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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

8/3 - Some volunteers needed for RCD Set-up

8/4-8/6 River City Days (VOLUNTEERS NEEDED)

8/6 - RCD Parade (VOLUNTEERS NEEDED)

8/8 - NO LODGE MEETING

8/21 - Trustee Meeting at 6 PM

8/22 - Lodge Meeting at 7 PM

8/24 - Meat Raffle at 5:30 PM

#### Mark your calendar:

9/24 - Fall Golf Classic (see ad)

10/13 - ENF Night

11/11 - Veterans Day Steak Dinner

11/17 - Turkey Games

12/1 - Annual Christmas Silent Auction

#### Planning a family or business event?

Contact Lottie TODAY to book your event at the Lodge - Call 651.388.5862

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August 2023

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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 -

July has come and gone with so many events! The Elks National Convention was held in Minneapolis Minnesota and I had the great pleasure of attending as your Exalted Ruler. I met so many new Elks from all over great United States. I had the opportunity to volunteer and help our Hopkins Lodge with volunteer check in. A huge shout out to the Red Wing Elks who also volunteered throughout the week. Our very own Justin Key was sworn in as the New Minnesota Metropolitan District Deputy!

On July 22nd we hosted our 120th Anniversary of the Red Wing Lodge #845. We had many displays showing off what a great organization we are. I loved learning the history of the Lodge and seeing some of the old photos and seeing the memorabilia on display. Mayor Mike Wilson read a declaration announcing that July 22nd will be known as Elks Day! We honored our 50 year plus members, without them the foundation of this organization we would not be as successful as we are today.

I am hoping to see as many Elks members as I can down at River City Days! This is a huge event that I am so grateful for all our volunteers who help make this a success. Also - a special shout out to our RCD organizers Lottie Aslakson and Becky & Charlie Nelson in the Beer Tent and Justin Key with Parking! They put in some incredibly long hours during that weekend to keep things running smoothly

I want to personally thank you all for coming into the lodge and enjoying dinners and drinks. Please invite your family and friends down and show them what our lodge does

maybe they will want to join our great Elks Lodge.

Thank you all for the support so far this year! I am honored to be your Exalted Ruler

#### It's <u>GREAT</u> to be an Elk!

Jessica Nelson, Exalted Ruler



#### **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

#### **2023 GRAND LODGE CONVENTION**

A <u>HUGE</u> thanks to all of our volunteers who took the time to help out at the Grand Lodge Convention over 4th of July Weekend!

#### Other highlights from the event:

- RW PER Justin Key was installed as the Metro District Deputy
- Tyler Riegelman carried the Law Enforcement Flag during the Opening Ceremony





### From our Secretary . . .

Have you stopped at the Lodge recently? Have you invited a family member or friend to join you for a meal and/or beverage? This Lodge is always open for members and their guests so please let others see what you enjoy as an Elk member of Red Wing #845. Maybe they will want to join our Elk family also! Grab an application form while at the Lodge and sign them up!

We still have 72 members who have not paid their annual dues for the current 2023-24 Lodge year which were due on April 1st. Maybe you have just forgot about doing it or that time has just flown by too fast. Delinquent members are listed below and posted at the Lodge. Please mail your payment or stop in with it and enjoy some time with your fellow Elks.

#### Delinquent members as of today are:

Ben Anderson	Jeff Anderson	Mitchell Anderson	Jackie Augustin
Greg Bargrain	John Bauer	Carmen Bertelsen	Joseph Bigalke
Sam Brown	Floyd Budensiek	Carol Burma	Stacy Bystrom
Roger Diercks	Shelley Diercks	Emma Drazkowski	Thomas Drazkowski
Eric Edon	Allison Eisbach	Scott Fagan	Annette Fennern
Angela Foss	Jesse Fox	Joseph Garrison	James Gedrose
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Jennifer Miles	Valerie Miller	Mike Nevins	Sue Northey
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Have you moved lately? We need to update your address if you have moved because we are 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 <a href="mailto:rw845secretary@redwing845.org">rw845secretary@redwing845.org</a>

#### **RW #845 MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

as of July 26, 2023
Beginning membership on April 1, 2023
576 members

Initiated: 10 Reinstated: 1 Delinquent: 72 Current membership total: **583** 

Proposed for Membership Rita Fox by Jenny Patton

The next initiation ceremony will be held on Tuesday, August 22nd The clock of his day has stopped and across its dial the motionless shadows mark the hour of eleven.

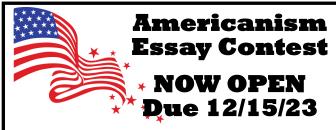
#### Mark 'Ole' Olson

**Born:** November 10, 1956 **Initiated:** September 22, 1981 **Died:** July 10, 2023

#### To Our Absent Members

The entire Red Wing #845 Lodge would like to express our deepest sympathy to the family of Mike.

### From our Secretary . . .



Open to students in grades 5-8, the Elks' Americanism Essay contest is now open! This year's contest includes:

- 4 separate divisions for grades 5, 6, 7 & 8
- Cash awards for winners at the Grand Lodge level for each division including \$1,000 for 1st place, \$500 for 2nd place and \$250 for 3rd place

The theme for this year's essay is "What the Bill of Rights means to me"

Essays cannot exceed 300 words and are due to the lodge by 12/15/23. Rules & registration forms are available online at Elks.org under Fraternal Committee / Contest Forms.

Copies are also available at the lodge.
Contest winners can win up to \$350 at the
State Level in prizes and up to \$1,000 for a
National Essay Winner!!

Please help spread the word to any teachers as well as your kids or grandkids!

# Meat Raffles are at the Elks!



## Are you a MEAT RAFFLE LOVER?

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

Our next meat raffle will be held on Thursday Aug 24th

#### Flags for Labor Day & 9/11

We need volunteers to help with flags

It only takes 30 to 45 minutes with enough help!

Flags up: Thurs 8/31 at 5:00 PM

Flags down: Tues 9/12 at 5:00 PM

We're going to leave the flags up over Sept 11th in memory of those that lost their lives that day along with the medics, police, fire & others who helped



We will meet at the Lodge - See you there!



# It's HERE!!!! Booty Chaser E-BINGO!



**Sunday, September 24th Red Wing Golf Course** 

18 holes, 4 person scramble

Shotgun start at 10 AM Sign up at the Lodge (include your handicap) and join in the fun! Teams drawn based on handicap.

Cost - \$50.00 per person (RWGC members \$20.00) includes;

- Breakfast
- Golf
- Cart
- Broasted Chicken (after golf)

For more information or questions, contact Larry Larson or Royce Bottin

- Prizes
- Plus "Special Amenities" on the Course

Breakfast & Team Draw starting at 8:30 am at the Red Wing Elks



Red Wing Elks Lodge #845

### Happenings at RW Elks # 845



**THANK YOU** to this awesome crew who helped take down the American flags that were on the graves of veterans. The kids made quick work of this job by making it a race!

## Sun City AZ Exalted Ruler Martin Galchutt visits RW 845

On June 27, Sun City AZ Exalted Ruler Martin Galchutt and his wife Laura visited our lodge on their way to the Elks National Convention in Minneapolis. 50 years ago in 1973, Martin's father Ralph Galchutt was Exalted Ruler of our lodge.

During his visit, Martin presented our lodge with an American Flag flown on 11/7/2019 on the USS St Louis (Martin's brother served on this ship) in Ralph Galchutt's honor. Martin & his wife also made a donation to support youth activities at our lodge.

Martin (black polo center) and his wife Laura (rose colored shirt) are pictured below with RW 845's officers and members



# CONGRATULATIONS RW ELKS #845 Elk of the Year Dan Erz

At our lodge meeting on June 27, PER
Patsy Nesteby was able to present Dan
with his much deserved award. Dan and
his wife Joyce can be found volunteering
around the lodge on almost a daily basis.
Recently, they've completed some much
needed, extensive cleaning & organizing
in several areas of the lodge



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PicNick's Off the Menu 5-7 PM

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PicNick's Blackened Cod Sandwich 5-7 PM

> Private Party

PicNick's Meatball Sub 5-7 PM

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Lodge Hours FRI-SAT: 3-10 PM

**River City Days** 

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#### Check this out!!!!!



## Our 120th Anniversary Celebration was a HUGE SUCCESS!!

THANK YOU to everyone who worked so hard to put this event together including: ER Jess Nelson, Judy Arndt, Lottie Aslakson, Lona & Mike Bignell, Karlyne Bottin, Sue Connaughton, Sarah Edstrom, Scott Guse, Gary locco, Linda & Larry Larson, Watt Lee, Becky & Charlie Nelson, Kevin Riegelman, Pete & Peggy Sorensen and Fred & Vickie Tremper. Thank you to our hardworking bartenders Justine Becker and Lory Holets. Thank you to PicNick's and his team including last second volunteer Watt Lee for serving some awesome off-the-menu meals! Thank you to MN Elks State President Sue Foster for joining us as a volunteer for this event!

THANK YOU to all of the members of Red Wing 845 and other lodges from across the state who came to support our lodge for this monumental event - we had Elks from Dakota County, Duluth, Eveleth, Hibbing, Hopkins, Minneapolis, Rochester, Stillwater and Willmar in attendance!

The highlight of the day was celebrating a large group of RW 845 members with 50 years or more membership as an Elk - our most senior member has been a member for 75 years!!!!



Above: Mayor Wilson reads a proclamation to celebrate our 120th Anniversary. Below: ER Jess Nelson and 75 year member Jim Isensee





### Elks Care - Elks Share

## RIVER CITY DAYS

August 4 - 6, 2023

### LOTS OF HELP NEEDED

RW ELKS are coordinating the Beer Tent AND Event Parking! This is THE largest event we do to support our lodge & our charitable programs - there are still a couple of shifts open for the beer tent and parking.

Questions, contact Lottie Aslakson or Becky Nelson.

THANK YOU to everyone who has already volunteered!!

Sign-ups are posted at the Lodge!

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UNITED WAY SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE STUFF THE

#### **Public Drop-off Locations**

- · Merchants Bank Red Wing
- Merchants Bank Cannon Falls
- Red Wing Public Library
- The Elks Lodge
- United Way Goodhue, Wabasha & Pierce Counties

Donate online and have the items delivered directly to our United Way office!



Donate

supplies by August 11th!



Pencils | Pens | Crayons Markers | Colored Pencils Glue Sticks | Erasers Scissors | Notebooks

United Way of Goodhue. Wabasha & Pierce Counties





We are partnering with Rise Up RW to provide much needed hygiene supplies to local teens.

#### These are the MOST needed items:

- Men's Axe Body Wash (Full size)
- Feminine hygiene products
- Chapstick
- Women's and Men's Shave Gel & Razors
- Unscented Lotion Ponytail Holders

Please drop off your donation at the lodge ASAP

#### MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Our Lodge year is April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024. 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 23-24 Lodge Year

YOU QUALIFY for FREE DUES in 2024!!!

## What's happening around the lodge?

#### BATTERS UP

## MN Elks State Competition 8/26/23 11 AM in Foley MN

Red Wing # 845 will send 8 youth to participate in this event on behalf of our lodge. Our first ever Batters Up event was held in June. The Batters Up program is aimed at providing a competitive batting opportunity for boys and girls ages 5 to 15.

We wish these 8 kids the VERY BEST OF LUCK at the State competition and look forward to sharing their results in our September newsletter:

Girls 5 & 6 Yrs

Boys 5 & 6 Yrs

1st - Ava Pyle

1st - Henry Rother

Girls 7 & 8 Yrs

Boys 7 & 8 Yrs

1st - Willa Meyers

1st - Silas Price

Boys 9 & 10 Yrs

Boys 11 & 12 Yrs

1st - Harper Rehdantz

1st - Riley Rehdantz

Girls 13—15 Yrs

Boys 13-15 Yrs

1st - Sophie Meurer

1st - Joseph Ferguson

## IN SEARCH OF A FIRE-PROOF SAFE OR CABINET . . .

Did you see all the great memorabilia displayed at our 120th Celebration?

We'd really like to protect it and get it safely tucked away in a fire-proof safe or cabinet. If you have one that you no longer need and would like to donate it to the lodge to protect these irreplaceable items, please contact Lottie or a Trustee



Avoid cleaning your house to host family gatherings or any other function

#### **CALL LOTTIE!!**

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credibly grateful for our kitchen <u>VOLUNTEERS</u> especially Dan & Joyce Erz, Susan Henke, Bonnie Kubik and Sharon Lee for cooking & helping serve. Thank you <u>VOLUNTEER</u> bartenders: Justine Becker, JoLynn Fleming and Lory Holets. . Thank you to all who help around the lodge with cleaning and maintenance work including Arnie Struss, Scott Guse and Dan & Joyce Erz.

Kitchen Helpers and Bartenders - We're in-

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#### THANK YOU BARB!

At the end of June, our longtime caterer Barb Gosman hung up her apron and retired from catering. Over the years, Barb has been an incredible asset to our lodge serving meals to our members, providing food for parties and special events and so much more!! Her cooking expertise and willingness to help out whenever she can will be greatly missed!

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