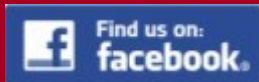


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Lodge meetings are the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month except on holidays. July and August—2nd Monday only.

**Officers**

Exalted Ruler	Ginger Worwa
Leading Knight	Kari Larson
Loyal Knight	Raquel Bourne
Lecturing Knight	Daron Dolynchuk
Secretary	Danielle Arthur
Treasurer	Brandon Miller
Esquire	Christie Petruska
Chaplain	Candyce Ferrentino
Inner Guard	Carrie Opheim
Tiler	Risa Anderson
Organist	Rachel DeVille
Soloist	Amy Lynn Nelson

**Trustees**

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

**House Committee**

Daryl Derby, Chair; Kevin Watts,  
Secretary; Jody Wind;  
Mary Page; Brian Smith



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**Exalted Ruler Ginger Worwa**



The older I become, I find that the old adage of “time goes by a lot faster with age” is very, very true. With that said, I cannot believe that we are once again in the season for elections at the Lodge. This is very bittersweet for me. I am so excited for all the officers and a little sad for myself. But I digress...

Nominations will take place at our regular meeting on Feb. 12, 2024, beginning at 7:00 p.m. It is a long-standing tradition that the PER's run the nomination meeting. I thank each of you for volunteering to help out!

The positions that are open are Exalted Ruler, Leading Knight, Loyal Knight, Lecturing Knight, and five (5) year Trustee. Here are some of the rules governing nominations and elections in our order:

- Nominations do not need to be seconded, and a motion to close nominations is not necessary.
- Any Member in good standing may be nominated for any elective Lodge office.
- Nomination of an Officer for a different office does not require resignation from the present office, as election and installation automatically vacates the present office.
- Nominees are not required to accept a nomination, and do not need to be present. (Section 2, Article VII of the Constitution and Statutes)

The election of officers will take place at the regular meeting on Feb. 26, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

We have an opening for **Lodge Treasurer** starting on April 1st, 2024. If you are interested and have experience with finances, we will be conducting informational interviews soon. This person will need to be nominated on the floor and voted on along with our officers during the lodge meeting on February 12th. Please reach out to Sue Huttner ([trustees@hopkinselks.org](mailto:trustees@hopkinselks.org)) or Ginger Worwa ([hopkinelkser@gmail.com](mailto:hopkinelkser@gmail.com)) with any questions or interest.

Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, we are having a new member initiation. Orientation is at 5:30 and the Initiation will start at 6:00. Kari Larson will be running this initiation as I will be in sunny Mexico celebrating my birthday. Thank you Kari!!

**BREAKING NEWS:** We are thrilled to announce that the Minnesota Elks Youth Camp has been gifted with a generous grant of \$350,000 from Foundation 94 – a family foundation deeply rooted in Minnesota. This grant underscores the foundation's commitment to enhancing the lives of our youth.

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Foundation 94 has requested these funds be used solely for the following projects:

- Complete remodel of the boys' and girls' washrooms
- Complete remodel of the Lodge bathroom
- Increasing scholarships to our dedicated counselors and staff
- Other: Building/infrastructure improvements as deemed appropriate by the Camp Directors, Executive Director, and Camp Board

Therefore, it's important to understand that this money is for these special projects only. It can't be used to cover our daily operating expenses. Your support is still very crucial!

Even with this amazing contribution, we still rely heavily on member support. Running our camp is costly, requiring over \$300,000 each year. Your donations, whether through the Penny A Day program, the Camper Club, the Camp Raffle, or any other form, go towards the essentials like food, maintenance, utilities and all the activities that make camp memorable. Your time, energy and donations are the cornerstone of our success.

Your contributions, big or small, make a huge difference. Every raffle ticket, every donation, and every bit of time you invest in our camp contributes to its success. You make our camp not only the best youth camp in the state but the best youth camp within the Elks organization.

If you have any questions regarding the grant or how you can help, please contact John Miller, Executive Director at 612-298-8142 or [baldelk@aol.com](mailto:baldelk@aol.com).

The Elks National Foundation (ENF) values the belief that charity is the greatest of all virtues and that by sharing and giving, we have the power to replace sorrow and despair with hope and confidence. Donations to the Foundation help us fund programs that match our cornerstone values of knowledge, integrity, and community. Folks, our lodge is so close to receiving a \$500 Gratitude Grant! We are \$1300 away of the \$10K goal. How can you help, you ask? You can become a Fidelity Club Member which is super easy, and you can do it on your phone or give a donation. If you are interested, please contact Sue Huttner [suehuttner@gmail.com](mailto:suehuttner@gmail.com) for more details!

Friday Fish Fry is back! I don't know about you, but I love me a good fish fry! However, we cannot do it alone. There is a sign up on the bulletin board with all the days that we need filled. Even if you only volunteer once, it will be greatly appreciated!! You can also contact Daryl Derby at (612) 812-4848 for more information or to sign up.

Do you have some lovely furniture in storage that you know you just are not going to use? Sofas for Service is seeking furniture for veterans in need. Furniture can be new or gently used. If gently used, it must be clean and in good condition, and must come from a non-smoking household. Examples include: couches, recliners, tables, lamps, bookshelves, dressers, and nightstands. If you have furniture to donate, please contact our member Jeff Staads (aka Montana) at [brc@jeffstaads.com](mailto:brc@jeffstaads.com). See more at [sofasforservice.org](http://sofasforservice.org).

I think I will end this Hopline here as that is a lot of information that I threw at you. Have a wonderful February and keep your eyes peeled on the Weekly Update for all the fun events that are planned every month! I hope to see your smiling faces up at the lodge soon!

Fraternally yours,  
Ginger Worwa  
Exalted Ruler, Hopkins #2221



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**Membership Report**

**As of January 24, 2024**

**Next Initiation: February 9, 2024**

**New Members in January**

This info is posted at the lodge

**Birthdays**


The following members have birthdays this month:

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>  
5:30pm—NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION  
5:00pm—NEW MEMBER INITIATION






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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](mailto:weeklyupdates@hopkinselks.org).

## FEBRUARY 2024

SUN 9AM-9PM	MON 11AM-11PM	TUE 11AM-11PM	WED 11AM-11PM	THU 11AM-11PM	FRI 10:30AM-12AM	SAT 10AM-12AM
				1 5:30p— SPECIAL EVENTS MTG 6:00p—GRILL NIGHT	2 11:30a Lunch Served NOON BARGO	3 11a— Bloody Mary 11:30a— Lunch Served 12p—Corn Hole Tourney
4 9:30a Sunday Bkfst	5 11:30a Lunch Served 5p—PER Pizza Making	6 11:30a Lunch Served 5:30p—BURGER NIGHT	7 5:30p—BASKETS 6p—BAGS	8 6:00p—GRILL NIGHT	9 11:30a Lunch Served NOON BARGO 5:30p—Orientation 6p—New Member Initiation	11 11:30a Lunch Served 6p—NEWLY/ NEARLY WED GAME NIGHT
11 9:30a Sunday Bkfst 4:30p—SUPER BOWL	12 11:30a Lunch Served 4:30p—HOUSE 6p—TRUSTEES 7p—LODGE	13 11:30a Lunch Served 5:30p—BURGER NIGHT	14 LENT BEGINS 5:30p—VALENTINE'S DINNER 5:30p—BASKETS 6p—BAGS	15 6:00p—GRILL NIGHT	16 11:30a— Lunch Served NOON BARGO 6p—FISH FRY	17 11:30a Lunch Served 5:30p—MARDI GRAS and KARAOKE
18 9:30a Sunday Bkfst 1-4p—EUCHRE TOURNAMENT	19 11:30a Lunch Served	20 11:30a Lunch Served 5:30p—BURGER NIGHT	21 5:30p—BASKETS 6p—BAGS	22 6:00p—GRILL NIGHT	23 11:30a— Lunch Served NOON BARGO 6p—FISH FRY	24 11:30a Lunch Served
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