



Calling all Elks

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A Fraternal Organization

Hastings, NE

Eagle Scout Award

Hastings Boy Scout Troup 207 held an Eagle Scout Court of Honor for five of their scouts on Sunday, June 27 at the First St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Boy Scouts earning their Eagle Scout were Brayden Locking son of Dustin and Megan Locking; Jarrett Ochsner son of Tracy and Michelle Ochsner; Jared Coe son of Scott and Amy Coe; Andrew Brandt son of David Brandt and Lisa Brandt and Henry Schardt son of Arron and Megan Schardt.

Brayden chose for his Eagle Scout project to build a flag box out at Parkview Cemetery for retired/tattered flags to be put in to so they can be disposed of properly. He worked approximately 120 hours on this project.

Jarret chose for his project to place a shelter out at Hastings Middle School for shade, cooking and etc. at the Community Gardening. Approximately 120 hours was given by Jarrett for this project.

For his Eagle Scout project Jared choose to make 3 different size platforms for children to play on at Prairie Loft. He spent over 150 hours planning and building these platforms.

Andrew choose to add mile markers to the Hastings bike trail for his Eagle Scout project. It took him approximately 75 hours to do this.

Henry's Eagle Scout project was to relocate and redo the playground equipment in Juniata. This took him approximately 112 hours.

Elks Scout Chairman Dick Freeling and Exalted Ruler Julie Rothfuss presented each boy their framed flag and certificate from the Elks for completing their Eagle Scout.



Grand Lodge News

Is your Lodge ready to help during the next disaster?

By William M. Wiseman, Committee Member

Natural disasters continue to occur across our nation. The East Coast endures hurricanes, the middle of the country experiences tornadoes followed by severe rainstorms resulting in floods, and the West Coast suffers from earthquakes and wildfires followed by landslides. Both the middle of the country and Northeast receive massive snowstorms.

Should a natural disaster hit your area, is your Lodge ready to assist those in need?

Does your Lodge have an active Disaster Relief Committee in place? In the nation's Midwest, South, Southeast and East Coast, these acts of nature can hit when least expected, and we need to be ready to assist the victims.

Now is an opportune time to get in touch with the first responders in your community to see how the Elks can be of service. A telephone committee could work together to start a collection to obtain items such as clothing, first aid kits, and water.

Let us step up and show the Elks care about what happens in our communities. By getting involved, we can bridge the gap between our Lodges and our communities.

While charitable organizations such as the Red Cross, United Way, and Salvation Army provide immediate assistance to disaster victims, the Elks have to be ready to deal with the aftereffects. By joining forces with these first responders, the Elks will be better able to perform whatever needs to be done to aid victims. This is where the Elks can show that "Elks Care" about what happens in their community.

The need for assistance continues to grow. We encourage all Elks and Lodges to contribute to the Disaster Relief Fund and extend help wherever the need arises. Please remember the Elks motto, Elks Care—Elks Share and make our organization well known in our communities.

To meet our funding and readiness needs for natural disaster, we encourage all Elks to donate to your Local Lodge as well as to the Grand Secretary's office in Chicago marked for the Disaster Relief Fund. Please consider holding a special dinner or other events to meet future needs as they occur. Thank you to all who have made donations in the past.



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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

July Elk Birthdays

01.....Brandy Archer	10.....Kent Rothfuss
01.....C R Johnson	13.....Chris Crecelius
01.....George White	16.....Todd M Frazier
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.....David Frink	21.....Bruce D Rockey
08.....Lee Saathoff	28.....Brent A Vorderstrasse
	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 #: _____

Flag Day Ceremony 2021



June 13th the Hastings Elks Lodge presented their flag day ceremony at the lodge. The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is the first and only fraternal body to require formal observance of Flag Day.

This unique distinction as the strongest promoter of "Flag Day" is most becoming of the Order of Elks. This order is distinctively American. Only American citizens are eligible to join it and it has no foreign affiliations. It has linked its destiny with the destiny of our country and made this Flag its symbol of self-dedication to God, to country and to fellow men.

Hastings Elks members who participated in the service were Julie Rothfuss, Mike Norton, Kent Rothfuss, Kyle Gydesen, Joe Thompson, Dick Freeling, Dick Hansen, Rich Freeman, Monte Malouf, Jane Berggren, and Bill Mooney

Julie's Message By: ER Julie Rothfuss

Greetings to all!! As I write this tonight I am also preparing to leave for the Grand Lodge Elks Convention in Tampa, Florida. Part of me is a little excited to attend and the other part of me wonders what I have gotten myself into. During one of our regular meetings the resolutions were read to the floor, and I was guided on how the Hastings Elks wanted me to vote. I have heard from Past Exalted Rulers on what to expect but I have also found that sometimes these same Past Exalted Rulers leave out fine details which end up costing me money so I will see what happens.

With our secretary on vacation, I want to mention that we have 19 people that are delinquent on their Elks dues. I know that John sent out notices before he left on vacation so if you received a letter please respond by paying our dues. Our programs are budgeted off our dues, so this money is especially important to the programs that we have to offer. If you are having financial difficulties please speak to either John or myself and we will see what we can do to help pay your dues.

I want to thank everyone that helped with the Flag Day Ceremony held at the lodge on June 13. We did not have much of a crowd in attendance but the crowd we did have enjoyed the program.

Coming up in July we will be having our Youth/Adult outing as well as our Scholarship Golf Tournament. Dick and Nancy Freeling always do such a nice job on the Youth/Adult tournament so if you have children/grandchildren sign them up. The Scholarship Tournament is our big fundraiser for our Elks Scholarship Program. We are still looking for hole sponsorships as well as silent auction items. If you would like to sponsor a hole or donate something please contact myself, Joe Thompson, or Jackie Norris. Please see the flyer for both of these activities elsewhere in the newsletter.

NOTICE: We will only be having one meeting in the month of July and August which will be the 4th Tuesday of the month.

Until next month, I leave you with this picture taken out at Elks golf course and the last Monday evening. God Bless and have a safe and happy 4th of July!



Our Legacy to the Future

In 1928, one man's dream became a reality for all Elks and the communities we serve. Then-National President John F. Malley envisioned a plan that would "unite the forces of the Order into a mighty army for the service of mankind." During the annual Grand Lodge Convention in Miami that year, Malley's call to service inspired delegates to take action by voting to establish the Elks National Foundation with an initial \$100,000 grant.

More than 90 years after Malley shared his vision with the Order, the ENF continues to unite all Elks in service to their communities.

Our Mission

The mission of the ENF is to help Elks build stronger communities. We fulfill this pledge by investing in communities where Elks live and work. We help youth develop lifelong skills, send students to college, meet the needs of today's veterans, support the charitable work of the state Elks associations, and fund projects that improve the quality of life in local Elks communities.

Our Impact

Since inception, the ENF has contributed more than \$500 million toward Elks charitable projects nationwide. Our programs continue to grow each year, allowing Elks to do even more to build stronger communities. This year, the ENF allocated \$14.6 million to fund the **Community Investments Program**, investing in Elks communities through grants for Elks Lodges. Community Investments Program grants offer your Lodge an opportunity to serve your community in ways that will raise the Lodge's profile, energize the membership, encourage former members to return to the fold, and gain the notice of people who want to be part of an organization that is doing great things.

How the ENF Works

The ENF is able to help Elks build stronger communities thanks to contributions from our generous donors. Since inception, we have received more than \$270 million in contributions and bequests. Today, we have more than 100,000 active donors and an endowment fund valued at \$812.3 million.

A board of seven trustees, who are all past national presidents of the Order, governs the ENF, which is located at the Elks national headquarters in the Elks Veterans Memorial in Chicago. The director, Jim O'Kelley, oversees the administration of the ENF's day-to-day operation. The ENF also has volunteers at the Lodge, district and state levels who help coordinate our fundraising strategy and implement our programs.

Thanks to the ongoing support of our donors, the ENF continues to expand on Malley's vision, mobilizing Elks across the country into a force for positive change.

HASTINGS ELKS & GOLF COURSE

Elks 33rd Annual Youth-Adult Tournament

(FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 5 THROUGH 16)

SUNDAY, JULY 11, 2021

ELKS COUNTRY CLUB

HASTINGS NEBRASKA

**ENTRY FEE \$12.00 PER TEAM (1 Youth & 1 Adult)
(Carts Extra \$11.00 per team)**

REGISTRATION FROM 12 - 1 P.M.

PLAY AT 1 P.M.

MEDALS AND OTHER PRIZES FOR FLIGHT WINNERS

FLAG PRIZES

AWARDS AND A LIGHT LUNCH AFTER THE TOURNAMENT

Sign up at the Elks Golf Course

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

**Elks Country Club Golf Course - 3050 E. South St. Hastings, NE
2 1/2 miles East of Hastings on Hi-way 6**

Hastings Elks Lodge **2-Couple Golf**

Tournament

Saturday, July 31

9:00 AM shotgun start

Hastings Elks Golf Course

3050 E South Street

\$45 per golfer

carts extra

limited number of carts available

first come, first served

please indicate number of carts needed when
signing up

Sponsor a Hole

for \$75.00

call (402) 984-9163



Call
402) 462-6616
to sign up

**Proceeds go to the
Hastings Elks Scholarship Fund**

