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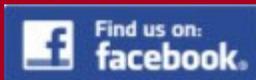
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**Club Hours
Mon—Thur 11am—9pm
Fri—Sat-11am—10pm
Sun 10am—8pm**

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

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| Exalted Ruler | Danielle Arthur |
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(2nd/4th Monday 6:00pm)
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Exalted Ruler Danielle Arthur



Greetings Members All,

I can hardly believe we are entering yet another month! Last time I shared some of the things I encountered at the MN Elks State Association annual meeting in Willmar. Shortly after that, I found myself in Tampa, FL for the Elks National Grand Lodge convention. While this was a little harder to navigate information from since there were a ton of Elks, I do have something special that I wanted to share with you. I had the opportunity to attend a ritual competition on one of the convention afternoons. This was on my list to do as I have been so impressed with the PER Candlelight services. I really wanted to see the “professional” version of the ritual. So, some of you may be thinking “Hey, what exactly do you mean by ‘Ritual’?”. Let me tell you.

I am referring to the Elks ritual conducted at initiation. It is a telling of the things that are nearest and dearest to our Order and dictate our expected and accepted actions and behaviors as members of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. During the ritual, we take an oath declaring what we will and will not do as members. We hear of the stories behind our virtues (my favorites are the Brotherly Love and Charity), and welcome our newest members into our family of Elks. Each time we do the ritual for initiation, it serves as a reminder of what this organization stands for and reaffirms what it means to me.

To watch the group of people perform the ritual to the letter as written and be on the audience side of the room was something I will not forget easily. It was so impressive to see the display and the restraint – not one smile was exhibited. I have a new found appreciation for my predecessors that spent many hours practicing, competing, and winning awards.

We just did an initiation ritual, but have another in-person one coming on September 11th. While we are not professionals, we would love to have you join us. It is well worth the time. If you don't have the ability to come in person, you can always check out the initiation ritual on the Elk.org site (you will need a log-in). I hope you get as much out of it as I did!

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Alright, on to this month's group: the Bartenders! Admit it, these are some of your most favorite people at the Lodge. They are always there waiting for you with a smile and to serve you refreshing beverages every time! Imagine the Lodge without them?! Think of all the stories we would not have if they weren't there.

In addition to being your favorite people at the Lodge, they have also been entrusted with the safety and security of our facilities when on duty, and many times when they are not. We ask the bartenders to provide a service, keep the building spiffy, and make sure our members are safe. They have also been given the responsibility of saying when enough is enough or letting people know when it is time to leave. We owe them a great debt of gratitude! Make sure to tell your bartenders "Thank You" next time you are in.

I am trying to think of exactly where the month went. Shortly after getting back from the Elks National convention, we got back to the Raspberry-Fest. So far, word is that this was the best Raspberry-Fest ever! Thanks again to all of you that participated by volunteering.

We welcomed 9 new members to our Lodge the week after Raspberry. We were honored to have our Minnesota State Elks Association President and our District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler sit in on our ritual. Our new members are all excited to join our Lodge and help us give back to our causes.

August brings more fun! Here are just a few:

- ◆ Game nights are returning the first Friday night on August.
- ◆ The Family Picnic is Saturday August 7th noon to 4pm at the Lodge
- ◆ Batter's Up on August 14th
- ◆ Ribfest August 21st (the best day of the year in my opinion!)



Keep your eyes open for all the events, meetings, festivities in the weekly update. I am sure we will get to see each other sometime soon.

God Bless,
Danielle

Members all,

I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself to you. My name is John Jennings, and I have the honor of serving Minnesota Elks as your State Association President for the year 2021-22. My motto for the next 12 months is "Choose Happy."

Let me explain how this pertains to your Lodge: Happiness is a choice just like being unhappy. We are Elks. Elks make people's lives better in so many ways. You, as Members of The Elks, are directly responsible for making the lives of Veterans a little better. Your membership helps give the leaders of tomorrow a little financial help with their education. Funds that come from The Elks National Foundation benefit the communities that you serve in hundreds of different ways. We operate the finest youth camp on the most beautiful piece of property in The State of Minnesota.

So what part of that could ever make an Elk unhappy? I want to encourage you to leave the world behind when you enter your club or attend a function to volunteer. Our events should be a getaway for you from the news of the day. Remember this: Your club is not for Members. It is for guests. Your meetings are for Members. Keep the atmosphere in your club a place where a guest may be so impressed that they want to become a Member of our Elk family. If you have a grievance, bring it to leadership or talk about it in a Meeting. No guest cares about things like that. Choose Happy. I have had to work on this skill myself for the last 3 years and it is not easy. I am just like anyone else in this Order. I get frustrated too.



In the next 12 months I hope to meet all of you at my visits. I hope to see you at our Mid Year and State Convention. I hope you do try to Choose Happy. Thank you for everything you do for our Order. We need ALL types of Members: Social Members, volunteers, Officers, and everyone in between.

John Jennings—Minnesota Elks Association—President 2021-22—MNElksSP@gmail.com

Membership Report

As of July 16, 2021

Next Initiation: September 11, 2021

This info is posted at the lodge

Birthdays

The following members have birthdays this month:

This info is posted at the lodge

MN ELKS PASSPORT PROGRAM

The MN Elks Passport Program was created to make a fun challenge of getting members to visit other lodges! You simply purchase a **Passport Book** from the bartenders and check out the various activities each lodge and town has to offer. When you visit each lodge, your book will be stamped, and you'll receive your incentive for going there. (Shot glass, travel mug, koozie, free drink, etc.) When your book is full, you'll receive your MN award plaque!

There are great passport events to crash and get in on the fun or make your own! When the team travels, there are drawings for lots of free Elks goodies!! Follow the Facebook page for events coming up!

<https://www.facebook.com/mnelkspassport>

We hope to see you out Elkin'




Minnesota Elks Youth Camp

RAFFLE

Send a deserving child to camp

Drawing will be held
Oct. 23, 2021 at 1:30PM
MN Elks Youth Camp
 10860 County Road 118
 Lake Edward Twp., MN 56468



PRIZES

- 1st Prize: \$6,000⁰⁰ (1) Winner
- 2nd Prize: \$4,000⁰⁰ (1) Winner
- 3rd Prize: \$3,000⁰⁰ (1) Winner
- 4th Prize: \$2,000⁰⁰ (1) Winner
- 5th Prize: \$1,000⁰⁰ (1) Winner
- 6th Prize: \$500⁰⁰ (50) Winners
- 7th Prize: \$200⁰⁰ (45) Winners

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 See Lodge Officers for Tickets
 Need not be Present to Win.
 Need Not be an Elks Member to Purchase.
 All Proceeds to be Used for Camper Fees Only
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 Winners are responsible for any applicable fees or taxes.

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AUGUST 2021

| SUN 10AM-8PM | MON 11AM-9PM | TUE 11AM-9PM | WED 11AM-9PM | THU 11AM-9PM | FRI 11AM-10PM | SAT 11AM-10PM |
|---|--|---|--|--|---|--|
| 1 | 2 | 3 Lunch—Check Updates BURGER NIGHT 5:30-7pm | 4 HOUSE COMM MTG—5:15pm SPECIAL EVENT COM MTG—6pm BEAN BAGS 6pm | 5 Lunch—Regular Menu | 6 Lunch—Regular Menu NOON BARGO GAME NIGHT | 7 ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC  |
| 8 Sunday Sunday Breakfast  | 9 Lunch— Closed TRUSTEE MTG 6:00pm Hybrid LODGE MTG 7:00pm Food Special | 10 Lunch— Check Updates BURGER NIGHT 5:30-7pm ENF | 11 Lunch— Check Updates BEAN BAGS 6pm | 12 Lunch—Check Updates GRILL NIGHT Sign-Up Required | 13 Lunch— Check Updates NOON BARGO | 14 Lunch—Closed BATTERS UP PROGRAM |
| 15 | 16 Lunch—Closed | 17 Lunch— Check Updates BURGER NIGHT 5:30-7pm BACK TO SCHOOL PACKING EVENT 6-7:30pm | 18 Lunch— Check Updates BEAN BAGS 6pm GI JOE'S FOOD TRUCK | 19 Lunch—Check Updates | 20 Lunch— Check Updates NOON BARGO | 21 Lunch—Closed  |
| 22 | 23 Lunch— Closed TRUSTEE MTG 6:00pm Hybrid LODGE MTG 7:00pm Food Special | 24 Lunch—Check Updates PER PIZZA 5:30-7pm | 25 Lunch—Check Updates BEAN BAGS 6pm GI JOE'S FOOD TRUCK | 26 Lunch—Check Updates | 27 Lunch—Check Updates NOON BARGO | 28 Lunch—Closed Metro District Presidents Corn Feed  |
| 29 | 30 Lunch—Closed | 31 Lunch—Check Updates BURGER NIGHT 5:30-7pm | | | | |