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Club Hours

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

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www.teamingupforteens.org

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

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Exalted Ruler	Michael Shinn
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(2nd/4th Monday 6:00pm)
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Members All,

The month of December is upon us, and as we move through the holiday season and the wintery weather, please drive carefully and be safe while out on the roads. We need each and every one of you here at the Elks!

The first half of November included our regular food menus, Bargo, Dart League, Bean Bags, and Sunday Fundays. On November 10th, several of our members helped with the Veterans Appreciation Luncheon at the Hopkins Activity Center. Also on the 11th, we held our annual Veterans Day Dinner at the Hopkins Lodge honoring our Veterans for their service and sacrifice.

November 13th was a Gift Bag Decorating event, and on November 19th, our Special Events crew had a Wreath Decorating party as we prepare for the upcoming Holiday Season.

November 23rd was a Teaming Up for Teens (TU4T) Packing Event where we assembled hygiene kits for homeless teens that will be delivered to the schools in our area.

November 24th, our lodge served 50+ members to a fabulous Thanksgiving meal. Thank you to all that donated money for the food, and a special thanks to those who prepared and served a wonderful buffet-style spread for our members. On November 25th, there was a Food Packing event for Veterans East's Thanksgiving Dinner. Later that afternoon, one of our members held a Dementia fundraiser with food, Karaoke/DJ, silent auction, and a speaker explaining the effects of the disease. In addition, we also did our annual Christmas Tree Lighting Event at the Hopkins Downtown Park on the 25th.

The last event we did in November was on the 30th. Petty Officer 2nd Class (IC2) Victor Lee Baldwin's Internment was held at Fort Snelling National Cemetery with Full Military Honors. There was a Memorial Reception at the Hopkins Lodge following the Ceremony.

In closing, I would like to share a little history. A book titled "The Story of Elkdom", copyright 1957, was recently donated to the lodge. It is full of interesting tidbits about our organization, and I look forward to sharing a few with you.

"The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks was organized in New York City on February 16, 1868, by a group of fifteen men with mutual interests, who identified themselves as 'members of the theatrical, minstrel, musical, equestrian and literary professions...' Declared purposes of the Elks were then, and still are, to practice its four cardinal virtues: Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity; to promote the welfare and enhance

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the happiness of its members; to quicken the spirit of American patriotism; to cultivate good fellowship.

Non-sectarian, non-political, drawing its members from all sections, from all denominations and from all political parties, the Order was naturally a medium through which those of differing creeds and political affiliations and sectional viewpoints would reach a better understanding of each other."

Stay tuned for next month's excerpt from "The Story of Elkdom".

"REACH OUT TO MEMBERS"

Fraternally,
Michael Shinn
Exalted Ruler



Membership Report

As of November 18 , 2022

Next Initiation: January 14, 2023

This info is posted at the Lodge

Birthdays

The following members have birthdays this month:

This info is posted at the
Lodge

**WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS
INITIATION
4:30PM
SATURDAY
JANUARY 14, 2023**



So, in the true spirit of Christmas and “paying it forward”, here are three inspiring stories that make us rethink our approach to the holiday season and remind us how important it is to always be kind, above all else.

The Christmas Tree Angel from Michigan

When Michigan resident Chad Rose just happened to have an extra Christmas tree that was used on his business's parade float, he did what any decent person would do: he posted on Craigslist to give it away for free. For some, a tree is an annual necessity and an integral part of the holidays, but for many it's an expense that needs to be saved for daily essentials. After posting the ad, his inbox was immediately flooded with touching stories of why various families deserved to have the tree.

With each e-mail he read, it became clear how significant a simple tree can be in contributing to the holiday aura. One email, which he shared, read, *“Having a real Christmas tree would be such a great blessing this year [because] usually we draw a Christmas tree on a large poster and hang it in the corner.”* Realizing that \$25 towards a tree was too much for some families to spare, Chad went out and bought 40 more to give away for free. He spent most of the next day going over his list of emails, checking it twice, and not paying much attention to who's been naughty or nice – just deserving.

But the good holiday spirit in this story doesn't stop there — Ann Posont of East Grand Rapids read Rose's Ad and contacted him, not to get, but to give. She offered to donate ornaments and other trimming for the 40 trees he had picked up.

“Going out to gather up more trees after realizing the impact it would have on those in need is just so generous,” she said. “It tells a lot about his character, and makes you want to help.”

The Little Girl Who Signed Her School Holiday Concert for Her Deaf Parents

Five-year-old Claire Koch used sign language during her kindergarten Christmas concert to make sure her deaf parents wouldn't miss out on the holiday cheer. “Claire used sign language in the play because she was considerate of us and wanted us to understand the lyrics to the song,” said her mother. With her fingers and true Christmas spirit, Claire signed Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, Jingle Bells, and more—and totally stole the show!

The Teen Who Couponed His Way into Buying \$1,000 Worth of Food for the Poor on Christmas Eve

Sixteen-year-old Jordan Cox has a knack for extreme couponing, a talent he uses to help he and his struggling mom get by. But this Christmas season, the savvy teen decided to also use his unique skill set to help struggling families in need. Jordan collected hundreds of coupons and purchased about \$935 worth of groceries for less than a penny. He then donated it all to Doorstep, a nonprofit that disperses food to disadvantaged families.

“I decided I wanted to help as many people as I can, and to also show that it's possible to shop very cheaply, if you know how,” Jordan said.

May your days be merry, bright, and full of love. Next time you're feeling stressed about the holidays, we hope you remember these stories, count your blessings, and try to pay it forward by giving to those that need it most right now. Merry Christmas to all!



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~Warren Buffet




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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.

DECEMBER 2022

SUN 9AM-9PM	MON 11AM-11PM	TUE 11AM-11PM	WED 11AM-11PM	THU 11AM-11PM	FRI 11AM-12AM	SAT 10AM-
				1 GRILL NIGHT 6pm	2 NOON BARGO Harlan Cook Reception	3
4 9:30am Sunday Bkfst 11am- Elks Memorial Service 12pm 	5	6 4:30PM TU4T Packing Event BURGER NIGHT 5:30-7:30pm 6pm-DARTS	7 HOUSE MTG— 4:30pm SPECIAL EVENTS 6:15PM FOOD-5:30-7:30p BASKETS—5:30 BAGS—6:00pm	8 GRILL NIGHT 6pm	9 NOON BARGO 5:00pm PER CHRISTMAS PARTY	10 1-4pm Tom & Jerry Party 6-10pm Ugly Sweater Party
11 9:30am Sunday Bkfst 11am - ENF Bake Sale 12pm 	12 TRUSTEES – 6pm 7pm—LODGE MTG	13 BURGER NIGHT 5:30-7:30pm 6pm-DARTS	14 FOOD-5:30-7:30p BASKETS—5:30 BAGS—6:00p	15 GRILL NIGHT 6pm	16 NOON BARGO 7-10pm MIKE DERUS MUSIC	17 10am— BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
18 9:30am Sunday Bkfst	19	20 BURGER NIGHT 5:30-7:30pm 6pm-DARTS	21	22 GRILL NIGHT 6pm	23 NOON BARGO	24 CHRISTMAS EVE 
25 9:30am Sunday Bkfst 	26 TRUSTEES – 6pm 7pm—LODGE MTG	27 SOUP MENU 5:30-7:30pm 6pm-DARTS	28	29 GRILL NIGHT 6pm	30 NOON BARGO	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE 