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Brad's Message by Brad Norton, Exalted Ruler

This month was a whirlwind! First, CONGRATULATIONS JACKIE NORRIS, the Nebraska State Elk of the Year! I also want to congratulate our newest Past State President, John Folcik, and thank him for his steadfast leadership last year. WELL DONE John! But, most importantly, my gratitude goes to Lynn Folcik, for her cordial encouragement and undying support in helping John survive this challenging office. THANK YOU Lynn!

Upon returning from the Elks State Convention at the end of April, our lodge began at string of activities. We led off with Bingo at the VA Hospital, then a Business-after-hours scholarship fund raiser, the annual Youth Banquet, several member's golf tournaments, Highway Cleanup, the 3rd annual Elk's Armed Forces Day Golf Outing honoring our community veterans and also hosting local Boy Scouts, an Army of Hope Yellow Ribbon Event, an Eagle Scout award presentation in Blue Hill, and of course, all our summer golf leagues began in May.

As summer approaches and hopefully warmer weather, the tempo of activities continues. We'll conduct our Flag Day Ceremony on June 14th at 5:30 pm in front of the lodge. This is a fantastic event and everyone should plan to attend. The following week will offer you a chance to help veterans at the next Sandwich Day at the VA Hospital in Grand Island. The Army of Hope supports the next Yellow Ribbon Event on June 21st and several more throughout the summer. As our golf leagues continue throughout the summer, you can still get involved by signing up as a substitute golfer. It's a fun way to meet new people.

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From the Trustees by Randy Rippen, Chairman

Just a reminder to our "Golf Only" Members - if you want to take advantage of Elks Member drink and food discounts, it costs you nothing to join the Elks Lodge. Just let the Secretary or a Trustee know, and we'll schedule you for Initiation, which only takes an hour or so one Tuesday evening. There are no other obligations beyond the Initiation.

Also, we want to remind Elks Members that the Trustees have adopted a policy to be transparent about our financial results this summer. At every Lodge meeting, we'll be sharing Sales information and monthly profit and loss figures. It's just one more reason to attend Lodge meetings!



Adams County Veterans Service Officer, Chris Long, watches his son putt during the Armed Forces Day Vets/Scout Golf Tournament. Twenty-seven veterans from all branches of the military were joined by three Boy Scouts, members of their families and friends from both inside and outside the Elks Lodge for a fun scramble. More on this great event in the Veterans story on Page 2.

Notes From the Secretary by Butch Lyons

Thanks to all for the help on the delinquent members list we have dropped the number from 89 to less than 60, but this still represents a \$4,500.00 budget shortfall. We all need to work on these non paid members. As your new Lodge Secretary, I need your help. If you are getting a delinquent notice on your dues and feel you have paid them, please call me at (402) 460-6562.

Note that there are two meetings in June (11th & 25th) both start at 8:00. July and August have only one meeting per month - July 23rd and August 22nd. Those meetings also start at 8:00.

Check out the ads in our newsletter and support those places that are supporting us. Let them know that you appreciate their help.



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