

# Calling all Elks

Hastings Lodge  
#159



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## Jackie's Message by Jackie Norris, Exalted Ruler

Our Club held two brand new events in January, which were big hits with our members and even attracted some faces we haven't seen in awhile!

Russ Shaw put together a wonderful dinner theater starring St. Cecilia drama students, accompanied by a spaghetti dinner. Live music followed. Russ and his crew: Scott and Christy Yackley, Butch Lyons, Brad Norton and John and Lynn Folcik, helped raise \$420 for the Officers' Fund. A special thank you to Valentino's for donating the sauce and meat.

The following weekend, Christy and Scott Yackley chaired a Casino Night which was also very well received! The Casino Committee got donations for prizes and raised over \$800 for scholarships. Thanks for doing such a GREAT job!

Also, a big thank you to the VFW for donating equipment used for the casino games. We couldn't have done it without their help.

I'm very pleased to announce that the \$2,000 Grant we received from Grand Lodge for meeting our ENF goal last year is being used to fund a Winter Fun Day for Cub Scouts on February 25th. The Grant is also allowing us to host a Boy Scout Winter Camporee on Friday, March 30th to Sunday, April 1st. I am really excited about establishing a relationship with the Scouting Committee. It's all possible because of your generosity in meeting ENF goals!

Thanks to every single member who has pitched in, organized and attended these events, and supported your Club.

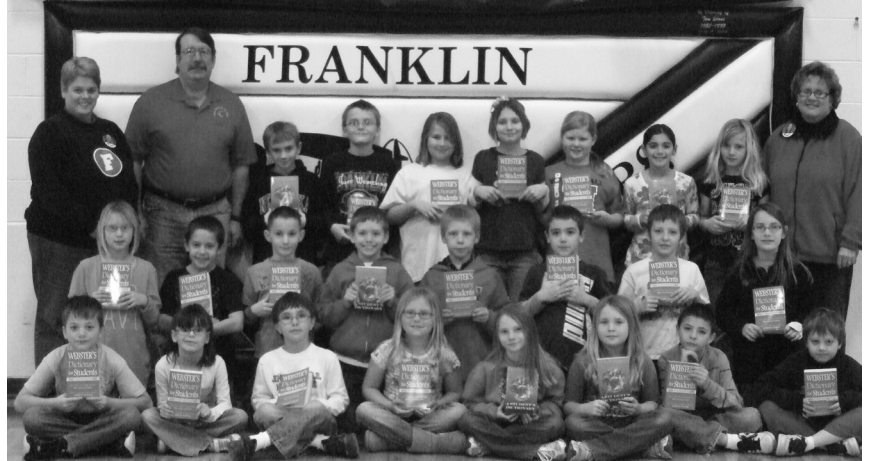
## From the Trustees by Dave Osborn, Chairman

Members all,

It is my duty to inform you that Shane Hansen will not be returning to the Elks next year as Golf Course Manager. Shane phoned in his resignation on Monday January 23, 2012. We will begin the process of finding a replacement to ensure the assets of the lodge are kept up and in excellent condition.

Many thanks to all the members who made the casino night a success, your involvement in taking the reins to plan and carry out the event was amazing. It is members like you that make events successful, enjoyable and just downright fun! I am sure the students who receive the money you raised in the form of scholarships will greatly appreciate your hard work. Our hats are off to all who helped. Thank You!

We will celebrate Valentine's Day at the club on February 18th the Saturday following actual Valentine's Day. We will be serving "surf and turf" or steak and crab legs. We are scheduling the evening's entertainment as I prepare this article; call the club to find out if it will be a live band or a DJ. Either way we will have fun! **Continued on Page 5**



Brad Norton with Franklin teachers and a group of students who received dictionaries or a thesaurus from the Elks Lodge #159 Dictionary Project. Brad and Reta have gone to many area schools.

## Notes From the Secretary by Joe Thompson, Lodge Secretary

The Lodge year is rapidly coming to an end. As of this month, our lapsation (members who have not yet paid their 2011 dues) count is low. But it could be lower! We are down to 28 members who have not paid. We have until March 31st to collect those dues.

The Lodge will continue its attempts to collect these dues, as they represent a budget shortfall of over \$1,200. It will be possible to end the Lodge year with a slight membership gain. In fact, the gain could be quite significant if we could get the lapsation list to a smaller number.

The month of February has some very important dates for us to keep in mind:

- **Tuesday, February 14th** Lodge Meeting: Nomination of Officers for the 2012-2013 Lodge Year. We will be looking for candidates for a 5-year Trustee term, and a Lodge Tiler.
- **Thursday, February 16th:** Birthday of the Order of the Elks, formed in New York in 1868 (making us 144 years old!)
- **Tuesday, February 28th** Lodge Meeting: Election of Officers for the 2012-2013 Lodge Year
- **Saturday, February 25th & Sunday, February 26th:** Exalted Ruler/Secretary/Trustee Seminar in Grand Island, NE

In an effort to save mailing expense, dues notices will be sent as soon as the new membership cards arrive from Grand Lodge. There will be NO INCREASE in member dues: \$88.50, Life Member dues, \$40.50.

## Could it be you? The Elks need your talents!

In February, we will be taking nominations for:  
A 5-Year Trustee and a new Lodge Tiler.



## Valentine's Dinner & Dance

Saturday, February 18th

Surf & Turf (Steak and Crab Legs)

\$25 per person

for Dinner and Dance

Cocktails: 6-7pm, Dinner 7-8pm

Dance to Follow Dinner

Call 462-6616 to make your reservations!

