



# Calling all Elks

Hastings Lodge  
#159



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## **STUDENT OF THE MONTH** by Allison Bohlen

### **February Student of the Month**

**Martha Kate Delaney** is a senior at Hastings Senior High School. She is on the A Honor Roll, a member of National Honor Society, has been a member of student advisory club and on the leadership class council. Martha is a member of the girls' soccer and girls swim teams where she has been a team captain, varsity letterman and a state qualifier. She has also earned an Academic All State award in swimming. She participates in indoor soccer and on the Nebraska Select Soccer Club. Martha has participated in the Hastings Senior High Musical, HHS golf, and is a leader with the HHS Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Martha enjoys history and has earned 1<sup>st</sup> place in the local History Day competitions. When Martha is not busy at school she volunteers for Kids Against Hunger, and as a Junior Volunteer at Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital. Her hobbies in clue rodeo, soccer, swimming and reading, Martha is the daughter of Tim and Kristi Delaney.

**Logan T. Johnson** is a senior at Hastings Senior High School. Logan is on the A Honor Roll, a member of National Honor Society and is in the top 10% of the HHS Senior Class. He has been a member of the HHS Baseball team, is a current member of the HHS Tennis team where he has earned varsity letters and been awarded the GNAC All-Academic Team for two years. Logan has been a National History Day state qualifier and is active in the HHS Music programs. Logan is a 3-year varsity letter winner in band, plays in concert band, symphonic band, marching band and pep band. He also plays in the HHS Orchestra and has been a middle school summer band teaching assistant. Not only can Logan play instruments, he is a member of the HHS Show Choir and has taken part in the HHS Musicals over the years. Logan is active in the Adams County 4-H program where he participates in archery and has won numerous awards and medals in the State 4-H Archery Shooting Sports. In Logan's free time he volunteers with Hearts and Hands Against Hunger, volunteers with Cedars Home for Children, The Food Bank of Lincoln, Friendship Home, Tabitha's Meals on Wheels, the Make-A-Wish Foundations, and the Matt Talbot Kitchen and Outreach program. He has also contributed to assisting the needs of the greater Lincoln, Nebraska community by assembling bicycles, arranging children's' clothing's bundles, decorating meal bags, and creating calendars and putting together hygiene kits for various families of need in Lincoln. Logan is active in church by being an acolyte and he is an umpire for the City Youth baseball league in Hastings. Logan finds time to work part-time at Runza and for Rader detasseling. His hobbies includes archery, tennis, playing his saxophone fishing, and spending time with family and friends. He is the son of Rebecca Johnson.

### **Thank you to the following Elk members who donated to the 2019 Christmas Project.**

Arlene Wiederspan, Barbara Zaroban, Bev Ehly, Bud Collison, Butler Volland, Calvin Johnson, CF Uridil, Dale Grothen, David Helmick, Debbie Freeburger, Dennis McHale, Dennis R McPherson, Dick Freeling, Dick Hansen, Don Runcie, Donna Dill, Douglas Snow, Edward Johnson, Elmer Murman, Fred Hansen, Frink Farms, Gary Aaland, Gary Williams, Gayle Schlachter, Gerald Buttell Jr., Gerald Levander, Glen Larsen, Glenn Kramer, Harry Milligan, Henry Potts, Jim Heyen, Jim Horsham, Joe Thompson, John Bogan, John Folcik, John Glass, John Keogh, John Menke, Joseph Novich, Julie Rothfuss, June Cameron, Kathleen Bassett, Keith Kinney, Kevin Beck, Kurt Perry, Kyle Gydesen, Larry Faimon, Larry Hagemeyer, Larry Schase, Lavern Franzen, LF Anderson, Lloyd Muhle, Marchella Lemonds, Margaret Woolman, Marie Ochsner, Marilyn McIntire, Mike Bogan, Milt Kennedy, Monte Malouf, Nancy Hehnke, Neil Beck, Neva Semotan, Noella Snow, Patricia Wich, Paul Holm, Randall Meyer, Randall Rippin, Raymond Marsh, Richard Davey, Richard Friend, Rod Bruntz, Rod Hunt, Ron Psota, Rosalie Snell, S Spielman, Sandra Shutt, Shirley Sheppard, Thomas Pokaluk, Todd Gehring, Van Sandstedt, VM Malouf, Wendell Maupin

### **MESSAGE FROM LODGE SECRETARY JOHN FOLICK**

**The 2020/21 Lodge Due notices went out in the United States Mail on February 27, 2020. If you did not receive your notice or have questions, please contact John (402) 984-0307.**



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Leading Knight.....Julie Rothfuss  
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Lecturing Knight.....OPENED  
Esquire.....OPENED  
Chaplain.....PER Aaron Martinez  
Inner Guard.....PER Joe Thompson  
Tiler.....Kerrie Oreskovich  
Secretary.....PER John Folcik  
Treasurer.....PER Dick Hansen

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First Counselor.....NoElla Snow  
Senior Counselor.....Denise Snow  
Junior Counselor.....Catherine Willits  
Secretary.....Janet Schawang  
Treasurer.....Donna Dill  
Conductor.....Pat DuBois  
Chaplain.....Lynn Folcik  
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NoElla Snow (3yr), Janet Schawang (2yr),  
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 Elk Birthdays**

02.....Edward D Johnson 16.....Jerry Spady  
03.....Dan Bogan 17.....Richard P Friend  
06.....Christopher A Long 17.....Linda Holding  
06.....Kerrie Oreskovich 17.....Blake Eric Samuelson  
06.....Zach Oreskovich 18.....Tom Pokaluk  
07.....Leland H Buescher 19.....Bradley G Norton  
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.....Ron Boston 31.....Randall Rippen  
16.....Glenn Kramer

**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 #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Zach's Message** By: ER PER Zach Oreskovich

Hello everyone! It is March and this is my last message to you. Where has the year gone? As we look back at our accomplishments of this year such as the Casino Night in April for our Scholarship program, our paper and supply drive for flood victims in the spring, our cooking classes at Maryland Living Center, our many activities honoring our veterans and our youth none of these activities could have been accomplished without our wonderful volunteers at the Elks lodge. So, if you were one of these volunteers, I thank you.

Looking ahead we have two meeting remaining in March before we start the new year. If you have not paid your dues yet now is the time to do so. The above programs are all funded partially by your dues. As a reminder, lodge meeting will go back to 8:00PM in March.

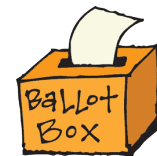
You should have received your lodge dues notice for 2020/21 in the mail, if possible, please return your payment as soon as possible.

In closing, it has been a pleasure being Exalted Ruler this past year. I encourage all Elk members to get involved in the new year. Together we can make Hastings Elks Lodge even better.

**The following people have been proposed for membership in the Hastings Elks Lodge and will be voted on during the March 9<sup>th</sup> lodge meeting.**



*Claire Martinez, Elizabeth Wilson, and  
Cheyene Alexandra Flores-Garcia*



## Grand Lodge News

### Charity reporting protects our valuable status

By Carl R. Ledig Sr.  
Committee Member

The ability to operate as a nonprofit, tax-exempt, charitable organization is a blessing and a right worth protecting. It allows the Elks to increase disposable revenue for its charitable programs rather than pay taxes.

#### Who monitors and protects this nonprofit status for the Elks?

The Grand Lodge Government Relations Committee's primary mission is to guide the Grand Lodge, its State Associations, and its Local Lodges, in protecting and preserving the right to exist as a private, nonprofit, charitable organization.

#### Where do the Elks get the right to exist as a private, nonprofit, charitable organization, and what do we have to do to keep that right?

Years ago the Grand Lodge filed with the IRS to become a 501(c)(8) tax exempt organization and qualified. To maintain tax-exempt status, first the Elks must continue our charity programs. We have to give time, give money, give services, and give what we can. Second and equally important, we must record every act of charity that we can identify, including details such as number of people; number of Elks; number of hours, mileage, and money spent; and value of items and/or services donated for each and every charity act in which we engage. We then report the details of these programs to the IRS, using the appropriate forms.

#### What can you do to help the process?

1. It is important to know what should be reported and where to report it.
2. Start by being sure that you are giving all new and existing Members a charity reporting form so they can track their charity work and contributions. (Find the forms here: Government Relations Manual — Code 511000 at <https://www.elks.org/grandlodge/manuals>, page 18, Appendix page 7.
3. Make sure Members know what to do with this information once it is on the form and the deadline for doing it.
4. Assign a Lodge Member the task to remind other Members to report.
5. Ensure the Lodge Secretary correctly handles the recording and reports timely to the Grand Lodge.
6. Be sure your Lodge has a system in place for accountability to be sure the correct forms are filed with the IRS.

*All of this information can be found in the Government Relations Manual and Charity Records Workbook in Chapter 2, pages 2-5.*

*The lifeblood of the Elks is charity so it is critical that each Lodge ensures it has the proper forms available and procedures in place together with the people to handle charity reporting. Without it, we cannot maintain our tax-exempt status, and without that, we cannot continue to do the amazing work we do as Elks.*

*You can change a life with your charity, but you may find that the life changed is your own!*

**For official IRS rules and more details, see: <https://www.stayexempt.irs.gov/home/existing-organizations/maintaining-501c3-tax-exempt-status>.**

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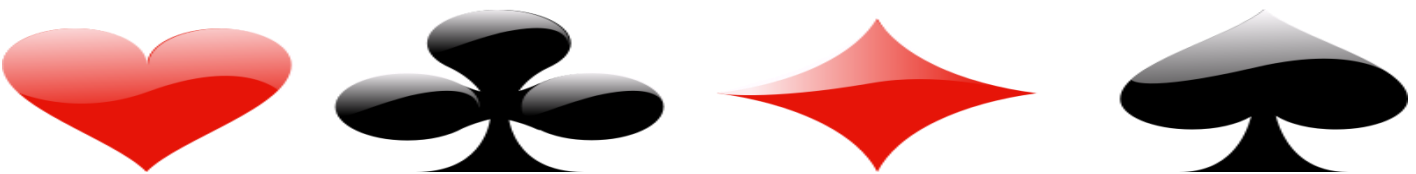


**Saturday, April 4, 2020**  
6:30-11:00 pm- Pulled pork sandwich meal  
7:30-11:00 pm- Game Time!  
9:00 pm-First Auction  
11:15 pm- Second Auction



**Casino Games- \$20 donation to youth and scholarships-  
includes "10,000 Funny Money Packet" and meal  
\$15 for first "10,000 Funny Money Packet" only  
\$10 per additional packets  
Funny money will be used to play games, buy chips, and bid on prizes!**

Proceeds go to help fund our local scholarship programs and area youth



**ALL ELKS AND GENERAL PUBLIC 21 AND OLDER ARE WELCOME**







