



Calling all Elks

Hastings Lodge
#159



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A Fraternal Organization

Hastings, NE

Operation Christmas Project 2020



Delivery Crew left to right: Dick Hansen, Lynn Folcik, Dick Freeling, Nancy Freeling, Jan Mooney, Bill Mooney, Julie Rothfuss, John Folcik and John Keogh.

Nancy Freeling, John and Lynn Folcik, Joyce Gydesen and Julie Rothfuss.

On December 19th Elk members gathered to deliver presents to the children's home. This was also done by contactless deliver as well.

None of this could be possible without the generosity of our members. In November I sent out a personal letter with our fundraising envelope explaining just how much of a need there was and the lack of funds we had, and our members answered. From the bottom of my heart, I thank each and every one of you that donated, shopped for clothing, and delivered gifts. The following is the list of donors: Alan Anderson, Beverly Ehly, Bill Esser, C F Uridil JR, Cal Johnson, Chuck Whitney, Dale Grothen, Dave Dangler, David Helmick, Dennis McHale, Dennis McPherson, Dennis Rose, Dick Hansen, DJ Thompson, Doug Snow, Doug Stutzman, Edward Johnson, Edward Schlachter, Elmer Muman, Eric Schmitz, Gary Aadland, Gary Williams, Gayle Johnson, Gayle Schlachter, Gerald Buttell JR, Gladys Hupf, Glen Larsen, Glenn Kramer, Gregory Nicek, Jackie Norris, Jim Freburger, Jim Heyen, Joe Frink, John Folcik, John Keogh, John Menke, Judith Werner, Julie Rothfuss, June Cameron, Karen Carnes, Kathleen Bassett, Kathy Hansen, Kathy Riese, Keith Kinney, Kenneth Wiederspan, Kurt Perry, Kyle Gydesen, Lafe Anderson, Larry Butler, Larry Byrkit, Larry Faimon, Larry Hagemeier, Larry Schnase, Lavern Franzen, Lee Saathoff, Leeland Buescher, Lori Gion, Margaret Woolman, Marilyn McIntyre, Marlene Hanway, Michael Hardin, Michael Shada, Mike Bogan, Milt Kennedy, Monte Malouf, Nancy Beekman, Nancy Hehnke, Neil Beck, Neva Semotan, Noella Snow, Paul Dale, Paul Holm, Paul Spady, R D Demars, Randall Meyer, Randy Witt, Raymond Marsh, Robert Arnt, Robert Moderow, Robert Wallace, Roberta Patterson, Robin Koozer, Rod Ostrander, Rodney Bruntz, Ron Psota, Sandra Shutt, SR Sheppard, Stan Weitzel, Thomas Pokaluk, Todd Gehring, Tom Ackles, Tracy Kennedy and William Spielman

Elks Care - Elks Share

As we await better days let us look back at the charitable work we have accomplished since April 1, 2020:

Youth Scholarships , Scholarship Golf tournament, Eagle Scout recognition, National Adoption Day, Donation from Spotlight grant to Mary Lanning Healthy Beginnings, Blood Drive, Donation to Catholic Open Table from Gratitude Grant, Donation to Salvation Army Food Truck from Gratitude Grant, Adult/Youth Golf Outing; Donation to Hastings High Bowling Club; Donation to Veteran's Day Outing at Timber Lake Ranch Camp; local Soccer Shoot, and our Christmas Drive serving approximately 85 youth.



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Lecturing Knight.....	OPENED
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Chaplain.....	PER Aaron Martinez
Inner Guard.....	PER Joe Thompson
Tiler.....	Kent Rothfuss
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Treasurer.....	PER Dick Hansen

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Senior Counselor.....	Denise Snow
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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 Elk Birthdays

02.....	George E Hasley	23.....	Gary L Aadland
02.....	Gayle D Hurst	23.....	John Laird
07.....	Louis S Kully	26.....	David Crecelius
11.....	Robin Koozer	27.....	Larry J Faimon
16.....	John D Bogan	27.....	John R Keogh
18.....	Lloyd L McIntyre	27.....	Leah Ostrander
18.....	Creighton F Uridil Jr	28.....	James D Freeburger
22.....	Kurt B Perry	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)

Name: _____

Birthdate: _____

Membership #: _____



BE THE LIFELINE PATIENTS NEED.

Give blood.



Blood Drive

Elks Lodge 159

Hastings Elks Country Club

**Friday, January 8, 2021
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

For an appointment contact Julie at 402-984-9163 or at jewels6964@gmail.com



Julie's Message By: ER Julie Rothfuss

Happy New Year!! I first want to say please excuse the fact that this newsletter is out a little latter than usually. Covid-19 hit the Rothfuss house and although I never had it I was stuck in the basement with my computer upstairs. Needless to say, I watched a lot of Netflix over the weekend.

January is typically a slow time in the lodge as we start to plan for the new year. In January, we go back to two meetings a month-the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. Our meetings start at 7:00pm. I truly realize that a meeting is probably the last thing anyone wants to do but meetings are necessary so we can plan our activities, and everyone has a chance to voice their opinion how things are being ran at the lodge and to hear updates from the Trustees. Last month we attempted to have a virtual meeting and we did not have a quorum. It is not only a disappointment for the time and commitment for those that choose to be there but things that need to be decided by the lodge floor goes undone. As the ER, I do my best to hurry things along so we can get out of there so if you have not been to a meeting in a while, come back, help us plan activities, let your voice be heard.

The trustees are in the process of working on the budgets for the clubhouse, golf course and lodge and we are starting to think about electing new officers for the new year. Yes, our year does not end until March 31st but during our 1st meeting in February we will take nominations for next year. We have a few officer chairs and a trustee position that will be available. If you would like to become more involved and serve please contact myself, our lodge secretary or one of the trustees and we can give you more details on what is involved.

On January 8th we will be again hosting a blood mobile at the Hastings Elks Lodge. If you have not signed up I urge you to do so as the need is great. According to the Red Cross there is a shortage of blood and they need our help. All blood donors will be given the Covid-19 Antibody test. Please see the flyer elsewhere in the newsletter and sign up today.

Until next time-Stay safe and God Bless!!

Life Membership Dues Notice

On May 4th, our bylaws revision was approved by Grand Lodge. One of the revisions was required due to action at the 2019 Grand Lodge Session that required that Life Membership shall be no less than 50 percent of the local dues plus Grand Lodge and State fees.

As such, there will be an adjustment in our life membership dues effective April 1,2021. There will be no change in the dues structure for standard membership.

From the Desk of the Lodge Secretary ~PER John Folcik ~

In early December, we attempted having a meeting via Zoom as Covid-19 was rapidly spreading in the Adams County Area. As I am writing this message there is good news; the local health department reports a decrease in the spread and in the risk of Covid-19 in our area. As such we will resume having Lodge meetings at the Lodge for the month of January.

In month of December, we had our annual Christmas Campaign for needy children. The need was great this year. The request for help was greater than our original plans, but we decided we would serve all those who requested the help. In Late November Exalted Ruler penned a personal appeal challenging members in this difficult time to participate in this program. As stated the program was in danger of going away after more than 40 years of our Lodge practicing Charity to those less fortunate during the Christmas. I want to thank our members and affiliated widows who responded to the challenge. We had 93 participants and raised a bit over \$5,500. Funds that were not utilized this year will be placed in a protected CD to help fund next year. A big THANK YOU goes out to those who contributed to this project (see list elsewhere in newsletter).

Introducing



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**Coming this Wednesday
to the Hastings Elks Club**

**Enjoy 50 cent Wings and
\$1.50 Beers & Karaoke**

**We start serving food at 6:00pm
with
Karaoke starting at 8:00pm**

December 2020 - Student of the Month By: Allison Bohlen



Kaitlyn Jean Zimmerman is a senior at Hastings Senior High School. Sarah is a member of National Honor Society and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She is a member of the volleyball, girls golf and girl's tennis teams at Hasting High School. Sarah's hobbies include reading, baking playing volleyball, tennis, and golf. She also enjoys volunteering in her community. Sarah is the daughter of Tim and Laurie Zimmerman.



Calan J Brant is a senior at Hastings Senior High School where he is a member of National Honor Society, a leader of Fellowship of Christian Athletes and a member of the Mayor's Youth Council. He has received academic honors in National Honors Society, GNAC All-Academic Team Awards and NCPA Academic All-State Award as well as being a top 10% student athlete. Calan is one of eight student committee members on the Positive Behavior Intervention System student advisory committee. He is also a member of the Boys Varsity Golfs team. Calan is active in the music programs at HHS where he is a dance captain of the HHS Show Choir and a four-year member and lead of the HHS Musical Theater. Calan shares that his post-secondary goal is to obtain a degree in mechanical engineering. His hobbies include playing the piano and guitar, dancing, songwriting, cooking, building, flying drones, using his skills in CAD, longboarding and playing ping pong. Calan is the son of Jeb and Charla Brant.

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Hayden Marie Stephenson is a senior at Hastings Senior High School. Sarah is a member of National Honor Society , and ab active member of the HHS Quiz bowl team. She is a 2-year letter winning member in HHS Varsity Volleyball and a four-year letter winning member Varsity Swim teams. She has earned all-academic and all-conferences team awards for volleyball and also an honorable mention for state all-class team member. She was a Girls' State runner-up nominee for Hastings. Hayden demonstrates proficiency level skills in HIPAA Spanish comprehension certification and skills in Health Sciences and a Biology. When Hayden is not busy at school she volunteers as a student mentor of the Hastings Community Mentoring Works, volunteers for Heats and Hands against Hunger, and Catholic Social Services. . She works for the YMCA as a lifeguard, youth sports referee and for the Hastings Animal Clinic as a kennel manager. Hayden's hobbies include reading, drawing, and painting. Hayden is the daughter of Mark and Kristi Stephenson.



Aden Ray Ortegren is a senior at Hastings Senior High School. Aden is a member of the National Honor Society and HHS Student Council. His a 4-year member of the HHS Varsity Boys golf team and a member of the football and basketball teams. When Aden is not active in school activities, he enjoys his hobbies of golfing, playing disc golf, hunting, and fishing. Aden is the son of Kirk and Jami Ortegren.



Deer Hunters, the Hastings Elks Lodge is still accepting deer hides. You can drop your deer hides off in the designated spot out at the lodge.

The hides are used to make gloves for disabled veterans.



MIRIAM'S HOPE

Miriam's Hope Cornhole Tournament



When: On Saturday, February 27th, 10A.M.

Where: C3 Hotel and Conference Center

2295 Osborne Drive East in Hastings

Cost: \$40 per team

Miriam's Hope is putting on a cornhole tournament. We are partnering with Hastings Elks #159 to bring you the 1st Annual Miriam's Hope Cornhole Tournament. The tournament will be held in the C3 conference center. It will be a double elimination tournament with cash prizes going to the top 3 winners. There will be a raffle with various prizes and free will donation lunch also provided. There will be a 100 team cap for the tournament with a pay to play in for teams to fill drop outs and no shows in brackets. First 100 teams that sign up and pay entry fee will be placed in brackets, the rest will pay to play at 9am on the 27th. Please call 308-380-7009 to sign up for the tournament. C3 Hotel will be providing discounted rooms for attendees.

All proceeds go to Miriam's Hope Hastings.

Miriam's Hope

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All Covid-19 regulations will be followed in accordance with city and state guidelines



JANUARY

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
						Private Christmas Party
		Stag Night 6:00 PM	Wing It Wednesday 6:30 - 8:30 PM (Freeling Crew)			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		Lodge Meeting 7 PM	Wing It Wednesday 6:30 - 8:30 PM (Theresa & Terri Crew)			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
			Wing It Wednesday 6:30 - 8:30 PM (Mooney Crew)			Tentative Throw Back Party 7:00 PM
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
		Lodge Meeting 7 PM	Wing It Wednesday 6:30 - 8:30 PM (Duane Crew)			
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FEBRUARY

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	Stag Night 6:00PM	Wing It Wednesday 6:30 - 8:30 PM (Marble Crew)				
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Lodge Meeting 7 PM	Wing It Wednesday 6:30 - 8:30 PM (Freeling Crew)			Mystery Dinner Valentines Party 6:00 PM	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		Wing It Wednesday 6:30 - 8:30 PM (Theresa & Terri Crew)				
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Lodge Meeting 7 PM					
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