

THE THIRTY-NINER

THE BENEVOLENT & PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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2018-2019 ELECTED OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler	Vacant
Est. Leading Knight	Mia Newell
Est. Loyal Knight	Brandon Gomez
Est. Lecturing Knight	Russell Auen
Secretary	Linda Patrick
Treasurer	Jeffrey L. Sanders, PER

2018-2019 TRUSTEES

1-Year	Gerald T. Deterding, PER
2-Year	Daniel B. Carlson
3-Year	Mark Kramer
4-Year	Bob Broadhurst
5-year	Tom Detweiler

2017-2018 APPOINTED OFFICERS

Chaplin	Denise Sanders
Esquire	Jerry Waldow, PER
Inner Guard	Vacant
Flag Master	Mark Lyman



ELKS MISSION STATEMENT

To inculcate the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity; to recognize and believe in God; to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its Members; to quicken the spirit of American patriotism; to cultivate good fellowship; to perpetuate itself as a fraternal organization and to provide for its government. The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America will serve the people and communities through benevolent programs, demonstrating that Elks Care and Elks Share.



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR ESTEEMED LEADING KNIGHT

A New Year brings new beginnings. New beginnings bring new opportunities. This can be both exciting and scary at the same time. Some of us run to new things and some of us fight them the entire way. I hope that we will find a way to work together to continue our traditions as well as start new ones. We have had so many fun times in the past couple of months. With our grants awarded to us by the Elks National Foundation, we have been to The Amazing Pizza Machine with the children from Completely Kids and hosted the annual Breakfast with Santa for our Angel Tree kids. We also completed another year of our traditional Christmas Cheer using generous donations from our members.

In November, we were able to host 65 children from Completely Kids to Amazing Pizza Machine. They brought 11 helpers with them and we had 7 Elk volunteers that helped with the project. We treated these children to the pizza buffet and over an hour of free play time on the games. I think that the adults even had some fun! We have built a great relationship with this group over the past several years. We use the Beacon Grant to give these children some type of fun activity each year. This gives these children a chance to escape, even for a short while, from the struggles they face. I hope that maybe you will find some time this year to help the Elks give back to these children with our next fun “field trip” in this new year.



On February 5th at 7pm, I would like you to please attend a meeting to discuss possible activities that The Elks can be a part of in the year to come. We tend to be limited only by our ability to get our members involved. We have 4 areas that we like to focus on: Youth, Americanism, Drug Awareness, and our Veterans. If you have any ideas on what projects we can get involved in or even ideas on how to make our current ones better, please plan on attending. Each year, as a lodge we can receive \$7,000 in grants to assist us in each of these areas, but in order to receive these grants we must have activities that get our members involved. I am not asking any of you to commit, but just offer some ideas that could help us to shed more light in our community about what we do as The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Please take time this new year to find a way to get involved. This year can be the best our lodge has seen! It just takes each of us doing our part. I challenge each of you this year to make it a point to volunteer at least 2 hours this year with one or two of our events. If each of us would do that, we would leave a lasting impression on the people of our community. A small act to help someone in need can last a lifetime. I am wishing you all a Happy New Year!

Your Esteemed Leading Knight,
Mia Newell

Nominations for the 2019-2020 Officers

We will accept nominations during the February 11th Lodge Meeting.

Please plan on attending! Your input is greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions as to the responsibilities of the officers, please inquire with any current Officer or Lodge Secretary.

We will be taking the final votes on February 25th.

IMPORTANT DATES:

JANUARY 8: PER Meeting | 6 p.m.

JANUARY 12: Bingo with Veterans | 10 a.m.

JANUARY 14: Lodge Meeting | 7 p.m.

JANUARY 28: Lodge Meeting | 7 p.m.

JANUARY 31: Board Meeting | 6 p.m.

FEBRUARY 3: Outlaw Breakfast Fundraiser

FEBRUARY 5: Meeting – Grant Possibilities | 7 p.m.

FEBRUARY 9: Bingo with Veterans | 10 a.m.

FEBRUARY 9: PER Valentine Dinner | 6 p.m.

FEBRUARY 11: Lodge Meeting – Nominations for Officers

FEBRUARY 16: Casino Night

FEBRUARY 25: Lodge Meeting – Election of Officers

FEBRUARY 28: Board Meeting

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Meet our New December Members



From Left to right: Mike Ralston, Dan Werner, Mike Yarbrough, Kevin Kochanowicz, Dave Smith, and Jeff Fuqua

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Casino Night is Saturday, February 16th!

Tickets: \$10

Purchase your tickets at the bar

Included is 1 free drink & cold appetizers at the event

Join us for Black Jack, Roulette, Craps, Texas Hold 'Em, and Trivia

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Happy New Year!!!

Santa Claus arrived in perfect time as the kids were anxiously waiting for presents. He was really good with all the little ones, even getting the grumpy little kids to smile and sit on his lap.

Our Breakfast with Santa and the Christmas Cheer event were a big success - thanks to everyone that pitched in.

The girls softball team, The Outlaws, were a huge help from packing food boxes, setting up the tables and chairs and organizing all the presents. We had the Girls Scouts and Boy Scouts lending a hand also. It was great to see all the Elks that jumped in and did whatever was needed! Thanks to everyone who played a part. We should all be very proud of a job well done.

Linda Patrick



OFFICER EXPECTATIONS, CONT'

All information taken from 2017 Constitution and Statutes of Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks, USA

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: The responsibilities of the Board and its members are set forth in Sections 12.070 and 16.050 of the Laws of the Order. Three to five members may serve as established in the Local Lodge By-Laws. (Grand Lodge Statutes, Section 15.010)

Subject to control by the Lodge, the Board shall have the powers:

(a) to control the funds, investments and real and personal property of the Lodge, not otherwise provided by law, and collect the income and rents therefrom and (b) to execute all leases, contracts or other papers when ordered by the Lodge.

The Board's duties shall include: Maintaining a record of investments directed by the Lodge, showing original cost, due dates, income and disbursements therefrom; purchasing all supplies required by the Lodge; presenting written reports of its transactions at the first regular meetings of the Lodge in each month of the year; presenting a segregated budget to the Lodge, no later than its final meeting in April, containing separate appropriations for areas of expenditures for the Lodge during the ensuing year; establishing appropriate controls to ensure expenditures are within budget or those in excess are properly approved by the Lodge; establishing an Accident Prevention Program with one member of the Board designated to act as Accident Prevention Chairperson who will periodically review Lodge premises and complete the Self-Inspection Form; and generally act as the Safety Inspector of the Lodge. The Chairperson of the Board must attend the Clinics of the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the District in which the Lodge is located unless excused for good cause.

The Board must be aware of the obligations of the Lodge to pay taxes.

This article is a continuation from the December Newsletter's description of the duties of the Exalted Ruler, Knights, Lodge Secretary & Lodge Treasurer. If you are interested in learning more about any of these positions, please contact one of the current officers.

TILER: You are responsible for guarding the outer door of the Lodge. You must be thoroughly familiar with the duties set forth in Section 12.080 of the Laws of the Order, and in the Ritual of the Local Lodges (Code 511500).

ESQUIRE: As set forth in Section 12.090 of the Laws of the Order and the Ritual of the Local Lodges (Code 511500), you are responsible for organizing the Lodge for meetings, preparing candidates for initiation, examining and introducing visiting members, supervising the ballot and transmitting official messages as directed by the Exalted Ruler. Upon assuming office, you must review the parts in the Opening and Closing and Initiatory rituals applicable to your office and be sufficiently familiar with other rituals to permit impressive rendition of your parts.

CHAPLAIN: Section 12.100 of the Laws of the Order governs your office. Upon assuming office, you must review the parts of the Opening and Closing and Initiatory rituals applicable to your office and be sufficiently familiar with other rituals to permit impressive rendition of your parts. And although not required by the Laws of the Order, it is customary in most Lodges, where invocations and benedictions are part of the various social activities, that the Chaplain performs this function with suitable words of his or her choice.

INNER GUARD: Section 12.100 of the Laws of the Order and the Ritual of the Local Lodges (Code 511500) govern your office. Upon assuming office, you must review the parts of the Opening and Closing and Initiatory rituals applicable to your office and be sufficiently familiar with other rituals to permit impressive rendition of your parts.

OCTOBER STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Allison Hernandez

Allison Hernandez is currently a senior at Ralston High School. She dreams of being in the medical field, and based on what I have learned of her, she will succeed. She puts her best foot forward in all that she does. She is involved in school activities, clubs, and community service and still finds time for a job.

Allison is involved in school clubs such as HOSA, DECA, Spanish, and Art. Just the clubs alone are evident that she has a wide variety of interests. She also likes judging for speech competitions. Allison not only is a member of these clubs, but has also been an officer in both HOSA and DECA.

Allison has won many awards including, Student of the Week and the Latino Leadership Award. She was also able

to attend Girls State and was accepted in to the Medical Academy. All of these things help to shine the spotlight on a well deserving young lady.

While not at school or work, Allison also finds time to volunteer around the community. She helps at the Baright Library, Bergan Mercy Hospital, and Allplay Miracle League. She participates in blood drives and other community services, such as Buddy Shopping and others through the clubs she is a part of with school.

Congratulations to Allison Hernandez for representing our youth in such a positive way. I am proud to honor you as our October Student of the month!

NOVEMBER STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Madigan Brodsky

Our Elk's November Student of the month is Madigan Brodsky. Madigan is a senior at Westside High School. Just reading the letter of recommendation from her counselor made me want to know her. Her counselor stated that the best part of Madigan is her heart.

Madigan not only has a heart to help others, but she has a 4.0 (un-weighted) GPA. This is hard enough to accomplish with the regular classes, much less the college courses she is tackling. Many of the faculty have stated that she is an incredible leader in many areas. She is said to have an amazing drive about her and maintains humility through it all.

She is involved in many school activities such as Captain of the Varsity Dance Team, Beta Club- peer tutor, Project Unity member, and Executive Coordinator in Journalism. She also helps at Westside Middle School as a Peer Mentor.

Madigan shared that her mother always taught her to, "be the older kid you wished you had when you were younger", and she has done just that.

Others have noticed her achievements and have honored her. She was the NSAA Believers & Achievers recipient, WHS Outstanding Sophomore girl, the Exchange Club – Outstanding Sophomore and one of the Omaha Better Business Bureau Community recipients.

She is currently serving as an Intern at *Nebraska Civic Engagement Table* as part of an independent study program. She is a soloist dancer with *Nebraska Dance Company*, a 2018 *Get Out the Vote Project* Advocate Student Leader, and a Sparks Time leader for the *Hope Center for Kids*.

In her free time, when she finds any, Madigan enjoys reading or dancing. She also loves spending time with her family and friends. Congratulations Madigan for being elected November Student of the month! Continue to be an inspiring example for your younger peers to follow.

DOES NEWS

The New Year is just around the corner, and as customary, it's time to make New Years Resolutions for 2019. As with most organizations, membership is always a top priority. We have gained many new members the past two years, and we are diligently working to continue adding new members into the new year. I am thrilled with all our new members; with their commitment, the wonderful exchange of ideas, and especially all the hard work and effort, all of which has allowed our Drove to grow and move forward this year.

I am so pleased that we will installing a full slate of Officers. We have several appointed positions and committee members and chairmen already in place. Our Installation Ceremony will be held Thursday, January 3 at 7 p.m. at the Lodge. I extend an invitation to all Does and Elks, friends and family members to join us that evening. We will have a reception following the Ceremony.

Our second area of priority for 2019 will be to discuss our current Benevolence Projects, review new potential projects and develop a path forward.

We expanded our Veterans Project this year by again providing Christmas gift bags to Veterans and Children serviced by the Paralyzed Veterans of America.

Additionally, we provided Christmas gift bags, blankets and pantry items to the VA clinic patients and to the homeless Vet program at the VA. Our second meeting on January 17th, will be a Benevolence Meeting to set a path forward for 2019 with the intent of expanding our current projects and adding new areas of support within our Community. I hope all members will attend and be part of the discussion.

We are looking forward to a wonderful new year for the Drove. I want to thank everyone for all your hard work, sharing of ideas, and your commitment to work together and move our Drove forward.

I also want to thank the Elks for your continued support. We look forward to a new year working together for the benefit of both of our organizations.

Wishing everyone a wonderful Holiday Season and all the blessings of the New Year.

“You don't grow by chance, you grow by change”

Diane Eischen, President

Omaha Drove #1

Dining Room will be closed for remodeling starting January 4th
The Bar area will still be open through the remodeling

FAMILY BURGER NIGHT SCHEDULE FOR 2019

January

Jan. 8 Officers/Trustees
Jan. 15 Outlaws
Jan. 22 Ralston Rams
Jan. 29 Bud Boys 1

February

Feb. 5 Bud Boys Platinum
Feb. 12 Does Drove #1
Feb. 19 PER's
Feb. 26 Officers/Trustees

March

Mar. 5 Outlaws
Mar. 12 Ralston Rams
Mar. 19 Bud Boys 1
Mar. 26 Bud Boys Platinum

April

Apr. 2 Does Drove #1
Apr. 9 Officers/Trustees
Apr. 16 Outlaws
Apr. 30 Bud Boys 1

May

May 7 Bud Boys Platinum
May 14 Does Drove #1
May 21 PER's
May 28 Officers/Trustees

June

Jun. 4 Outlaws
Jun. 11 Ralston Rams
Jun. 18 Bud Boys 1
Jun. 25 Bud Boys Platinum

July

Jul. 2 Does Drove #1
Jul. 9 Officers/Trustees
Jul. 16 Outlaws
Jul. 23 Ralston Rams
Jul. 30 Bud Boys 1

August

Aug. 6 Bud Boys Platinum
Aug. 13 Does Drove #1
Aug. 20 PER's
Aug. 27 Officers/Trustees

September

Sept. 3 Outlaws
Sept. 10 Ralston Rams
Sept. 17 Bud Boys 1
Sept. 24 Bud Boys Platinum

October

Oct. 1 Does Drove #1
Oct. 8 Officers/Trustees
Oct. 15 Outlaws
Oct. 22 Ralston Rams
Oct. 29 Bud Boys 1

November

Nov. 5 Bud Boys Platinum
Nov. 12 Does Drove #1
Nov. 19 PER's
Nov. 26 Officers/Trustees

December

Dec. 3 Outlaws
Dec. 10 Ralston Rams
Dec. 17 Bud Boys 1

JANUARY

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1 Happy New Year!!! 	2	3	4 Taco Salad	5
6	7	8 PER Meeting 6 p.m. Officers/ Trustees	9	10	11 Pork Chop Dinner	12
13	14 Lodge Meeting 7 p.m.	15 Outlaws	16	17	18 Ruben Sandwich	19
20	21	22 Ralston Rams	23	24	25 Patty Melts	26
27	28 Lodge Meeting 7 p.m.	29 Bud Boys 1	30	31 Board Meeting 6 p.m.		

FEBRUARY

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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3 Outlaw Breakfast Fundraiser	4	5 Meeting – 7 p.m. Bud Boys Platinum	6	7	8	9 PER Valentine Dinner 
10	11 Lodge Meeting- Nominations for Officers	12 Does Drove #1	13	14 	15	16 Casino Night 
17	18	19 PER's	20	21	22	23
24	25 Lodge Meeting- Election of Officers	26 Officers/ Trustees	27	28 Board Meeting		

Make Plans with your Sweetheart!



PER Valentine Dinner

February 9th

6 p.m. Cocktails

7 p.m. Dinner



Menu to be posted soon

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