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Hastings, NE

INSTALLATION OF 2016-17 OFFICERS HELD APRIL 5



Pictured above: Mike Norton, Duane Norris, Don Runcie, Bob Storehalder, Daren Hofmann, Randy Gartner, Kent Rothfuss and Aaron Martinez



2016-17 Officers are back row, l-r: PER Mike Norton, Esquire; PER Bob Storehalder, Tiler; Don Runcie, Inner Guard; Duane Norris, Chaplain, and Kent Rothfuss, Treasurer. Front Row, l-r: Aaron Martinez, Leading Knight, and Dick Hansen, Exalted Ruler. Not Pictured: Julie Rothfuss, Loyal Knight and PER Russ Shaw, Secretary

Far Right Picture: PER Margo Woolman and Exalted Ruler Dick Hansen



ER BALL HELD APRIL 9



Newly elected ER Dick Hansen and his wife Jane G. Marie



Pictured is Officer of the Year Don Runcie and PER Mike Norton



Pictured above is PER Mike Norton and Elk of the Year Theresa Hampton



ER Dick Hansen receiving the gavel from PER Mike Norton

On April 9th the ER Ball to honor newly elected ER Dick Hansen was held at the Hastings Elks Lodge. The theme for the ball was "The Nebraska Cornhuskers". Everyone was asked to wear their favorite husker apparel. The lodge was beautifully decorated in red and white and Husker memorabilia. All Past Exalted Rulers and their spouses, as well as current trustees and officers were introduced before supper was served.

During the program Officer of the year was announced and was given to Inner Guard Don Runcie. Theresa Hampton was awarded the Elk of the Year Award and the Citizen of the Year Award went to Kurt Perry from AGP. All three of these have been very active in helping our Lodge this past year and are most deserving of these awards.

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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

Dick's Message.....ER Dick Hansen

April has been very busy, interesting, and fun for me as I work into my new role as your Exalted Ruler. The Installation of Officer's Ceremony was held on April 5th. I would like to thank all the PER's that helped to perform this important ceremony, and a special thank you to Margo Woolman for helping me organize and preside over the ceremony. The Exalted Ruler's Ball was held on April 9th. The theme for the Ball was 'The Nebraska Cornhusker's.' Thank you to Leading Knight Aaron Martinez, Aaron's wife Erica, my wife Jane G. Marie, Mike Norton, Brad Norton, and Dick Freeling for all the wonderful decorations and the decorating of the Lodge to make the ER Ball so special. It is my pleasure to announce that Don Runcie was awarded the Officer of the Year Award, Theresa Hampton was awarded the Elk of the Year Award, and the Citizen of the Year Award was to awarded to Kurt Perry from AGP.

April 22-24 was The State Elk's Convention in North Platte. Congratulations to our Past Exalted Ruler, Jackie Norris, who was elected State 5 Year Trustee, and to Past Exalted Ruler, Brad Norton, who was elected to State 2nd Vice President. I am also pleased to announce that our Lodge Secretary Russ Shaw received an award for signing up 13 new members last year. Congratulations again to all. The main concern at the convention once again remains membership. The Elk's membership at all Lodges is still in decline. We were given several ideas on how to increase our membership. I believe that the best ways to increase our membership is our exposure in the community; members telling other people, friends, etc., who we are and all the good works Elk's we do for our Veterans and Youth. We are always looking for new suggestions to help bring new members into our Lodge and Golf Course.

The start of May is the beginning of all of our golf leagues. The golf leagues can be a good way to bring in new members both to our golf course and our Lodge so try to new members to sign up. The more members we have, the more we can do for our Veterans and Youth. May 1st is the Annual Elks Youth Banquet, please come out and support our scholarship winners. The second event in the month of May will be our Annual Armed Forces Day Golf Outing on Saturday May 21st. I encourage everyone to participate as the funds go to help fund many of our veteran's activities. Memorial Day is May 30th, come out to Parkview cemetery to enjoy the Memorial Day program. The new Elk year is off to a wonderful start and I look forward to seeing you all at the Lodge this summer.

Scavenger Hunt

A scavenger hunt was recently held on April 23 at the Hastings Elks Club. The evening started with a delicious meal followed by the hunt. Each 4-person team participating were given a list of items needed and participating bars.

The winning team for the evening is pictured at the right. They were Bill Mooney, Mark Jasperson, Jan Mooney and Marcia Klein.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

01.....James W Connely	12.....Robert Storehalder
01.....Dennis Stark	13.....Mike Spady
06.....Selena M Longoria	16.....Richard D Hawthorne
07.....Darrel Stromer	17.....Ronald Ross
09.....Harlan Schlachter	20.....Scott Trutna
09.....Casey St John	21.....Keith Bumgardner
10.....Aaron Adams	24.....Wayne Long
10.....Christopher Beekman	25.....Larry Thomas
10.....Larry L Harpham	27.....Tom Harman
11.....Milo F Kocourek	27.....Gary Roudebush
11.....Robert Wallace	27.....Gary D Tournor
12.....Jeff McCoy	29.....Steven C Liebsack

BIRTHDAY PARTY COUPON

We congratulate all Elks who have birthdays in May. 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)

The following people will be voted on at the May 10 Elks regular meeting:
 Garry Barham
 Catelyn Haller
 Zach Hollister

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Does Corner...By Pat DuBois, President

The Hastings Does had their regular monthly meeting on April 19 at the Hastings Elks Lodge. Hostess Donna Dill had the tables set with her beautiful napkins that she brought home from her China Trip. There were vases of fresh lilacs on each table. It smelled wonderful! A very good lunch was enjoyed by all.

During the business meeting decisions were made for June's Grand Lodge meeting in Lincoln; as well as final decisions on the Spring Salad Supper.

**Mark your calendars for the
 SPRING SALAD SUPPER
 May 3rd**

**5:30pm-cocktails followed by supper at 6:00pm
 Please bring a salad and a friend
 RESERVATIONS PLEASE TO 402-463-3244
 LEAVE A MESSAGE**

New Deck Gazebo Built...By Theresa Hampton



Thanks to everyone who donated their time and money to construct the gazebo above our deck. It will get a ton of use in the coming months! Hampton Construction, Dale's Electric, Sunbelt Rentals and all of those who donated their time and money to the project, we thank you! Additional donations will be appreciated as the cost was more than anticipated. Thank you again!!

Hastings Elks Host Casino Night at Hastings High Prom

The Elks volunteer Casino committee held a prom casino night on April 16th at Hastings High for prom attendees. The night was a big success and those in attendance really enjoyed themselves. The group raised \$300 for club renovations. We want to thank the committee for their dedication and hard work. Those helping were Bill and Jan Mooney, Jim and Nancy Horsham, Ed and Ronda Johnson, Gary and Mariah Butner, Dick and Nancy Freeling, Don Runcie, Brad Norton and Mike Norton.

APRIL STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Annissa Davis is a senior at Hastings Senior High School. She is a member of National Honor Society, Skills USA, Beyond School Walls and Future Problem Solvers. She is President of Drama Club. Annissa plays lead clarinet in Concert Band, is drum major in Marching Band and participates in Quiz Bowl. Her community service includes Big Brothers Big Sisters, Improv Club, Trick or Treat So Kids Can Eat and Central Nebraska Human Trafficking Awareness Association. She has volunteered at Hastings Public Library book sale, Coalition to Put an End to Sex Trafficking and Camp Invention as a para-educator. She works at Rivoli Theatre. Her hobbies include writing, reading, Frisbee, listening to music, playing music, painting and learning Korean. She is the daughter of Catherine and Dale Davis.



Skyler Good is a senior at Hastings Senior High School. He is a member of Student Council and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He plays baseball, basketball, football and golf. His community involvement includes Big Brothers Big Sisters, Godparents Youth Group, Leadership Council and Freshmen Mentoring Program. He has volunteered at Baseball Basics, Life Chain, Catholic Social Services, Kids Against Hunger, Bountiful Harvest Banquet, Start Over Rover and Cross Roads. Skyler has worked at S & J Detasseling, Tri-City Auction Center, and Southern Hills Golf Course. His hobbies are golf, playing slow-pitch softball with Grandpa, spending time with little brother and sister, watching sports with Dad, playing X-box, hanging with friends and playing catch with brother. His parents are Amy and Scott Good.

MAY STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Garret VanBrocklin is a senior at Hastings Senior High School. He is a member of National Honor Society. He plays soccer. His community involvement includes Mary Lanning Jr. Volunteer, Hastings Soccer Club assistant coach, Hastings Marathon and Reiber soccer tournament. He works at Russ's IGA and does farm, house and yard work. His hobbies are hunting, fishing, soccer and archery. His parents are Diane and John VanBrocklin.



Hope Thelander is a senior at Hastings Senior High School. She is a member of National Honor Society, Beyond School Walls and Science Club. She is Vice President of DECA and Honored Queen of Job's Daughters International. She works at Walgreens and S J Detasseling. Her community service includes Freshmen Mentoring Program, Youth Leadership Academy and volunteering at Evangelical Free Church, Kids Against Hunger, Cross Roads and packing sandwiches for the food pantry. She made a mission trip to Bulgaria. Her hobbies are painting, running, guitar, volunteer work and church events. She is the daughter of Cindy and Ted Thelander.

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ELKS RECEIVE GRATITUDE GRANT

By: Dick Freeling, Scouting Chairman

Lodge 159 has received word this week, we will be awarded a \$2,000.00 Gratitude Grant by the Elks National Foundation (ENF). The Gratitude Grant is made possible by you, the member's charitable contributions to the ENF. We plan to use this grant to benefit the Boy and Girl Scout camps along the Platte River just south of Grand Island. Camp Augustine and Camp Cosmos have long been a great resource for not only the Scouts but also for School Field trips, Family and Church group gatherings. While the needs are many we plan to build a Gaga Dodge Ball pit at Camp Augustine and several new fire rings and new benches for Camp Cosmos.

These projects will give our Elks members a chance to not only work with our area youth but also demonstrate how our motto "Elks Care, Elks Share" is put into action.

I would invite anyone wishing to become a part of this enjoyable work to contact at the Lodge. Thanks again for your continued support.

ELKS HIGHWAY CLEAN UP



Sunday, May 15,
10:00AM



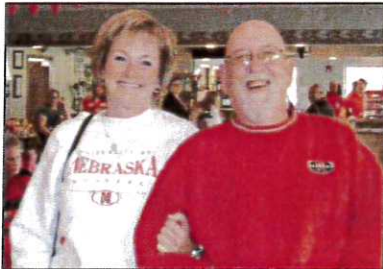
Free Lunch after:
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Provided



Contact Aaron Martinez
With any questions
402-984-4951



More Pictures from the ER Ball



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Youth Banquet	2 2 Person Mixed League 6:00 PM	3 Does Supper - 5:30 PM Ladies Ass'n Golf 4 PM - 7 PM	4 Family Night 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM (Margo Crew) Senior Golf - 1 PM	5 Mens League 6:00 PM	6 Divorce Golf 6:00 PM	7 Private Graduation Party
8 Private Graduation Party	9 2 Person Mixed League 6:00 PM	10 Ladies Ass'n Golf 4 PM - 7 PM Lodge Meeting 8 PM	11 Family Night 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM (Grothen Crew) Senior Golf - 1 PM	12 Mens League 6:00 PM	13 Divorce Golf 6:00 PM Retirement Party	14 Private Graduation Party
15 Private Graduation Party	16 2 Person Mixed League 6:00 PM	17 Ladies Ass'n Golf 4 PM - 7 PM	18 Family Night 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM (Freeling Crew) Senior Golf - 1 PM	19 Mens League 6:00 PM	20 Divorce Golf 6:00 PM	21 Private Graduation Party
22 Vendor Show	23 2 Person Mixed League 6:00 PM	24 Ladies Ass'n Golf 4 PM - 7 PM Lodge Meeting 8 PM	25 Family Night 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM (Freeling Crew) Senior Golf - 1 PM	26 Mens League 6:00 PM	27 Alumi Eagle Golf Outing	28 Armed Forces Golf Outing 9AM Poker Run
29 Memorial Day Scramble - 1 PM	30 NO LEAGUE Memorial Day	31 Ladies Ass'n Golf 4 PM - 7 PM	Senior Golf - 1 PM	Mens League 6:00 PM	Divorce Golf 6:00 PM	
			OPEN AT 8 AM DAILY			

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 NE Seniors - 10 AM Family Night 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM (Margo Crew)	2 Junior League 9:00 AM Mens League 6:00 PM	3 Divorce Golf 6:00 PM	4 Anniversary Party 2:00 PM
5 Anniversary Party	6 2 Perspn Mixed League 6:00 PM	7 Ladies Ass'n Golf 4 PM - 7 PM	8 Family Night 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM (Grothen Crew)	9 Junior League 9:00 AM Mens League 6:00 PM	10 Divorce Golf 6:00 PM	11 Just for Fun Golf Tournament 9:00 AM
12 Vendor Show 9:00 AM Flag Ceremony 6 PM	13 2 Perspn Mixed League 6:00 PM	14 Ladies Ass'n Golf 4 PM - 7 PM	15 Senior Golf - 9 AM	16 Junior League 9:00 AM Mens League 6:00 PM	17 Divorce Golf 6:00 PM	Viper Rendezvous
19 Miller 2 Man Golf Tournament 9:00 AM	20 2 Perspn Mixed League 6:00 PM	21 Lodge Meeting 8 PM Ladies Ass'n Golf 4 PM - 7 PM	22 Senior Golf - 9 AM	23 Junior League 9:00 AM Mens League 6:00 PM	24 Divorce Golf 6:00 PM	18 4 Ladies Open Golf Tournament 10:00 AM
26 Miller 2 Man Golf Tournament 9:00 AM	27 2 Perspn Mixed League 6:00 PM	28 Ladies Ass'n Golf 4 PM - 7 PM Lodge Meeting 8 PM	29 Senior Golf - 9 AM	30 Junior League 9:00 AM Mens League 6:00 PM	All Saints Golf - 1 PM Rehersal Dinner Divorce Golf 6:00 PM	American Legion Romp
			Family Night 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM (Margo Crew) Senior Golf - 9 AM	Junior League 9:00 AM Mens League 6:00 PM		
			Senior Golf - 9 AM	Junior League 9:00 AM Mens League 6:00 PM		