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CHAPLIN

Lottie Aslakson, PER

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

2/7 - LODGE opens at 4 PM for
THE BIG GAME!!! (See ad)

2/9 - Lodge Meeting at 7 PM
Nomination of New Officers

2/16 - Fat Tuesday Crab Dinner
Reservations required in advance

2/23 - Trustee Meeting 6 PM

2/23 - Lodge Meeting at 7 PM
Election of New Officers

IMPORTANT INFO INCLUDED:

New Lodge Year starts April 1

Planning a family or business event?

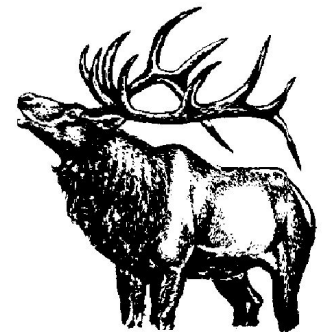
Contact Lottie TODAY to book your event at the Lodge - Call 651.388.5862

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February 2021

It's Great to be an Elk!



ISSUE 2021 - 02

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

Exalted Ruler's Message

Greetings all -

We are entering an exciting time of the year when new officers are nominated to carry the lodge forward into the next lodge year. If you or anyone you know is an Elks member who would like to become more active in our lodge, contact one of our current officers (Listed on the cover of this newsletter) and let them know.

Check out the trustee update in this newsletter for some information about some repairs that were completed while our lodge was closed from Nov-Jan.

Now that we're open again for beverages and in-person dining - - please stop in for a beverage or some great food specials, the broasted fish is amazing! We're also booking events for future dates, just get ahold of Lottie.

I only have two months left as your Exalted Ruler and would love to initiate some more new members. If you know of anyone who'd like to make a difference in our community, please invite them down for one of our great meals so they can check out our facilities and show them what we have to offer.

As always, please keep our first responders and our troops in your thoughts and prayers.

Fraternally -
Mike Bignell, Exalted Ruler



THANKS FOR SUPPORTING LOCAL VETERANS

WHENEVER it comes to projects to support veterans, our lodge members step up!!! During January, we helped our second homeless veteran with supplies for her new apartment!! She was so appreciative and so excited especially to have her own vacuum cleaner!!



Red Wing # 845 Committee Chairs

Accident Prevention - Lottie Aslakson, PER
Activities - Warren Wertman, PER
Americanism - Fred Tremper, PER
Auditing & Accounting - Rollie Meffert
Charitable Gambling - Larry Larson, PER
Christmas Baskets - Paul Drotos /Dennis Herling
Community Activities - Karlyne Bottin
Drug Awareness - Lottie Aslakson, PER
Flag Day - Jennifer Miles (Leading Knight)
Flags for Holidays - Patsy Nesteby (Loyal Knight)
Fraternal - Justin Key, PER
Government Relations - Becky Nelson
Highway Cleanup - Allison Eisbach (Lect Knight)
Hoop Shoot - Greg Frankowski
Lodge Activities - Warren Wertman, PER
Membership - Becky Nelson
Memorial Service - Jennifer Miles (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 - Warren Wertman, PER
Veterans Service - Lottie Aslakson, PER
Youth Activities - Lottie Aslakson, PER
Youth Camp Recruiters - Lottie Aslakson, PER
& David Riegelman, PER

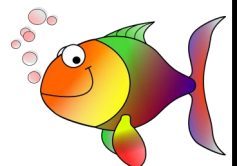
THANKS TO OUR FLAG CREW



Thank you to our volunteers Judy Arndt, Mike Bignell, Scott & Sherri Guse, Jim Johnson, Leon Klenke, Charlie Nelson, Patsy & Paul Nesteby. I think we're missing one or two - if we are, our apologies!!!!



**Take-Out
available**



**Broasted Chicken & Fish
or any other meal**

Please call by 1 PM to place your order
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From our Lodge Secretary

An initiation ceremony of new members is scheduled for February 2nd so I'll have the list of who our newest members are in the March newsletter. Due's statements for the new Elks year will be mailed early this month so please contact me if you have not received yours by the end of February or if you have questions regarding your membership. On April 1, 2021 our new Elks Lodge year begins, and all members should have their dues paid before April 1st to continue as a member in good standing.

We are now 10 months into the current Lodge year which ends on March 31st and 19 members remain delinquent in paying their dues and are listed below. Please send me your dues payments today to continue your membership.

James Dollar	Chris Earney	Glenn Earney	Austin Engen	Angela Foss
Jesse Fox	Paige Hokanson	Jason Hoppman	Jodi Jones	Tanner Knudsen
Kyle Knutson	Kory Kruger	John Peter O'Reilly	Sara Plum	Alyssa Renshaw
Glenn Shull	Eric Sloan	Mark Tripp		Chris Warrington

Members all, the Post Office charges us each time for returned mail due to addresses being incorrect so please let me know what your new address is before you move. Better yet, use your e-mail address to receive the newsletters so you always get them on time! Contact me either by phone 715-495-2978 or e-mail rw845secretary@redwing845.org

RW #845 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

as of January 23, 2021

Beginning membership on April 1, 2020

Red Wing #845 – 540 members

Affiliated: 1 Reinstated: 1 Initiated: 11

Deceased: 8 Delinquent members: 19

Current membership: 545

Proposed for membership

Thomas Drazkowski by Lottie Aslakson

Lucas Armstrong by Jessica Anderson

Jayne Poole by Jessica Anderson

Katie Hardyman by Dale Mehrkens

Request for Reinstatement

Andrew Hardyman

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

Ted LeMay

Born: November 20, 1949

Initiated: March 20, 2018

Died: December 13, 2020

To Our Absent Members

*The entire Red Wing #845 Lodge
expresses our deepest sympathy to
Ted's family.*

BIRTHDAYS

Lodge Hours
MON-THURS: 3-8 PM

February 2021

Lodge Hours
FRI-SAT: 3-10 PM

1	James Dollar Shayne Swanson						
2	Jeff Frost Arne Skyberg						
3	Kim Beise Lowell Anderson						
4	Steve Vagasky Joe Mann						
5	Toni Velure Charles Frawley						
8	Jim Pribyl Karl Siewert						
9	Wynn VonBergen Rob Magnuson						
10	Robert Nybo Jason Key						
11	Dave Everett Austin Knott						
12	Kassandra Rother Dena Shull						
13	Roger Kolsrud Susan Northey						
14	Sara Plum Glenn Shull, PER						
15	Mike Bignell Vickie Tremper						
16	Clair Hemerway Eugene Oberg						
17	Mark Lynch, PER Rebecca Prihara						
18	Mark Eliason Susan Henke, PER						
19	Alyssa Renshaw Virgil Siewert						
20	Peggy Sorensen Dave Blais						
21	Jason Dille Brian Konz						
22	Jennifer Ann Buck Tim Kelly						
23	Kristi Reuter Scott Smith						
24	Fred Trampler, PER Gregg Frankowski						
25	Glenn Klair Paul Nasteby						
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jan 31	1 <i>OPEN</i> 3-8 PM <i>Mon-Thurs</i>	2 Spaghetti Dinner Initiation	3 TACO NIGHT Limited Menu 4:30-6:30 PM	4 <i>Broasted</i> <i>Chicken</i> 4:30-6:30 PM	5 <i>Broasted</i> <i>Fish</i> 4:30-6:30 PM	6 <i>Stop in</i> <i>for a</i> <i>beverage!</i> Open 3-10 PM
7 THE BIG GAME! Lodge opens at 4 PM	8	9 Lottie's Burgers & Fries Lodge Mtg 7PM Nomination of Officers	10 TACO NIGHT Limited Menu 4:30-6:30 PM	11 <i>Broasted</i> <i>Chicken</i> 4:30-6:30 PM	12 <i>Broasted</i> <i>Fish</i> 4:30-6:30 PM	13 <i>Stop in</i> <i>for a</i> <i>beverage!</i> Open 3-10 PM
14	15	16 FAT TUESDAY Jerry's Crab Dinner (Sign up at lodge)	17 TACO NIGHT Limited Menu 4:30-6:30 PM	18 <i>Broasted</i> <i>Chicken</i> 4:30-6:30 PM	19 <i>Broasted</i> <i>Fish</i> 4:30-6:30 PM	20 <i>Stop in</i> <i>for a</i> <i>beverage!</i> Open 3-10 PM
21	To Go Orders ALWAYS WELCOME!!! Call 651-388-5862 & Order by 1 PM		23 Lottie's Burgers & Fries 6PM Trustees 7 PM Lodge Mtg	24 TACO NIGHT Limited Menu 4:30-6:30 PM	25 <i>Broasted</i> <i>Chicken</i> 4:30-6:30 PM	26 <i>Broasted</i> <i>Fish</i> 4:30-6:30 PM
28	Mar 1 <i>OPEN</i> 3-8 PM <i>Mon-Thurs</i>	Mar 2 Food Served 4:30-6:30 PM	Mar 3 TACO NIGHT Limited Menu 4:30-6:30 PM	Mar 4 <i>Broasted</i> <i>Chicken</i> 4:30-6:30 PM	Mar 5 <i>Broasted</i> <i>Fish</i> 4:30-6:30 PM	Mar 6 <i>Stop in</i> <i>for a</i> <i>beverage!</i> Open 3-10 PM

What's Happening at the Lodge???



FAT TUESDAY

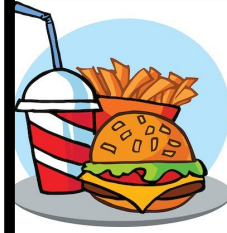
Tues, Feb 16th

featuring:

JERRY GOSMAN'S Crab Dinner!

**IF YOU HAD OTHER PLANS,
CHANGE THEM!!!**

Sign up at the lodge for this fun night
of AWESOME food!



*Back by popular
demand . . .*

Lottie's Burgers

\$8 & served with fries on the

2nd and 4th Tuesdays

from 4:30-6:30 PM

Featuring Cheeseburgers, California
Burgers, Hangover Burgers, Western
Burgers and Mushroom Swiss Burgers

Trustee Update

As most can imagine, this year has been disastrous for our lodge financially. We've been shutdown for months at a time, have lost bookings for weddings & other parties along with River City Days, Holiday Stroll & Big Turn Music Festival. Our Trustees and other volunteers have stepped up to help get some projects done this year especially while our doors were closed. Following a close review of our finances year-to-date, the Trustees have asked Lottie to increase menu prices effective February 1st. We greatly appreciate everyone's support but found it necessary to make this adjustment to bring our food-related income inline with food-related expenses.

Thanks to the generosity of our members who have made donations to our roof repair fund & our Operations Fund along with volunteer time by our trustees & others AND some funding through HRA, we have been able to complete the repairs needed on our roof, upgrade our heat & air conditioning in the dining room and install a fire protection system required by the RW Fire Dept. In addition to help with operational expenses, we have applied for pandemic assistance through several grants that were open to non-profits like us who have experienced a dramatic impact on their financials due to COVID-19.

We certainly realize that not everyone is comfortable coming down to the lodge and being around other people yet. Lottie and our bartenders are working hard to make sure social distancing and mask guidelines are being followed. We greatly appreciate your support by not giving them a hard time if you're asked to put on a mask or not move a chair . . . We're trying to abide by the rules we need to follow to keep our doors open.

Thanks for your continued support - - *RW Elks Trustees*

Join us for

THE BIG GAME



SUNDAY, FEB 7TH

Lodge opens at 4 PM

**DRINK SPECIALS, BLOODY MARYS FOR \$3
BLOOMING ONIONS & WINGS FOR PURCHASE**

We hope to see you there!

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

3 AND FREE!

**Bring any three (3) new members
into the Lodge this Lodge year and get
your Lodge dues free next year!**

Our Lodge year is April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021. A new member is defined as someone that has been initiated into the Lodge. Applicants in the pipeline and not initiated before March 31 do not count toward this program. If you bring in 3 new members (new applicants or reinstatements) during the 2020-2021 Lodge Year YOU QUALIFY!!!

THANK YOUUS . . . *It's GREAT to be an Elk!*



Christmas Baskets expand in 2020 to support homeless

Thanks to the amazing support of our members and area businesses, we were able to expand our Christmas Basket

project to provide some food supplies and hot meals to area homeless individuals and families on Christmas Day! Thanks to our cookie crew of Lottie Aslakson, Betty Guse, Scott Guse and his granddaughter Gwen. Thanks to our GREAT cooking team! Lottie Aslakson, Dennis & Kris Herling made 75 hot meals on Christmas Day!

A HUGE THANK YOU to local businesses including BIC Graphics, Koplins, Kwik Trip, Menards, Nesbitt Apples, Thrivent and Xcel Energy for their donations, discounts and support of this amazing project! Our thanks to area partners like United Way, Hispanic Outreach, RW Area Churches and Schools for helping to identify families that needed a helping hand during the holidays!

THANK YOU SO MUCH to our members for your continued support!! This project is so amazing because YOU help us make it amazing!!!!

A fun story from our Christmas Basket Delivery . . .

One volunteer reported that one little girl was so excited to get our food basket! She looked through the box as if it were filled with toys. She smiled and exclaimed "Mom, this box must be from Santa's Workshop and he knows that I LOVE apples!!!"

To our members . . . THANK YOU

for your continued support throughout 2020 through generous donations, ordering take-out meals and volunteering to help at the lodge so we can keep the lodge running!

Kitchen and Bar Helpers - We couldn't have gotten through the last 2 months without our volunteers like Sharon Lee & Rhonda Jonas helping out in the kitchen! **WELCOME BACK** to our volunteer bartenders JoLynn Fleming and Lorey Holets!

Elks Scholarships - Our lodge is PROUD to support area teens through the ENF Most Valuable Student Scholarship program! THANK YOU to Lottie Aslakson, Linda & Larry Larson and Karen Strusz for their efforts to review our scholarship applications!

ENF Beacon Grant - Our lodge used a \$3,500 ENF Beacon Grant to provide food boxes, blankets and Christmas Gifts to 27 low income families. We've received NUMEROUS thank yous from the families!!

Channel One Food Bank Helpers - Lottie got a last minute call to round up some help for a food bank distribution in late Nov. THANK YOU to this great group of volunteers (below) for helping out!



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Our new lodge year starts on 4/1/21 and your dues statements will be mailed soon . . .

Why is it important to pay my lodge dues by April 1?

April 1 is the official start of our new lodge year and the "magical" date when your annual dues should be paid by. Why?

By April 15th, we are required to pay the Grand Lodge AND the State Association for each member regardless of whether or not the member has paid their dues.

These are HUGE payments from our small and tightly balanced lodge checkbook especially as we prepare to enter the typically "lean" months of summer when business is typically down at the bar. By paying your dues on or BEFORE April 1st - you are helping your lodge's checkbook stay healthy!

I never get down to the lodge, why should I pay my dues?

- For those that come down to the lodge for the bar & our great meals - thank you! Keep coming down - invite family or friends to join you!
- For those that volunteer to help with our kids activities, veterans, flags, cook or other events and visit the bar / eat some meals - thank you!!
- For those that very seldom or never stop down to the lodge yet pay their dues year after year because they support the great things we do in the Red Wing area - THANK YOU!

EVERY MEMBER is critically important to the vitality of our lodge and helps to provide the funding to do great things for our kids, community & veterans!

What is included in the \$81.50 I pay for my dues?

Here's the breakdown of where your funds go when you pay your dues:

- \$ 19.00 Grand Lodge
- \$ 5.00 MN Elks State Association
- \$ 5.00 Youth Camp Assessment
- \$ 52.50 Stays in Red Wing to run our lodge



Life Members pay a little bit less each year for their membership. To be a Life Member, you must - be at least 65 years of age, a member for at least 30 years AND be approved by the lodge after submitting a written request to the Lodge Secretary. If you think you qualify, please contact the Secretary for more info.

What is the "3 for Free" and how do I qualify?

This program was introduced by the MN Elks Association a couple of years ago to encourage current members to recruit new members to our lodges. When you propose and initiate three new lodge members in a lodge year, your lodge due for the next year are FREE!!!!

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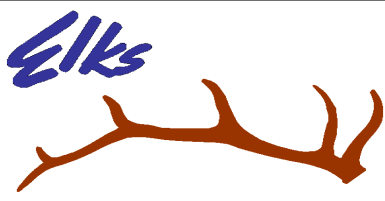
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