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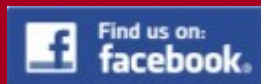
Club Hours

Mon—Thur 11am—11pm
Fri-10:30am—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	Ginger Worwa
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Soloist	Amy Lynn Nelson

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(2nd/4th Monday 6:00pm)
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Scott King

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Exalted Ruler Ginger Worwa



What a fun and wonderful October we had! I want to start out with the Welcome Home Vets, even though that was officially in September. We had a great turn out with our lodge members and visiting members. The silent auction was a success, and we were able to raise \$4,300 for the program! Awesome! Great job Sandy Hongerholt, Danielle Aurthur, Kari Larson, and ESA for all the hustle on the day of. It would not have happened without you!

The following weekend was Oktoberfest. This was a benefit for the Elks National Foundation. The food was spectacular, and the silent auction did not disappoint. Our wonderful State President Sue Foster was in attendance. We always love spending time with Sue! Thanks to the ENF team of Sue Huttner, Danielle Arthur, Carrie Opheim, Jan Larson, Raven Seybolt, and Sheila Hamada!! We raised \$3,274.50. Impressive!

The Mid-Year Convention was fun and informational! Congrats to Rachel and Amy Lynn who sang for the first time ever at Mid-Year. It was awesome! We had several Hopkins Lodge winners for the Camp Raffle: Don & Lorie Wright, Ron Schibilla, Amy Nelson, Audra Granquist, Jeff Immings, Darrell Wilson, Sam Stiele, Lee Barsness and Danielle Carr!! Congratulations to the winners and thank you to everyone who purchased, the ticket sales went to a great cause!

We had a spooky and fun Halloween party with a DJ and it was a blast! Or so I heard, I had Covid so I was unable to attend. We raised \$235 for Penny-a-day with our food and jello shot sales. That is excellent!

Now, it is November ... We will kick off this month with a New Member Initiation on November 4th. Orientation is at 5:30 and Initiation will start at 6:00 pm.

November 11th is our Veterans Dinner. All Veterans eat for free, but all are welcome to dine with us on that day and do not need to be an Elk to eat. Please spread the word! We are serving food from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. There is a sign up on the big bulletin board. We hope to see you there!

On Saturday November 18th, Special Events is hosting a wreath decorating event starting at noon. Come on in and get your creativity flowing. Cost is \$10 a person.

November 23rd is Zuke's Old-Fashioned Thanksgiving. It will run from 11 AM to 1:30 PM. The cost will be \$12 for adults and \$6 for children under 8 years old. We are keeping the cost low by asking our members to donate hams and turkeys (must present receipt with donation of meat) or of course money to go towards the meal. Please sign you and your family up on the big bulletin board. If you have any questions, please contact Zukes or Daryl Derby.

November 25th is the annual Hopkins Tree Lighting. This will be at 5:00 PM at the Downtown Park. This big beautiful tree was donated by our very own Elk member,

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Gene Schneider, and we are honored to light it every year. Thank you, Candyce, for doing this important event every year. It is so beautiful!

Come on down November 28th for your PER pizza! They will be making them hot and fresh just for you! Goodness! The next thing you know, it will be Christmas! Take care and be good to one another!!

Fraternaly yours,
Ginger Worwa
Exalted Ruler, Hopkins #2221



Membership Report

As of August 24, 2023

Next Initiation: September 10, 2023

This info is posted at the Lodge

Birthdays

The following members have birthdays this month:

This info is posted at the
Lodge

Get your own claim to fame!
Personalized Elks ceiling tiles
Two lines maximum

Proceeds to benefit the upcoming building improvements

Turn in the form and payment to the bartender on duty



\$100 per tile

Questions? Reach out to Sue Huttner 952-210-1091
or Mike Opheim 952-270-2079

Hello, my fellow Elk members, I need your help:

Back in 2010, I was asked if I would take over the Elks Adopt-A-Troop program of sending boxes to our bases where our soldiers are deployed. This is what started my 15+ year journey with the Adopt-a-Troop program at Hopkins Elks. Since then, I have sent over 5,000+ boxes. We are in a critical situation in the world today and our troops are being shipped out at the rate of thousands of our young US citizens from our hometowns. They are being placed in high alert areas. **THESE ARE OUR CHILDREN OR SOMEONE'S CHILDREN WHO WE KNOW.** I am shipping to areas where they have nothing. Sometimes I have to send microwaveable food products just so they can set it in the sun so they can eat. Others have to walk a mile to go to the showers on their base thus the need to ship something like flip flops as they walk across the rocks.

I NEED HELP! THEY NEED HELP!! This program is rewarding for both sides, the Elks members, and our soldiers. The soldiers love our support, and we love hearing that the boxes are making them feel happy and that someone across the water thinks about them, cares, and appreciates what they are doing.

I beg each one of you to please look into your heart and soul and help these soldiers with some kind of monetary donation. Maybe you can do so this month? Or one or two or more times? You can drop the donation off to a bartender at the Elks Club in Hopkins and label it Adopt-A-Troop Program. Then I can go to the one dollar and twenty-five cent stores, (still known as "the Dollar Store") to buy items they desperately need.

We normally spend \$500 - \$800 a month at the Dollar Store for all types of items. The Elks Club spends \$22 a box for postage and averages at least 15 – 20 boxes per shipment.

If you have any friends, family members, relatives, etc. who are being shipped overseas or they are already there, I need their information so I can send them these boxes. Contact me via email at sguerre@comcast.net or text 763-218-7638. I do not ship to US bases where soldiers are in harm's way.

To give you an idea how much it helps the soldiers, here's a sample of some of the letters (there are many more) and pictures from the last 15 years. See the smiles and hear the appreciation in their letters.

God bless you and our soldiers and thank you so much for helping,
Sharon and Mark Hall

April 2017: They sent us an American flag for the Hopkins Elk Club that had waved above their base in Iran!!

Ms. Hall,

My name is 1LT Mike Buhl. My unit overseas has just received a very generous load of care packages from you and the members of the Hopkins Elk's Club. I just wanted to reach out and say how thankful we are for the time and effort put in by everyone involved. The gifts are very much appreciated by all. Mail is definitely a morale booster here, and now we have enough candy to last a lifetime!

As a token of our appreciation, we have flown an American Flag on a few of our missions in Iraq for the Elks Club. I will be sending that back your way once I have the chance. We appreciate what you have done for us and wanted to make sure you had something to symbolize our thanks.

Thank you again, and if there is anything else I can do, please don't hesitate to ask.

Respectfully, Michael D. Buhl, Jr.



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May 2018: Dear Elks Club, Hopkins:

Hello from Iraq! Thank you SO much for your care packages, it's so very comforting to know you are all thinking of us so far from home. Our military has remained strong and resilient thanks to our faith communities and support organizations - we can't thank you enough for all you do.

We are located in northern Iraq. The base was captured by ISIS and almost completely destroyed before they were driven out. So we have no flush toilets here or hard-stand buildings - just tents and a whole lot of rocks! Small PX tent with a few necessities, they run out fast. Your care packages really are a big hit here.



Kurdish ladies help out in the mail department.

Thanks so much! Many thanks! Blessings, and take care!
Chaplain (MAJ) Andrew C. Shulman Erbil, Iraq

Hope you've enjoyed seeing the pictures and letters.

WE ARE NOT COLLECTING ITEMS AT THE ELKS CLUB AT THIS TIME. WE NEED MONETARY DONATIONS.

Thank you,
Sharon Hall



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

10 October 2023

MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Care Packages for Deployed Unit

1. I am CSM DeGunia, Darrold, and I am the Command Sergeant Major for the [REDACTED] I currently have one of my companies [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is currently deployed in support of DoD missions and objectives. They are expected to be deployed for up to 15 months in an austere environment with very minimal access to basic toiletry items, and comfort items.

3. This memorandum serves as an official document to allow basic care/morale items to be sent to them [REDACTED]

Darrold D. DeGunia
Command Sergeant Major

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NOTE:

This letter has been intentionally redacted to protect personal and sensitive information.

If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Hall via email at sguerre@comcast.net or via text at 763-218-7638.

Thank you for your monetary assistance to support our troops!

Sharon Hall

Paint Party  **Moonlight Elk**

NOVEMBER 09 THURSDAY
6:30 - 8:30 PM

\$35

LOCATION:
Elks Lodge #845
306 W 4th St
Red Wing, MN

HOST: Janet Gray
brushedbydesigncreations@gmail.com
Facebook.com/brushedbydesigncreations





12 x 16 Canvas

SIGN UP HERE  <https://www.brushedbydesigncreations.com/product/11-09MoonlightElk>



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~Warren Buffet



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

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.

NOVEMBER 2023

SUN 9AM-9PM	MON 11AM-11PM	TUE 11AM-11PM	WED 11AM-11PM	THU 11AM-11PM	FRI 10:30AM-12AM	SAT 10AM-12AM
1 9:35am Sunday Bkfst 1pm			1 5:30p—BASKETS 6:00p—BAGS	2 5:30p—SPECIAL EVENTS MTG 6:00p—GRILL NIGHT	3 11:30am Lunch Served NOON BARGO	4 11:30 Lunch Served INITIATION CANCELED
5 9:30am Sunday Bkfst 1pm 	6 6pm— WELCOME HOME VETS APPRECIATION	7 5:30p—BURGER NIGHT	8 5:30p—BASKETS 6:00p—BAGS	9 6:00p—GRILL NIGHT	10 11:30am Lunch Served NOON BARGO	11 11:30 Lunch Served 5:30P— VETERANS' DAY DINNER
12 9:30am Sunday Bkfst 12p—Gift Bag Decorating 12p 	13 3p—PER PIZZA MAKING 4:30p—HOUSE COMMITTEE 6p—TRUSTEES 7p—LODGE	14 5:30p—BURGER NIGHT	15 5:30p—BASKETS 6:00p—BAGS	16 6:00p—GRILL NIGHT	17 11:30am— Lunch Served NOON BARGO	18 11:30 Lunch Served 12p—WREATH DECORATING
19 9:30am Sunday Bkfst	20	21 5:30p—BURGER NIGHT 6:30—PER MTG	22 5:30p—BASKETS 6:00p—BAGS	23 12p— THANKSGIVING DINNER 6:00p—GRILL NIGHT	24 11:30am— Lunch Served NOON BARGO	25 11:30 Lunch Served 5pm— Christmas Tree Lighting 6pm—Karaoke
26 9:30am Sunday Bkfst	27 6p—TRUSTEES 7p—LODGE MTG	28 5:30—PER Pizza	29 5:30p—BASKETS 6:00p—BAGS	30 6:00p—GRILL NIGHT	DEC 1 11:30am— Lunch Served NOON BARGO	DEC 2 11:30 Lunch Served