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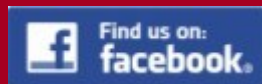
Club Hours

Mon—Thur 11am—11pm
Fri-11am—12am
Sat-10am—12am
Sun-9am—9pm

www.hopkinselks.org

www.teamingupforteens.org

www.mnwelcomhomevets.org



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

Officers

Exalted Ruler	Danielle Arthur
Leading Knight	Michael Shinn
Loyal Knight	Mike Owens
Lecturing Knight	Ginger Worwa
Secretary	Jody Olson
Treasurer	Cindy Muzetras
Esquire	Kari Larson
Chaplain	Linda Stevens
Inner Guard	Mike Stevens
Tiler	TBA
Amy Nelson	Soloist
Rachel DeVille	Organist

Trustees

(2nd/4th Monday 6:00pm)
Jim Granquist, Bob Arthur,
Sue Huttner, Scott Johnson,
Mike Opheim

House Committee

Aaron Kuznia, Clyde Ulku,
Kristen Bethke, Kristi Halverson,
LaNae Spooner, Sandy Hongerholt,
Tom Hedlund



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<http://www.hopkinselks.org>

Exalted Ruler Danielle Arthur



Happy New Year Hopkins Elks!

We not only made it to a new month, but a new year! This is always such an interesting time of the year. The reflection of the passing year and the promise of the new year to come. What do you imagine for yourself in the year to come? Will you run a marathon? Eat more veggies? Make new friends? Volunteer at the Lodge more? Whatever you decide for your next adventure, may you do so with all your heart and find joy in all you do.

Throughout the last few months I have been sharing more information about our Lodge and Organization. We have visited on the special groups and positions that make our Lodge function. This month, I wanted to share information about the Appointed Officers.

The appointed officers include the Chaplain, Esquire, Inner Guard, and Tiler. Each of these positions have a very important role.

The Chaplain leads the prayers for the opening, closings, and initiatory rituals. The Chaplain may also provide an invocation and benediction at any of our events. The Chaplain sets the tone for our meetings and events. This year Linda Stevens has been our Chaplain. She has done a wonderful job as our Chaplain and I have been very thankful to have her sitting on my left to share her calming nature for each meeting and initiation.

The role of Esquire is to ensure the Lodge is organized for meetings, prepping the candidates for initiation, examining and introducing visiting members, overseeing the balloting process, and delivering messages during meetings. As you can see, this is a significant role in our organization. Our Esquire, Kari Larson, jumped in with both feet when she took on the role this year. She has done a very impressive job and I cannot tell her enough that she has done fantastic!

The Inner Guard is responsible for guarding the inner door of the Lodge and admitting only those that have followed the process to enter. This is an important part of the initiation ritual. Our Inner Guard is Mike Stevens, a.k.a. DJ-extraordinaire. Mike has been part of our officer group, along with Linda for the last few years. He has done a great job serving the Lodge in the roles he has had.

Our Tiler role is in charge of guarding the outer door of the Lodge. We have been fortunate to have Sue Huttner fill-in this role since September. Thank you Sue for helping us fill out our officer positions and for participating in each meeting and initiation! While I know this wasn't the plan at the start of the year, I am so grateful to have you onboard.

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As you can see these roles are such a vital part of our Lodge. If you have any interest in learning more or taking on one of these roles, let me know! I know a guy that can hook you up.

December rounded out our year of activities. We had many things happening around the Lodge and Club; I am hoping you took advantage of at least one throughout the month. We started December off with our annual Memorial Service. This is a beautiful service held each year to remember those who come no more. The first Sunday was capped off with the Vikings game and gift bag decorating event to help prep for the upcoming holiday.

The following week brought an opportunity to make tie-blankets and our holiday party. The blankets were provided for children who have experienced homelessness. What a great way to start out the season of giving! While I didn't get to participate in the party, I heard the food was outstanding! Thank you to the fantastic cooks and team that made the meal and event possible!

No-one attending the Tom & Jerry, Ugly Sweater event had any trouble getting into the holiday spirit. Even us sweater-challenged attendees had a blast! Thanks to all the hands that shared their talents for this event.

Sprinkled among these items were the Sunday Funday, burger nights, ENF fun, darts, and grill nights. Truly something for everyone!

January will be another fun month at Hopkins Elks Lodge. Get your taste buds ready for a Scandinavian meal and our first family dinner. A little soup/chili cook-off and the start of winter bean bags along with our regularly scheduled fun will make another full month of activities for you to participate in.

One more thing coming in the next month, maybe two, is our annual dues statements. When you do receive your dues renewal, you will notice that our dues have increased by \$5. This is due to the increased cost of insurance from the recent lawsuits. Last year we had the opportunity to use the new Grand Lodge system for dues renewal. We will be using the same program this year, so look for more information coming your way soon.

Looking to see what is happening around the Lodge? As mentioned in the weekly update, we have added an event calendar to the Hopkins Elks website. You can go to www.hopkinselks.org >Events > Events Calendar or [click this link](#) to see all currently scheduled events.

If there is something you are interested in bringing to the Lodge, reach out to either myself, the House Committee, or Special Events Committee to help make it happen. This is our Lodge and we want activities to appeal to as many members as possible.

Speaking of events and information, did you know that you have access to information about the Elks as an organization and about our Lodge specifically through www.elks.org? All members have access to see the manuals, ritual books, Elks structured events, even our ENF (Elks National Foundation) information by creating your account at the website. You can connect with other members across the nation, follow topics of interest in the message board and so, so much more.

One thing that I want to share on the Elks.org site is that you can invite someone to join the organization. You simply need to complete the name and email address with a couple of questions regarding how you know the person you are inviting and that's it. The person you are inviting will receive an email with a link to complete the application process. No need to search out an application!

Each month I start this article with the intent to make it short and sweet. So far, I am 0 for 10. I would apologize for this, but I have so many things I want to share with you. We have the privilege of belonging to this amazing organization. I could try again next month, but I just want everyone to know all the awesomeness we are part of and for you to love it as much as I do.

God Bless,
Danielle

Membership Report

As of December 18, 2021

Next Initiation: January 15, 2022

This info is posted at the Lodge

Birthdays

The following members have birthdays this month:

**This info is posted
at the Lodge**

SOUP / CHILI COOK-OFF

Sign up and be a "CHEF"

OR

**Enjoy the Samplings and
Vote for your favorite
soup or chili!**

**SPECIAL PRIZE
AWARDED TO THE
WINNER**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY
9TH**

**During the Vikings
noon game**

OFFICER OPPORTUNITY

Attention Members All!!

Searching for dedicated members looking for an opportunity to be an officer and learn more about what we do in Elksdom. I'm looking for a few members who would be interested in the positions of: Esteemed Loyal Knight, Esteemed Lecturing Knight, Esquire, Chaplain and Tiler.

The qualifications for the positions are as follows:

- ♦ **Esteemed Loyal Knight** will assist the Exalted Ruler in the performance of his duties and officiate for the Exalted Ruler in the absence of the Esteemed Leading Knight.
- ♦ **Esteemed Lecturing Knight** would be the greeter at lodge functions exemplifying a spirit of "Brotherly Love". They will also assist the Exalted Ruler in the performance of his duties and officiate for the Exalted Ruler in the absence of the Esteemed Loyal Knight and Esteemed Lecturing Knight.
- ♦ **Esquire** will organize the lodge for its meetings, prepare candidates for initiations, examine, and introduce visiting members, supervise the ballot and transmit official messages as directed by the Exalted Ruler.
- ♦ **Chaplain** shall perform the duties required by the Laws of the Order or the By-Laws of the Lodge.
- ♦ **Tiler** will guard the Order of the Lodge. He/She will also take charge of all jewels, regalia and other lodge property and see that they are in proper condition for all meetings of the lodge.

If interested in any of these positions or hearing more about any of them, please contact Michael Shinn at mshinn_elks@yahoo.com.

Michael Shinn
Esteemed Leading Knight

ENF Grants Helping Youth and Veterans in Need in our Community

As we closed out 2021, we also closed out our remaining ENF Grants. It was a busy December!

We completed our **Gratitude Grant** by supporting four different programs:

- 1) We donated toys and more to Resource West as part of their Toy Chest program. The program provides Christmas presents to kids whose families may not be able to afford them this year. Thanks to Lisa Hazzard and Jackie Culp for shopping and delivering!
- 2) We donated winter coats, hats and mittens to Resource West also to families in need to ensure kids stay warm this winter.
- 3) We donated 40+ fleece tie blankets to My Very Own Bed. They are a partner of our Welcome Home Veterans (WHV) program that provides beds and bedding to children of veterans that we serve through WHV.
- 4) We donated \$250 to our local Boy Scout Troop Pack 254 to ensure participants can afford to do the activities.

We used our **Freedom Grant** to support two different projects.

- 1) Sandy Hongerholt led a group of Elks members and members of Epsilon Sigma Alpha (ESA) that provided a Cub Foods tote of non perishable food, a plate of holiday treats and a hot ham dinner to residents of the Veterans East low income building. This is the fourth year we have supported Veterans East over the holidays and they are most grateful for our care and attention to them this time of year.
- 2) Gretchen & Rick Peterson organized an apple pie and ice cream social for residents of the MN Veterans Home. We also donated sweat pants, electric shavers and craft kits.

And finally, we used the remainder of our Beacon Grant to pack non perishable food packs for local kids in need that need a little extra food over the holiday break because they aren't being fed at school.

These are a few ways that your ENF donations are returned back into our community. This past year our Lodge has received over \$55,500 in ENF funds—\$16,500 in grant allocations and \$39,000 in Welcome Home Veteran Reimbursements. That's a great rate of return for the \$7,100 that our Lodge has donated this year. Thank you all for supporting ENF and our projects.

For more information on ENF or upcoming grant projects, contact Gretchen Peterson at info@hopkinselks.org or 612-889-2915.



Lodge members making tie blankets for My Very Own Bed (a Welcome Home Veterans partner)



Lodge members providing non perishable food packs and hot holiday dinner to low income veterans



Lodge members creating holiday food packs for kids in need to address food insecurity over the holiday break from school

WHERE DID THE MONEY GO IN 2021? LET'S TAKE A LOOK:

Adopt-A-Troop Care Packages (Sharon Hall)	\$ 3,245.35
Elks Batters Up (Todd Wandersee)	\$ 750.00
Elks Hoop Shoot (Beauclaire's)	\$ 510.58
Elks National Foundation	\$ 6,741.65
Firefighters For Healing	\$ 500.00
Gigi's Playhouse	\$ 250.00
Help For The Homeless	\$ 1,460.00
Heroes Helping Heroes	\$ 500.00
Hopkins Activity Center	\$ 200.00
Hopkins Crime Prevention Fund	\$ 1,500.00
Hopkins Cub Scout Pack #2541	\$ 250.00
Hopkins Fire Dept.	\$ 300.00
Hopkins Football Booster Club	\$ 1,000.00
Hopkins Police Dept.	\$ 1,000.00
Hopkins Softball	\$ 500.00
ICA Food Shelf	\$ 1,350.00
Midwest Animal Rescue	\$ 1,560.00
MN Elks Association	\$ 70.00
MN Elks Veteran Services	\$ 1,000.00
MN Elks Youth Camp	\$ 7,338.85
Resource West	\$ 500.00
Sponsor A Vets Family for the Holidays (Pat Wright)	\$ 750.00
Teaming Up for Teens	\$ 1,998.89
The Mission Project	\$ 300.00
Vail Place	\$ 535.00
Welcome Home Vets	\$ 200.00
TOTAL OF DONATIONS FOR 2021:	\$ 34,310.32
TOTAL DONATIONS PAID FROM GAMING	\$ 13,085.00
TOTAL DONATIONS PAID FROM LODGE	\$ 21,225.32

**THANK YOU HOPKINS ELK'S MEMBERS
FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

Scandinavian Dinner



January 8, 2022

5:30 Social Hour / 6:00 Dinner

\$12.00

Menu:

Norwegian Meatballs
Swedish Sausage
Krub (Potato Dumpling)

Mixed Vegetables
Coleslaw
Lefse
Dessert

Spaghetti & Meatball Family Dinner

By **The Golden Girls**

Join us **January 23rd** from **4-6 pm** for the famous The Golden Girl's Spaghetti and Meatballs! Salad, bread, and dessert are included for only \$12 per diner.

Sign-up Required



\$15 Wine Bottles





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I have built my real estate business on a foundation of experience and professionalism, honesty and integrity, attention to detail, and by always putting my clients interest first. My clients know they can trust me to always have their back.


CALLS FOR ARTICLES

Do you have an article you would like to submit to the monthly Hopline? As long as your article is Elks-related send it to: newsletter@hopkinselks.org.

CALENDAR INFORMATION

[click this link](#) to see all currently scheduled events

JANUARY 2022

SUN 9AM-9PM	MON 11AM-11PM	TUE 11AM-11PM	WED 11AM-11PM	THU 11AM-11PM	FRI 11AM-12AM	SAT 10AM-
JAN 30 9am Sunday Bkfst	JAN 31 Lunch—Check Updates					1 11a—??p Sloppy Joes 
2 9am Sunday Bkfst	3 Lunch—Check Updates	4 Lunch—Check Updates BURGER NIGHT 5:30-7pm 6pm—DARTS	5 Lunch—Check Updates FOOD-5:30-7:30p BAGS—6pm HOUSE COMM MTG—5:15pm SPECIAL EVENT MTG—6:15pm	6 Lunch—Check Updates 6:00-8:00pm GRILL NIGHT	7 Lunch—Check Updates NOON BARGO	8 11a—??p Sloppy Joes SCANDINAVIAN DINNER 5pm
9 9am Sunday Bkfst 12p—Vikings v. Bears SOUP / CHILI COOK-OFF	10 Lunch—Check Updates TRUSTEES – 6pm LODGE—7pm	11 Lunch—Check Updates BURGER NIGHT 5:30-7pm 6pm—DARTS	12 Lunch— Check Updates FOOD-5:30-7:30p BAGS—6pm	13 Lunch— Check Updates 6:00-8:00pm GRILL NIGHT	14 Lunch— Check Updates NOON BARGO	15 11a—??p Sloppy Joes
16 9am Sunday Bkfst	17 Lunch— Check Updates	18 Lunch—Check Updates BURGER NIGHT 5:30-7pm 6pm—DARTS	19 Lunch— Check Updates FOOD-5:30-7:30p BAGS—6pm	20 Lunch— Check Updates 6:00-8:00pm GRILL NIGHT	21 Lunch— Check Updates NOON BARGO	22 11a—??p Sloppy Joes
23 9am Sunday Bkfst FAMILY SPAGHETTI DINNER 4-6pm	24 Lunch—Check Updates TRUSTEES – 6pm LODGE—7pm	25 Lunch— Check Updates PER Pizza 5:30-7pm 6pm—DARTS	26 Lunch— Check Updates FOOD-5:30-7:30p BAGS—6pm	27 Lunch— Check Updates 6:00-8:00pm GRILL NIGHT	28 Lunch— Check Update NOON BARGO	29 11a—??p Sloppy Joes