



Calling all Elks

Hastings Lodge
#159



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Rich's Message by Rich Freeman, Exalted Ruler

First on December 9th at our regular scheduled lodge meeting, we voted to change the starting time of our lodge meeting during the late fall and winter months. During November thru February the Lodge meetings will begin at 7:00 PM CST.

Secondly, welcome to the New Year! Hope all of you had a safe, joyful holiday season with friends and families. As this year starts I'd like to thank all the members who gave me their support this past year.

December was quite a busy month, with Stag/stagette on the 2nd, then the "Our Special Friends Christmas party on the 4th followed on the 7th by our Elks Memorial Day (Mandatory) service, the 9th for the only lodge meeting in December, December 16 was Sandwich day at the Grand Island Veterans Medical Center, the Elks lodge Christmas party was held on the 19, followed by Christmas gift wrapping and delivery on the 20th. (Something I was able to participate in this year) As I am writing this message prior to Jan 1st, the last scheduled events in December are the New Year's Eve party at the club house and Bingo at Grand Island Veterans Medical Center on the 31st.

I would like at this time to address the Elks Memorial Day Service, which is a mandatory requirement in the Statutes Rules and Regulations of our order. For those of you who remembered their solemn and binding oath and the obligations you took on when becoming and ELK, thank you for your participation and support of what we hold dear to us. Those who missed this service (other than beyond your control) I would implore you to recommit yourselves to our obligations in this coming year.

Enough said. Those who took part in our activities and events this past year, I THANK YOU-without the support and participation of our members throughout the year, the future would be looking dim. Lastly I look forward to serving as your Exalted Ruler these final 3 months of my term.



Left to right-Russ Shaw, Jim Horsheim, Jackie Norris, Dick Hansen, Rich Freeman, Mike Norton and Julie Rothfuss-Elk Officers that performed during the Elks Memorial Service December 7.



PER Jim Horsheim lighting the memorial candles during the Elks Lodge Memorial Service December 7

Elks Country Club Winter Hours

Starting January 1, 2014

Monday.....	CLOSED
Tuesday.....	12NOON-8:00PM*
Wednesday.....	12NOON-8:00PM*
Thursday.....	CLOSED
Friday.....	12NOON-8:00PM*
Saturday.....	12NOON-6:00PM*
Sunday.....	CLOSED

**Possibly later depending on events*

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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: 7:00 p.m. November-March;
 8:00pm April-October
 at

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Does Corner by Pat DuBois, President

Happy New Year Everyone!

Activities in December:

Sunday, December 7th -1:00pm. I was invited to the Elks Kids Christmas Party. Elks Kids made crafts during the afternoon. We sure had fun.

Thank you Mary Lou Brouillette for donating all the cookies!
 5pm- Does had the Memorial Service for Marge Conner and Marilyn Will. I want to thank Pat Wich, Neva Semotan, Pat and Diana Dickerson, Donna Dill, and some of the Elks Members for making horsderves.

6pm- Elks had their Memorial Service.

December 9th- Our Fun Annual Does Christmas Party. There was 15 in attendance/ We had a grand Celebration. Thank you very much for the Gift Card. I will be able to use this for Grand Lodge in Albuquerque.

Activities in January:

Tuesday January 20th 11:30 am: Is start up for the Does 2015 New Year. Installation of Officers will be performed by Deputy Supreme President NoElla Snow, Installing Conductor Andrea Towler and Installing Chaplain Donna Dill. 2015 Does Officers are listed below the Elks Officers in this bulletin.

Sunday January 25th- The Does 112 Annual Chicken Noodle, Chili Bean Soups Feed With Pies, Cakes, Cookies, & Brownies. We will be serving from 4:30 to 6:30 pm if the food lasts.


Save the Date. Mark your Calendar.

Contact Jan Schawang. No Answer? Please Leave Message. 402-463-2830.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday February 17 at 11:30 am.
 Hostesses will be Neva, Pat W, and Marie O.

If any Does, would be willing to host one of these months- April 21st, September 15th, or October 20th please call me, Pat DuBois 402-



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January, 2015 Student of the Month



Samantha Karr is a senior at Adams Central High School. She is a member of National Honors Society and is Vice President of Student Council. She plays Tennis and is involved in Choir, FBLA, Quiz Bowl, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Youth Leadership Academy. Her community involvement includes Youth Group at Faith Lutheran Church, Kids Fight Against Cancer fundraiser, Kids Against Hunger, Red Cross Blood Drive, Canned Food Drive, Meals on Wheels, Senior Citizen Prom, College View Bingo and is Lifeguard and CPR certified. She has worked at Imperial 3 Theatre. Samantha's hobbies are reading, art, hanging with friends, listening to music, fishing, coin collecting, watching movies, running, playing with her dogs and hanging out with family. She is the daughter of Darren and Tina Karr.



Joshua Pfeifer is a senior at Adams Central High School. He is involved in Band, FBLA and Choir. He plays varsity Football, Basketball and Track. Joshua lists his hobbies as sports and drums. His parents are Kenneth and Susan Pfeifer.

Bedding Donations to Veterans

By Brad Norton, State Army of Hope Chairman

Hastings Elks Lodge received a \$2000 Freedom Grant again this year from the Grand Lodge Elks National Veterans Service Commission to use in support of the Veterans Transition Assistance (TA) House at the Grand Island VA Medical Center. We presented pillows, comforters and several sheet sets to the six new arrivals since our last visit this Spring. Each veteran also received \$100 in food vouchers to Skagway, located near the facility.

I want to thank Rich Freeman, Dick Hansen and Joe Thompson for helping deliver these items on Tuesday, Dec 16, 2014. Kelly Arends, the VA Counselor, and Bob Erickson, resident, were on hand to receive our donation on behalf of TA House veterans



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| 6.....Adam Shiyou | 22.....Kurt Perry |
| 7.....Louis Kully | 23.....Gary Aadland |
| 9.....Andrew Warrings | 23.....John Laird |
| 11.....Scott Friend | 24.....Arthur Langvardt |
| 11.....Robin Koozer | 25.....Derek Phelps |
| 11.....Douglas Schafer | 26.....David Crecelius |
| 13.....Anita Storehalder | 27.....Larry Faimon |
| 15.....James Hannon Jr | 27.....John Keogh |
| 16.....John Bogan | 27.....Leah Ostrander |
| 17.....Mark Jaspersen | 28.....James Freeburger |
| 18.....Lloyd McIntyre | 28.....Eugene Shaw |

VETERAN'S ACTIVITIES- SANDWICH DAY

by Rich Freeman



Left to Right-Rich Freeman, Shari Abner, Dick Hansen and Joe Thompson. Not pictured, Brad Norton

The New Year is upon us as I write this. In December we had two events. Sandwich Day was on the 16th at the Grand Island Veteran's Medical Center. We served approximately 81-85 vets, their spouses and or family members and friends. Menu was Ham & Cheese or Turkey Breast and Cheese on wheat or white bread, fruit salad cups, chips, Christmas cookies, ice tea or hot cocoa. As usual things went well and all were very thankful and appreciative of our service to them. Thanks go to volunteers Joe Thompson, Brad Norton, Dick Hansen and Shari Abner.

December 31st is the New Year's Party at the Grand Island Veteran's Medical Center.

There are no activities scheduled in January for our veterans.

BIRTHDAY PARTY COUPON

We congratulate all Elks who have birthdays in January. 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.
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Elks Support Developmentally Disabled Adults *By: Brad Norton*



The Elks again partnered with the Hastings Knights of Columbus to host the second annual "Our Special Friends" Christmas party on Dec 4, 2014. We had a great turn-out of folks this year with our lodge hosting 81 developmentally disabled adult guests along with 44 assisting staff members from the community. Larry Consbruck spearheaded this event for the Hastings Knights of Columbus, assisted by 14 other Knights and spouses. They provided gifts, goodie bags, invites and organized the arrival check-in procedures, along with exceptional help "waiting" tables during the evening. They also provided live music entertainment, which proved to be a lot of fun during the sing-alongs. Later in the evening, was a much anticipated visit from Santa Claus who handed out goodie bags and gifts to all our hosted guests.

For the Elks, a huge THANK YOU goes out to NANCY BEEKMAN for running point on this event. A special thanks also goes out to all those involved in ordering and preparing the chicken dinner, setting up and decorating the tables, and for hand-crafting the "cookie elf shoe" party favors (how were the cookies, Glenn?). Please thank the following individuals for helping make this year's event such a huge success: Mike & Nancy Beekman, Glenn & Connie Kramer, Mike & Marcee Bogan, Jim & Nancy Horsham, Joe & Carol Thompson, Sherri Nelson, Dick Hansen, Don Runcie, Dale Grothen, and Brad Norton.

This event truly exemplifies the noble works to which this order, and especially our lodge, is dedicated, and demonstrates the tremendous success we can achieve when partnering with other organizations in our community.



Christmas Wrapping/Delivery 2014



