



# Calling all Elks

Hastings Lodge  
#159



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A Fraternal Organization

Hastings, NE

## A Special Thank You from Youth Activities Committee By: Jackie Norris, Youth Activities

In early August our Lodge held a Golf Tournament to raise money for Scholarships. Because of the generosity of our members and their friends, as well as the businesses and others that stepped up and sponsored a hole, or donated to the silent auction, we raised over \$2300! Wow, that is incredible, and we are so incredibly grateful for your dedication to make sure that we can continue to award much needed scholarships to deserving students from our area!

Members also graciously responded to the letter that was sent out asking for help with our Youth Activities Program! Those donations, which added up to over \$1000, will have a major impact on our activities, and ability to do more.

I want to extend a huge Thank You to our E.R. Julie Rothfuss and Lodge Secretary John Folcik. For their tireless work on helping our Youth Programs. Membership is down, and that directly affects our programs and the funds that we get. They brainstormed and came up with the ideas to help raise money, and then did the hard work to make it happen. Our Lodge is so grateful for their efforts! Keep an eye for future fun fundraisers throughout the year.



## A letter from Grand Exalted Ruler Paul Ryan

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**TO:** The Membership and Local Lodges of the BPOE

**REG:** COVID-19 Relief

As the COVID-19 pandemic has taken over our lives, it has also taken over the financial stability of many of our Lodges within the Order of Elks. After discussions with various Grand Lodge officials, the following action was recommended and approved by the Board of Grand Trustees:

**It is the recommendation of the Board of Grand Trustees that Grand Lodge provide to each Local Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America a monetary one-time grant in the amount of \$1,500 for Lodge COVID-19 financial relief.**

Be advised, the total amount provided to assist our Local Lodges finances will be more than \$2.7 million dollars.

On behalf of the Grand Lodge family, I want to thank everyone for all you do in making the BPOE the greatest fraternal organization around.

And lastly.....Stay Safe, Stay Healthy and God Bless!!

Fraternally,  
Paul R. Ryan Grand Exalted Ruler

**Hastings Elks Lodge 159 Local Soccer Shoot  
Saturday, September 19, 2020 9:00AM start time  
Boys & Girls ages 15 years old or younger  
Smith's Sports Complex**





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

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Junior Counselor.....Catherine Willits  
Secretary.....Janet Schawang  
Treasurer.....Donna Dill  
Conductor.....Pat DuBois  
Chaplain.....Lynn Folcik  
Inner Guard.....Pat Wich

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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

## September Elk Birthdays

06.....John Glass 15.....William Esser  
07.....Kenneth H Fike 17...Darren L Hofmann  
10.....Rick Ripperger 19.....Paul G Dale  
11.....Kenneth A Wiederspan 23.....Harold Dwyer  
12.....David Dangler 28.....Michael I Nelson  
13.....Margaret Woolman 29.....Jeff Kully

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



*Elks Does helping at the bake sale at the Lou Bogan  
Golf Tournament were Donna Dill, Lynn Folcik, NoElla  
Snow, Jan Schawang, Pat DuBois and Pat Wich*

### Does Corner By: Pat DuBois

The Hastings Does met on August 4 with Pat Wich as  
hostess.

On August 15<sup>th</sup> we held our bake sale during the Lou  
Bogan Golf Tournament at the Elks Golf Course. We would  
like to thank the Lou Bogan Family and the Hastings Elks  
Lodge for allowing us to be there. Thank you to everyone  
that donated money, baked goodies, helped with the sale,  
and purchased the delicious goods.

#### **Save the Dates**

**September 1<sup>st</sup>** 11:30am, Fall Back to Does, Donna Dill  
Hostess. Nominate 2021 Officers. Meeting at the Elks  
Lodge. DOES December Decision, will be made for  
Christmas Party.

**October 6<sup>th</sup>**. 11:30am, NoElla Snow Hostess. Lodge  
Regular Meeting.

**October 8,9,&10/2020. NE. Central District Convention  
has been postponed to October 2021 at Kearney, NE.**

**November 3<sup>rd</sup>**. 11:30am. Denise Snow Hostess.

**Julie's Message** By: ER Julie Rothfuss

Hello, another month has passed us by; we are now into the month of September and soon the Fall season. I personally prefer the Summer season but even I enjoy the changing colors of fall and the smell of pumpkin spice. Golf leagues are winding down but there are still plenty of tournament action taken place on the weekend if you are a golfer.

For the lodge, we start back up with many of our youth activities-our Soccer Shoot, Hoop Shoot and Student of the Month to name a few. All of these activities take volunteers and right now our lodge needs more volunteers to help out. If you are an Elk and would like to be a part of the youth activities we would love to have your help.

One other way you can help is to encourage someone you know to become an Elk. The good work we do in the community gives you a sense of pride and accomplishment. Just to give you an idea how Hastings Elks has helped in the Hastings community- during the past 3 months the Hastings Elks has provided over \$4500 in grants to area organizations to help with day to day living for people in need. The Hastings Elks with the help of the Nebraska State Elks Association recently provided a walker for a little boy as well.

Becoming an Elk is easy and pain free and as Exalted Ruler I challenge all Elks, including myself to invite one person to become an Elk this Fall.

Lastly, maybe you were a part of us and for whatever reason you let your membership lapse. We want you back and we will welcome you back. Just contact us!!

One final thought, right now there are several in our lodge that are experiencing health issues and if you are one and you are needing assistance of any kind please contact myself or John Folcik, our secretary. We are here to help. Until next time, God Bless!

**From the Desk of the Lodge  
~Secretary, John Folcik ~**

It is September and we will be going back to two meetings a month. I invite all members to get involved and attend a lodge meeting. It is the only way and the proper way to voice your desires about the Lodge and club. Meeting protocol is not like the old days; it is much shorter so we can have time for discussion and still be done in an hour. So, come on out and help Hastings 159 grow.

Speaking of growing; did you know you can send an electronic invitation for membership to your friends. We like you and I am sure we would love to have them as members. For an electronic application send them the link [Elks.org](http://Elks.org) : [Elks Membership](#)

If you have not paid your dues please consider doing so. I am sure in many cases it is just an oversight. The 20 member that are delinquent has created a \$1,870 shortfall we need for programing. Worse yet, \$430.00 has been spent paying our fees that are membership based. So please help us out. Remember, the club / course is self-sustaining; all dues help support the Hastings Elks Lodge 159.

**Membership report:**

**Active members: 214**

**Paid up members: 194**

**Lodge members delinquent: 20**

**Monthly Gifts goes along ways**

We can all agree 2020 is not a normal year. In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, businesses have been shuttered for months. People are out of work. Your financial situation may be much different this year than it was last year.

We get it. If you can't support us right now, we understand. Please know that we are thinking of you and we are doing what we can to provide some relief to communities struggling from the economic impact of the pandemic.

If you are able to give, consider joining the Fidelity Club, the ENF's monthly giving program. In five minutes, you can establish an automatic, regularly scheduled donation that occurs monthly or quarterly. Monthly gifts can be as little as \$5; quarterly gifts can be as little as \$15.

Joining the Fidelity Club helps ensure the Elks are there during times like these.

Not only is joining the Fidelity Club a safe and reliable way to give, it's simple and flexible—donations can be adjusted at any time.

Through the monthly giving program, you'll have opportunities to earn exclusive pins and membership card stickers, too. Members of the Fidelity Club earn their first pin after just 12 gifts.

We are in this together; any support adds up to make a difference in our communities. To learn more and join, go to [enf.elks.org/FidelityClub](http://enf.elks.org/FidelityClub)



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		Ladies Ass'n Golf Banquet - 6:00 PM	Senior Golf 9:00 AM Wing & Wednesday 6:30 - 8:30 PM (Duane Crew)	Mens League 6:00 PM		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Labor Day Open Tournament 1:00 PM Tee Times		Lodge Meeting - 8 PM Farmers Golf Outing	NE. Senior Golf 10:00 AM Wing & Wednesday 6:30 - 8:30 PM (Freeling Crew)	Mary Lanning Golf Outing	Wedding Rehearsal	Wanda's 3 Person Tournament 9:00 AM Wedding
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
ACLEA Tournament 1:00 PM			Senior Golf 1:00 PM CCC Student Golf Wing & Wednesday 6:30 - 8:30 PM (Theresa & Terri Crew)	Mens League Banquet		Soccer Shoot at Smith Complex 9:00 AM
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Miniams Hope Golf Tournament 1:00 PM		District Deputy Visit - 5:00 PM Social Hour- 6:00 PM Supper 6:30 PM Lodge Meeting-8 PM	Senior Golf 1:00 PM Wing & Wednesday 6:30 - 8:30 PM (Mooney Crew)	Midlands Meeting Lunch		Employee Outing
27	28	29	30			
			Senior Golf 1:00 PM Wing & Wednesday 6:30 - 8:30 PM (Duane Crew)			

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Backwards Toumey 1:00 PM
4	5	6	7 Senior Golf 1:00 PM	8	9	10 State Soccer Shoot
1st Birthday Party 1:00 - 3:00 PM			Wing-t Wednesday 6:30 - 8:30 PM (Mankle Crew)			Hastings College Baseball Tournament 1:00 PM
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Couples Shower 2:00 - 5:00 PM	Lodge Meeting-8PM		Senior Golf 1:00 PM		Rehearsal 5:00 PM	
18	19	20	21 Wing-t Wednesday 6:30 - 8:30 PM (Freeling Crew)	22	23	24
			Senior Golf 1:00 PM			
			Wing-t Wednesday 6:30 - 8:30 PM (Theresa & Teri Crew)			
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	Lodge Meeting-8PM		Senior Golf 1:00 PM		Halloween Party 7:00 PM	
			Wing-t Wednesday 6:30 - 8:30 PM (Mooney)			