



Calling all Elks

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Director, Ben Dumas and housemother, Marie with two of the residents at Maryland Living Center, accept the donation of a gas barbecue grill presented by Hastings Elks Lodge 159. Lodge Youth Activities Chair, Jackie Norris is shown.

Rich's Message by Rich Freeman, Exalted Ruler

Having recently returned from the National Elks Convention (my first), it's difficult to know where to begin. Fun time yes. I was typical sightseer - Bourbon and Canal streets very interesting. Trolley rides great also, lot of repair (Katrina?), construction and street repairs going on.

Turning to the business at the convention: as I said in my first message back in April, new members are needed by our entire order. From over a million members in the 80's, the numbers have dwindled to fewer than 750,000. The message I got from the convention is that we need to focus on recruiting people who are sincere about our works, and are willing to help with activities, not just join, sit back and do nothing. In other words we should prequalify our purposed leads and find those who really want to help and make a difference in our communities. More to follow on this.

The Annual Elks 159 Golf outing normally scheduled for mid August is set back to Saturday, September 13, 1pm shotgun start followed by awards and dinner. More details an flyer to follow.

August 22-24 is the Fall Convention in North Platte. Our next regular scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday August 26. Have suggestions or comments, then attend our meetings, that way you'll know your being heard!

Until next month, thanks support and disregard all the rumors you may be hearing. Come on out and enjoy Our Lodge, Our Club House and Our Golf course. Your support is what keeps this Lodge moving in the Right direction.

The Importance of ENF

by Jackie Norris, Youth Activities Chair

You should have recently received a letter from E.N.F., asking for a donation to this program. Before you discard it or put it aside, I am asking that you please consider contributing to this very important cause. Our Lodge depends heavily on E.N.F. Grants to do important charitable work in our community. If each member donates just \$4.60 to E.N.F., we are eligible to apply for the Gratitude Grant offered through Grand Lodge. In the last three years we have used this grant to help out the Boy Scouts in and around our community. We have hosted weekend camp outs, helped with cub scout day camps and made impressive framed awards to present to Eagle Scouts at their Court of Honor Ceremonies. Even the beautiful Flag Donation Box in our entrance was made for us by a scout earning his Eagle Scout award with Grant money.

This year we used Grant money to paint the inside of one of the buildings at Camp Augustine. This camp host not only hundreds of scout camping every year, but also Youth Groups from Nebraska and Kansas. We realized while there that there was a lot more fixing up that needs to be done. Two thousand dollars can go along way for next year. Fixing up their medics cabin and replacing some very worn out items would be first on the list.

So please make a donation and help us help Camp Augustine next spring!



Dick Freeling presents Camp Director, Tyson Coble with a much-needed refrigerator for the Health and Wellness Facility at Camp Augustine. Thanks to grants we are able to receive from National BPOE when we meet our ENF goal, our support of Boy Scout programs has been strong in recent years..

1pm Shotgun Start

LABOR DAY

Scramble

Sunday, August 31st

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

September 13th

Open only to Members of Elks Lodge 159

159 Tournament