



Calling all Elks

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Jackie's Message by Jackie Norris, Exalted Ruler

Wow, has a whole year gone by already? This is my last letter to you as the ER of Hastings Lodge #159. I want to thank everyone for all of your support and friendship. We have certainly had a year filled with fun and fellowship, as well as concerns and worries. I have no doubt that we will prevail through the trying times. I've seen, over and over, the quality of the people in our Lodge. We'll be fine.

Keep in mind, too, that the charitable work we do in our community is invaluable to many of our neighbors. We care about children, students, military families and our veterans in very important ways.

Thank you to my officers for the endless work you have done all year long. The officers were there for every event, and they worked hard to make sure we served the community as well as our Lodge. I'm very proud of the way we worked together to achieve our goals.

I also want to thank the Trustees of our Lodge. They work tirelessly to take care of the business of the Lodge, the Club and the Golf Course. It's a big job, and the Trustees put many hours into what they do, and made difficult decisions all year long. Please take time to thank the officers and Trustees for their dedication.

Finally, I want to extend my gratitude and deep respect to you - the members of Hastings Lodge #159. It is your heart, your caring and your sharing that makes us special.

Being an officer for Hastings Elks has been the most rewarding experience I have ever had. I thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve with, and for, the Elks.

Notes From the Secretary by Joe Thompson

I wish to thank the membership for your rapid response on dues payments. All dues need to be paid by April 1st. As of February 23rd, 90 members have paid dues - that's 20% of the Lodge membership responding in the the first two days. Elks Membership cards will be mailed as soon as processed. I intend on mailing "Widow's" cards on March 30th.

Golfing Members - please note that there is a small sticker on your card that identifies you as a golfing member. We will be having many new golfing members, along with several new employees. Please be helpful and carry your card so the employees can see the sticker and know you are a golf member without having to spend extra time trying to verify everybody who walks up from a list.

Also, at the golf counter, the sign in sheet for golf has a place for your membership number. Please use your number when signing in. Knowing how many member vs. non-member rounds are played may become important for tax purposes. Let's make sure we have the information we need for the IRS. (Your card number and your membership number are the same.)

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E.R. Jackie Norris makes her first Eagle Scout presentation of an Elks Certificate and Flag on February 5th. The presentation honored Logan Klein, who worked hard from a very young age to earn this Eagle Scout badge. Pictured (L to R): Dennis Klen, Logan, and Jackie.

From the Trustees by Dave Osborn, Chairman

Members All,

Some of you are aware that Diane and I will be moving to Omaha in the next few weeks. While we will miss the Elks here, we will enjoy being closer to our grand children. We will come back occasionally to enjoy the friendships we have made here at the Elks and to attend some of the lodge functions. I would encourage you to be involved in your lodge, whether it s volunteering to help plan a special event, volunteering for a cooking crew, or helping on the golf course. The lodge can only be as good as you make it. You can not expect a manager to "see all and be all", and their success takes all Elks helping and supporting.

There have been many changes within the past year, Dewey Lynch will be taking over as club house manager March 1, stop out introduce yourself and welcome Dewey. We believe he will be a great asset to the club. The golf course pre-selection committee is working to find a golf course manager, and should have applicants narrowed for the trustees to make the final selection soon. Rest assured that the employees who remain, will maintain the course in excellent condition until a manager is in place. We have every confidence in their ability to groom the course to meet your expectations.

As we gear up for golf season remember to invite people out to participate in Monday night mixed couples golf, Tuesdays- ladies day, Thursdays-men's league, and of course the golf tournaments.

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Don't Forget!
Lodge and Golf Dues Due by April 1, 2012.
Card Keys will be in use, and green fees will be charged until paid