



Calling all Elks

Hastings Lodge
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Margo's Message by Margo Woolman, Exalted Ruler

December truly was a rewarding month. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and helped to make the Memorial Service, The Kids Christmas Party, Elk Members Christmas Party, People's First Christmas Party, and the Kids Christmas Gift Delivery so wonderful. Because of all of you, Christmas was made better for many!

I hope all of you had a wonderful Holiday and are ready to start the New Year! January will bring cold weather and hopefully some snow, so that usually means we will all tend to stay inside more. Well... don't forget to check the calendar for events and times the club is open. Come out, bring a friend! As we are starting into the last quarter of our Elk Year, we need support; we need income to survive the winter. Please come out for a meal, drinks, or just to socialize and have a few laughs! You are having a good time while helping the Club!

Now is the time for us to be thinking of officers for 2013-2014. If you are interested, please be sure to let myself or any officer know! It really is good to be an Elk!

I would like to apologize to Dick Hansen. I neglected to add his name to the list of Veteran's who rode on our Elks Float at The Hastings Veteran's Parade in November.

Tip of the month: Smile...they're contagious!



Nancy Hehnke (at right) helps a group of youngsters craft gifts for their family at the Annual Kids Christmas Party on December 2nd at the Lodge. As always, Jo Meester did a masterful job of planning a fun day of activities (and a visit from Santa) during the party.

Notes From the Secretary by Joe Thompson

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE OFFICERS OF HASTINGS ELKS 159.

Christmas Fund reaches \$5,900.00. Thank you to all that gave see the list of donors on Page 5. (Donations received after 12/27/2012 will be listed in February Newsletter). Special Thanks to all that helped in purchasing and delivering the gifts to the children. YOU made their Christmas a little better. .

It is not too early to be thinking of helping the Elks Lodge, there are many committees to work on and we will need to elect a Trustee for a 5 year term. Lodge Tiler (this is step one in an 8 year process for becoming Exalted Ruler) Nominations will be held February 12th election will be February 26th .

All Elk members should have received their copy of the "Husker Elk" this is our State News Paper. If you are a paid up Lodge Member and did not get this issue please contact the Secretary's Office.

Support for the Stag's/Stagette's is increasing, the numbers of members and guests in attendance has been grown each time. Please keep up your interest.-- Bring a guest they may become members.

Lodge Dues will increase by \$2.00--Lodge dues notices will be sent in Mid January--Regular dues will be \$90.50

Life Member dues will be \$42.50

(\$18.50 of each member's dues is sent to Grand Lodge and the State Association for their operating expenses.)

The break down is as follows:

\$3.00 insurance

\$13.00 Grand Lodge Operation and Magazine

\$2.50 Nebraska Elks Operation and Expense

GOLF COURSE DUES ARE TO INCREASE 3.5%. IF GOLF DUES ARE PAID IN FULL PRIOR TO APRIL 1, 2013 THE RATE WILL BE THE SAME AS 2012 (no increase). There will be a flyer with your Lodge dues explaining all of the options available

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Many thanks to this group of lovely Elks-Elves for wrapping all the gifts that were distributed to 92 disadvantaged children in Hastings this year! It is YOUR generosity in giving to our Christmas Fund that makes it happen.