



Calling all Elks

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The Secretary's Notes by Joe Thompson

Let me start with a reminder: There are two Lodge meetings in November (11/8 and 11/22) and only one in December (12/13). They are at 8pm, and we hope you'll take part. It's your Lodge, make your voice heard.

Deer Hunters, don't forget the Hide Program has resumed! Save your deer hides and donate them to the Elks. The drop-off area is just south of the cart shed. We salt and send the hides to a tannery, which in turn gives tanned hides to hospitalized veterans for their use. This is an important program both nationally and in the state of Nebraska.

Starting in November, we are going to winter hours in the clubhouse. Make sure to check the calendar inside for the days we are closed - and to see all the fun activities lined up for the days we're open! Also, there are a few dates still open for Christmas and Holiday Parties. Check with the Manager if you'd like to use the facility.

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From the Trustees by Dave Osborn, Chairman

Fellow Elks,

First, we would like to thank Theresa Hampton for her dedicated service as club manager. She continues to work in the club occasionally so it is good to see her at the club.

November 22nd the District Deputy Charles Devine will visit our lodge. There will be a Ribeye or Shrimp dinner planned that evening and all elks are invited to attend. Happy hour will be at 6:00pm and dinner at 6:30pm a sign up sheet will be at the lodge for you to register for the dinner. Sign up early and come out and represent our lodge.

There are several events going on at the lodge and we invite you to read your calendar and plan on attending.

The trustees have put together a group to do pre-interviews for a new club manager, they will in turn recommend the top 3 to 4 candidates to the Board of Trustees who will then interview and make a selecting. Our goal is to have a new manager in place in the club house by February of next year. Selena is working as an assistant manager with limited duties in the interim. Please be patient during the transition. We would like to thank all those who have helped in the club this past month, your help is appreciated.

The Octoberfest was a success with 10 teams playing in the tournament. There were a lot of compliments on the food and band. If you missed the celebration plan on attending next year and enjoying the fun and food.

We are open for Nebraska football games this fall and winter. Bring some munchies and plan on having a good time. Understand we can not keep the bar open for a minimum number of people and the wait staff has instruction to close based on attendance.

The Lodge still owes \$293,000.00 on the loan and if we do not get that number below \$251,000 we run the risk of have to pay for another costly appraisal as the loan expires January 8, 2012. We are working on getting another bank to secure a loan and do not have the funds available to get to the \$250,000 mark. The trustee are working on a marketing plan and all the necessary document to help secure another loan.



Hastings Elks once again hosted our State Soccer Shoot in October. Pictured here are the winners in each age bracket, along with State Soccer Chair, Rich Gion (back left), and Nebraska Elks Association President, Gary Cannon (back right). Congratulations to all!

Jackie's Message by Jackie Norris, Exalted Ruler

November is an important month for the Elks. After all, service to and recognition of our veterans is one the key missions of our organization. Once again this year, our Elks Lodge will be taking part in the Veterans Parade in Hastings - this year scheduled for November 5th.

I encourage you to join us in celebrating our veterans, and helping extend a big "Thank You!" to all those who served and defended our freedoms over the years.

Our Youth Activities are also in full swing. Randy Rippen has gotten the Student of the Month program going for this school year. Inside, you'll see the first six students we are honoring this year. Nancy Hehnke has graciously agreed to assist Randy throughout the year, and she'll also be helping to scrapbook our Lodge and Club events. Take the time to thank her for getting involved!

Randy is also busy getting ready for the influx of scholarship applications that will be showing up after the first of the year. If you have a child or grandchild who is a high school senior this year, urge them to look into the many scholarships sponsored by the Elks. The school guidance counselors will have the information.

The Club, of course, is going to winter hours starting this month, but even with reduced hours of operation, there are many, many social activities scheduled in November and December. We hope to see you! Oh...and Happy Thanksgiving to each of you!

Children's Christmas Party

December 4th, 1:30 PM

Snacks...Crafts to Make
Gifts...Decorations...and MORE! For the
children and grandchildren of our Elks Members
and Guests!

Plus a VISIT FROM SANTA!

