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2024-2025 Lodge Officers

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Sarah Edstrom

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Mike Bignell, PER

ESTEEMED LOYAL KNIGHT

Jessica Nelson, PER

ESTEEMED LECTURING KNIGHT

Megan Simonson

SECRETARY

Becky Nelson

TREASURER

Steph Riegelman, PER

ESQUIRE

Melody Lampman

TILER

Tyler Riegelman

TRUSTEES

Kevin Riegelman, PER

INNER GUARD

Cameron Olson

Dennis Herling PER

CHAPLIN

Roger Kolsrud

Scott Guse, PER

Tom Wadley

UPCOMING EVENTS:

4/6 - Jump into Spring (See ad)

Music by Brent & Sheena

4/9 - Lodge Meeting at 7 PM

4/23 - Lodge Meeting at 7 PM

4/25 - Veterans in Crisis Authors 6 PM

4/27 - Meat Raffle 5:30 PM

4/29 - Trustee Meeting at 6 PM

Planning a family or business event?

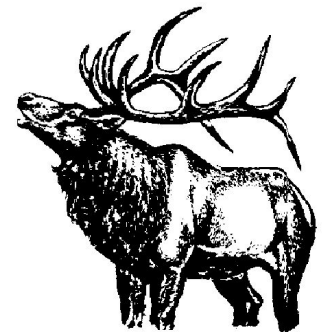
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April 2024

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*Please Submit your Articles by the 20th of the
month*

to Steph Riegelman, Newsletter Editor

Exalted Ruler's Message

Members all . . .

Welcome to the 2024-2025 Lodge Year! My name is Sarah Edstrom and I'm excited and honored to be your new Exalted Ruler!

Red Wing has been my home since 1991, when I moved here from Zumbrota after graduating from college. I have two adult children, Hannah (Port Angeles, WA) and Miles (Korbyne) (River Falls, WI), and two adorable grandchildren Lorayna (2 ½ yrs.) and Nyksen (11 Mo.).

My awesome team of officers and I are looking forward to a great year! One new thing that I am looking forward to is the introduction of the yearly Recognition Dinner for members who have been with the Elks for 50 or more years. These members, as well as our "absent" members' and our own, contributions to the Lodge, Community and Elks Organization have been instrumental in our success over the past 120 years!

In addition to this, there are so many other great activities, opportunities for volunteerism, awesome meals by PicNick's and lodge cooks, and fun events for the whole family! Look for all the details in the monthly newsletter, weekly blasts, Facebook or on the bulletin board at the lodge. There is always something fun or interesting happening!

I want to thank everyone for your continued support of the lodge and all of its charitable activities, we are truly blessed, and we appreciate every one of you!

It's GREAT to be an Elk!!

Sarah Edstrom,
Exalted Ruler



Red Wing # 845 Committee Chairs

Accident Prevention - Lottie Aslakson, PER
Americanism - Fred Tremper, PER
Auditing & Accounting - Dean Reinhart
Batters Up - Scott Guse, PER
Charitable Gambling - Larry Larson, PER
Christmas Baskets - Dennis Herling
Community Activities - Lottie Aslakson, PER
Drug Awareness - Lottie Aslakson, PER
Flag Day - Mike Bignell, PER (Leading Knight)
Flags - Jess Nelson, PER (Loyal Knight)
Government Relations - Becky Nelson
Highway Cleanup - Megan Simonson (Lect Knight)
Hoop Shoot - Greg Frankowski
Lodge Activities - Lottie Aslakson PER
Membership - Becky Nelson
Memorial Service - Mike Bignell, PER (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

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Check out the WEEKLY E-NEWS
for changes in schedules & menus!

NOT SIGNED UP?

Email - rw845secretary@redwing845.org

From our Secretary . . .

Happy New Year to all members as we start our Elks fiscal year **2024-2025!** To be an Elk member in good standing, members must have their dues paid before April 1, 2024. Please let me know if you have not received your dues statements which I mailed to all members in mid-February. If you have any questions regarding your membership, please contact me.

For those of you who have already paid your dues, I want to say **THANK YOU for being prompt!** As of this writing, I have entered payments for 60% of our membership! If you were one of our “early birds” who have already paid your dues before April, you should have received your new **BLUE** membership card with the “early bird” sticker. If you try to use the ‘TAN’ card after April 1st it will no longer work to enter the building as it is no longer a valid key card.

We still have 18 members listed below that have yet to pay their dues for the current year. Members themselves need to contact the secretary if they wish to be dropped. If delinquent members do not pay their dues or contact me before March 31, 2024, they will be dropped for non-payment of dues for the current Elks year. If any 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 as sometimes we are not informed about these things. If you can help, I would appreciate it.

Mitchell Anderson	Stacy Bystrom	Roger Diercks	Shelley Diercks
Allison Eisbach	Annette Fennern	Martin Jurgensen	Rebecca Prihara
Valerie Miller	John P. O’Reilly	Scott Phelps	Maggie Purmort
Cory Rasmussen	Melissa Rasmussen	Tara Rossi	Kristen Titus
Mark Tripp	Martin Winfrey		

Have you moved? If so, please let me know to update your address. We are charged 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

RW #845 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

as of March 24, 2024

Beginning membership on April 1, 2023

576 members

Initiated: 38 Affiliated: 1 Reinstated: 1
 Deaths: 5 Dropped: 9 Absolute Dimit: 2
 Transferred Out: 2 Delinquent: 18
 Current membership total: **598**

Proposed for Membership

Roxanne Fechter by Courtney Celt
 Anne Ferrin by Courtney Celt
 Bonnie Lodermeier by Courtney Celt
 Jennifer Holtz proposed by Sue Friedrich
 Cheryl Smith-Mohn by Wayne Gustafson

New Members Initiated March 19th.

Richard Bork, Michael Cox, Alex Hardyman,
 Mark Lodermeier, Lori Nelson, Shannon Zeien

*Please welcome these new members of
 RW #845 when you see them.*

Submitted by Red Wing Elks Lodge #845 Secretary, Becky Nelson

Elks Care – Elks Share

On March 23rd, RW 845 held its annual Installation of Officers and 23-24 ER Jessica Nelson presented some awards to several individuals

Elk of the Year: This award will be presented at a future meeting or event as the recipient was unable to attend installation.

Officer of the Year: Sarah Edstrom. Sarah has been an Elk for a short time yet she came into the Chairs with great enthusiasm. This year, Sarah attended our national convention and volunteered every day all day long! Sarah has gotten so involved in many things at our lodge AND she enjoys visiting as many other lodge events she can.



Citizen of the Year: Gwen Lynch. This past year, Gwen was a silent, behind the scenes partner helping Lottie get kids organized for camp which is NOT an easy task. Yet, Gwen jumped in without hesitation to help. She isn't one to brag and quietly goes about her work but I wanted to recognize her for this & everything else she does behind the scenes to help 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 23-28, 2024.

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, Lottie Aslakson with any questions or to get paperwork.

RW845manager@redwing845.org
Cell 651-402-8354

Go to 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 7/21-7/26 or 7/28-8/2.

Registration for these sessions are ONLY online starting 4/1/24 at www.mnelksyouthcamp.org

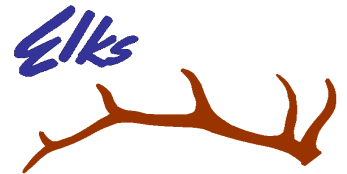
MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

3 AND FREE!

Our Lodge year is April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025. A new member is defined as someone that has been initiated into the Lodge. If you bring in THREE new members (new applicants or reinstatements) during the 24-25 Lodge Year

YOU QUALIFY for FREE DUES in 2025!!!

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Red Wing # 845 Officers for 24-25:

Front (L-R) - Kevin Riegelman, Tom Wadley, Melody Lampman, Exalted Ruler Sarah Edstrom, Megan Simonson, Becky Nelson & Mike Bignell

Back (L-R) - Scott Guse, Jan Struss, Jessica Nelson, Dennis Herling, Cameron Olson, Tyler Riegelman and Roger Kolsrud. Missing: Steph Riegelman



BIRTHDAYS

April 2024

Updated Lodge Hours
MON-SAT: 3-8 PM

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	Mar 31	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Happy Easter!	Open 3-8PM Stop in & see Randy!	Picnick's Off the Menu 5-7 PM	TACO NIGHT 5 - 7 PM	Picnick's Off the Menu 5-7 PM	Picnick's Fish Fry 5-7 PM	JUMP INTO SPRING Music by Brent & Sheena
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- 3 Doug Lantini
- 4 Peter Olson
- 5 Charles Brown
- 6 Jim Halvorsen
- 7 Ron Huppert
- 8 Bonnie Kublik
- 9 Ron Walter
- 10 Georgetown Holt
- 11 Bob "Sky" Lundberg
- 12 Pete Wenzel
- 13 Kelsey Flugger
- 14 Jeff Anderson
- 15 Dan Howland
- 16 Martin Jurgensen
- 17 Shannon Zeien
- 18 Alan Berteisen
- 19 Rick Nesteby
- 20 Tom Peschges
- 21 Kirby Anderson
- 22 Karelyn Callstrom
- 23 Susan Mahn
- 24 Mitch Amdahl
- 25 Lory Holets
- 26 Wallace Berlin
- 27 Thomas O'Dell
- 28 Arnold Strusz
- 29 David Olson
- 30 Carol Burma
- 31 Gary Johnson
- 32 Tom Neils
- 33 Chad Vande Hei
- 34 Roger Bass
- 35 Jeff Boigenzahn
- 36 Robert McCaughtry, PER
- 37 Chris Angell
- 38 Greg Bergain
- 39 Steve Derleth
- 40 Dawn Gewing
- 41 Chuck Klair
- 42 Laurie Jorgensen
- 43 Annette Fennern
- 44 Sue Friedrich
- 45 Mike Polk
- 46 Patty Brown
- 47 Terry Gilbertson
- 48 James Schurhammer
- 49 Jim Van Deusen
- 50 Jeni Wentz
- 51 Tim Borgen
- 52 Tim Hutchison

What's happening at the lodge?



Jump into Spring

Sat April 6th at the Lodge

PicNick's Off the Menu 5-7 PM

Music by Brent & Sheena 6-9PM



Grab some friends & get out of the house - enjoy some great food AND great music!

DOUBLE THE FUN

Meat Raffle



AND



BROASTED SHRIMP

SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH

Lottie will be serving up BROASTED SHRIMP - 5PM until it runs out!

Then stay for the MEAT RAFFLE starting at 5:30 PM

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Veterans in Crisis event

Thurs 4/25 6:00 PM
at the Lodge

Join the authors of the book "Veterans in Crisis: Treating the Unique Needs of Those Who Served" at our lodge as they focus PTSD, it's history and how we can support those who have served our country. Dr. Steve Lansing and Colonel B. Wayne Quist will be on-hand to share their thoughts on their book and answer your questions.



Volunteers Needed

The Hasting Veterans Home Domiciliary is seeking a volunteer in its clothing sorting room. The need would be approximately 4-6 hours per month.

The job consists of sorting acceptable donated clothing and then folding or placing on a hanger.

If interested please contact Hastings Home's Veterans Resource Coordinator Robert at robert.vandenbos@state.mn.us or 651.212.8812.

Thank you for your support in volunteering!

THANK YOU

We are SO GRATEFUL to all of our donors and volunteers



ELKS HOOP SHOOT Regional Results

Red Wing 845 had TWO shooters who won the right to move on to the Regional Hoop Shoot in Iowa City in March. Unfortunately, Griffin Riester was unable to make the trip.

The second RW 845 shooter was 12-13 year girls MN State Winner Blakely Kamps. She shot 19 of 25 free throws in Iowa City but it was not enough to take her age group - she placed 3rd at the Regional Shoot.

Minnesota had ONE shooter advance to the National Shoot in Chicago in the girls 8-9 yr old division from Brainerd MN.

THANK YOU to the parents & everyone who supported these great kids - we are VERY proud of you!!!



Kid's Easter Party

Thanks to everyone who made our Kid's Easter Party a HUGE success!!!

Special thanks to Patsy Nesteby & Modern Woodsmen for donating a bike and all the candy for the eggs.

Also to Georgeann Holt for the amazing cookies and cupcakes she made / donated. Thanks also to our event day volunteers who included Judy Arndt, Lottie Aslakson, Lona & Mike Bignell, Patsy Nesteby and Linda Reinhart (with her grandson) who was our fabulous Easter Bunny!

All of the kids had a GREAT time!!!



Kitchen Helpers and Bartenders - We're incredibly grateful to continue to have such amazing kitchen **VOLUNTEERS** who help out each month especially Jeff Hardy, Susan Henke, Georgeann Holt, Sharon Lee and Leanne Nyman.

Thank you to our **VOLUNTEER** bartenders: JoLynn Fleming, Lory Holets, Kurt Huffman and Steph Riegelman.

Newsletters - Apologies for the delay but we have a couple months of newsletter prep thank yous to share! Thanks to our February newsletter crew of Karlyne & Royce Bottin, Sharon Lee, Becky Nelson and Leanne Nyman.

Thanks to our March crew which included Lottie Aslakson, Dean Dahling, Sue & Kurt Humman, Patsy Nesteby, Steph & Kevin Riegelman and Jan Struss.

Sewing Volunteers - Last fall, the St James Hotel donated boxes of sheet sets and pillow cases which were to go to the Welcome Home Vets project and the MN Elks Youth Camp for the kids cabins. Quite a few of the pillowcases were king-size and needed to be cut down / re-sewn for the camp. On March 11th, we had a crew of volunteers at the lodge to get this work done - THANK YOU to Karlyne Bottin, Sarah Edstrom, Leanne Nyman, Chris Riegelman and Steph Riegelman.

Dining Room Windows - THANK YOU to Wynn VonBargen for donating his time and talents to fix the woodwork around several of our windows in the dining room. Your work is greatly appreciated!!



Are you a member of the ENF Fidelity Club?

ENF's Fidelity Club is the EASIEST way to spread your donation throughout the year & make a bigger impact. By donating even \$5/month through the Fidelity Club's autopay, your impact adds up to \$60 over the course of a year! Supporting ENF helps our lodge apply for grants totaling more than \$20,000 each year to help youth and veterans in our area!

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