



# Calling all Elks

Hastings Lodge  
#159



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## Hastings Elks Host Flag Day Ceremony



It is to be expected that an organization dedicated to patriotic service should seek to promote a proper knowledge of, and respect for, the American Flag, and all that it represents. The Order of Elks has done this in many ways. Perhaps the most effective way is the Flag Day Service. Each Lodge is required to conduct this service annually on June 14th, the anniversary of the birth of the American Flag.

On Wednesday, June 14, 2017 the Hastings Elks Lodge observed Flag Day with their Flag Day Ceremony. The ceremony began by Exalted Ruler, Aaron Martinez and his officers, Leading Knight PER Mike Norton, Lecturing Knight Julie Rothfuss, Inner Guard PER Rich Freeman, and Chaplain PER Dick Hansen doing the introductory exercises, which explains why the flag is important to the Elks. This was followed by the history of the flag given by Leading Knight PER Mike Norton. Each flag spoken about by PER Mike was carried in by Elk Lodge and Doe members. Those carrying flags were Doe Donna Dill, Crystal Johnson, PER Jim Horsham, PER Joe Thompson, Daren Hofmann, PER Russ Shaw, Kent Rothfuss and PER Bob Storehalder. Patriotic music playing in the background was provided by Bill Mooney. Concluding the program was the mandatory response given by Trustee Randy Gartner.



Each year the Hastings Elks presents this ceremony on Flag Day. This program is quite moving and if you have not witness it first hand you are welcome to join us next year on Flag Day and learn why the flag is so important to us as Elks.

## Armed Forces Golf Outing Held at Hastings Elks

On Sunday, June 4 the Hastings Elks Golf Course was the setting for the Elks Lodge annual golf outing for local Armed Force veterans. Normally this golf outing is held on Armed Forced Day in May but due to Inclement weather it was postponed to a later date. All veterans and or active duty military were allowed to play for free. This year there was also a non-veteran category. There was a total of 34 golfers with 21 of them being veterans for what was a beautiful day to golf. The youngest veteran was Bryon Thomson, age 27( active Army Reservist) and the oldest veteran was Dave Bogan. Each received a golf towel. The golf outing was won by Sam Goscha and Enrique Minjasez, who shot a 61. Everyone in attendance walked away with a prize. The golf outing was a fundraiser to help support our Elks Lodge Veterans Program.

The event was hosted by Kent and Julie Rothfuss. A special thank you to Mike Norton, Dick Hansen, Rich Freeman, and Justin and Dionna Gydesen for their help in making this day possible.

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Lecturing Knight.....Julie Rothfuss  
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Chaplain.....PER Dick Hansen  
Inner Guard.....PER Rich Freeman  
Tiler.....PER Bob Storehalder  
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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



**Aaron's Message**

**By: ER Aaron Martinez**

Can you believe it is already July? Hard to believe it's summer; we've been having all this gorgeous weather these last few weeks. Hopefully it continues to be this nice outside for the remainder of the summer!

Unfortunately, we had to cancel the Highway Cleanup on June 11<sup>th</sup> due to insufficient volunteers to help. The Adopt-a-Highway program currently covers about one-quarter of Nebraska's 10,000 miles of roads and currently 900 groups have adopted a section of roadsides as their own. The Hastings Elks 159 is only responsible for 2 of those mile, yet we are consistently fighting to get people to come out and help us pickup roadside litter twice a year. Not only are we under an agreement with the Nebraska Department of Roads to pick it up 2 times a year, but this is the 2 miles in front of our club. We need to have some pride in its appearance as well as some compassion for the wildlife and environment around us. We will be addressing this at the July meeting to reschedule a day that will work for people to lend a hand.

On June 14<sup>th</sup>, we held our annual Flag Day Ceremony at the club. I would like to thank all our officers and members for coming out and helping us with this presentation, we had an amazing turn out! It is one of my personal favorites, if you have never experienced it make sure to mark your calendars to attend next year!

Just a reminder that In July and August we only have one meeting at the lodge on the 4th Tuesday of the month. We will be back to two in September. We still have the Esquire position open and we are now also in need of a new Treasurer. If you are interested in one of these chairs or know someone who would be please let me know and I can get you more information. We are also starting a Fundraiser Committee to help come up with some new fundraiser ideas for the lodge. Please contact Zach Oreskovich or Mike Norton or myself if you are interested in helping with the committee or have any ideas!

*Have a great 4th of July and Stay Safe!*

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## July Birthdays



After 35 years  
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Dick Freeling

is

RETIRING.

A party will be held in his honor

At the

Hastings Elks Club  
3050 E. South St

July 29, 2017

Starting at 6:00pm

Sandwich buffet with tea &  
lemonade will be provided.

\*\*a cash bar will be available.

Hosted by his wife, Nancy  
and his children

Doug and Jenn Jo



- 01.....Brandy Archer 13.....Chris Crescelius
- 01.....C R Johnson 16.....Todd M Frazier
- 01.....George W White 16.....Gary Trausch
- 02.....Butch D Lyons 16.....Todd Whitcomb
- 02.....Gary R Talich 17.....Richard E Hansen
- 03.....Shane Eckhardt 19.....James D Chamberlin
- 05.....Michael A Bogan 19.....Ron Fichtner
- 07.....Robert L Bienkowski 21.....Bruce D Rockey
- 07.....David Frink 23.....Howard Mooney
- 08.....Lee Saathoff 28.....Brent A Vorderstrasse
- 10.....Kent Rothfuss 31.....Henry Potts

### BIRTHDAY PARTY COUPON

We congratulate all Elks who have birthdays in July. 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 #: \_\_\_\_\_

### NOTICE:

There will be only  
**One Lodge Meeting**  
in the months of July and August  
we will be meeting on the  
**4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month**

### HELP WANTED:

The Hastings Elks Lodge has an opening for the  
**Lodge Treasurer. This is a paid position.**  
For more information or if you are interested in  
this position please contact ER Aaron Martinez.  
Nominations will be taken until the July Lodge  
meeting on July 25.



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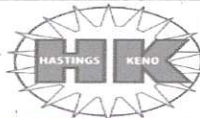
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Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup> 2017  
Elks Golf Course in Hastings

Proceeds will be used to assist local families within our community and surrounding area, in partnership with From the Heart Patient Assistance; Morrison Cancer Center in Hastings

9AM Shotgun Start \$50 per Person

Entry includes: 18 hole round (carts are extra)

T-Shirt and Lunch

Call Elks Golf Course to sign up your team  
(402)462-6616

Call ahead to buy a Personalized Ribbon to line the fairways  
in the name of a loved one for only \$10  
Or Sponsor a hole for only \$150

(please call clubhouse prior to tournament day  
to order your ribbon marker or hole sponsorship)

# **Elks 29th Annual Youth-Adult Tournament**

(FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 5 THROUGH 16)

SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2017

ELKS COUNTRY CLUB

HASTINGS NEBRASKA

ENTRY FEE \$12.00 PER TEAM

REGISTRATION FROM 12 - 1 P.M.

PLAY AT 1 P.M.

MEDALS AND OTHER PRIZES FOR FLIGHT WINNERS

FLAG PRIZES

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For more information and to register call  
Nancy Freeling (Tournament Chairman) at 402-463-6489

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