



# Calling all Elks

Hastings Lodge  
#159



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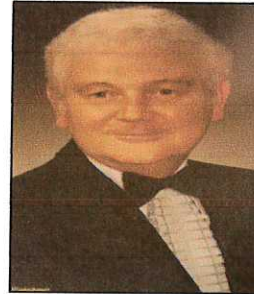
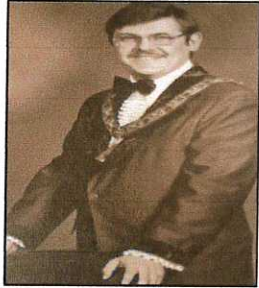
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A Fraternal Organization

Hastings, NE

## CAN YOU NAME THESE PAST EXALTED RULERS?



Answer can be found on page 3

## ER BALL HELD APRIL 8, 2017

The Elks lodge was the setting of the ER Ball on April 8, 2017 to honor newly elected Exalted Ruler Aaron Martinez and his officers. Approximately 65 people enjoyed the evening events. The theme for the Ball was a golf theme in honor of the Master's Golf

Tournament which was being played. Several attendees wore their green apparel to represent the Master's "Green Jacket".

After the introduction of Past Exalted Rulers in attendance, the newly elected ER and his officers a delicious meal was served by Theresa and Crew. Following the meal, the Officer of the Year, which chosen by Past Exalted Rulers was given to PER Dick Hansen by Secretary PER Russ Shaw. Dick was the ER for the past year and spent countless hours at the lodge and golf course making sure everything ran smoothly. Jan Mooney was chosen by the Elk Officers for Citizen of the Year. Jan volunteers a lot of hours to the lodge and golf course; when something is needing to be

done Jan is very willing to help anyway she can. She currently serves on the Golf Committee. PER Dick Hansen announced that the Elk of the Year went to PER Jackie Norris. Jackie is a true gem to our lodge by serving and chairing on several committees not only at the local level but at the State level as well. Many activities would not be completed if it was for Jackie's leadership and organizational skills. Newly elected Exalted Ruler Aaron Martinez was presented a gift of a new gavel by PER Dick



**Elk of the Year  
PER Jackie Norris**

Hansen. The rest of the evening was spent dancing and fellowship between everyone in attendance.

A special thank you to PER Mike Norton and his wife Delta for being host and hostess for the evening; Lisa Wheeler for making the desert of cupcakes in the shape of a golf course green, Bill Mooney for his help with the music and sound system, Dick Freeling for being the Master of Ceremonies for the introduction of officers and Zach and Kerri Oreskovich for their help with the decorating of the lodge.

## MEMO FROM SECRETARY PER RUSS SHAW

**Golfing members- If you have not received your 2017 membership card, please pick them up at the Club House from the staff on duty.**



**Newly Elected Aaron Martinez  
receiving the gavel from previous  
ER Dick Hansen**



**Jan Mooney honored  
by PER Dick Hansen  
as Citizen of the Year**



**Parting Exalted Ruler, Dick  
Hansen receives  
Officer of the Year  
from PER Russ Shaw**



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Exalted Ruler.....Aaron Martinez  
Leading Knight.....PER Mike Norton  
Loyal Knight.....Zach Oreskovich  
Lecturing Knight.....Julie Rothfuss  
Esquire.....OPENED  
Chaplain.....PER Dick Hansen  
Inner Guard.....PER Rich Freeman  
Tiler.....PER Bob Storehalder  
Secretary.....PER Russ Shaw  
Treasurer.....Eric Wheeler

**Does-Drove 112**

President.....Pat DuBois  
First Counselor.....NoElla Snow  
Senior Counselor.....Pat Wich  
Junior Counselor.....Neva Semotan  
Secretary.....Janet Schawang  
Treasurer.....Donna Dill  
Conductor.....Andrea Towler  
Inner Guard.....Lynn Folcik  
Outer Guard.....Rose Kehn  
Chaplain.....Sue Crabtree  
2017 Alternate Delegate.....Lynn Folcik

**Trustees**

No Ella Snow (3yr), Andrea Towler (2yr),  
and Janet Schawang ( 1yr)

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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**Course Managers**

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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



**Aaron's Message**

**By: ER Aaron Martinez**

Hello fellow Elks! I would like to thank all the PER's who came out to help with our installation from both our Lodge and the Lincoln Lodge 80.

I'd also like to thank everyone who came out for the Exalted Ruler Ball as well as those who helped set up and tear down. Congratulations are in order for Dick Hansen for being awarded Officer of the Year, Jackie Norris for being Elk of the Year, and Jan Mooney for being Citizen of the Year. Be sure to congratulate them when you see them at the Lodge

In April, we held an Open House, followed by the annual scavenger hunt, both of which were huge successes. May is here and will hopefully provide us with good weather to get all the leagues into full swing. Be sure to check the calendar for all upcoming events at the Lodge. We hope to have a great turn out for the Armed Forces Day Scramble on May 20<sup>th</sup> at 9am. Our annual youth banquet will be held on May 7<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Don't forget about family burger nights on Wednesday's, where you can come out and have your fellow Elks cook for you!

We started our new year on April 1<sup>st</sup>, there are many members who are late with their dues. We would appreciate you getting those into us ASAP as we have a deadline with both the state and national Elks to get these taken care of. This goes for your golf memberships as well! In addition to this I think we need to address that every year we are losing members. This in turn decreases funding for our Youth & Veteran's programs. Ideally, we would like to stop the loss of membership, but we also need to look at ways to supplement this loss. I would like anyone who has an idea for a fundraiser to please let an officer know or mention it at a lodge meeting, remember the only bad ideas are those not shared with others!

Thanks, everyone for helping make my first month as ER a great one and I can't wait to see everyone out at the lodge this summer!

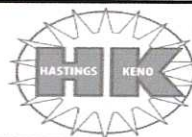
**NOTICE**

**During the May 9 Lodge Meeting**

**Steve Hansen**

**Tommy Bohlen**

**Will be voted on for reinstatement**



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## April 2017 – Students of the Month

**Jenna Garver** is a senior at Hastings Senior High School. She is a member of National Honors Society. She participates in Freshman Mentoring Program. She plays softball and was captain of the team. She works as a retail sales associate. Her hobbies include hunting, fishing, camping, hiking and bike riding. She is the daughter of Leslie and Bryan Garver.



**David Wacker** is a senior at Hastings Senior High School. He is a member of National Honors Society and is currently serving as Secretary of the Chapter. He plays cello in the String Orchestra. He participates in Skills USA. David earned the Eagle Scout Award in Boy Scouts and assisted other scouts with their Eagle Scout projects. His community service includes volunteering at a local soap shop, hazardous waste clean-up day, Kiwanis pancake feed, Crystal Lake clean-up, picking up highway litter, Edgar, NE tornado clean-up, Hastings Food Pantry/Crossroads, Salvation Army and helping Cub Scouts. His hobbies are camping, fishing, woodworking, working on cars, coin collecting and machine shop activities. He is the son of Polly and David Wacker

## Eagle Scout Award by: Dick Freeling, Scout Chair

April was a busy month for making Eagle Scout recognition certificate presentations. Scouting Chair Dick Freeling, representing all Lodge 159 members was kept busy attending a total of five Courts of Honor.



**Cole Shardelow, member of BSA Troop 207; First St. Paul's Lutheran Church**



**Daniel Acosta, member of BSA Troop 207; First St. Paul's Lutheran Church**



**Eric Aldrich, member of BSA Troop 192; First St. Paul Lutheran Church**

Not pictured are Tysen McDowell and Zachary Reichstein with BSA Troop 199 sponsored by First United Methodist Church in Minden, NE.

### Lodge 159 Awarded an Elks National Foundation Grant

by: Dick Freeling, Scouting Chairman

An April 17<sup>th</sup> letter and check for \$ 2,000 has been received by our Lodge Secretary Russ Shaw. These funds will be used to purchase materials for camp improvement projects at both Camp Cosmos and Camp Augustine. Lodge members as well as Girl and Boy Scouts will team up to repair or replace picnic tables, benches or other recreational improvements at the camps. Such grants are possible only through your continual support of ENF and your contributions throughout the year. Thanks.

### HASTINGS ELKS AREA YOUTH BANQUET

Sunday, May 7, 2017

6:00PM

Honoring Student of Month Winners, Area Eagle Scout Winners, and Much More

### ANSWERS FOR COVER PAGE PHOTOS

- **Photo 1: Joe Thompson;**  
**ER from 1975-76**
- **Photo 2: Dave Bogan;**  
**ER from 1979-80**
- **Photo 3: James Semotan;**  
**ER from 1981-82**
- **Photo 4: Jim Horsham;**





**Does Corner** By: Pat DuBois

Our regular monthly meeting was held April 18<sup>th</sup> by honoring past presidents. at the Hastings Elks Lodge. Hostess were Sue Crabtree and Pat Wich. Chicken Salad Sandwich and chips was served for lunch with cupcakes for desert brought by Pat Wich.

Saturday, April 8, Jan Schawang and I attended the ER Ball for newly elected ER Aaron Martinez. A delicious steak meal was served as well as a wonderful program presented.

The Does Booth at the Hastings Elks Membership Drive Open House on April 15 was managed by Donna Dill with my help in the morning. Hotdogs and chips were served to all that attended.

Looking ahead I will be placing the wreath for the Hastings Drove 112 during the Memorial Day Services at Parkview Cemetery.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:**

**May 16- Spring Fling Gala Luncheon**

Neva Semotan and Pat Wich cordially invite all 112 Does as well as your family and friends

- **11:30am-Social Hour**
- **12Noon-Program with Connie Whitcomb from M & M Designs**
- **12:30pm-Luncheon**

Make all reservations by May 9<sup>th</sup> to either Neva (402)462-4837 or Pat (402)463-0721

**May Birthdays**

- |                          |                            |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| 01.....James Connely     | 11.....Robert Wallace      |
| 01.....Dennis Stark      | 12.....Jeff McCoy          |
| 07.....Darrel Stromer    | 12.....Robert Storehalder  |
| 09.....Harlan Schlachter | 15.....Jordan McIntyre     |
| 09.....Casey St. John    | 16.....Richard D Hawthorne |
| 10.....Aaron Adams       | 17.....Ronald Ross         |
| 10...Christopher Beekman | 20.....Scott Trutna        |
| 11.....Milo F Kocourek   | 25.....Larry Thomas        |
|                          | 27.....Tom Harman          |

**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)

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

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

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

**ELKS HIGHWAY CLEAN UP**

**Sunday June 11<sup>th</sup> 10 am**

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## ELKS HOST OPEN HOUSE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE



On Saturday April 15<sup>th</sup>, we held our first open house! We had about 60 people show up and have so far gained 2 new members. It went well for our first open house but as usual we did learn we need to make a few changes. I would like to thank everyone for helping to set up, tear down, and man the booths and help cook the hotdogs. I think we got the message out about everything we have to offer, not just for new people but we had some current Elks come out and get reacquainted with all of our programs. I am already looking for new ideas for next year so if you came out and would like to see something different please let me know!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>OPEN AT 8:00 AM</b>	Mixed League 6:00 PM	Ladies Ass'n Golf 4:00 - 7:00 PM	Family Night 6:30 - 8:00 PM (Duane Crew)	Mens League 6:00 PM	Couples Golf 6:00 PM	Private Graduation Party
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Youth Banquet 6:00 PM	Mixed League 6:00 PM	Ladies Ass'n Golf 4:00 - 7:00 PM	Family Night 6:30 - 8:00 PM (Margo Crew)	Mens League 6:00 PM	Couples Golf 6:00 PM	Private Graduation Party
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Private Graduation Party	Mixed League 6:00 PM	Ladies Ass'n Golf Does Spring Luncheon 11:30 AM	Family Night 6:30 - 8:00 PM (Grothen Crw)	Mens League 6:00 PM	Couples Golf 6:00 PM	Armed Forces Golf Outing 9:00 AM
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Just for Fun Golf Tournament 9:00 AM	Mixed League 6:00 PM	Ladies Ass'n Golf 4:00 - 7:00 PM	Family Night 6:30 - 8:00 PM (Freeling Crew)	Mens League 6:00 PM	Couples Golf 6:00 PM	
28	29	30	31			
Memorial Day Scramble 1:00 PM	NO MIXED LEAGUE Memorial Day	Ladies Ass'n Golf 4:00 - 7:00 PM	Family Night 6:30 - 8:00 PM (Horsham Crew)			
			Nebraska Seniors Ass'n Tourn. 10:00 AM			



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				Junior League 9:00 AM	Couples golf 6:00 PM	Class Reunion
				Mens League 6:00 PM	Class Reunion	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Mixed League 6:00 PM	Ladies Ass'n Golf 4:00 - 7:00 PM	Family Night 6:30 - 8:00 PM (Mooney Crew)	Junior League 9:00 AM	Couples golf 6:00 PM	Viper Rendezvous 7:00 PM
			Senior Golf - 1 PM	Mens League 6:00 PM	Glow Ball - 8:00 PM	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Highway Cleanup	Mixed League 6:00 PM	Ladies Ass'n Golf 4:00 - 7:00 PM Lodge Meeting 8:00 PM	Family Night 6:30 - 8:00 PM (Duane Crew)	Junior League 9:00 AM	Couples golf 6:00 PM	Womens Open 4-Ladies Scramble 10:00 AM
			Senior Golf - 1 PM Flag Ceremony-6 PM	Mens League 6:00 PM		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Miller 2 Man Scramble 9:00 AM	Mixed League 6:00 PM	Ladies Ass'n Golf 4:00 - 7:00 PM	Family Night 6:30 - 8:00 PM (Margo Crew)	Junior League 9:00 AM	All Saints Golf-1 PM Rehearsal Dinner	Wedding Reception
			Senior Golf - 9 AM Business Meeting	Mens League 6:00 PM	Couples golf 6:00 PM	
25	26	27	28	29	30	
Wedding Party Brunch	Mixed League 6:00 PM	Ladies Ass'n Golf 4:00 - 7:00 PM Lodge Meeting 8:00 PM	Family Night 6:30 - 8:00 PM (Grothen Crew)	Junior League 9:00 AM	Couples golf 6:00 PM	
			Senior Golf - 9 AM	Mens League 6:00 PM		



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