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UPCOMING EVENTS:

12/1 - Annual Christmas Silent Auction

12/3 - Memorial Service at 1 PM

12/9 - Kid's Christmas Party at 3 PM

12/12 - Lodge Meeting at 7 PM

12/13 - Wrap gifts for High School 5 PM

12/16 - Christmas Basket assemble & deliver

12/23 - Ugly Sweater Party (See ad)

12/???? - Trustee Meeting at 6 PM

12/26 - NO Lodge Meeting

Mark your calendar:

1/11/24 - Next Meat Raffle (none in Dec)

Planning a family or business event?

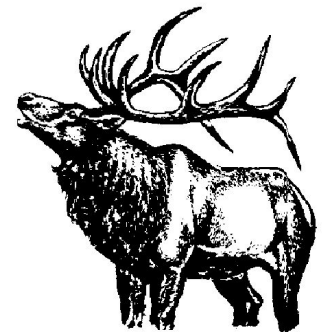
Contact Lottie TODAY to book your event at the Lodge - Call 651.388.5862

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December 2023

It's Great to be an Elk!



ISSUE 2023 - 12

*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 -

Christmas is already right around the corner! This month, we have so many opportunities to give back to our community and help those in need. Please check out this newsletter, Lottie's weekly email blast and the bulletin board for any upcoming events you would love to help with.

We are gathering fleece blankets, stocking stuffers for kids and collecting gifts from the Christmas tags to help local families. We are asking for any of our Elks members to also sign some Christmas cards to spread a little extra holiday cheer. Our ENF grants will be helping provide gifts as well as meal boxes to help local teens and their families have food during the Holiday break.

Our Annual Christmas food basket project is another great opportunity to get involved while helping local families during the holiday season.

On Friday Dec. 1st, our wonderful MN Elk State President Sue Foster will be joining us for our annual Christmas Party and Silent Auction. I hope to see many of our members down at the lodge for this fun event. Lets fill the lodge and show our State President what a great lodge we have.

Sunday Dec. 3rd is our annual Memorial Service where we honor our absent members especially those that have left us during the past year.

As the year is winding down, I hope our great Elks had time to celebrate with family and friends on Thanksgiving, whenever you were able to enjoy that great meal, and were able to come and enjoy the holiday stroll. Remember to take time to enjoy family and friends with the upcoming holiday. Bring them down and show off our great lodge and the great Elks we have.

As always, I am so grateful for the many volunteers we have. Without you we could not complete the events we do. Thank you!

It's GREAT to be an Elk!

Jessica Nelson,
Exalted Ruler



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to be an
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Do you like to wrap Christmas gifts? We need your help!!

**Join us Wed, Dec 13th at 5PM
at the lodge**

We'll be organizing and wrapping gifts for local high school students and area kids who could use a little joy at Christmas!



Do you like to decorate Christmas cookies? We need your help!!

**Wed, Dec 20th at 4:30PM - ?
at the lodge**

Bring some friends, your kids or Grandkids to help decorate. The Cookies will go to the homeless, Police, Sheriff, Fire & Correctional Facility employees



From our Secretary . . .

It's finally the holiday season and I hope our members, their families and friends are able to spend some wonderful times together. We must all try to enjoy the many precious things in our lives. Others may not have as much so please don't forget to help them when you can.

Many of our Elk members and our Elk widows have already donated to our annual Christmas Basket Project and I thank you! You can still donate towards it as the event will take place on the 16th so, please put a little donation in the envelope we mailed to you in last month's newsletter. This is an amazing charitable event our Elks Lodge does each year!

If you are a member who remains delinquent for the current year, please get your payment sent in or dropped off. If you are not sure, the below listing includes the 33 members who are still currently delinquent. Please contact me if you have any questions about your membership.

If you know any member listed below who is in poor health, please contact Lottie or me so we can assist them if possible as we may not be aware of it. This is what Elks do.

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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 rw845secretary@redwing845.org

RW #845 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

as of November 20, 2023

Beginning membership on April 1, 2023
576 members

Initiated: 23 Reinstated: 1 Deaths: 4
Dropped: 5 Absolute Dimit: 1
Transferred Out: 2 Delinquent: 34
Current membership total: 589

*Our next initiation ceremony will be
Tuesday, December 5th.*

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

Robert Sward

Born: July 1, 1928

Initiated: February 23, 1960

Died: October 29, 2023

To Our Absent Members

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

Elks Care - Elks Share



Red Wing 845's Annual Christmas Party

Friday, Dec 1, 2023



Sign up at the Lodge for PicNick's FABULOUS Appetizers and plan to bring your friends down to the Lodge for a night of food, fun & friendship while raising funds to support our Lodge or the MN Elks Youth Camp!

*Meet our MN Elks State President
Sue Foster from Rochester #1091*

Silent Auction opens at 5 PM -
Bidding closes at 7:45 & 8 PM

*THANK YOU to all of our members AND local businesses
that have supported this event.*

If you or your business is interested in donating an item for our silent auction, please drop it off at the lodge by 5PM on Weds 11/29/23.

Be sure to let us know if you want the proceeds from your donation to go the MN Elks Youth Camp or to our Lodge for our new coolers

RW Elks # 845's Annual

Christmas Food Basket Drive

Saturday, Dec 16th at 8 AM at the Lodge



**Our Christmas Basket Tradition continues ... And now
it's your turn to be an ELF and we need lots of them!**

There's still time to get your donation in and support this awesome event! Use the envelope that was mailed with the November newsletter to ALL members or drop your check off at the lodge. THANK YOU SO MUCH to everyone who has already donated - your generosity is amazing!

PLEASE mark your calendar and gather your family and friends to come down to the lodge on Saturday December 16th at 8AM. Join us for breakfast at 8 AM for all the basket volunteers followed by packing the baskets and delivering them. WE NEED LOTS OF DELIVERY DRIVERS TO LIGHTEN THE LOAD ON ALL THE VOLUNTEERS. A sign-up sheet is posted at the lodge - - come on down and join us!!

If you know of a family that could really use one of our food baskets, please contact Lottie and provide their name, cell phone number, address and # of people in the family.

It's GREAT to be an Elk - - Merry Christmas!!!!
Dennis Herling, Chairman, Christmas Basket Committee

What's happening at the lodge?



KID'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday 12/9/23
Starts at 3 PM

Food, fun games and
a visit from Santa!



Americanism Essay Contest

NOW OPEN
Due 12/15/23

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 = \$1,000 for 1st place, \$500 for 2nd place & \$250 for 3rd place

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

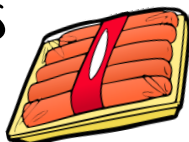
Essays cannot exceed 300 words and are due to the lodge by 12/15/23. Rules & registration forms are available online at Elks.org under Fraternal Committee / Contest Forms.

Copies are also available at the lodge.

Contest winners can win up to \$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!



Join the fun starting at 5:30PM
on Thursday, Jan 11th

Elks Lodge #845

Memorial Service



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

Sunday, Dec 3rd at 1 PM
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.

This year, we remember the following
departed members:

Mike Olson
Richard McLaughlin
Delbert Johnson
Roy Harley
Dwayne Howe
Bruce Bodin
Mark Olson
Jim Isensee
Robert Sward

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

3 AND FREE!

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!!!

BIRTHDAYS

December 2023

Updated Lodge Hours
MON-SAT: 3-8 PM

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	Sheena Whitlock						
2	Dan Struss						
3	Robert Bremer						
4	Donald Anderson	Nov 26					
	Jeff Cole						
6	Dennis Hinck						
	William Peterson						
8	Arnold Gorder	Nov 27					
	Steve Salveson	Vikings Football 7:15					
	Kari Ann Waste						
10	Michelle Hurlbut						
11	Brad Cordes						
12	Jeannie Fairbanks						
14	Gary Ide						
	Calvin Kinney						
15	Greg Huppert						
17	Randall Anderson						
	Scott Dirtzu						
18	Melissa Rasmussen						
19	Mike Anderson						
	Mike Marquardt						
21	Jerry Jensen						
	Frank Pichelman						
22	Mike Goering						
	William Naseth						
23	Allison Hammond						
	Kyle Hering						
24	Gary Iocco						
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25	Brooke Dressen						
26	Dan Ferezan						
28	Antonio Friedrich						
28	Lee Kinney						
29	Katherine Myers						
	Thomas Squire						
30	Justine Becker						
	Kevin Dietz						
	Jeff Goodwin						
	Paul Hassett						
	Neil Siewert						
	Adam Vosburgh						
31	John Wiederholt						

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	Memorial Service						
	Starts at .1 PM						
	See ad						
4	NO FOOD						
	Open 3-8PM						
	Stop in!						
5	Picnick's						
	Off the Menu						
	5-7 PM						
	New Member						
	Initiation						
6	TACO NIGHT						
	5 - 7 PM						
7	Broasted Chicken						
	5 - 7 PM						
8	Picnick's						
	Off the Menu						
	5-7 PM						
	OPEN 3-10						
9	Kid's Xmas Party						
	3 PM						
	OPEN 3-10						
10	Private Party						
	NO FOOD						
	Open 3-8PM						
	Stop in!						
11	NO FOOD						
	Open 3-8PM						
	Stop in!						
12	Private Party						
	NO FOOD						
	7PM Lodge Mtg						
13	TACO NIGHT						
	5 - 7 PM						
	5PM-Wrap						
	Gifts						
14	Private Party						
	NO FOOD						
15	Private Party						
	OPEN 3-10						
16	Christmas Baskets						
	Starts 8AM						
17	Private Party						
	NO FOOD						
	Open 3-8PM						
	Stop in!						
18	NO FOOD						
	Open 3-8PM						
	Stop in!						
19	Lottie's						
	Jumbo Ckn						
	Wings						
	5-7 PM						
20	TACO NIGHT						
	5 - 7 PM						
21	Broasted Shrimp						
	5 - 7 PM						
22	Broasted Fish						
	5 - 7 PM						
	OPEN 3-10						
23	Ugly Sweater Party						
	OPEN 3-10						
24	Open at Noon						

25	Merry Christmas!!!						
	Help needed to deliver meals						
26	Meat Loaf Dinner						
	5-7 PM						
27	TACO NIGHT						
	5 - 7 PM						
28	Broasted Chicken						
	5 - 7 PM						
	OPEN 3-8						
29	Broasted Fish						
	5 - 7 PM						
	OPEN 3-10						
30	Open at Noon						

31	Help needed to deliver meals						

Elks Care - Elks Share

ENF Scholarships

Know any High School Seniors applying for college?

The Elks Nat'l Foundtion awards \$1.4 MILLION in \$4,000 scholarships to 350 children & grandchildren of Elk members in good standing through the ENF Legacy Scholarships. Applications are due 02/05/234

Go to www.enf.elks.org/leg to apply!!

**Applications for both groups are ONLY accepted online!
PLEASE HELP SPREAD THE WORD!!!**



MINNESOTA VIKINGS



The Lodge will again be open for Sunday games hosted by your favorite game-time bartenders; Mark Lynch, Lottie Aslakson & Royce Bottin

Drink Specials Every Sunday!

Sun, Dec 3 - BYE WEEK - LODGE MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sun, Dec 10 - 3:05 PM - @ Las Vegas (FOX) - Lodge CLOSED

Sun, Dec 17 - TBD - @ Cincinnati (CBS) - Lodge Opens ???

Sun, Dec 24 - 12:00 PM - vs Detroit (FOX) - Lodge CLOSED
Christmas Eve - MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Sun, Dec 31 - 7:20 PM - vs Green Bay (NBC) - Lodge CLOSED
New Years Eve - HAPPY NEW YEAR!

ugly sweater party



**Saturday
12/23/23
Open at 3 PM**

Contest voting
ends at 8 PM

Wear an Ugly Sweater and get
a discount on your drink
Prizes for Ugly, Uglier & Ugliest

Join us for some fun!

CHRISTMAS PROJECTS

Helping Teens, Families & Veterans

We are gathering gifts this holiday to help out several local groups:

- Sponsoring a local family to provide warm clothes as well as toys
- Gathering stocking stuffers for children ages infant through 18 yrs old
- Tying fleece blankets for high school students and younger kids
- Signing Christmas Cards to spread holiday cheer to kids & families

The giving tree is also up at the lodge and ready for you to pick a tag.

These are all GREAT opportunities to teach the kids or grandkids the spirit of giving!!

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

NOT SIGNED UP?

Email - rw845secretary@redwing845.org

Elks Care - Elks Share

Christmas Day Dinner



We are cooking & delivering a meal on Christmas day to

- Homeless individuals at local hotels

Along with essential employees working

- Correctional Facility employees
- Police, Sheriff, Dispatch and Fire

If you'd like to help prepare the meals and/or deliver meals, PLEASE sign up at the lodge.

Prep starts at 10:30 / Delivery at Noon

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

CALL LOTTIE!!

651-388-5862



THANK YOU to our Trunk or Treat volunteers from late October including Mike Bignell, Barb Johnson, Patsy Nesteby, Karen Renshaw and Nancy Rosener



Porky's Piggy Party Fundraiser

was held on Sat Oct 28th & was a HUGE SUCCESS!

THANK YOU to the committee who organized this event including Lottie Aslakson, Karlyne Bottin, Gwen Lynch and Jan Struss.

Thank you to the volunteers who helped that day including Lori Fox, Jeff & Margie Hardy, Mark Lynch and Dean & Linda Reinhart

Thank you to everyone who provided a dessert for this event and finally . . .

THANK YOU to all of the Rib Masters who signed up to participate and took the time to prepare some ribs for this event!!

CONGRATULATIONS TO

1st Place: Greg Fleming

2nd Place: Patsy Nesteby

This event raised just over \$650 which will go towards 2 new beer coolers for behind the bar



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 \$17,000 each year to help youth and veterans in our area!

Find out more / enroll online at
enf.elks.org/recurring

THANK YOU

We are SO GRATEFUL to all of our donors and volunteers



THANK YOU SO MUCH to the fabulous volunteers who helped put up and take down the American flags for Veterans Day! It's great to see everyone step up and help out where they can!!!



Kitchen Helpers and Bartenders - We're incredibly grateful for our kitchen **VOLUNTEERS** especially Jeff Hardy, Susan Henke, Sharon Lee, Leanne Nyman and Tina Shivel for cooking & serving meals.

A SPECIAL THANKS to our great Steak Night group that helped for Veterans Day! Volunteers included Bob Bauer, Barry & Jean Dodsall, Susan Henke, Ron Huppert and Glenn Mattson. Another HUGE THANK YOU to Georgene Holt for making and donating all the cupcakes served that night for the Veterans Dinner! Thank you to Judy Arndt and Mike & Lona Bignell for their help!

Thank you **VOLUNTEER** bartenders: JoLynn Fleming, Lory Holets & Kurt Huffman. Thank you to all who help around the lodge with cleaning and maintenance work around the lodge including Arnie Struss and our Lodge Trustees.

Gloves for Veterans:



THANKS SO MUCH to everyone who stepped up and brought in some Winter Gloves for veterans! We helped just over 200 veterans at the Winter Gear event thanks to your generosity, RW Shoe for 250 pairs of footwear and our lodge's Spotlight Grant used to buy winter hats and long underwear for the event held on 11/18 at Every Third Saturday near the Mpls VA Hospital. It was an INCREDIBLE day!!!!

Spotlight Grant: ETS Event

THANK YOU to our wonderful volunteers who helped with this year's event including Lottie Aslaksen, Mike & Lona Bignell, Sarah Edstrom, JoLynn Fleming, Cheri Johnson, Deni Johnson, Maddie Olson and Kevin & Steph Riegelman (pic below left)



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