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Mon—Thur 11am—11pm
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Sun-9am—9pm

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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



Hopkins Elks Lodge #2221
HOPLINE

<http://www.hopkinselks.org>

Exalted Ruler Danielle Arthur



Well Fellow Elks, we have reached my last Hopline article - please hold the cheering down to a dull roar 😊

Each month we have visited on different aspects of our organization and those that make the Lodge function. It has been a labor of love to share this information with you and I hope you have learned something new, or at least enjoyed reading the information again. This final month, I wanted to share a little bit about the Exalted

Ruler (ER) role.

The ER is charged with selecting the chairs and committee members, appointing the non-elected officers, running the Lodge meetings, overseeing club business, attending the district and state meetings, and ensuring the organization is abiding by the rules set forth by the Grand Lodge. One more element of the ER role is representing both our own Hopkins Elks Lodge and the organization in the community. There are many other things that get added into this, but you get the idea.

So what was it like to be the ER? I will admit, it was a bit scary coming into the ER role. We have an amazing organization and I wanted nothing more than to impart a little more good to it, basically, to not muck it up. I tend to be a bit modest, but I think the year went okay.

Along with all the other "official" ER things, Exalted Rulers are to set a focus/goal for the year. As I shared in my first Hopline, our focus this year was to get people back to our organization and restore the vivaciousness of it to our pre-pandemic state. The plan was to get events on the calendar and enjoy being together as much as possible. We have had many events this year- some traditional, some new - and shared many smiles and laughs. Thanking those that have been a part of these many events this year could easily fill the next couple pages (and I promised myself this would be shorter than the last few months).

One thing that was important to me was to lead by example. This meant spending the last year trying to be part of all the activities, meetings, and events to show support or provide any helpful guidance. It was also key to knowing what was happening around the place, learning more about our Lodge, and setting an example for volunteering.

The most influential part of my year as the ER has been learning more and more about the Elks organization. I have read through more statutes and bylaws than I care to admit and had to reach out to the "experts" on numerous occasions to make sure we were on the right path (you can rest assured, we are). Since I am a learner at heart, this was probably my most favorite part of being an ER.

This is not an easy job, but knowing you would be there has made it that

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much better. Know that I appreciate your support and kind words making it possible to make this an awesome year.

Dues statements have been sent. Remember, you have the ability to renew online. This was a great way to submit our renewals since we rarely have a checkbook on hand anymore. You are still able to make donations to different Elks programs via online or by submitting your renewal notice by mail/in person.

Speaking of donations, Wow! We have officially moved into 7th place for the Minnesota Elks Lodges in our ENF standings! This is a tremendous leap from our prior years. Our current Per-Member Donations are at \$17.782. Right now, the 6th place Lodge is at \$18.399. Just to share how far we have come this year, our March 31, 2021 (last year) donations per member were at \$5.494 and only one Lodge had less for the year - that put us in 23rd place.

How have we made such a difference? Two things:

- 1) YOU! You have all had an enormous impact on our per member donation to ENF. Everything from participating in the ENF fun, to hanging out at the Sunday Funday Vikings game, to celebrating Oktoberfest have made the difference.
- 2) Our ENF Team and Special Events have made ENF a priority this year. I cannot thank them enough for making us aware of ENF and finding fun ways to add to our per member donation totals.

There is still time to become a Fidelity Club member (online, recurring donations). Enrolling is easy! You can go to [this link](#). to set up a recurring tax-deductible donation. If you don't want to commit to a monthly donation, you are welcome to make a one time donation using [this link](#).

February flew by. I know it is the shortest month of the year, but I think it was even more so this year. The highlight of the month was definitely the Newlywed/Nearly-Wed game and Valentine's Day Dinner. Between the food and the laughter it was the best night! Thank you again to all that helped make this event so successful.

March is a busy month at our Lodge. We are hosting the State Elks Association Trustee meeting the first Saturday of the month, marching in our annual St. Patrick's Day parade, and welcoming the new officers during installation.

With that, I will sign-off. I did try to make this shorter, but there is so much good stuff to share.

Thank you all for the 2021-2022 Elks year,

Danielle

Your Forever Grateful Exalted Ruler



Micah Webster
Boys 8-9 Age Category
3rd Place

Membership Report**As of February 17, 2022****Next Initiation: March 5, 2022**

This info is posted at the Lodge

Birthdays

The following members have birthdays this month:

This info is posted at the
Lodge

Please
Join
Us



CANDLELIGHT INITIATION—MARCH 5TH

4:15PM—INITIATES

4:30 PM INITIATION

Installation of Officers

HOPKINS ELKS LODGE #2221

**CELEBRATE and HONOR
OUR OUTGOING AND INCOMING
OFFICERS**

**5:00PM
SATURDAY, MARCH 26TH**

Please Join Us For A Benefit Honoring Brandon Wharton

Saturday, April 23rd from 1pm – 5pm
Hopkins Elks / 30 8th Ave S

- Pulled Pork Sandwiches \$7.00
- Silent Auction
- Bottle Game
- Meat Raffle



Brandon was tragically taken away from his family and friends on December 27, 2021. Brandon always sought to help others. He made every small part of the world he touched better. Passionate about craft beer, rock climbing, coffee, cycling, and general nerdiness. Especially devoted to his wife, family, and countless friends.



This benefit is for his wife and soulmate, Vanessa. Monies raised will help with any miscellaneous bills she has incurred due to Brandon's untimely passing.

Brandon was the son of Cindy Wharton and step-son of Chris "ZUKES" Hazuka, both longtime Hopkins Elks and Hopkins community members. As well as many other family member and friends.

How can I help? Please consider making a silent auction, bottle or monetary donation. All monies raised will go directly to Vanessa.

Donations can be dropped off at the Hopkins Elks (marked attn ZUKES), sent directly to Cindy (952-451-2358), Zukes (612-418-2212) or cash to Venmo @A-Beauclaire (9246) *(private acct to avoid fees from GoFundMe – etc).*

Please email abeauclaire@gmail.com with any questions.





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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: weeklyupdates@hopkinselks.org.

CALENDAR INFORMATION

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

Don't forget to use your 2021-2022 dinner tickets by March 31st!

MARCH 2022

SUN 9AM-9PM	MON 11AM-11PM	TUE 11AM-11PM	WED 11AM-11PM	THU 11AM-11PM	FRI 11AM-12AM	SAT 10AM-
		1 Lunch—Check Updates BURGER NIGHT 5:30-7pm 6pm—DARTS	2 Lunch—Check Updates FOOD-5:30-7:30p BAGS—6pm HOUSE COMM MTG—5:15pm SPECIAL EVENT MTG—6:15pm	3 Lunch—Check Updates 6:00-8:00pm GRILL NIGHT	4 Lunch—Check Updates NOON BARGO 5:30pm FISH FRY	5 11a—??p Sloppy Joes CANDLELIGHT INITIATION 4:30pm
6 9am Sunday Bkfst	7 Lunch—Check Updates	8 Lunch—Check Updates BURGER NIGHT 5:30-7pm	9 Lunch—Check Updates FOOD-5:30-7:30p BAGS—6pm	10 Lunch—Check Updates 6:00-8:00pm GRILL NIGHT	11 Lunch—Check Updates NOON BARGO 5:30pm FISH FRY	12 11a—??p Sloppy Joes
13 9am Sunday Bkfst	14 Lunch—Check Updates TRUSTEES – 6pm LODGE—7pm	15 Lunch—Check Updates BURGER NIGHT 5:30-7pm	16 Lunch—Check Updates FOOD-5:30-7:30p BAGS—6pm	17 Lunch—Check Updates 5pm ST. PATRICK'S PARADE followed by St. Pat's Meal	18 Lunch—Check Updates NOON BARGO 5:30pm FISH FRY	19 11a—??p Sloppy Joes
20 9am Sunday Bkfst	21 Lunch—Check Updates	22 Lunch—Check Updates BURGER NIGHT 5:30-7pm	23 Lunch—Check Updates FOOD-5:30-7:30p BAGS—6pm	24 Lunch—Check Updates 6:00-8:00pm GRILL NIGHT	25 Lunch—Check Updates NOON BARGO 5:30pm FISH FRY	26 11a—??p Sloppy Joes 5:00pm INSTALL OFFICERS
27 9am Sunday Bkfst	28 Lunch—Check Updates TRUSTEES – 6pm LODGE—7pm	29 Lunch—Check Updates BURGER NIGHT 5:30-7pm	30 Lunch—Check Updates FOOD-5:30-7:30p BAGS—6pm	31 Lunch—Check Updates 6:00-8:00pm GRILL NIGHT		