working with electronics. Anything logical or mathematical and loves to continue to learn. Attributes that describe Jordan are reliable, diligent and he states he has initiative. Jordan wants to go into education after high school. Jordan is the son of Michelle Smith of Hastings.



Kiernan Josephine Bierman is a senior at Hastings High School. Kiernan is on the HHS Honor Roll and a Member of the National Honors Society and had received academic letters and the NSAA Believers and Achievers Award. She is a member of the varsity letter winner on the cross country and track teams and has Received the Academic All-State awards in these two sports. Kiernan is active in the music and theater arts at HHS where she has participated in the Theater, Musical, Marching Band Color Guard, Show Choir, Chamber Choir, Chamber and Full Orchestra and has had leadership roles in both Choir and Band. Kiernan is also very active in Girl Scouts where she has been a part of the advisory group, camp counselor, and an camp outreach member. She received the Girl Scouts Silver Award. She is also a member of the Young Democrats Club, the Tiger PAWS, an usher at Faith Lutheran Church and an inductee to International Thespian Society. Her hobbies include reading, gardening, traveling, walking her dog, running, playing the violin, cooking, or baking, singing and volunteering. Kiernan is the daughter of David and Stacy Bierman.

We have been asked if we will be holding a Casino Night in the near future.

If we are going to do this, we need volunteers.

We will need 15+ volunteers to say they will help solicit businesses for prizes as well as to work the night of the Casino. If you are able to help please let Julie know by texting

(402)984-9163 or emailing her at jewels6964@gmail.com.

Right now, if we do a Casino Night it would be sometime in the Fall.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Pink Ladies Dart League 4:00 PM		Does Meeting 11:00 AM	Senior Golf - 1:00 PM Wing It Wednesday 6:00 - 8:30		Wedding Rehearsal Dinner - 6:00 PM	Birthday Party 6:00 PM
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Pink Ladies Dart League 4:00 PM	Monday Night 2 Person Mixed League Meeting- 6:00 PM	Lodge Meeting 8:00 PM	Senior Golf - 1:00 PM Wing It Wednesday 6:00 - 8:30	Men's League Meeting - 6:00 PM Captain's Only	Wedding	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
HAPPY EASTER Pink Ladies Dart League 4:00 PM			Senior Golf - 1:00 PM Wing It Wednesday 6:00 - 8:30		Birthday Party	Early Bird Backwards Tournament
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Pink Ladies Dart League 4:00 PM	START Monday Night 2 Person Mixed League 6:00 PM	Lodge Meeting 8:00 PM	Senior Golf - 1:00 PM Wing It Wednesday 6:00 - 8:30	START Men's League 6:00 PM	Friday Night Couple Golf - 6:00 PM Birthday Party 7:00 PM	Ladies Opening Brunch - 9:30 AM Graduation Party

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Calendar Editor : Nancy Freeling -- Contact with Text Message to 402-463-6489

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Youth Banquet Doors open at 5 PM	Monday Night League 6:00 PM	Ladies Assn' Golf - 4:00 PM	Senior Golf - 1:00 PM Wing It Wednesday 6:00 - 8:30 PM	Mens League 6:00 PM Senior Golf - 1:00 PM	Friday Night Couple Golf - 6:00 PM Graduation Party 6:00 PM	Graduation Party 6:00 PM
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Pink Ladies Dart League 4:00 PM	Monday Night League 6:00 PM	Ladies Assn' Golf - 4:00 PM Lodge Meeting - 8 PM	Senior Golf - 1:00 PM Wing It Wednesday 6:00 - 8:30 PM	Mens League 6:00 PM Business After Hours	CCC Golf Outing 12:00 - 4:00 PM Friday Night Couple Golf - 6:00 PM	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Pink Ladies Dart League 4:00 PM	Monday Night League 6:00 PM	Laidee Guest Stagette	Senior Golf - 1:00 PM Wing It Wednesday 6:00 - 8:30 PM	Mens League 6:00 PM	Friday Night Couple Golf - 6:00 PM	Vets Tournament Baptism - 5:00 PM
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Pink Ladies Dart League 4:00 PM	Monday Night League 6:00 PM	Ladies Assn' Golf - 4:00 PM Lodge Meeting - 8 PM	Central Nebr. Senior Golf - 10:00 AM Wing It Wednesday 6:00 - 8:30 PM	Mens League 6:00 PM	Friday Night Couple Golf - 6:00 PM	Wedding Reception 5:00 PM
29	30	31				
Memorial Day Tourney	NO - MONDAY NIGHT GOLF	Ladies Assn' Golf - 4:00 PM				
Pink Ladies Dart League - 4:00 PM						