



# Calling all Elks

Hastings Lodge  
#159



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## Hastings Elks Lodge Hold Memorial Service



On Sunday, December 3, 2017 the Hastings Elks and Hastings Does held their Memorial Service for their departing members for the year. The Lodge Does held their service first and honored Pat and Diana Dickerson. Hastings Does Officers who participated were Andrea Fowler, Jan Schawang, Pat DuBois, Noelle Snow and Donna Dill.

The following departing members were honored from the Elks Lodge: Joe Swift, Ed J Jungck, Jack Friend, Edward J Murphy, Arthur R Languardt and Francis J Shaughnessy. Officers who took part in the Memorial Service were. Exalted Ruler: Aaron Martinez; Leading Knight PER Mike Norton; Loyal Knight: Zach Oreskovich; Lecturing Knight: Julie Rothfuss; Secretary: Brandy Archer; Esquire: PER Dick Hansen and Chaplain PER Rich Freeman.

A special thank you to Don Runcie who handled the music and the Hastings Does for providing refreshments for the evening.

## KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY HELD DECEMBER 3 by: Jackie Norris,



Jo Meester and her loyal volunteers hosted the annual Christmas party on December 9 for local kids. This is her 5<sup>th</sup> year and each year it only gets better and more fun for the kids. Any child is welcome, and we see new faces from the community every year. Jo has several tables set up with volunteers to help the kids make a special ornament card or gift with craft items

set up for the project. There is even a cookie making station that is a real hit! Santa came later and got all of the request from the kids for that special gift they are hoping for. Santa had a special treat bag for each of them. There were 28 kids in attendance, with about 60 total family members.

The following list is the volunteers that helped to make this event possible this year: Chairman Jo Meester, Barb Rose, Lynn Keogh, Nancy Horsham, Margo Woolman, Carole Thompson, Sandy Kohtz, Holly Knoedler, Terrie Gartner, and Randy Gartner as Santa.

This is a great success thanks to Jo and her creativity and dedication to this event every year. She has great volunteers who help every year, and everyone has a great time. Thanks to everyone who assists with this event for the kids! They are so proud of their handmade crafts and gives them the opportunity to make a gift for someone!



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 Leading Knight.....PER Mike Norton  
 Loyal Knight.....Zach Oreskovich  
 Lecturing Knight.....Julie Rothfuss  
 Esquire.....OPENED  
 Chaplain.....PER Rich Freeman  
 Inner Guard.....OPENED  
 Tiler.....PER Bob Storehalder  
 Secretary.....Brandy Archer  
 Treasurer.....PER Dick Hansen

**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 Folick  
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 Chaplain.....Sue Crabtree  
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 and Janet Schawang ( 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

**Aaron's Message**

**By: ER Aaron Martinez**

Happy New Year's everyone! Hopefully you all had a great Christmas holiday. I know my family and I are glad they are over, and we are back to a normal schedule.

Last month we hosted a sandwich day at the VA in Grand Island. We had a great turn out and it was a lot of fun. Everyone was very appreciative of what we were doing and couldn't stop thanking us. We will be doing another one in about 3 months if anyone would like to come and help us out!

I want to thank everyone who helped us with any projects that we had going on in December, and there were a lot! I wish I could type up every single one of your names to thank you, but I do not have enough column space.

On January 27<sup>th</sup> We are hosting stage hypnotist Brent Breckner at the club. Tickets are \$25 each or a table of 8 for \$175. Tickets include show and a meal before. All proceeds are going to our scholarship fund, which fell short of our needed goal by a lot this year. Please help us promote this as much as you can and let's have a great turn out!

Starting next month, we will be taking nominations for officers for the following year. I know we still need people to run for lecturing knight, esquire, inner guard, and 5-year trustee. If interested, please see me and we can talk about it! That's all I have to say so everyone has a great 2018!

**DID YOU KNOW.....**

Right now, if your name is drawn for the Good of the Order drawing

held at each Lodge Meeting  
 you could be \$250.00 richer.

Four lucky names are drawn each time, but you must be there to claim your money.

During the December lodge meeting, four names were drawn and 3 of those names were not lucky winners.

ER Aaron Martinez walked away with \$250

Will your Name be next?

Come to the next Lodge Meeting on  
 January 9th to find out.



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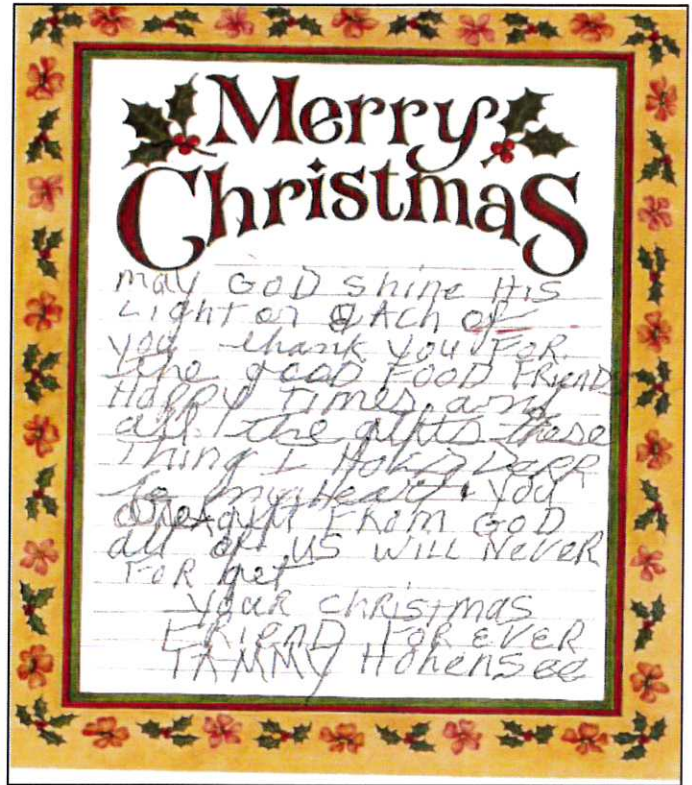
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### January Birthdays

- 02.....George E Hasley 22.....Kurt B Perry
- 02.....Gayle D Hurst 23.....Gary L Aadland
- 07.....Louis S Kully 23.....John Laird
- 09.....Andrew Warrings 25.....Derek Phelps
- 11.....Scott M Friend 26.....David Crecelius
- 11.....Robin Koozer 27.....Larry J Faimon
- 16.....John D Bogan 27.....John R Keogh
- 17.....Mark Jaspersen 27.....Leah Ostrander
- 18.....Lloyd L McIntyre 28.....James D Freeburger
- 18.....Creighton F Urdil Jr. 28.....Eugene Shaw
- 20.....Kenneth L Morris

The following thank you was given to the Elks by one of our Special People who attended our Christmas Party for them. (published by permission)



#### BIRTHDAY PARTY COUPON

We congratulate all Elks who have birthdays in January. 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: \_\_\_\_\_

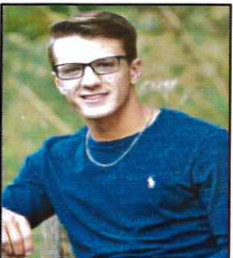
Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

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

### December Student of the Month By: Nancy Heinke



**Amanda Stramel** is a senior at Hastings Senior High School. She is a member of National Honors Society. She is Secretary of Student Council. She participates in Freshman Mentoring Program and is a member of Science Club. Her sport is Cross Country. Her community service includes Hearts and Hands Against Hunger, volunteer at College View and Vacation Bible School. Her work experience includes lifeguard, detasseling and deli work. Her hobbies are running, crossfit, shopping, makeup, reading, hiking, cooking and spending time with younger cousins. She is the daughter of Lisa Stramel.



**Connor Laux** is a senior at Hastings Senior High School. He is a member of National Honors Society, DECA and Freshmen Mentoring Program. He participates in wrestling, is captain of the Football team and captain of the Baseball team. He was awarded the Wendy's High School Heisman Award. His community service includes Big Brothers/Big Sisters, youth wrestling camp volunteer, youth baseball camp volunteer and wrestling referee/score keeper. He has worked at detasseling and operates his own lawn care business. Connor's hobbies are golfing, fishing, ping pong and hanging out with friends. He is the son of Kendra Laux and Brian Laux.

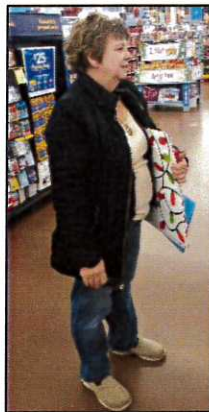
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## Beacon Grant brings Christmas Cheer by: PER Jackie Norris, youth chairman



This was the 4<sup>th</sup> year our Lodge has used the Beacon Grant to bring gifts to local foster children who are 13 and older. The local Christmas charities cut off at age 12, so we help fill in the gap.

There were seven volunteers who came together at Walmart grabbed a cart and filled a gift bag with lots of great gifts for teenage boys and girls to help make a possibly difficult time a little brighter. The volunteers were Carole Thompson, Julie Rothfuss, Brandi Archer, Margo Woolman, Lori Gion and Kerri Oreskavicz and her adorable daughter, Willow. Mike Norton joined in later and helped entertain Willow.

We all had a great time buying the perfect gifts and as usual, attracted some attention from both the workers and some fellow Elks that were curious what we were up to! I took the gifts to CASA and the staff and I put everything in gift bags and I stamped all the tags with our Lodge seal. The case workers will deliver them to the kids next week. I have gotten some really touching letters from the kids in the past and I know we make an impact on these kids.

## 2017 Elks Christmas Project by: Julie Rothfuss, Christmas project chairman



The Hastings Elks Lodge again helped to make Christmas brighter for 79 area low income families this year by providing much needed clothing. These children ranging in age from 0-12 were referred to us from a couple local agencies. The funds for this project comes each year by the generosity of our members and assisted by discounts from Herberger's Department Store where the clothing is purchased. 15 volunteers purchased clothing from Herberger's Department Store during the month of December. The volunteers were Lynn Folcik, Erica Martinez, Kerrie Oreskovich, Margo Woolman, Donna Dill, Sue Meester, Barb Rose, Terri Gartner, Angie Pedroza, Brandi Archer, Jackie Norris, Nancy Freeling, Dionna Gydesen, Beth Gydesen and Julie Rothfuss. Many of these ladies went home and wrapped their packages while the rest of the clothing was wrapped into packages on Saturday morning December 16, 2017 at the lodge. The following people helped wrap on Saturday: Brad Norton, Dick and Nancy Freeling, Carol Thompson, Donna Dill, Kerrie Oreskovich, Erica Martinez, Dick Hansen, Brandi Archer, Margo Woolman, Jackie Norris and Julie Rothfuss. Later in the afternoon all the packages were delivered to the recipients. Helping deliver packages were Don Runcie, Margo Woolman, Jackie Norris, Brad Norton, Mary, Denny and Barb Rose, Bill and Jan Mooney, Dick and Nancy Freeling, Joe and Carol Thompson, Dick Hansen and Julie Rothfuss.

Everyone had a great time buying, wrapping and delivering these gifts and the families that we touched were so appreciative of the Hastings Elks Lodge.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Tom & Jerry's NOON	Stag/Stagette	Wing It Wednesday 6:30 - 8:00 PM Burgers, Wings, Beer (Horsham Crew)	CLOSED	Ladder Ball Corn Hole Game Night 7:30 PM	Wedding Reception 6:00 PM
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Opti-Shot Indoor Virtual Golf 1:00 PM	CLOSED	Does Meeting 11:30 AM Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM	Wing It Wednesday 6:30 - 8:00 PM Burgers, Wings, Beer (Mooney Crew)	CLOSED	Ladder Ball Corn Hole Game Night 7:30 PM	Private Party 6:00 PM
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Opti-Shot Indoor Virtual Golf 1:00 PM	CLOSED		Wing It Wednesday 6:30 - 8:00 PM Burgers, Wings, Beer (Duane Crew)	CLOSED	Ladder Ball Corn Hole Game Night 7:30 PM	
Members Meeting 5:00 PM	21	22	23	24	25	26
Opti-Shot Indoor Virtual Golf 1:00 PM	CLOSED	Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM	Wing It Wednesday 6:30 - 8:00 PM Burgers, Wings, Beer (Margo Crew)	CLOSED	Ladder Ball Corn Hole Game Night 7:30 PM	Hypnotist 5:30PM
28	29	30	31			
Opti-Shot Indoor Virtual Golf 1:00 PM	CLOSED		Wing It Wednesday 6:30 - 8:00 PM Burgers, Wings, Beer (Grothen Crew)			



**The Hastings Elks Lodge #159 Presents**

# **Stage Hypnotist Brent Breckner**

**at the Elk's Country Club**

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Brent is a Professional Stage Hypnotist who has been performing for over 5 years in Central Nebraska and is sure to provide a wonderfully entertaining show.  
**All Proceeds benefit the Elk's Scholarship Program**

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**Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Tickets \$25 each - Tables of 8 \$175**

**Cocktail Hour at 5:30pm - Dinner served at 6:30pm**

**Tickets Include Dinner Choice of Chicken Cordon Bleu or Pork Chop**

**Show Starts at 8:00pm**

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**Advance Tickets available for purchase at the Elks Country Club  
3050 E. South Street or via Phone 402-462-6616**

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## Golf Membership

### **Hastings Elks**

#### Raffle Tickets

1 Chance-\$20

3 Chances-\$50

7 Chances-\$100

Proceeds go toward flooring and clubhouse improvements

Drawing for single membership will be March 1, 2018

Winner will be able to upgrade membership for small fee