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**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- 4/1 - Kids Easter Party (See ad)
- 4/11 - Lodge Meeting 7 PM
- 4/13 - Meat Raffle
- 4/15 - Metro District Mtg 10 AM (Dakota Cty)
- 4/25 - Trustee Meeting at 6 PM
- 4/25 - Lodge Meeting at 7 PM

**Mark your calendar:**

- 5/11 - Police, Fire & Sheriff Appreciation Dinner
- 5/20 - Bike Rodeo

**Planning a family or business event?**

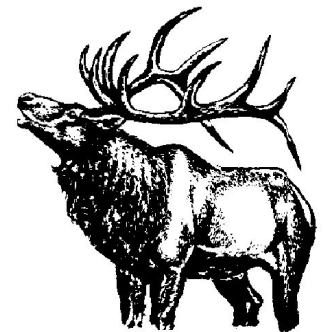
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*April 2023*

*It's Great to be an Elk!*



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*Please Submit your Articles by the 20th of the month  
to Steph Riegelman, Newsletter Editor*

# Exalted Ruler's Message

Greetings to all members of Red Wing 845 -

Welcome to our 2023-2024 Lodge Year! My name is Jessica Nelson and I'm your new Exalted Ruler. Red Wing has been my home since 1991 and I have a lot of extended family in this area. Prior to living in Red Wing, I was a military child who moved with her family from state to state for several years. Now, Red Wing is my home and I have two teenage sons Ashton who is 18 and Aidyn who is 16 years old.

My officers and I are VERY excited about the upcoming year and we are really excited to be planning a celebration for our lodge's 120th Anniversary!!! This is a REALLY BIG DEAL and something that we can all be very proud of! This celebration will be held on Saturday July 22nd so mark your calendars now and plan to be in town!.

Every month, our lodge's newsletter is packed with great meals and fun events for the entire family. Be sure to send your email to our lodge secretary so you can get on Lottie's weekly eNews for all of the latest information!

Thank you all for your continued support of our lodge and its charitable activities - whether you're a member who stops in a couple times a week, one who stops in a couple times a year or a member who can't get down to the lodge but pays their dues because they know all of the great things we do - we TRULY appreciate each & every one of you! Your support makes it all possible!

*It's GREAT to be an Elk!*

Jessica Nelson,  
Exalted Ruler



## Welcome New Members of 845



**Avoid cleaning your house to  
host a family gathering**

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## Red Wing # 845 Committee Chairs

Accident Prevention - Lottie Aslakson, PER  
Americanism - Fred Tremper, PER  
Auditing & Accounting - Rollie Meffert  
Charitable Gambling - Larry Larson, PER  
Christmas Baskets - Dennis Herling  
Community Activities - Karlyne Bottin  
Drug Awareness - Lottie Aslakson, PER  
Flag Day - Sarah Edstrom (Leading Knight)  
Flags - Mike Bignell (Loyal Knight)  
Government Relations - Becky Nelson  
Highway Cleanup - Lottie Aslakson (Lect Knight)  
Hoop Shoot - Greg Frankowski  
Lodge Activities - Lottie Aslakson PER  
Membership - Becky Nelson  
Memorial Service - Sarah Edstrom (Lead Knight)  
Nat'l Foundation - Pete & Peggy Sorensen, PER  
PER Association - Kevin Riegelman, PER  
Public Relations - Steph Riegelman, PER  
Relief (Sickness, etc) - Becky Nelson  
ENF & Local Scholarships - Linda Larson  
State Major Project - Steph Riegelman, PER  
Veterans Service - Lottie Aslakson, PER  
Youth Activities - Lottie Aslakson, PER  
Youth Camp Recruiter - Lottie Aslakson, PER

## RW Elks Business Update:

Our Trustees, Treasurer & Club Manager have been working hard to prepare our budget for the 2023-2024 Lodge Year.

By Grand Lodge Statutes, the Lodge's budget will be presented on the lodge floor at the first meeting in April (4/11/23) and approved at the second meeting in April on 4/25/23). If you are interested in learning more about our lodge's operational budget, any Elks 845 member in good standing is welcome to attend our lodge meetings.

Operationally, we are facing a 50% increase in our annual property insurance, ongoing increases in food & beverage costs as well as janitorial increases in the coming year. We have made adjustments and changes in several areas but can't offset everything we're facing.

**As a result, effective 4/1/23, we are implementing these changes:**

- Due to ongoing increases from our suppliers, Beer prices will increase \$0.25 for all beer including tap beer
- While Elk members are able to book the lodge at no charge for parties and special events, we will be charging a \$50 cleaning fee and requiring the member who booked the party / event to be present.

Thank you for your continued support of our lodge!

Red Wing Elks Trustees

# From our Secretary . . .

Happy New Year as we start our **2023-2024** Elks fiscal year! To be an Elk member in good standing, members need to have their annual dues paid before April 1, 2023. Please let me know if you have not received your dues statements which I mailed to you in mid-February.

For those of you who have already paid your dues, I want to say **THANK YOU!** As of this writing, I have entered payments for 75% of our membership! If you were one of our "early birds" who have already paid your dues, you should have received your new **TAN** membership card with the "early bird" sticker. If you try to use the 'purple' card after April 1<sup>st</sup> it will no longer work to enter the building as it is no longer a valid key card.

We still have 8 members listed below who have not paid their dues for the 2022-23 year and will be dropped as a member on March 31st. In accordance with an amendment of Section 14.180 of our statutes a couple years ago we can allow a 60-day grace period for reinstatement members dropped on March 31st of each year. Please contact me before May 31st if you would like to be reinstated for our new year 2023-24 without payment of a reinstatement fee or loss of consecutive membership years. After May 31<sup>st</sup> you will have to go through the normal reinstatement process.

If any other members know of health problems or other issues with these members who might not be able to pay their delinquent dues, please let me know. Due to privacy laws we sometimes never find out about these things so if you can help me, please do so.

Lucas Armstrong	Connor Beckwith	Austin Engen	Krista Huron
Gary Klingelhut	Mark Schull	Ronald Walker	Makayla Zimdars

Have you moved lately? I need to know to update your address as we get charged fees for undeliverable and returned mail due to addresses being incorrect. You can use your e-mail address to receive newsletters and weekly updates by Lottie, so you always get them on time! Call me at 715-495-2978 or e-mail me at [rw845secretary@redwing845.org](mailto:rw845secretary@redwing845.org)

<p><b><u>RW #845 MEMBERSHIP REPORT</u></b> as of March 27, 2023 Beginning membership on April 1, 2022 <b>563 members</b></p> <p>Initiated: <b>38</b>      Reinstated: <b>4</b> Deaths: <b>12</b>   Dropped: <b>3</b>   Absolute Dimit: <b>5</b> Delinquent: <b>8</b> Current membership total: <b>587</b></p> <p><b><u>Proposed for Membership</u></b> Jamie &amp; John Lang by Tammy Wadley Christian Stepp by Jeff Shuster Brian Watson by Paul Siewert</p> <p><b><u>New Members Initiated March 7<sup>th</sup></u></b> Abby Conroy, Georgean Holt, Jason Yarwood</p> <p><i>Please welcome these new members to our Elks family!</i></p> <p><i>Our next initiation ceremony will be held <b>Tuesday, May 16th</b></i></p>	<p><b><i>The clock of his day has stopped and across its dial the motionless shadows mark the hour of eleven.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Delbert Johnson</i></b> <b>Born:</b> June 23, 1943 <b>Initiated:</b> May 28, 1974 <b>Died:</b> March 3, 2023</p> <p>*****</p> <p><b><i>Dwayne Howe</i></b> <b>Born:</b> December 24, 1937 <b>Initiated:</b> August 21, 1963 <b>Died:</b> March 20, 2023</p> <p><b><i>To Our Absent Members</i></b></p> <p><i>The entire Red Wing #845 Lodge would like to express our deepest sympathy to the families of Delbert &amp; Dwayne.</i></p>
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Submitted by Red Wing Elks Lodge #845 Secretary, Becky Nelson

# BIRTHDAYS

Lodge Hours  
MON-THURS: 3-8 PM

# April 2023

Lodge Hours  
FRI-SAT: 3-10 PM

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	John O'Reilly						
2	Charlie Prahli Doug Lantz Peter Olson						
3	Charles Brown Jim Halvorsen Ron Huppert Bonnie Kubik Ron Wolter	3 PicNick's Elks Menu 4-7 PM	4 PicNick's 4-7 PM	5 Private Event NO FOOD	6 Broasted Fish 5-7 PM	7 Broasted Fish 5-7 PM	1 Kids Easter Party 8 Private Party
4	Gregg Evenson Georgean Holt Bob "Skid" Lundberg	Open 3-8PM				OPEN 3-10	
5	Pete Wenzel						
6	Kelsey Flueger Jeff Anderson	9 PicNick's Elks Menu 4-7 PM	11 Petersmeyer Maidrites 5-7 PM	12 TACO NIGHT 5-7 PM	13 Broasted Chicken 5-7 PM	14 Broasted Fish 5-7 PM	15 Private Party
7	Dan Howland Martin Jurgensen Alan Bertelsen	Open 3-8PM	7PM Lodge Mtg			OPEN 3-10	OPEN 3-10
8	Jim Ieensee Rick Nastaby						
9	Tom Paschges Kirby Anderson Katelyn Callstrom						
10	Susan Mahn Mitch Amdahl Lory Holets	16 PicNick's Elks Menu 4-7 PM	18 PicNick's Elks Menu 4-7 PM	19 TACO NIGHT 5-7 PM	20 Broasted Fish 5-7 PM	21 RW Softball Spaghetti Fundraiser	22 Private Party (11-2)
11	Susan Narveson Wallace Berlin Thomas O'Dell	Open 3-8PM					
12	Arnold Strusz David Olson Carol Burma						
13	Gary Johnson Tom Nellis Chad Vande Hei						
14	Roger Bass Jeff Boigenzahn Robert McCaughtry, PER	23 PicNick's Elks Menu 4-7 PM	25 PicNick's 4-7 PM	26 TACO NIGHT 5-7 PM	27 Private Event NO FOOD	28 Broasted Fish 5-7 PM	29 Private Party
15	Chris Angell Greg Bargrain Steve Darleth Chuck Klair	Open 3-8PM	6 PM Trustees 7PM Lodge Mtg			OPEN 3-10	OPEN 3-10
16	Laurie Jorgensen Annette Fennern Sue Friedrich Mike Polk						
17	Patricia Brown Terry Gilbertson James Schurhammer	30 Private Party	May 1 PicNick's Elks Men 4-7 PM	May 2 PicNick's Elks menu 4-7 PM	May 3 TACO NIGHT 5-7 PM	May 4 May 5 OPEN 3-10	May 6 OPEN 3-10
18	Jim Van Deusen Jeni Wentz Tim Borgen Tim Hutchison						
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# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE LODGE!!!

## Elks Regional HOOP SHOOT RESULTS

Red Wing Shooter Gabriella Simmons (Girls 10-11 Yrs) represented our lodge at the Regional Hoop Shoot in Iowa City on March 18th. . . She placed 4th in her division. Three shooters from Minnesota did advance to the National Finals in Chicago in April.

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On March 25th, RW 845 held its annual installation of officers and 22-23 ER Patsy Nesteby presented awards to Sherri Guse (R) who was named Volunteer of the Year and Steph Riegelman (below) as Officer of the Year.



Her Elk of the Year wasn't able to attend and that award will be published as soon as it is presented.



**THANK YOU**  
to both of these great members for their service to our lodge!

## Do you know any deserving kids 9-13 years old?



We're starting to recruit 16 local kids (8 boys / 8 girls) for our session of the MN Elks Youth Camp on June 18-23.

If you know of a boy or girl who would benefit from a life-changing week at the MN Elks Youth Camp, **PLEASE** have their parents contact RW's Recruiter, Gwen Lynch with any questions or to get paperwork.

**gwenalynch@yahoo.com**

**Cell 651-380-8936**

Go to [www.mnelksyouthcamp.org](http://www.mnelksyouthcamp.org) to learn more about our fabulous youth camp!

**PLEASE NOTE:** Elk members can ONLY send their kids or grandkids to one of 2 weeks paid camp weeks for \$200 on either 7/23-7/28 or 7/30-8/4.

Registration for these sessions are ONLY online starting 4/1/23 at [www.mnelksyouthcamp.org](http://www.mnelksyouthcamp.org)

## PENNY-A-DAY CAMPER CLUB

Our Mn Elks State Project is the MN Elks Youth Camp near Nisswa MN

This amazing property provides a week-long traditional youth camp experience to deserving kids in Minnesota. If you'd like to support the camp with your one-time, annual, quarterly or monthly donation — The Penny-A-Day Camper Club is for you!

Go to [www.mnelksyouthcamp.org](http://www.mnelksyouthcamp.org) and click on Donations to set up your donation!

## Red Wing Elks # 845 Officers for 23-24:

Front Row (L to R) - Lottie Aslakson, Steph Riegelman, Sue Connaughton, Sarah Edstrom, Becky Nelson, Charlie Nelson

Back Row (L to R) - Royce Bottin, Mike Bignell, Tyler Riegelman, Exalted Ruler Jessica Nelson, Dennis Herling, Jan Struss, Scott Guse and Kevin Riegelman.

Missing: Cameron Olson



# PICNICK'S ELKS MENU ON MON /TUES

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**PicNick's Smash Burger** | applewood bacon, your choice of cheese (cheddar, pepperjack, Swiss, or American), caramelized onions, roasted garlic aioli, on a freshly toasted bun  
\$9.00

**Mush Smash Burger** | applewood bacon, sautéed mushrooms, caramelized onions Swiss cheese, roasted garlic aioli, on a freshly toasted brioche bun  
\$9.00

**Southeast Smash Burger** | applewood bacon, caramelized onions, chipotle aioli, pepperjack cheese, on a freshly toasted brioche bun  
\$9.00

**Black & Bleu Smash Burger** | Cajun seasoning, apple-bacon jam, bleu cheese crumbles, roasted garlic aioli, on a freshly toasted brioche bun  
\$9.00

**Barbecue Pork Sandwich** | braised pork, butter pickles, Alabama sauce, on toasted rustic bread  
\$9.00

**Chicken Tenders** | with your choice of dipping sauce  
\$8.00

**Chicken Salad Sandwich** | homemade chicken salad, butter lettuce, on a fresh baked croissant  
\$9.00

**Walking Tacos** | your choice of Fritos or Doritos, topped with seasoned ground beef, mixed cheese, salsa, cilantro crème  
\$8.00

**Taco Salad** | mix greens, grape tomatoes, cucumbers, julienned carrots, red onions, mix cheese, taco meat, served with chipotle ranch  
\$9.00

### Sides

French Fries \$3.00

Cheese Curds \$7.00

Onion Rings \$7.00

Daily Soup \$3.00

Side Salad (choice of dressing) \$4.00

# THANK YOU

We are SO GRATEFUL to all of our donors and volunteers



## Kid's Easter Party

**Saturday, April 1st**

Come see the Balloon man, enjoy a visit from the Easter Bunny, Easter Egg Hunt and other fun games!

**The fun starts at 2:00 PM**

Bring the kids or grandkids down!

**Kitchen Helpers and Bartenders** - We're incredibly grateful for our kitchen **VOLUNTEERS** especially Susan Henke, Sharon Lee and Leanne Nyman. Thank you to our **VOLUNTEER** bartenders: JoLynn Fleming, Lory Holets & Kurt Huffman.

**Newsletters:** We had a great crew knock our newsletters in a very short time last month! Thank you to Lottie Aslakson, Karlyne & Royce Bottin, Sue Connaughton, Georgan Holt, Cheryl Klair, Sharon Lee, Cam Olson, Kevin & Steph Riegelman and Tyler Riegelman.

**St Patrick's Day:** Thank you to all of our members who stepped up when they noticed the need to help out our bartenders during this event. Thanks to Jenny Patton and Wayne Gustafson for checking IDs. Thank you to Sarah Edstrom, Scott Maskrey, Becky & Charlie Nelson, Patsy Nesteby, RyAnne & Tony Schutz and Kristina Witts.



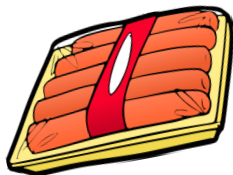
In case you haven't "herd," the 2023 Elks Nat' Convention will be held in Minneapolis on July 2-5, 2023.

For more information on the Convention and Volunteer Opportunities, click on the QR code or go to

[www.mnelks.org/volunteeraofofinterest.html](http://www.mnelks.org/volunteeraofofinterest.html)

*Volunteers are NOT required to be members!*

## Meat Raffles are back!



Stop down to the lodge and join the fun starting at 5:30 PM

Our next meat raffle of the season will be held on Thursday April 13th



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