



Calling all Elks

Hastings Lodge
#159



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2019 Does/Elks Memorial Service



Hastings Does that performed their Memorial Service were Pat DuBois, Jan Schawang, Donna Dill, Lynn Folick and Carol Thompson.



Elks Lodge Officers helping with the Memorial Service were PER Dick Hansen, Kerrie Oreskovich, Julie Rothfuss, ER Zach Oreskovich, Pat Markle, PER John Folick and PER Aaron Martinez

Our Order has decreed that the first Sunday in December be set apart as a day for Elks to gather to remember those that have departed during our lodge year and to remind everyone that our fellow members are never forgotten. For the Hastings Elks Lodge this was held on December 1st. The Hastings Does lead by Interim President Pat DuBois performed their memorial service at approximately 3:45pm.

This was followed by the Elks Lodge Memorial Service. Roll Call of the departed was called by Lodge Secretary PER John Folick with a family or friend of the departed lighting the candle in memory of their loved one. The following are the departed members remembered: Howard Mooney-October 20, 2019, and Matt Friend-December 11, 2018. Prior years reported in 2019: Richard Dickerson-May 29, 2017, Peter Konen-August 16, 2018 and Kenneth Stevens-July 4, 2018. Refreshments were served following the ceremony.

National Adoption Day By: Jackie Norris, Youth Chairman

Our Lodge is able to obtain grants to help out in our communities, due to our members generous donations to E.N.F. One of the grants we receive is the Beacon Grant. Our Lodge uses part of this grant to help with National Adoption Day. It has become a special event that we enjoy being involved in. We help with the planning, along with Department of Social Services, CASA and the 10th Judicial Court headed by Judge Burns. RuAnn Root from CASA heads the committee with Judge Burns.

This year the celebration was held on Saturday November 23rd at the YMCA (old Champions Building), which donates their facilities for the party. The day began at the Adams County Court House at 9:15. Judge Burns and Judge Mead granted 5 families with a total of 10 adopted children. Brandi and Joe and Carol Thompson joined me to witness the adoption process, which is a moving experience! The court room and waiting area was

overflowing with large families there to support the adoptive families and was a very festive happy atmosphere.

Following the adoptions, the families head to Champions. There the families all came together for a lunch, and a magic show. Pizza, drinks, a variety of specialty pizzas from Dominoes, cookies from Eileen's and popcorn at every table are donated by our lodge. Each adopted child also received a large personal cookie with their name on it from us as well. We had a table full of drug awareness items from the Elks such as pencils, frisbees, balloons, rulers, pencils and stickers for every child to pick from. Lunch was followed by an entertaining magic show and super fun balloon animals for every child.

Thank you to Brandi Archer, Lori Gion, Margo Woolman and Dick Hansen for your help, and thank you all who donate to the ENF and make this possible.



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and Pat DuBois (1yr)

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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



**Please join us on
January 1, 2020
at 12 Noon
for Tom & Jerry's**

**Hastings Elks Club
3050 E South Street
Hastings, NE**

December Elk Birthdays

19.....William H Spielman 27.....Larry D Hagemeyer
 20.....Robert J Arndt 27.....Jim Heyen
 21.....Don Runcie 27.....Tom C Taylor
 22.....Ron Psota 28.....Robert E Neeman
 22.....Vernon Tweedie 28.....Paul Spady
 23.....Billy Riese 28.....Daniel J Yurk
 26.....Dwane C Moeller 29.....Karen Spurling
 27.....Steve W Ernst 31.....Eric Schmitz

BIRTHDAY PARTY COUPON

We congratulate all Elks who have birthdays in December.
 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 #: _____

Does Corner By: Pat DuBois

The regular monthly meeting of Hastings Does was held November at the Hasting Elks lodge. Meeting was conducted by Pat DuBois, Interim President. Secretary Jan Schawang read the October minutes. Approved as read.

Election of 2020 officers was held during the meeting. We chose our yearly Christmas donations, which will be delivered at another time close to the holidays.

Final plans were made by the officers in attendance as to what food, table service, etc. that we needed for the Does Christmas Party December 3rd at 11:30am at the Elks Lodge. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Invitations will be in your mailbox soon.

First Counselor NoElla Snow served us a delicious Kentucky Fried Chicken Dinner plus her homemade lemon bars.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

LOOKING AHEAD

BPO Does Nebraska Central District Convention will be October 8, 9, and 10. Hastings Elks Lodge 159.



Zach's Message By: ER PER Zach Oreskovich

Hello Everyone! It is hard to believe that December is now upon us but here it is. In November our lodge took part in the Veteran's Recognition Parade in Hastings. Thank you to Aaron Martinez, Jackie Norris, Dick Hansen and Julie Rothfuss for helping with the float and representing our lodge.

The deer hide program started in the month of November and to date we have received quite a few hides. This program allows us to purchase gloves for disabled veterans. We are still accepting hides but please remember we only accept the hides without the head on them.

At the end of November, the lodge helped with the National Adoption day in Hastings. Each year we help serve the lunch for the families that participated in National Adoption Day. This is all made possible by the ENF grant our lodge received. Thank you to Jackie Norris, Margo Woolman and Dick Hansen for helping with this.

As a reminder because the month of December is a very busy month, we will only be having one lodge meeting in the month-December 10 starting at 7:00pm.

We had our Memorial Service on December 1st.for our departing members. Thank you all that attended and for my officers for their help with the program.

Our Special people's Christmas will be held December 4 at the lodge.

We are currently in the process of purchasing clothing for the less fortunate in our community. We will wrap and deliver these gifts on December 21. Wrapping will begin at 9:00am followed by delivering at 1:00pm. Wrapping up the month, our lodge oversees bingo at the Veteran's Hospital in Grand Island on December 31st. Oh, and I almost forgot, we will be having Tom & Jerry's at the lodge once again on January 1st starting at noon.

In closing I would like to wish each and everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Grand Lodge News

Certificate salutes neighbors who fly the US flag

By Larry W. Smith

The Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee has implemented a new program that allows Lodges to present neighbors a Recognition Certificate for flying the flag.

Lodges can present a Grand Lodge Recognition Certificate of Honor for properly flying the United States Flag during daylight hours and at night with proper illumination. It can be awarded to local businesses, merchants, and non-Elks households but not hospitals, schools, or government buildings.

The Recognition Certificate is available at elks.org/GrandLodge/fraternal/files/FlyTheFlagCertificate.pdf. Or, it can be found on the Fraternal Committee page in the Members Only section of elks.org, under Fly the Flag Program & Certificate (PDF).

The certificate is a fillable PDF, so you can type in the recipient's name and address. Also, there's a place for the mayor or other city official to sign.

To print the certificate correctly, "Landscape" should be chosen for the orientation in your print window. Parchment paper is the best option for a professional-looking product. Certificates can be presented during special recognition events at the Lodge, if possible.

The Grand Lodge Recognition Certificate is a great tool for Lodges to put their name in front of the public.

Elks Clubhouse Winter

Sunday.....Closed
 Monday.....Closed
 Tuesday.....12noon-6:00pm
 Wednesday.....12noon-10:00pm
 (Wing Nights starts at 6:00pm)
 Thursday.....Closed
 Friday.....12noon-10:00pm
 Saturday.....12noon-sundown/event
 Hours subject to change based on weather
 and club events.



STUDENT OF THE MONTH by Allison Bohlen

September Student of the Month



Makayla Lynn Dinkler is a senior at Silver Lake High School. She is a member the FBLA where she has served as both the Vice President and Sentinel. She is on the volleyball and basketball teams where she is and has been a team captain. She is also a state qualifier as part of the track team. Makayla is the Vice President of the Student Council, a School Sportsmanship Representative, and a member of National Honor Society. She expands her educational opportunities by taking part in The Future Problem Solvers, Band, Choir, the Science Fair and Science Olympiad as well as an Action Day Participant. When she is not active at school, she participates in 4-H, Youth Group, Sunday School teaching, teacher at Vacation Bible School, Leadership Training for Christ, and volunteers for Hearts and Hands for Hunger. Makayla is the daughter of Scot and Laci Dinkler.

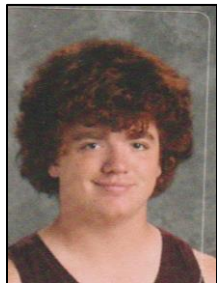


Tommy Dennis Grimes is a senior at Silver Lake High School. He has and is been a member of FBLA, FFA and Spanish Club at both Minden and Silver Lake. Tommy has been a two-year captain of the football team, is a member of the basketball team, golf, team, track team and wrestling at Axtell. When not active at school, Tommy enjoys motocross, hunting, fishing, working on vehicles, woodworking and metal working, Tommy is the son of Tim Osborn and Shilo Hebb.

October 2019 - Student of the Month



Abbie Nichole Skupa is a senior at Silver Lake High School. Abbie is the current president of National Honor Society. She is a member of FFA (Future Farmers of America) where she serves as the reporter. She is the Senior Class president and a member of FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America). Abbie is also a varsity member of the Volleyball team and Basketball team where she serves as a team captain. Her other school activities include Future Problem Solvers, Nebraska Attack club basketball, Choir, Science Fair and Science Olympiad. She has participated in Central Community Colleges Actions Day. When she is not busy at school she volunteers as a summer Bible School teacher and with Hearts and Hands Against Hunger. Her hobby is Art. Abbie is the daughter of Steve and Jenny Skupa.



Zane Bradley Journey is a senior at Silver Lake High School. Zane is a member of the National Honor Society where he has served as Vice President. He is a member of FBLA and has served as the Parliamentarian, Treasurer and President. He is currently the Student Council President. Zane participates in boys Basketball, Track & Field, Powerlifting and is the Captain of the Football Team. He also participates Choir, Band, One Act Play, Speech and is the captain of the Quiz Bowl team. When he is not busy with all of his teams and clubs, he takes part in the Science fair, the Science Olympiad, Central Community College Actions Day and Future Problem Solvers. Zane volunteers with Hearts and Hands Against Hunger. His hobbies include frisbee golf, working out, reading, working and video games. He is the son of Richard and Gwendolyn Journey.

Eagle Scout Award Given



An American Flag and Eagle Scout Certificate were presented to Cameron Woods by Dick Freeling representing Lodge 159 on Monday Nov.25 at his church, Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd.

He is the son of Robert and Sherri Woods of Hastings. Cameron is the 267th Eagle Scout in Troop 200, sponsored by First Presbyterian Church of Hastings.



