



Calling all
Elks

Hastings Lodge
#159



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A Fraternal Organization

Hastings, NE

Hastings Elks Lodge Participate in National Night Out



Hundreds of community members came out Tuesday, August 6th for National Night Out to support local law enforcement at Chautauqua Park. Organized by the Hastings Police Department and the Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce's Crime Prevention Task Force, the event is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness as well as generate support for law enforcement. This event started in Hastings in 1995 and nationally has over 10,000 cities and towns participating. Along with law enforcement agencies there were 30 different community service agencies that set up booths to show what their programs were all about. The Hastings Elks Lodge 159 was one of the agencies who had a booth. Lodge members who maned the booth handed out drug prevention and awareness brochures as well as flyers to let the community know what programs we had available. Youth were able to play games and receive prizes as well. Lodge members who helped with this were John Folick, Jackie Norris, Julie Rothfuss, Aaron Martinez, Dick Hansen and Dick Freeling.

If you would like to be involved with this and any other programs, we have available please contact Exalted Ruler Zach Oreskovich or Secretary John Folick.

A Message from the Board of Trustees

We, the Board of Trustees of the B.P.O of the Hastings Elks Lodge #159 seek permission from the Lodge and Lodge members to refinance the Lodge's / Clubs loan. The loan previously taken out back in 2008 was for the addition of the back 9 golf course. That loan with Wells Fargo has matured leaving us with a remaining debt of \$190,000.00.

The interest rate with Wells Fargo was 6.5%. The Trustees have searched elsewhere for refinancing and Home Federal Bank of Hastings has offered us a 5-year term with a 5.5 % interest rate. This will allow us the flexibility to pay more each month as funds allow and be debt free at the end of the 5-year term. The other advantage is Home Federal Bank will offer free checking unlike Wells Fargo.

This request to refinance with Home Federal is a lodge vote, which will be held at the next lodge meeting on **September 10th at 8 pm**. All Hastings Elk members that are in good standing are encouraged to come and vote.

Respectfully yours;

The Board of Trustees of The Hastings Elks Lodge #159

**HASTINGS ELKS LODGE #159 B.P.O. ELKS
A FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION
3050 EAST SOUTH STREET
HASTINGS, NEBRASKA 68901
(402) 462-6616-Golf Course**

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 Loyal Knight.....Bill Esser
 Lecturing Knight.....Todd Fraiser
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 Chaplain.....OPENED
 Inner Guard.....OPENED
 Tiler.....Kerrie Oreskovich
 Secretary.....PER John Folick
 Treasurer.....PER Dick Hansen

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President.....Andrea Towler
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 Junior Counselor.....Catherine Willits
 Secretary.....Janet Schawang
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 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

NOTICE

**Hastings Elks will be accepting nominations
 for Trustee to replace Steve Ernst.
 Nominations will be open until the close of the
 September 10, 2019 Elks Lodge Meeting.**

**During the September 10 Hastings Elks Lodge
 meeting, we will be voting on the transfer of
 membership of Ryan Hall to our lodge.**

September Elk Birthdays

01.....Marcia A Klein 17.....Darren L Hofmann
 06.....John Glass 19.....Paul G Dale
 07.....Kenneth H Fike 19.....Rodney D Hansen
 10.....Rick Ripperger 23.....Harold Dwyer
 11.....Kenneth A Wiederspan 28.....Michael I Nelson
 12.....David Dangler 29.....Peter G Konen
 13.....James Dugan 29.....Jeff Kully
 15.....William Esser

BIRTHDAY PARTY COUPON

We congratulate all Elks who have birthdays in September.
 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 #: _____

Does Corner By: Pat DuBois

Andrea, Donna, Janet, and I want to thank everyone
 who bought our baked goods at the Lou Bogan Family Golf
 Tournament. We sure enjoyed visiting with you all. It was
 just a right kind of weather day. We would also like to
 thank each one of you that baked and brought out items to
 the lodge for the bake sale. Thank you to Julie Rothfuss
 and Theresa Hamilton for your direction of our sale.
 All the proceeds go towards our October 2020 Nebraska
 Central District Convention at the Elks 159 Lodge.

Coming up Events:

Fall Back to Does Meeting.

Tuesday September 3 - Draping the Charter for Delores
 Lavender. Honoring Five Year Officers.
 Donna Dill and Rose Kehn will be Co-chairs for the
 meeting.

THANK YOU,

**The Trustees and Officers of Hastings Elks
 Lodge 159 would like to thank our Golf
 Course Manager, Rod Ostrander, the golf
 course crew and all the volunteers who came
 out to clean up the course and get it opened
 back up after the last windstorm.**

**We appreciate all your hard work, time and
 dedication you put in to making our course
 playable again.**

Zach's Message By: ER PER Zach Oreskovich

Hello Everyone! The month of August saw many changes for the Hastings Elks. Mother Nature was not kind to us during the month and we loss many trees around the golf course. I personally want to thank Rod Ostrander, our golf course manager and all the Elks members who volunteered their time to clean up around the course. This was a huge undertaking and although we are not done cleaning up it is nice to know that when a storm like this happens that there is help available to clean it up.

On August 6th, Jackie Norris, John Folick, Aaron Martinez, Dick Hansen, Dick Freeling and Julie Rothfuss represented the lodge at the National Night Out held at Chautauqua Park. Thank you, guys, for representing the Hastings Elks in the community.

Several of the Hastings Elks lodge officers and PER's attended the State Elks Association Fall Conference in Kearney at the end of August. Grand Exalted Ruler Robert Duitsman and his wife were in attendance for the weekend. He stressed once again the importance of getting new members, initiating and getting these new members involved in lodge activities. This is something that each of us can do at our lodge and we should do.

At the Fall Conference the new Elks Financial Reporting System was introduced. This system will replace the yearly financial report.

At our monthly Elks Lodge meeting John Folick was nominated for secretary and was voted in. We also accepted the resignation of Steve Ernst as Trustee. I named Blake Samuelson as interim Trustee with nominations for Trustee open until the end of the September 10th meeting. If you are interested, please let me know.

District Deputy Barry Hopkins will be at the lodge September 24 for his official visit. Barry will meet with us at 5pm followed by a supper at 6:30pm and then our regular lodge meeting at 8pm. All Elks Lodge members are invited to attend but please let myself or the kitchen now if you are planning to attend.

I have planned September 28th as our 159 Golf Outing. More details to be announced later.

Lastly, as many of you know Theresa Hampton stepped down as our club manager. I want to thank Theresa for all the hard work and dedication she put in to running our club. It was greatly appreciated by many. I want to give a warm welcome to our new club manager, Robert Lewien. Robert will be starting the month of September and comes with many years of experience.

Until next time, I hope you have a great month of September.

LETTERS OF THANKS

Elks Club 159,

Thank you so much for the honor and privilege of being named an Elks Student of the Month and a local chapter winner. The honor itself is award enough but the scholarship that came along with it was a wonderful surprise that I will use in the future during next school year. Thank you for this honor and the help it will provide me with next year. Sincerely, Alyvia Krueger

Elks Lodge 159,

Thank you for recognition of Student of the Month and the \$50. I will use it to help pay for books at Nebraska Wesleyan this month! Thank you, Sydni Sullivan

Randy and the Elks Foundation,

I'm writing to thank you for your generosity and support throughout the Elks Most Valuable Student Contest. The Elks have provided me the opportunity to continue my education at Johns Hopkins University as well as to continue my involvement in activities such as band, debate, HIV prevention and volunteering. I cannot express how grateful I am for the Elks allowing me the opportunity to become the best version of myself and to give back to my community. Thank you, Lucy Nielsen

Dear Randy Rippen and the Elks Club Board,

Thank you very much for honoring me as a Student of the Month and for providing me with the generous award at the banquet. I am excited to continue my education at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, MN next year, and I will be studying Biology with a Pre-Med focus. Thank you again! Sincerely, Lily Kingsley

NOTICE

If you have not received your membership card or have concerns regarding Lodge Dues payment, please contact our new Lodge Secretary John Folcik at HastingsElksLodge@gmail.com or leave a message in the Secretaries box at the Lodge.

Grand Lodge News

For veteran help, stay informed to stay relevant

By MARY K. MORGAN, Commission Director

Who do you think of when you think of a veteran? A senior citizen in a "Vietnam Veteran" hat? A woman with young children? A young man in need of housing? There are an estimated 22 million veterans in the United States, and they all have different needs. As Elks, we need to stay informed of those needs to ensure our programs stay relevant.

The post-9/11 veteran population is expected to increase 22% between 2016 and 2021. Today's military is 14% female, and that's expected to increase to 20% in the next 10-20 years. About 55% of veterans are aged 65 or younger. More than half of veterans don't use any VA services. Many traditional veterans' organizations are losing members. That means we must work smarter to connect with veterans.

Here are some tips on how to do that. Start by thinking locally. For example, it's estimated that one-fifth of homeless veterans live in California, making the Welcome Home program especially effective in that state. Alaska has the highest percentage of veterans aged 20-34 at 17 percent, so active, outdoor activities could be more popular. And in many rural areas, the biggest issue facing veterans may be transportation and access to medical care.

Once you've identified a need in your community, find partners. Build relationships with veterans, facility staff, and volunteers directly in your community. You may be familiar with the adage, "if you've been to one VA, you've been to one VA." That's true of many veterans' programs. You will likely need to adapt project ideas and processes to work best in your community.

Finally, when in doubt, listen. Every generation, every community and every person have different challenges.



**Elks
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Scholarships-The Time to Apply is Now

The fall scholarship season is upon us again. Eight hundred scholars will join the Elks family to lead, serve and connect as they begin the next chapter of their lives as champions of the Elks.

First up is the Most Valuable Student scholarship, which is available to all high school seniors who are U.S. citizens. Applicants will be judged on leadership, service and financial need. Twenty finalists will receive at least \$20,000 and an invitation to the seventh annual Leadership Weekend to vie for top awards ranging from \$30,000 to \$50,000; 480 runners-up will receive \$4,000 scholarships over the course of four years.

Being an Elks scholar is a symbol of hope," says Katrina Nakamura, a 2019 MVS scholar sponsored by Oceanside, Calif., Lodge No. 1561. "It brings hope to individuals as well as the community. The ENF provided me with a scholarship that I can use to pursue higher education and my dreams."

The deadline to apply for the MVS scholarship is November 5 at 11:59 p.m. Visit enf.elks.org/MVS to learn more.

Unlike the MVS scholarship, Legacy Awards are only available to the children and grandchildren of dues-paying Elks who joined the Order on or before April 1, 2017, or are charter members of a Lodge that was instituted on or after April 1, 2017.

Each Legacy Awards scholar will receive a \$4,000 scholarship distributed over the course of their college career.

"This award means so much to me because I've seen how much my grandparents enjoy being Elks and I look forward to getting involved," says Erin Murphy, a 2019 Legacy Awards recipient sponsored by Inverness, Fla., Lodge No. 2522.

The deadline to apply for Legacy Awards is January 31, 2020, at 11:59 a.m. CST. Visit enf.elks.org/LEG to learn more.

Emergency Educational Grants—one-year grants of up to \$5,000—are available to children of deceased or totally disabled Elks. Applications are available upon request between May 1 and October 31 of the academic year for which assistance is desired. To learn more about Educational Emergency Grants, visit enf.elks.org/EEG.

We can't wait for you to meet the 2020 class of Elks scholars!

In 2019-20, the Elks National Foundation will award \$4.1 million in college scholarships, ensuring a bright future for our nation's youth. For more information about our scholarship programs, and for ways Lodges can get involved with Elks scholars, visit elks.org/scholars.

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4-Person Benefit Golf Scramble

For

Marcia Klein

***Sunday, Sept. 15, 2019**

***10:00 Shotgun Start**

***Elks Country Club**

3050 E. South Street
Hastings, NE

402-462-6616

***\$55.00 per person**

Includes two individual mulligans and meal.

***Carts extra** Limited number available, first come first serve. Please designate if your team needs a cart(s).

***Raffle**

Flighted, Flag Prizes and Fun

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Calendar Editor : Nancy Freeling - - Contact with Text Message to 402-463-6489

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Labor Day Golf Tournament 1:00 PM	No Monday Night Golf	Ladies Ass'n Golf Closing Banquet 6:00 PM	Senior Golf 9:00 AM Wing & Wednesday 6:30 - 8:30 PM (Margo Crew)	Mens League 6:00 PM	Two Couple Golf 6:00 PM	Wandas Golf Tourney Wedding Reception
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
ACLEA Tournament	Monday Night Backwards Golf	Lodge Meeting 8:00 PM	Senior Golf 9:00 AM Wing & Wednesday 6:30 - 8:30 PM (Freeling Crew)	Mens League 6:00 PM	Two Couple Golf 6:00 PM	Mustang Round Up
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Marcia Klein Golf Benefit Tourney 10:00 AM			Senior Golf 1:00 PM NLTA Tourney-9 AM Wing & Wednesday 6:30 - 8:30 PM (Aaron/Zac Crew)	Mens League 6:00 PM	Two Couple Golf 6:00 PM	Class Reunion
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		Lodge Meeting 8:00 PM DD visit Dinner 6:30 PM	Senior Golf 1:00 PM Wing & Wednesday 6:30 - 8:30 PM (Mooney Crew)	Mens League 6:00 PM	Two Couple Golf 6:00 PM	159 Golf Tournament
29	30					

