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**Contact the Lodge to book your party, meeting or special event!**

**Look inside for more information on...**

**THIS MONTH EVENTS:**

- 12/2 - Christmas Party / Silent Auction and State President Visit - JOIN THE FUN!!!!
- 12/3 - Support our Troops (Noon-4 PM)
- 12/4 - Memorial Service at 1 PM. Please join us!
- 12/11 - Kid's Christmas Party at 3 PM
- 12/13 - LODGE MEETING at 7 PM
- 12/17 - Christmas Food Basket delivery
- 12/20 - Trustee Meeting 7 PM
- 12/24 - OPEN 3-6 with Appetizers from 4-6 PM
- 12/27 - NO LODGE MEETING
- 12/31 - OPEN at 3 PM, Appetizers 5-7, Open til ????

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

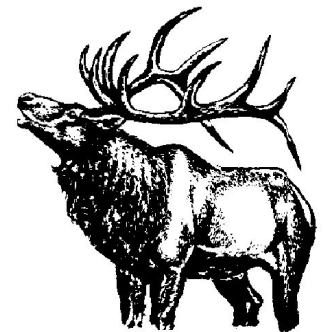
- Hoop Shoot
- 1/14 - Booyah! Feed at the Lodge
- Super Sunday Party

# *Wapitidom*

-- Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity --

*December 2016*

*It's Great to be an Elk!*



ISSUE 2016 - 12

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

# Exalted Ruler's Message

Members all,

The holiday season is upon us. My family and I would like to wish you and yours a safe and happy holiday season.

As most of you know, after the summer has come and gone, our local Lodge gets very busy. On November 10<sup>th</sup>, we showed our appreciation for our volunteers and new members with a free meal. Lottie and Barb, along with their crew put on an excellent meal. The following night, veterans were honored for their service. A steak meal was prepared by Glenn Mattson and his great crew. Thank you to all our veterans and to the cooking volunteers as well.

On November 18<sup>th</sup> we had another excellent meal cooked up by Barb Gosman. Afterwards we had a record crowd that enjoyed our annual Turkey Games. This event is sponsored and run by our own talented Past Exalted Rulers. Thank you to this awesome group for putting on such a fun night.

One of my favorite events this time of the year is the Thanksgiving morning Tom & Jerrys. For many years, the Guse family has made this fabulous treat and served it to our members & guests. It is so much fun to catch up with those members who make this an annual event for their families.

On November 25<sup>th</sup> we participated in the Holiday Stroll. Our volunteers served a pancake breakfast that morning and great burger baskets that evening. This really allows us to share who we are as Elks and some of the wonderful ways we support our community. An opportunity to share this with non-members helps our Lodge grow and do even more for the community.

Have a safe and joyous holiday season,

Fraternally,  
Charlie Nelson, PER  
Exalted Ruler



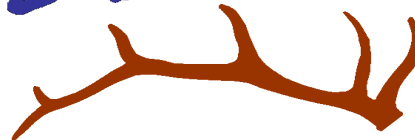
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## 2016 – 2017 Committee Chairs

Accident Prevention – Lottie Aslakson PER  
Activities – Warren Wertman, PER  
Americanism – Fred Tremper PER  
Auditing & Accounting – Dale Mehrkens  
Charitable Gambling – Larry Larson PER  
Christmas Baskets – Dennis Herling / Paul Drotos  
Community Activities – Karlyne Bottin  
Drug Awareness – Steph Riegelman PER  
Flag Day – Lona Bignell (Lead Knight)  
Flags for Holidays – Justin Key (Loyal Knight)  
Government Relations – Susan Henke & Becky Nelson  
Highway Cleanup – Susan Henke (Lecturing Knight)  
Hoop Shoot – Greg Frankowski  
Lodge Activities – Warren Wertman PER  
Membership – Becky Nelson  
Memorial Service – Lona Bignell (Lead Knight)  
National Foundation – Pete Sorensen PER  
Peggy Sorensen  
PER Association – Kevin Riegelman PER  
Public Relations – Steph Riegelman PER  
ENF & Local Scholarship – Linda Larson  
State Major Project – Warren Wertman  
Soccer Shoot – Steph Riegelman PER  
Veterans Service – Lottie Aslakson PER  
Youth Activities – Lottie Aslakson PER  
Youth Camp Recruiters – Lottie Aslakson PER  
David Riegelman PER

**Elks**

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**ELK!**



# BIRTHDAYS

## December 2016

- 1 William Reeves
- 2 Dan Struss
- 3 Robert Bremer
- 4 Paul Drotos
- 6 Jeff Cole
- 6 Dennis Hinck
- 6 William Peterson
- 6 Norman Sampson
- 8 Steven Salveson
- 8 Steve Stubbe
- 11 Brad Cordes
- 13 Marne Kenitz
- 14 Gary Ide
- 14 Calvin Kinney
- 15 Greg Huppert
- 17 Randall Anderson
- 17 Scott Dirtzu
- 18 James Kirk
- 19 Mike Marquardt
- 21 Roland Furchner
- 21 Jerry Jensen
- 22 Mike Goering
- 22 William Naseth
- 23 Earl Kenitz
- 23 Ernest Rosener
- 24 Dwayne Howe
- 24 Gary Iocco
- 28 Mike Olson
- 28 W.D. Ulvenes
- 28 Lee Kinney
- 30 Kevin Dietz
- 30 Jeff Goodwin
- 31 Paul Hassett
- 31 Neil Siewert
- 31 Eugene Leise

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px;">           Have a safe &amp; joyous Holiday Season            surrounded by family &amp; friends!  <b>THANKS FOR A GREAT 2016!!!!</b> </div>						
4	<b>Memorial Service</b> 1 PM	5 Caramel Corn Mondays	6 Food TBD Watch for details in weekly news!	7 MEXICAN 5:30-7:30 PM The <b>BEST</b> value in town!	8 Join us for Cooking Team #3's Chow Mein!	9 Private Party No food	10
11	Vikings Football	12 HAPPY HOUR DAILY 3-6 PM	13 Food TBD Watch for details in weekly news!	14 MEXICAN 5:30-7:30 PM The <b>BEST</b> value in town!	15 Food TBD Watch for details in weekly news!	16 Private Party No Food	17 Christmas Baskets HELP NEEDED (See Ad)
18	Vikings Football (Open at 11AM)	19 Caramel Corn Mondays	20 Food TBD Watch for details in weekly news!	21 MEXICAN 5:30-7:30 PM The <b>BEST</b> value in town!	22 Food TBD Watch for details in weekly news!	23 Lottie's Burger Specials	24 Christmas Eve OPEN TIL 6 PM Appetizers 4-6
25	Merry Christmas!	26 HAPPY HOUR DAILY 3-6 PM	27 Food TBD Watch for details in weekly news!	28 MEXICAN 5:30-7:30 PM The <b>BEST</b> value in town!	29 Food TBD Watch for details in weekly news!	30 Lottie's Burger Specials	31 New Year's Eve OPEN TIL ???? Appetizers 5-7
	<b>CLOSED</b>						

# SECRETARY CORNER

First of all, I would like to just say 'Happy Holidays' to everyone. I sure hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and are thankful for at least something in their lives. Let that feeling fall into the rest of the holiday season. Make the time but also 'Enjoy' the time you have with family and friends! Give out hugs, handshakes or just kind words instead of gifts! The feeling will fill your hearts with much love and warmth!

We still have the below delinquent members. We are already into the 9<sup>th</sup> month of the Lodge year so please get those dues payments sent into me soon. Please contact me if you have questions.

Brad Cordes	Kyle Knutson	Charles Lunde	Peter Olson	Carolyn Seemann
Ron Fox	Robert Kubik	Sandy McDonald	Jackie Padgett	Glenn Shull
Stan Gordon	Howard Kunz	Jessica Nelson	Theodore Peterson	Paul Tollison
Roy Harley	Peter Lang	Doug Olson	Jake Rohl	Tamara Woods

Please contact me if you are not receiving newsletters, weekly updates or reminders via e-mail.

If your e-mail address has changed we need to know so we can update it in our database.

Secretary's phone #715-495-2978 and e-mail address [rw845secretary@redwing845.org](mailto:rw845secretary@redwing845.org)

## **RW #845 MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

as of November 25, 2016

Beginning membership on April 1, 2016

Red Wing #845 – **471 members**

Initiated: 7                      Reinstated: 1

Deaths: 9                        Transfer: 1

Our current membership total: **469**

Currently Delinquent: **26**

### **Proposed for reinstatement**

Kevin Jonas proposed by Charlie Nelson

### **Proposed for membership**

Michael Engberg proposed by Patti Evenson

### **Elected to become member**

William Holst

### **Initiated as a new member of RW #845**

James Halvorsen

***Please welcome our newest member!!***

***The clock of his day  
has stopped and across its dial  
the motionless shadows mark  
the hour of eleven***

## ***William C. Ness***

**Born:** July 18, 1924

**Initiated:** November 23, 1954

**Died:** November 16, 2016

*In vain we call, he has passed  
into the light beyond*

***The entire Lodge expresses deep  
sympathy to Bill's family***

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



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# THANKS FOR A GREAT 2016!!!



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# JOIN THE FUN - GET INVOLVED!!

## Elks Lodge #845 Memorial Service



Help us honor those true and loyal Elks  
who have gone before us. . .

**1 PM - Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**  
In the Lodge Room

Elks honor living and departed members  
at the hour of Eleven.  
We also honor our departed members at the  
annual Memorial Service on the first  
Sunday in December.

Please join us for the service  
and for refreshments following the service.



Check out the WEEKLY  
E-NEWS for changes in  
schedules & menus!  
**NOT SIGNED UP?**

Email - [rw845secretary@redwing845.org](mailto:rw845secretary@redwing845.org)

## MINNESOTA VIKINGS

	Thursday - Dec. 1 Dallas Cowboys Normal Lodge Hours
	Sunday - Dec. 11 at Jacksonville Jaguars Lodge opens at 11:00
	Sunday - Dec. 18 Indianapolis Colts Lodge opens at 11:00
	Saturday - Dec. 24 at Green Bay Packers LODGE CLOSED
	Sunday - Jan. 1 Chicago Bears Lodge opens at 11:00



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**PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE**

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# JOIN THE FUN - GET INVOLVED!!!

## Keeping in the #ElksFamily!

Do you know a high school senior who is a child or grandchild of an Elk? Encourage them to apply for an Elks Legacy Award scholarship. This program offers 250 college scholarships worth \$4,000 each to the children & grandchildren of Elk members.

College-bound high school seniors who are the children or grandchildren of Elk members in good standing (Their lodge dues have been paid for 2016-2017 lodge year) can apply. Their applications compete against others from the state of their sponsoring Elks Lodge.

**Applications are NOW available online and are due on February 3, 2017 at 11:59 AM Central Time.** For more information about eligibility requirements and to access the online application - visit [enf.elks.org/leg](http://enf.elks.org/leg)



**Enjoying the season**



What are the benefits of your membership

### Hall Rental is FREE for members!

Have a wedding, reunion, anniversary, birthday, business meeting, bridal shower, engagement party, rehearsal dinner or holiday party to plan?

Call the Lodge (651-388-5862) and talk to Lottie to get your party on the calendar!

## FROM OUR MANAGER . . .

It has been a busy November for the bar. I would really like to thank all of our volunteers that stepped up and helped with all the festivities that we had.

December will be busy as well. The Adult X-mas party and Silent Auction. This will be a great time with Barb fixing her Appetizers.

The Kids X-mas Party is on Sunday the 11th at 3PM. Santa Claus will be here greet the kids.

Christmas Eve we will be open until 6 PM with Appetizers from 4-6PM. Join us also on New Years Eve for Appetizers from 5-7PM. Savor the memories of the past year with your fellow Elks.

It's great to be an Elk!!!!

Lottie



## Holiday Stroll

## Thanks!!

Thanks SO MUCH to our Manager Lottie Aslakson and all of our amazing volunteers who helped make the breakfast and burgers for Holiday Stroll a HUGE success!

Watch for a complete listing in January!

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE LODGE!!!



Support our Troops!!!

DONATE - HELP PACK

**Sat Dec 3rd**

Noon - 4 PM

Come on down to the Elks and help fill care packages to send to troops overseas! Monetary donations will be used to help pay shipping. Please drop off your donations prior to the event. We need:

- |  |                        |
|--|------------------------|
| Plain Socks, Calf Height (Black, white or tan, NO LOGOS) |                        |
| Foot Powder  | Gum                    |
| Deodorant  | Peanuts                |
| Body Wipes   | Popcorn                |
| Hand Warmers   | Beef Jerky / Slim Jims |
| Emergen-C Drink Packets                                  | Powder Drink Mixes     |
| Hard Candy / Gummies / Energy Bars - NO chocolate        |                        |



**Elks  
National  
Foundation**

Thanks to the generosity of our members, our lodge has exceeded the Grand Exalted Rulers goal of \$4.65/member. Exceeding this goal gives our lodge access to THOUSANDS of dollars in grants to continue the great work we do in our community AND helps to support our State Project as well as Hoop Shoot, Soccer Shoot, Scholarships, Essay contest and MUCH MORE!

Local ENF Chair Peter Sorensen recognized several lodge members with ENF Awards for their donations:

Larry Horlitz & Charlie Nelson for exceeding \$2,000 and Warren Wertman for exceeding \$1,000 in donations



Elk's  
**KID'S  
CHRISTMAS  
PARTY**

**Sun 12/11 starts at 3 PM**

Food, games and a visit from Santa - bring down the kids & grandkids!



**AMERICANISM**  
Essay Contest

This year the title for the annual Americanism Essay contest is titled; "Why is it Important to Vote?" The contest is open to all students in the 6th - 8th grades. The contest is broken into two categories, 5th and 6th grades and then 7th & 8th grades. The essays are due to the Lodge no later than 12/16/16. We will be sending the information regarding the contest to School Districts in our area.

Should you have a child, grandchild, friend or neighbor who may be interested, please contact Fred Tremper, Lodge Americanism Chair (651-456-9633 or ftremper@comcast.net) or Mary Wooden (651-388-7207 or djwooden@charter.net). They will provide all of the information and instructions to participate.

Essays are judged on a Lodge and State level with the winning top essays submitted for judging at the National level. Winners at the State level, in both categories, will win: First Place \$300, Second Place \$200 and Runner-up \$100. If you would like to help contacting the School Districts in our area regarding the essay contest, please also contact Fred or Mary.



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# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE LODGE!!



**Barb's Appetizers  
\$10/person**

Barb is serving a combination of hot & cold appetizers, and would like some idea of quantity. Please

**RSVP**

by calling the Lodge (388-5862) with name & number of people. Thanks!

Red Wing Elks Lodge #845  
14th Annual Member & Guest  
Christmas Party

**Friday, Dec 2nd, 2016**

Join us to welcome our State President  
**Butch Blight & wife Diane**

📺 Appetizers 5:00 - 7:00 📺 Silent Auction 7:00 - 9:00 📺

Proceeds benefit Red Wing Elks Lodge #845 &  
The Minnesota Elks Youth Camp

## RW Elks # 845's Annual **Christmas Food Basket Drive**

**Give Generously . . . Start a new Family Tradition**



The Elk's Christmas Basket Project needs your help again this year to try and bring a decent Christmas Dinner to all of our local families in need.

All of our volunteers are welcome to gather at the Lodge for breakfast on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 8am. Afterwards, we will assemble the complete turkey dinners and then deliver those glad tidings to our neighbors. There is simply no better way to find the meaning of Christmas. This is such a great Christmas tradition to share with family & friends - bring the kids or grand-kids and help teach them the true spirit of the holiday.

Please help us expand the Heart of Elkdom by filling up the enclosed little envelope and dropping it off at the Lodge or mailing it in. Also, please take note of neighbors and friends that might need our help by including their name, address, phone, and the number in their family inside of the envelope (This is strictly confidential).

Comfort and joy is just a Christmas Carol. This "Little Envelope" can actually make it happen!

Merry Christmas,  
Paul Drotos & Dennis Herling, Co-Chairs

**Saturday  
Dec 17th  
at 8 AM**

Our day starts with breakfast, then we pack & deliver the baskets.

It's chaotic but **VERY** rewarding when you drop off a basket and see the smiles on the faces of mom or dad.

**STOP DOWN TO YOUR LODGE  
FOR ONE OF OUR GREAT  
MEALS THIS MONTH!!**



**It's GREAT  
to be an Elk!**

# THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

## **THANKS SO MUCH . . .**

**Newsletters** - Thank you to everyone who helped get our newsletter sent out last month. Many hands make the work easy and fun - thanks for dropping by to help!

**Homeless Veterans** - Thanks to the Hopkins Lodge for their work with the Welcome Home kits project. They deliver a bed, household items & food to formerly homeless veterans who have recently found housing. Thanks to Kevin Riegelman for joining them during two deliveries in the St. Paul area - the experience was extremely rewarding as well as a great reminder of what it truly means to be an Elk!

**Flags** - Thanks so much to our crew who help put up and take down flags for Veterans Day. They include:  
**FLAGS UP** - Mike Bignell, Justin Key, Kim Key, Patsy Nesteby, Kevin & Steph Riegelman and Fred & Vickie Tremper.  
**FLAGS DOWN** - Mike Bignell, Justin Key, Kim Key, Mark Lynch & Becky Nelson

**Decorating** - Thanks to Becky Nelson, Steph Riegelman, Clarice & Steve Vagasky for their work to decorate our lodge for the holidays!

**Turkey Games** - Thanks to all of our PERs who helped support Turkey Games AND Thanksgiving Morning at the Lodge!

## **Tom & Jerry's on Thanksgiving Morning**

THANKS AGAIN to the Guse family & friends for serving wonderful Tom & Jerry's again this year!

Thanks to our bar volunteers including Stacy Bystrom and Julie Hatch along with PERs Mark Lynch, Kevin Riegelman & Warren Wertman for their help!



**Cooking Volunteers** - Thanks to Lottie Aslakson, Bob Bauer, Jean & Barry Dossdall, Larry Horlitz and Mike Jacobson for their help in the kitchen during our Veterans Steak Fry. While we fed a lot more people - we served free meals to 28 of members who are Veterans. Thank you for your service!

Thanks also to Barb Gosman & Lottie Aslakson for the food during our New Member & Volunteer Appreciation Night - thanks to helpers Greg Fleming, Dennis Herling, Justin Key, Steph Riegelman and Warren Wertman.



Have you noticed our stained glass displays in several of the Lodge windows? One of our members (Jim Key, right) made these and donated them to the lodge!

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