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Maryland Living Center Receives Donation



Thank you to Ronda Johnson and her sorority Laureate Alpha Epsilon for their generous donation of a huge selection of kitchen items to the Maryland Living Center! There was quite an assortment that will be helpful to the young teens that reside at this home for at risk and homeless teens.

Our Lodge, as you may know assists in providing full kitchen needs to young adults who come to stay there. They are in a stable environment that teaches them how to live on their own, while assisting them in getting to school and jobs. We as Elks are proud to assist CASA and the kids that live there get a good head start in society and be productive citizens. We will be giving three cooking classes over the next 3 months. They let us know what they would like to learn, and we come to Maryland Living Center for a class. Anyone who would like to share their talents in the kitchen is welcome to help with a class. Just contact me by email jackie@renznorris.com

Veteran's Corner

By: Richard Freeman, PER, Veteran's Chairperson

Another B.P.O.E. year is coming to a close as of March 31, 2016 and a new year begins. For March there are two events scheduled at this time. First is Sandwich Day at the Veterans Medical Outpatient Clinic in Grand Island on March 15 (St. Patrick's Day Theme). If your available and would like to help out, please plan on arriving by 10:15-10:30am on the second floor, recreation room to help prepare sandwiches. The Second event is BINGO at the same location on March 29th at 7:00pm. Again, if you can help and would like to come out and help support our veterans, please plan on arriving by 7:00.

As I am stepping down as Veterans Chairperson at the end of this month, I want to THANK EVERYONE who has given their time, effort and support to these and other veterans functions during my time as the Veterans Chairperson. May whomever becomes the next chairperson continue to receive your valuable support. Thank You All!

ELKS STAGE & STAGETTE
1st Tuesday of the month
Starting at 6:30PM
Come out and Enjoy!!!

Hastings Elks Lodge 159
Casino Night.
Saturday,
March 12, 2016
Food starts at 6:30pm
 (Hoagie Sandwich & Chips)
followed by Gaming
at 7:30pm
 all proceeds will go to help fund local
 Elks Scholarships in and around Adams
 County

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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

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

02.....Edward D Johnson 16.....Jerry Spady
03.....Dan Bogan 17.....Richard P Friend
06.....Christopher A Long 17.....Blake E Samuelson
07.....Leland H Buescher 18.....Tom Pokaluk
08.....Dwayne S Strasheim 19.....Bradley G Norton
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14.....Larry D Butler 24.....Michael A Shada
14.....David Miller 25.....Fred Hansen
14.....Gayle Schlachter 26.....Ralph Aldinger
15.....John C Osborne 27.....Larry D Schnase
16.....Glenn Kramer 29.....Edward J Schlachter
31.....Randall Rippen

BIRTHDAY PARTY COUPON

We congratulate all Elks who have birthdays in March.
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)

Mike's Message By: Mike Norton, Exalted Ruler

Happy St. Patrick's Day! I hope that all of our members are enjoying the change in weather. With the warm weather come the new golf season and a new lodge year. I would like to take a moment to congratulate our newly elected officers for the upcoming year. Dick Hansen was voted in as our new Exalted Ruler, Aaron Martinez was voted in as our new Leading Knight, Julie Rothfuss was voted in as Loyal Knight, Randy Gartner was voted in as 2yr. Trustee and Darren Hoffman was voted in as 5yr. Trustee. Congratulations to you all!

Coming up in March we have a lot of great activities going on. On the 8th we are starting our cooking classes at the Maryland Living Center. Anyone wishing to help should contact Jackie Norris. On the 12th we will be having our 5th annual Casino Night out at the lodge. I encourage all of our members to come out and have a

great time.

On the 15th we will be having a Sandwich day at the VA Hospital in GI and the 29th we will have a Bingo night up there. It is a lot of fun to come help with these events and our veterans really appreciate them.

I know we had a great Valentine's Day mystery Dinner at the lodge in February and it was very well received. I was also informed that he have already booked them again for next year so a big thank you to Theresa and the staff for putting that together for us.

In April we will be having our officer installation on the 5th at 6pm and the ER Ball on the 9th. There are sign-up sheets at the lodge for those wishing to attend the Ball.

Finally, as this is my last article as your Exalted Ruler I would like to take a moment to give some special thank you's. First I would like to thank our membership for bestowing the honor of being your Exalted Ruler for the past year. The knowledge and pride it has given me I will carry forever. Next I would like to thank all of my officers this year without your help and encouragement I'm not sure I would have made it through this year. Finally, I would like to thank our Past Exalted Rulers for their guidance and wisdom which proved to be invaluable. With that I shall leave you and I hope to see you at the Lodge.

February Students of the Month



Jamie Johnson is a senior at Hastings Senior High School. She participates in Freshman Mentoring Program and Leadership Class. She is a member of National Honor Society and is co-editor of the Yearbook. Jamie is captain of the volleyball and basketball teams and participates in track & field and Science Club. Her community service includes volunteering at Kids Against Hunger,

Nebraska Groundwater Festival, Hastings Parks and Recreation, Hastings Fire Department and Hastings Museum. She coaches Hastings Titans Track Club and Club Volleyball. She works at Hastings Aquacourt as a lifeguard and at Duncan Field concession stand. She is the daughter of Christine and Michael Johnson.

Bryant Menke is a senior at Hastings Senior High School. He is a member of National Honor Society and is President of DECA. He plays basketball and football. He participates in Freshman Mentoring Program. His community involvement includes Big Brothers Bio Sisters.



His hobbies are golf, disc golf and video games. His parents are Susi and Tim Menke.

DOES CORNER By: Pat DuBois

At the February 16 Does meeting all 2016 officers were installed. Thank you officers, Neva Semotan and Pat Wich who served as hostess and had such beautiful Valentine's candy decorated tables. Sandwiches and salad were served for lunch.

Thank you to all who came and supported the Does Soup and Pie Supper on February 21. We had a good time and hope you did too.

On May 3 Does are invited to the Elks Country Club 159 Spring Salad Supper starting at 5:30pm-Cocktails; 6:00pm-Salad Supper. Everyone is asked to bring a salad to share. Table Service will be provided. Invite a friend. To accommodate please call in your reservation to (402) 463-4233 (leave message)

Next meeting is March 15 at 11:30am. Andrea Towler and Jan Schawang (co-hostess) Dress in green for St. Patrick's Week. Hope to see you there.

ENF NEWS: By: Rich Freeman, ENF Chairperson

New year begins April 1st, 2016. With the new year memberships becoming due, please consider adding a one time, separate donation to the Elks National Fund of \$4.65. By adding this amount of less than 2cents (.02\$) per day for the year you will be ensuring that we are eligible to receive grants in excess of \$6000.00 for ALL the various programs we provide/support to. (ie, Kids on the block, drug awareness, etc)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Stag/Stagette 6:30 PM	2 Family Night 6:30 - 8:00 PM (Duane Crew)	3 HHS Wrestling Banquet	4 Ladder Golf 7:30	5
6	7	8 Lodge Meeting 8:00 PM	9 Family Night 6:30 - 8:00 PM (Margo Crew)	10 Private Party	11	12 Casino Night 6:30 PM
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13	14	15 Does Meeting 11:30 AM Vets Sandwich Day at G.I. 10:30 AM	16 Family Night 6:30 - 8:00 PM (Grothen Crew)	17 CLOSED	18	19 Birthday Party
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20	21	22 Lodge Meeting 8:00 PM	23 Family Night 6:30 - 8:00 PM (Freeling Crew)	24 CLOSED	25 Adams Central Alumi	26
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27	28	29 Vets Bingo Night at G.I. 7:00 PM	30 Family Night 6:30 - 8:00 PM (Duane Crew)	31 CLOSED		
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