



Calling all Elks

Hastings Lodge
#159



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Hastings, NE

Elks Spread Christmas Cheer By: PER Jackie Norris, Youth Chairman



On Saturday December 19th, gifts purchased by our members, spouses and Does were wrapped, sorted and delivered to needy children through Mary Lanning Healthcare Healthy Beginnings program and the Bridge..

Lynn and John Folcik spearhead this enormous project, and all of you who contribute each year to our Christmas Fund make it possible! Thank you for your generosity every year! This is such a meaningful event that we all look forward to helping with every year. Thanks to all of the volunteers that shop, wrap, and deliver to those less fortunate than us.

ENF Grants help spread Holiday Cheer By: PER Jackie Norris, Youth Chairman



On Thursday December 17th, Mike and Delta Norton, Margo Woolman and Jackie Norris met at Walmart and purchased Christmas gifts for foster children that are 13-18 in our area. The names are supplied by CASA, and the gifts are made possible by the ENF Grant that we applied for. Thank you to all that donate to ENF, so we can do this. We target this age group because all of the other local charities for Christmas have a cut off age of 12. That means, in the past, if multiple children are in a foster home, only some of the kids are given gifts from these charities, and older kids were left out. So together with CASA, we work together to get gifts purchased, wrapped and delivered for the past 3 years.

I think it is money well spent!

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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

Mike's Message by: Mike Norton, Exalted Ruler

Happy New Year Everyone! I hope that you all had a wonderful Holiday season.

I know we had a lot going on for activities at the lodge this season and I would like to take a quick second to thank everyone that came out to help and participate in our event.

With the New Year upon us and the new Elks' year fast approaching there are a still quite a few things left to square away. In February we will be holding officer elections. We currently need two members that are willing to run for Lodge Trustee. We have a five year position to fill and a two year position as well. We also have need of members that are willing to take a more active role in the lodge and are willing to be lodge officers. Anyone that is interested should contact Dick Hansen, Kathy Riese, or myself. If you need to you may leave a message for us at the lodge and we will contact you back.

Next, we had our membership meeting on December 13th. Thanks to the hard work of our staff and trustees, the trustees were very happy to report that we have the majority of our bills paid up and did not need to ask for any loans this year. However, they did encourage anyone interested, or will, to pay their golf dues early to do so to help us cash flow, our off season (winter). During the meeting we did mention that we need to increase our membership. That is very important for the golf course but equally as important for our lodge membership as well. You, our members make all the outstanding charitable works that we do possible. We cannot do these works without the number Lodge members that we have; with declining membership we will see a decline in the charitable works we do. I would really like to see some new members up for initiation over the next three months and in the year to follow.

On the topic of membership we will have a reinstatement to vote on at the first meeting in January. Vaughn Holding is asking for reinstatement in to the order. The meeting will be at 7pm on January 12th 2016. If anyone has any questions comments or concerns I encourage you to call me at 402-984-0800 anytime.

In closing, I hope that everyone has a fantastic 2016. There is always a ton of stuff to do at the lodge so I hope to see you all out there having fun.

Kent and I would like to thank our Elks' Family for the tremendous outpouring of love and concern since my recent medical situation and cancer diagnosis. The phone calls, cards, gift cards, flowers, meals and visit mean a lot to us. We still have a road to follow but with our family and friends the road doesn't seem so scary. The following quote speaks volumes to how we feel right now about each and every one of our Elks' family: "To us, family means putting your arms around each other and being there." - Barbara Bush

God Bless You All!! Julie and Kent Rothfuss and Beth

Good News.... We attained and surpassed our goal as we were assigned by National, as of October 31, 2015.

Thank you all who participated and donated to the ENF programs. PER Rich Freeman, ENF Chair

Veterans' Corner by: PER Rich Freeman, Chairman

For those individuals whom have not heard, I will be resigning from the Veterans Chairperson's position as of April 1, 2016. I first announced this in September and at our October meeting. Any Hastings Elks Lodge member, in good standing, interested in this chair position, please let Michael Norton ER, Dick Hansen Leading Knight, Brad Norton Ne. 3rd VP or Russ Shaw Secretary or myself know.

I would like to thank Jimmie Meers for contributing \$25.00 to the September Veterans Sandwich Day Fund. The December Veterans Sandwich Day on the 15th was another success. Thanks go out to Dick Hansen, Jimmie and Shirely Meers, Jackie Norris and Margo Woolman for their considerable help and volunteering their time. By the time this is published, we will have hosted the annual New Year's Eve BINGO party at Grand Island VA Med Center Outpatient Clinic.

As I missed the December Newsletter (I actually had an article which I inadvertently (*DUMB*) sent to wrong email address.) let me just say The Veteran's Day Parade was again emceed by Duane Norris. Good job Duane! Brad Norton lent his pontoon again this year and Dick Freeling towed it with his truck. Thanks Brad and Dick. Thanks also to Dick Hansen, Jimmie Meers and Jackie Norris for decorating the float with bunting and flags.

I personally want to thank everyone who helped out this past year with all our veterans' activities. Please give the same or more support to whomever becomes your New Veterans' Chairperson.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS


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| 02.....George E Hasley | 20.....Kenneth L Morris |
| 02.....Gayle D Hurst | 22.....Kurt B Perry |
| 07.....Louis S Kully | 23.....Gary L Aadland |
| 09.....Andrew Warrings | 23.....John Laird |
| 11.....Scott M Friend | 24.....Arthur R Langvardt |
| 11.....Robin Koozer | 26.....David Crecelius |
| 15.....James Hannon Jr. | 27.....Larry J Faimon |
| 16.....John D Bogan | 27.....John R Keogh |
| 17.....Mark Jaspersen | 27.....Leah Ostrander |
| 18.....Lloyd L McIntyre | 28.....James D Freeburger |
| 18.....Creighton F Urdil Jr. | 28.....Eugene Shaw |

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. (Any night food is served)



Exalted Ruler Mike Norton welcomes Randy Gartner into the Hastings 159 Lodge. Randy was initiated into the order at the December 8 Lodge meeting. Welcome Randy!



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November Students of the Month By: Nancy Henke



Janessa Schroeder is a senior at Hastings Senior High School. She is a member of the Choir and the Tennis team. She was selected by her peers to participate in a Leadership Class. Her community involvement includes Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Freshman Mentoring Program and Vacation Bible School. She has worked at C&H Detasseling. Her parents are Troy and Leslie Schroeder.

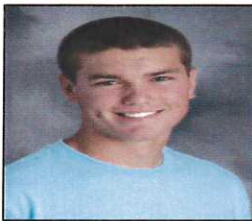


Daulten Sadd is a senior at Hastings Senior High School. He is President of Student Council and Captain of the Cross Country team. He works at Fridley Theatres. He participates in track, Cross Country, Freshman Mentoring Program, Tiger Ambush and Beyond School Walls. He is a member of National Honors Society, FMP and DECA. Daulten's community involvement includes Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Goodfellows, Disaster Relief at Pilger, NE, Start Over Rover and Good Samaritan Village. His hobbies include running, being with friends, video games and going to movies. He is the son of Joyce and Kevin Sadd.

December Students of the Month By: Nancy Henke



Olivia Nicolarsen is a senior at Hastings Senior High School. She is Treasurer of Student Council. She volunteers at Good Samaritan Village and Start Over Rover and teaches Bible school. She participates in Freshmen Mentoring Program and Sunny D's HIV/AIDS Peer Educators. She participated in HOBY, an organization that trains young leaders. Olivia plays basketball and volleyball. She works at Russ's Market. She is the daughter of Jennifer and Jason Nicolarsen.



Samuel Reimer is a senior at Hastings Senior High School. He is President of National Honor Society, Captain of the Football Team and Secretary of Madrigals. He plays football, basketball and Legion baseball. He participates in Freshman Mentoring Program. Samuel's community involvement includes Big Brothers/Big Sisters. His hobbies include sports, Words with Friends, hanging with family and friends and fantasy football. His parents are Dr. Curtis and Kathy Reimer.



Hastings Elks Valentine's Day Mystery Dinner Theatre

February 13, 2016
6pm-7pm Social Hour
7pm Dinner and Show begins
\$25.00 per person

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Happy Valentine's Day!

Hastings Elks Hold Memorial Service



On Sunday December 6, the Hastings Elks Lodge held their Memorial Services for Elk members who had passed away this past year. The following Elks were remembered:

Life Member Phillip Werner: Deceased- December 25, 2014, Elks member for 56 years

Life Member James Haggart: Deceased-January 12, 2015, Elks member for 48 years

William Schroer: Deceased March 21, 2015, Elk member for 48 years

Elk officers participating were Exalted Ruler Mike Norton, Leading Knight Richard Hansen, Loyal Knight Julie Rothfuss, Lecturing Knight Aaron Martinez, Treasurer Kent Rothfuss, Tiler Robert Storehalder, and Esquire Richard Freeman PER, Inner Guard Don Runcie. A special thank you to Joe Thompson for his help with the sound system and programs and Brad Norton PER for filling in for Secretary Russ Shaw

Following the Elk ceremony the Hastings Does held their Memorial Service.

Elks Host Kids Christmas Party

Hastings Elks hosted a Kid's Christmas Party for area children on Sunday afternoon, December 6 at the lodge. Time was spent making crafts and also included a visit from Santa. Approximately 30 children attended. Thank you Jo Meester and her trusty Elves for making this possible each year for our area children.



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					Tom & Jerry's NOON	Wedding Reception 6:00 PM
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
CLOSED	CLOSED	Stag/Stagette	Family Night 6:30 - 8:00 PM (Duane Crew)	CLOSED	Ladder Golf 7:30 PM	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
CLOSED	CLOSED	Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM	Family Night 6:30 - 8:00 PM (Margo Crew)	CLOSED	Ladder Golf 7:30 PM	Private Christmas Party 6:00 PM
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Private Birthday Party	CLOSED	Does Meeting 11:30 AM	Family Night 6:30 - 8:00 PM (Grothen Crew)	CLOSED	Ladder Golf 7:30 PM	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
CLOSED	CLOSED	Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM	Family Night 6:30 - 8:00 PM (Freeling Crew)	CLOSED	Ladder Golf 7:30 PM	Retirement Party 7:00 - 10:00 PM
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CLOSED						

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	CLOSED	Stag/Stagette	Family Night 6:30 - 8:00 PM (Duane Crew)	CLOSED	Ladder Golf 7:30 PM	
7	8	9	Business Luncheon 11:00 AM	10	11	12
CLOSED	CLOSED	Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM	Family Night 6:30 - 8:00 PM (Margo Crew)	CLOSED	Ladder Golf 7:30 PM	Mystery Dinner Theatre - 7:00 PM
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
CLOSED	CLOSED	Does Meeting 11:30 AM	Family Night 6:30 - 8:00 PM (Grothen Crew)	CLOSED	NO Ladder Golf Rehearsal Dinner	Wedding
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
CLOSED	CLOSED	Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM	Family Night 6:30 - 8:00 PM (Freeling Crew)	CLOSED	Ladder Golf 7:30 PM	
28	29					
Private Party	CLOSED					