



# Calling all EIKs

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#159



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Hastings, NE

## Beacon Grant used to help residents at Maryland Living Center By: Jackie Norris, PER Youth Chairman



Our Lodge supports Maryland Living Center with the Beacon Grant by providing all the essentials needed to set up a kitchen for incoming residents. The residents are at risk kids who have aged out of the foster system. Their ages range from 15 to 19. The CASA run facility gives them a small apartment to stay in, and the supervision and education to become productive adults. In addition to purchasing the kitchen products, we teach them to cook simple meals, and give them the confidence to cook for themselves. Some of the kids love to cook and are anxious to learn something new. They often have tips and recipes to share with us as well. Others are happy to learn simple things like making grilled cheese or tips on how to pee an egg.

This year Angie Pedroza has volunteered her talents to teach the classes, and Brandi Archer has been a big help with shopping and helping the kids during the class. We brought a nice variety of kitchen items to our first class for the kids to pick from. I had brought pots and pans, dishes, storage containers, baking needs earlier to pick from. I am always impressed that they are careful to take only what they need and are so surprised and grateful to have such a nice variety of items.

Angie taught the kids to make their own personal lasagnas in loaf pans to take back to their rooms. She and her mom Donna Patten also made a large lasagna at home so that everyone got a piece to try. We also brought French bread to have with it.

Angie did a fantastic job! She made a real connection with the kids and everyone really wanted to learn for themselves. She made sure that everyone took part in the process and addressed all the different skill sets. Some needed to learn to be comfortable frying hamburger or chopping onions. Everyone has different tastes, and so we taught how to adjust recipes to their tastes as well. They were all very thankful and were excited we were coming back again.

Brandi was great helping the kids at the different stations and took pictures during the class. The Director Jennifer, and some of the staff were there to watch, (and make a lasagna to go!). She was so impressed with how the class went! They all had fun with the residents and there were a lot of laughs. There were nine residents and four staff members there, so the room was full! We were lucky a large apartment was open, so the house manager Steve had everything we needed, all set up and ready to go for us.

The next class will be on Monday March 4<sup>th</sup>. By special request, the residents we will be learning how to make enchiladas, and breakfast casseroles!



## SAVE THE DATE

*ER BALL for Zach Oreskovich and Casino Night to Benefit the Scholarship Fund*

*Saturday, April 6*

*MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW*

**HASTINGS ELKS LODGE #159 B.P.O. ELKS  
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Lecturing Knight.....OPENED  
Esquire.....OPENED  
Chaplain.....PER John Folick  
Inner Guard.....PER Rich Freeman  
Tiler.....OPENED  
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Treasurer.....PER Dick Hansen

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Junior Counselor.....Catherine Willits  
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Treasurer.....Donna Dill  
Conductor.....Pat DuBois  
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and Pat DuBois (1yr)

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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 Elks Birthdays**

02.....Edward Johnson 17.....Richard P Friend  
03.....Dan Bogan 17.....Blake Samuelson  
06.....Christopher A Long 18.....Tom Pokaluk  
06.....Kerrie Oreskovich 19.....Bradley G Norton  
06.....Zach Oreskovich 22.....Seth Zeckser  
07.....Leland H Buescher 23.....Mike Huhman  
09.....Richard Scott Giddens 23.....Virgil L Naggatz  
10.....Vaughn Holding 24.....Michael A Shada  
10.....Les Seiler 25.....Fred Hansen  
14.....Larry D Butler 26.....Ralph Aldinger  
14.....David Miller 27.....Larry D Schnase  
14.....Gayle Schlachter 29.....Edward J Schlachter  
16.....Glenn Kramer 31.....Randall Rippen  
16.....Jerry Spady

**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)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Camp Cosmo gets new Benches**



On Feb. 2, 2019 at Camp Cosmo s near Grand Island fifteen Girl Scouts from troops 317 and 8388 along with their Moms and Dads assisted Elks Jackie Norris, Dick Freeling and Camp Range Joe Cochnar, assemble nineteen park benches for the camp. Materials and refreshments were provided by Elks Lodge 159 and our ENF Gratitude Grant. Thanks to all our members for their continued support of the Elks National Foundation for making this project possible.




**Clubhouse  
Winter Hours**

Open Tuesday,  
Wednesday, Friday  
and Saturday at NOON

**CLOSED SUNDAY,  
MONDAY & THURSDAY**



**Mike's Message** By: ER PER Mike Norton

Hello members all! I hope everyone had a fantastic February. With the start of March, I am entering my final month of being your Exalted Ruler. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve our lodge this year. Thank you all for this great opportunity.

At the February 26<sup>th</sup> meeting we officially elected our new Lodge officers for the 2019-2020 Lodge year. I would like to congratulate our new officers, Zach Oreskovich Exalted Ruler, Julie Rothfuss as Leading Knight, Bill Esser as Loyal Knight, Todd Fraiser as Lecturing Knight, and Randy Gartner as 5-year Trustee. I would like to give a special thanks to Bill and Todd for stepping up and helping this year. As this is only your first time serving as an Officer in our lodge, I truly hope that it is a wonderful experience for you. I hope that you will continue for years to come and develop the great friendships that come along with being an officer.

Zach still has yet to officially announce his appointed officers for the upcoming year, but I am confident that we will have a great set of officers this year. For his ER Ball Zach has decided to have a casino night fund raiser to help raise money for scholarships and youth activities so please keep an eye out for more information to come.

With that I will just close by wishing everyone a great March and a fantastic 2019-2020 lodge year.

# Grand Lodge News

## Messages from the GER

### Budgets, year-end reports top Lodges' to-do lists

Time truly flies, especially when we experience the many joys of our charitable work. It's hard to believe the Lodge year is nearly at an end, but here we are ready to start all over again. To all the Lodge Officers who have served during the past year, thank you! Your dedication and effort have undoubtedly enhanced the image of the Lodge within your community.

Lodge Secretaries, make sure your attention is focused on completing your year-end report. Also focus on filling out your charitable report to show everyone in your Lodge what you accomplished over the past year. Do you have a group eager to contact those who are at risk of being dropped for nonpayment of dues? Now is your last chance to save them as Members. Make sure that they know how their dues help fund the programs that benefit your community.

Trustees, have you been working on the coming year's budget? Have Committee Chairs submitted their budget requests? If not, let them know that they won't have any funds available during the coming year unless it's received on time. I guarantee you'll get a rapid response.

Update your calendars for the coming year and make certain all Officers understand their duty to attend both District Deputy Clinics. By "Working Together to Make a Difference" we can ensure that 2019-2020 will be another great year for our Order and your Local Lodge. Thank you for your dedication, hard work, and personal sacrifices on behalf of your community.

### Does Corner

 By: Pat DuBois

The Hastings Does held their monthly meeting on February 5 at the Hastings Elks Lodge. Jan Schawang was the host and served her mother's special yummy, Yum, Yum's recipe plus the trimmings.

Discussion was held about our January 27, Soup and Pie Supper. We were overwhelmed with the attendance, donations and volunteers who showed up. Thank you all that attending our Annual Fundraiser. March 5<sup>th</sup> will be our next meeting starting at 11:30am.

## NOTICE

*Lodge Meetings will go back*

*To 8:00pm*

*Starting with our*

*March 12<sup>th</sup> meeting*



**Dealer Dick says to come on out .....**

**To Casino Night**

**April 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Proceeds go to our Scholarship Programs**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
						Bennett Benefit 5 PM Food Blue Collar Band 7:00 PM
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Gender Reveal Party	Does Meeting 11:30 AM Stag/Stagette 6 PM	Wing It Wednesday 6:30 - 8:30 PM (Duane Crew)				
10	11	12	12	14	15	16
		Lodge Meeting 8:00 PM	Wing It Wednesday 6:30 - 8:30 PM (Margo Crew)			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
			Wing It Wednesday 6:30 - 8:30 PM (Freeling Crew)			Anniversary Party
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Gender Reveal Party	Lodge Meeting 8:00 PM	Wing It Wednesday 6:30 - 8:30 PM (Horsham Crew)				Private Party
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Bridal Shower						

