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Mon-Thurs 11am - 11pm  
Fri 11am—12 am  
Sat 9am - 12am  
Sun 9am - 9pm

[www.hopkinselks.org](http://www.hopkinselks.org)

[www.teamingupforteens.org](http://www.teamingupforteens.org)

[www.mnwelcomhomevets.org](http://www.mnwelcomhomevets.org)



Lodge meetings are the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month except on holidays. July and August 4th Monday only.

### Officers

Exalted Ruler	Kat Downs
Leading Knight	Sue Huttner
Loyal Knight	Danielle Arthur
Lecturing Knight	Michael Shinn
Secretary	Jody Olson
Treasurer	Vicki Olson
Esquire	Mike Owens
Chaplain	Candyce Ferrentino
Inner Guard	Mike Stevens
Tiler	Linda Stevens

### Trustees

(2nd/4th Monday 6:00pm)  
Marty Bickel, Jeff Boumeester,  
Jim Granquist, Bob Arthur,  
Dwight Koenen

### House Committe

Denise Friedmeyer, Clyde Ulku  
Amy Lynn Nelson, Scott Johnson  
Audra Granquist

### Special Events

Cindy Muzetras, Jan Larson  
Linda Stevens, Mary Page



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### Exalted Ruler Kat Downs



As we begin our 2019-2020 Hopkins Elks Lodge #2221 year I want to say how thankful and excited I am to become your new Exalted Ruler. The opportunity to be a leader and a part of this organization is extremely humbling and important to me. I want to thank the incoming Officers, Trustees and Committee members who will so graciously dedicate their time over the next year to help support and grow our Lodge. I would also like to thank the PER's for all their hard work and continued dedication to our Order.

And to DeDe Kelm for her hard work on growing our membership, brightening up our Lodge space and continuing to support Teaming Up For Teens, a million thank yous for contributing to our major growth this last year. I am so very looking forward to all the great activities, events and charitable deeds we have ahead of us. From Raspberry to Ribfest to Craft Fairs and Dart League we have so many opportunities for our members to get involved and volunteer in so many ways! I can't stress enough how energized I am by all the new members who have expressed interest in joining activities and for our experienced members for their continued commitment to the roles they have chosen to participate in. Each and everyone one of you are critical to the success of our Lodge and your presence wherever and whenever you can be here is greatly appreciated.

My goals for our Lodge this year are simple. I want to support and continue what has been built by my predecessors. We have an amazing team of people who have come together over the years to build our existing mode of operations which I have major respect for. There are a couple of places

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I do want to have an impact. I want to explore ways in which we can leverage different technology platforms to continue to improve our communication strategy, both internal and external. I also want to regain some focus on our Ritual. Not necessarily competition at this time but rather, that our Officers have the opportunity to better understand our ritual so that they can pass it down to the next generation of Officers and not have it lost in history. Communication and Ritual are important to me.

All in all I am completely honored to be a part of this Lodge and am looking forward to the next year; our accomplishments, the challenges, the friends I have here and the things I will inevitably learn about our Order and myself. I also look forward to my future Elks endeavors after my time in this Chair ends.

A sincere thank you to everyone who came out and participated in the Exalted Ruler vote. Your presence and participation were AMAZING. And thank you all of you who show continued support of our Lodge and its members. Again, I am honored to be a part of all of you.

Sincerely,  
Kat Downs  
Exalted Ruler

## Membership Report

### As of March 18, 2019

This info is posted at the Lodge

Next Initiation: TBA

Any questions, please contact the Lodge secretary at [secretary@hopkinselks.org](mailto:secretary@hopkinselks.org).

## Birthdays

The following members have birthdays this month:

This info is posted at the  
Lodge

**Easter Brunch:** At the time this was published, it was unknown if there would be an Easter Brunch. Check the bulletin boards and weekly update email

**Arts / Crafts Fair**  
Saturday  
April 13, 11am-3pm

Over 20 tables of arts,  
crafts and vendor items.  
Lunch available for purchase



## Teaming Up For Teens Packing Event

Friday, April 5, 6:30pm

Help us pack spring  
support packs for  
local youth in need



## Veterans Activities

It's been a busy few months for our veterans programs.

- We delivered our 300th Welcome Home Kit to a homeless veteran moving into permanent housing. Derek and his family were grateful for the home starter kit we provided to get them back on their feet.
- Packed and delivered personal hygiene and household items to 140 residents of the Veterans and Community Housing building on the VA campus. It was paid for by our ENF Anniversary Grant—your ENF donations at work!



If you'd like to help with the Welcome Home program, contact Rick Peterson. For all other veterans activities contact our Veterans Chair Guy Saffell.

## Introduction to the Lodge and the Club

Many people use the words Lodge and Club interchangeably but there is a distinct difference between the two. We thought it would be a good idea to introduce these concepts to our new members and do a refresher for all members on what each entity is and the differences.

**Lodge:** The governing / legal entity of our Elks Lodge. The Lodge is a member of the national organization referred to as the Grand Lodge. The day to day operations of the Lodge are managed by the Lodge Officers and the Trustees/Board of Directors. The Lodge maintains and controls the building, its contents and surrounding area. The Lodge has specific operating requirements as defined by national, state and local lodge statutes—for example, rites and ceremonies for membership, officer installation and Flag Day to name a few. There are a number of programs that are part of the Lodge including: youth scholarships, grant projects such as Teaming Up For Teens and Welcome Home Vets, Drug Awareness, Americanism and more.

**Club:** The Club is the social component of the Lodge and often includes a bar, a dining room and a kitchen. The day to day operations of the Club are managed by the House Committee and a Club Manager/Bar Manager (if present). The Club hosts one time events such as the Raspberry Festival as well as ongoing events such as bean bags, darts and specialty events.

The Lodge and the Club each have their own budget, financial accounts and rules of operation—all of which are available for review by members upon request. The charitable aspect of the Lodge means reduced property taxes and a lower liquor tax among other things. Not all Lodges have a building or a Club—some are virtual lodges that meet at local area restaurants, VFWs etc. Fundraising events may be hosted to benefit the Lodge or a Lodge program (eg. Ribfest benefits scholarships) while other fundraising events benefit the Club (e.g. Golf Tourney, Raspberry Festival).

Both the Lodge and the Club are governed by the members. As a member, your primary vehicle for proposals for change, budget requests etc. is to raise it through either the Trustees (Lodge), the House Committee (Club) or on the floor at a Lodge Meeting.

The Lodge and Club are tied together and operate harmoniously to serve its members. If you have any questions or would like further information on this topic, contact one of the Lodge officers, Trustees or House Committee for more information.

## 2019-2020 Lodge Committees

Our new Exalted Ruler Kat is looking for a few more members to fill out our lodge committees. Thank you to those that have volunteered to head up committees as identified below. We need volunteers to spearhead committees for Rasperry and Ribfest. We are also looking at creating a committee dedicated to Technology and Communication. More to follow on all of these, please see Kat if you are interested. A description of the committees and their responsibilities can be found on our web site at [www.hopkinselks.org](http://www.hopkinselks.org) under "For Members"

Accident Prevention Activities Committee Americanism Auditing/Accounting  Decorating Drug Awareness Elks Memorial Elk National Foundation Flag Day Fraternal Gaming	John Miller, PER Mary Berry Candyce Ferrentino Bill Smetana/ Dwight Koenen, PER Candyce Ferrentino Candyce Ferrentino Mary Doughman Cori Plehal Candyce Ferrentino Pat Wright, PER Tom Uhran	Government Relations Hoop Shoot Membership PER Association Public Relations Ritual Scholarships Soloist Lodge Activities/Penny a Day Student of the Month Veterans Services Youth Activities	Vacant Vacant Vacant Rai Berzins, PER Vacant Jim Huttner, PER Vacant Amy Lynn Nelson Vacant Vacant Guy Saffell Mike Schatz
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## April 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Lunch 11-2pm Happy Hour 4-7pm	2 Lunch 11—2pm Happy Hour 4-8pm	3 Happy Hour 11-7p  <b>Appetizers 6-8pm</b>	4 Lunch 11-2pm  <b>Grill Night 6:00-8:00pm</b>	5 Lunch 11-2pm  <b>Friday Fish Fry 6:00-8:00pm TUP4T Packing 6:30pm</b>	6 Lunch 11-2pm
7 <b>Sunday Breakfast 9am—12pm</b>	8 Lunch 11-2pm Happy Hour 4-7pm  <b>Trustee Meeting 6:00pm Lodge Meeting 7pm</b>	9 Lunch 11—2pm Happy Hour 4-8pm  <b>PER Pizza Night 5:30pm-8pm</b>	10 Happy Hour 11-7p  <b>Appetizers 6-8pm</b>	11 Lunch 11-2pm  <b>Grill Night 6:00-8:00pm</b>	12 Lunch 11-2pm  <b>Friday Fish Fry 6:00-8:00pm</b>	13 Lunch 11-2pm  <b>Arts &amp; Crafts Fair 11am-3pm</b>
14 <b>Sunday Breakfast 9am—12pm</b>	15 Lunch 11-2pm Happy Hour 4-7pm	16 Lunch 11-2pm Happy Hour 4-8pm	17 Happy Hour 11-7p  <b>Appetizers 6-8pm</b>	18 Lunch 11-2pm <b>Grill Night 6:00-8:00pm</b>	19 Lunch 11-2pm  <b>LAST Friday Fish Fry 6:00-8:00pm</b>	20 Lunch 11-2pm
21 <b>Check bulletin boards for status of Easter Brunch / breakfast</b>	22 Lunch 11-2pm Happy Hour 4-7pm  <b>Trustee Meeting 6:00pm Lodge Meeting 7pm</b>	23 Lunch 11-2pm Happy Hour 4-8pm  <b>PER Pizza Night 5:30pm-8pm</b>	24 Happy Hour 11-7p  <b>Appetizers 6-8pm</b>	25 Lunch 11-2pm  <b>Grill Night 6:00-8:00pm</b>	26 Lunch 11-2pm	27 Lunch 11-2pm
28 <b>Sunday Breakfast 9am—12pm</b>	29 Lunch 11-2pm Happy Hour 4-7pm	30 Lunch 11-2pm Happy Hour 4-8pm				