



Calling all Elks

Hastings Lodge
#159



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EAGLE SCOUT AWARD GIVEN by: Dick Freeling, Scout Chairman

Dick Freeling presented an Eagle Scout Certificate to his grandson Carson Freeling on Nov. 17th in San Marcos California. Carson is a senior at San Marcos High and plans to pursue a pre-med program next fall. Grandmother Nancy and Aunt Jennifer also presented a stainless-steel plaque of the Eagle Scout Patch during the Court of Honor. Congratulations to Carson on a job well done. Carson is the son of Doug and Jennifer Freeling.

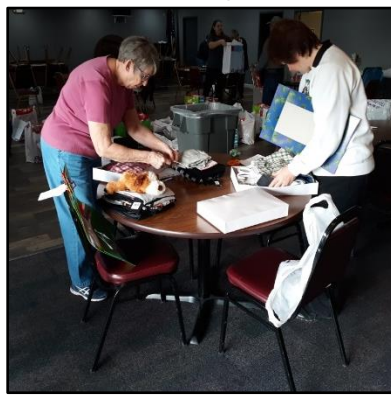


ELKS MEMORIAL SERVICE HELD

Hastings Elks Lodge 159 had their Memorial Service for their departing members of 2018 on December 9, 2018. Those being remembered were James Connely, Larry Barnes, Donald Whitcomb, Donald Kissler and John Osborne.

Pictured are PER Rich Freeman, Kent Rothfuss, Julie Rothfuss, ER Mike Norton, Zach Oreskovich, PER John Folick, Brandi Archer and PER Dick Hansen.

Elks Christmas Projects 2018



On December 6 the Elk's Lodge was busy with two activities, one being shopping at Wal-Mart for a portion of the area foster kids who are too old for other projects at Christmas time. Elks members shopped for \$40 worth of items for each child. Those shopping were Kerri Oreskovich, Brandi Archer, Julie Rothfuss, Carol Thompson, ER Mike and Delta Norton, Linda Eckhardt and chairman PER Jackie Norris. This project is made possible by ENF Beacon grant.

This year the Elks Lodge purchased new clothing for 70 children during the month of December. Those doing the purchasing at Gordman's were Brandi Archer, Kerri Oreskovich, Aaron and Erika Martinez, Mike and Delta Norton, Carol Thompson, Terri Gartner, Marcia Klein, Donna Dill, Joyce Gydesen and Kent and Julie Rothfuss. On Saturday December 22nd, the annual wrapping of the gifts and delivering of packages to less fortunate families in the area was held. Elks members who took part in wrapping gifts: Donna Dill, Kerri Oreskovich, Brad Norton and Mary, Marcella Mooney, Jan Mooney, Margo Woolman, Dick Hansen, Lynn Koegh, Joyce Gydesen and chairman Julie Rothfuss. Those delivering presents in the afternoon on December 22 were Kent Rothfuss, Bill and Jan Mooney, Don Runcie, Margo Woolman, Dick Hansen, John and Lynn Keogh and Chairman Julie Rothfuss. Thank you to all that made this possible by donating money to this wonderful cause.

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Leading Knight.....Zach Oreskovich
Loyal Knight.....Julie Rothfuss
Lecturing Knight.....OPENED
Esquire.....OPENED
Chaplain.....PER John Folick
Inner Guard.....PER Rich Freeman
Tiler.....OPENED
Secretary.....Brandi Archer
Treasurer.....PER Dick Hansen

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First Counselor.....NoElla Snow
Senior Counselor.....Rose Kehn
Junior Counselor.....Catherine Willits
Secretary.....Janet Schawang
Treasurer.....Donna Dill
Conductor.....Pat DuBois
Chaplain.....Lynn Folcik

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NoElla Snow (3yr), Janet Schawang (2yr),
and Pat DuBois (1yr)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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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

January Elks Birthdays

02.....George Hasley 23.....Gary L Aadland
02.....Gayle D Hurst 23.....John Laird
07.....Louis S Kully 25.....Derek Phelps
11.....Scott M Friend 26.....David Crecelius
11.....Robin Koozer 27.....Larry J Faimon
16.....John D Bogan 27.....John R Keohn
17.....Mark Jasperson 27.....Leah Ostrander
18.....Lloyd L McIntyre 28.....James D Freeburger
18.....Creighton F Urdill Jr. 28.....Eugene Shaw
22.....Kurt B Perry

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)

Name: _____
Birthdate: _____
Membership #: _____

A BLAST FROM THE PAST....



**Stay informed with
what is happening
in the Lodge by
joining the Hastings
Elks Lodge Group
on Facebook.**



**Clubhouse
Winter Hours**
Open Tuesday,
Wednesday, Friday
and Saturday at NOON
**CLOSED SUNDAY,
MONDAY & THURSDAY**



Mike's Message By: ER PER Mike Norton

I would like to start by wishing a Happy New Year to all our members. I hope everyone had a fantastic holiday season. We had a lot going on at our lodge in December. Just to recap, we had our special friends Christmas part at the beginning of the month and I understand it went very well. I was unable to help with it as on the same night we did Christmas shopping for some of the youth in our community spear headed by PER Jackie Norris. Thank you to Jackie Norris, Nancy Horsham and all the members that helped with these events without your dedication we could not have these amazing functions. We also did the annual Christmas present delivery thanks to Julie Rothfuss and our members that take the time out of there busy schedule to buy the gifts for these children. This year we were shopping at Gordmans in Grand Island as Herbergers has closed here in town. We were able to get a lot of great items for the kids and minus a few gift card headaches everything went very well. We are aware that our annual Christmas mailer had some delivery issues, so we have resent them out in the hopes that they find their way in to your mails boxes this time, I apologies for the delay in their arrival. Without these donations however, it would be impossible for us to make sure that all the children in need in our community have a great Christmas.

We had a great showing at our last lodge meeting. Thank you to everyone that attended. We were made aware that do to some confusion our audit to Grand Lodge did not get submitted in time, and while there is a \$500 fine for this, we are trying to get that waived. It was also made aware to us that there were some complaints as to our publishing a list of our delinquent members in the previous two newsletters, I personally apologies to anyone that this may have offended. This was done by my direction in accordance with Grand Lodge statutes Section 14.160. I took this action in response to concerns being raised by Grand Lodge as to the fact that we had a record high number of delinquent members totaling over 70 members in our lodge. The officers and I have discussed the fact that this did upset our members and, in the future, will try to call any delinquent member personally before a list is posted. Keep in mind however, a published list is still required before delinquent members are to be dropped so we will continue to publish the list every year. We do hope to have an extremely accurate list before we post any future lists. Do to some confusion that we have had in the past regarding following our constitution and statutes we are striving diligently to follow them more closely as to assure that we have a lodge in the future. If anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. I am always here to listen to and help our members in any way that I can. Please contact me with any complaints or concerns as my officers are just doing their jobs as instructed. My contact information is: 402-984-0800 mpnorotn2004@gmail.com

In closing, I hope that everyone has a great January and please come on out and enjoy our facility. We still are having a great turn out on Wednesday nights and are continuing out fund raiser that is getting more and more exciting. See everyone out there and have a joyous month.

New Year brings renewed focus for Local Lodges

Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler

MICHAEL T. LUHR

Welcome to 2019, a year we all hope holds prosperity, good fellowship, and the solidification of the programs of the Grand Lodge in our Local Lodges. In order to move forward we need to accomplish many things and have our eyes keenly focused on details.

Now is the time to make certain the Auditing and Accounting Committee is engaging with an accounting firm for the annual audit and reporting to the floor their current findings of the Lodge's financial condition. The Trustees and House need to be deep into working on their respective budgets, so the Lodge can roll into April ready to continue business. The office also needs to make certain that all federal and state year-end reports are taken care of.

The Membership Committee should be reaching out to lapsed Members by telephone now, rather than waiting until the last few weeks of March.

Please review year end awards and decide who to commend for exceptional work. Giving a pat on the back for great deeds by a Member can be done through Elk of the Year, Officer of the Year, Citizen of the Year, and one of the Fraternal Committee's commendation awards. Not only are you honoring your hard-working Members, you just might get others to step up their game.

Have fun at PER night the first meeting of February and get a plan for Valentine's Day along with our 151st birthday of the Order on February 16.

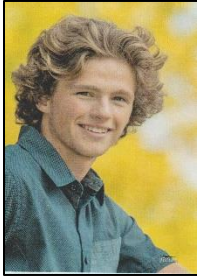
We are wishing all Elks a very Happy New Year. By "Working Together to Make a Difference" we will give others a Happy New Year as well!

DECEMBER STUDENT OF THE MONTH

By: Allison Bohlen



Alyvia Victoria Krueger is a senior at Hastings Senior High School. She is a member of National Honor Society, President of the Science Club, Drama Club and Poetry Club. She has served as a team member of the State Improv Team for two years, and is a member of the Hastings High Orchestra, where she serves as the principal chair. Alyvia was also named International Thespian Inductee for the Theatre Troup at Hastings High. For three years she has volunteered as a student-teacher for the Summer Orchestra. Alyvia hobbies include; writing, acting, traveling and completing woodworking crafts. Alyvia is the daughter of David and Mikaela Kruger.



Alex Joseph Swoboda is a senior at Hastings Senior High School. He is a member of National Honor Society, the football and basketball teams where he serves as the team captain, and he is a member of the soccer team and baseball team. Alex serves as the secretary of the Student Council, he is a member of the HHS Choir, been a part of the school musical and the DECA team. During his athletic career he has won several GNAC and NSAA All-academic and All-conference awards. He has been awarded local All-Tribland honors and holds several football records. Alex enjoys volunteering in the Freshman Mentoring program, Big Brothers Big Sisters, FCA, in our community and at his church. When Alex is not busy at school, he has a lawn care and mowing business, he babysits in the community and he is a youth basketball and football official as well as an umpire for youth activities. Alex is the son of Jay and Jennifer Swoboda.

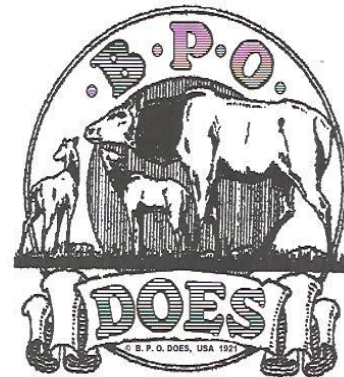
Does Corner By: Pat DuBois

December 4 Christmas Party was hosted by President Andrea and Secretary Jan. Everything that we ate was cooked by Andrea. We all sure had a yummy delightful time.

January 8th meeting will start our 2019 year.
Sunday January 27-Soup and Pie Supper. Money earned forwards to our 2019 donations

Does Calendar of Events

- January 8:** Installation of Officers
Co-Chairs- Pat DuBois & Catherine Willetts
- January 27:** Soup and Pie Supper
- February 5:** St Patrick's Day
Co-Chairs: Andrea Towler & Pat Wich
- April 2:** Honoring Past Presidents
Co-Chairs: Andrea Towler & Pat Wich
- May 7:** Spring Luncheon
Officers in Charge
- June:** Grand Lodge Convention
- June-August- NO MEETINGS**
- August:** Does Roundup
- Sept. 3:** Fall Back to DOES and Honoring Five Year Officers
Co-chairs: Rose Kehn & Donna Dill
- October:** Central Nebraska District Meeting
- October 1:** Nomination of Offices
Co-chairs: NoElla Snow & Denise Snow
- Nov. 5:** Election of Officers
Officers in Charge
- Dec. 1:** Memorial Services with the Elks
- Dec. 3:** **DOES** Christmas Party
Officers in Charge



DOES Soup & Pie Supper
January 27th, 2019
4:30 to 6:30

Elks Club
3050 E South St.
Hastings, NE



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