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

Look inside for more information on...

THIS MONTH EVENTS:

- 12/31 - OPEN AT 11 AM for Vikings Football
- 1/2 - New Member Initiation
- 1/9 - LODGE MEETING at 7 PM
- 1/11 - Flags up at 5 PM (JOIN US!!!)
- 1/14 - Hoop Shoot (VOLUNTEERS NEEDED)
- 1/16 - Flags down at 5 PM (Bring a friend!)
- 1/20 - Pajama Party (Lodge opens at 3 PM)
- 1/23 - Trustee Meeting at 6 PM
- 1/23 - LODGE MEETING at 7 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS:

2/10/18 - Not So Newlywed Game & Valentine Dinner

FAT TUESDAY DINNER by Jerry Gosman
(50 person limit!)

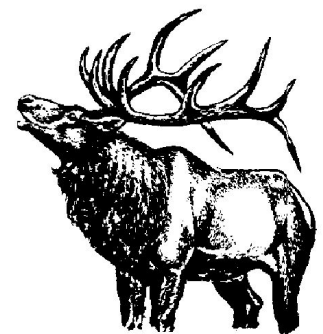
Watch next Month's Newsletter for more info!

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January 2018

It's Great to be an Elk!



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

Exalted Ruler's Message

To my fellow Elks,

It's hard to believe that another year has come and gone. I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

Since some of you have possibly wanted to know what you can do to help at our Lodge's activities, especially the new members, please look at the newsletter to see what activities take place.

On the morning of December 16, approximately 150 boxes were filled to be distributed to needy people by MANY helpers. Many thanks go to Dennis Herling and Paul Drotos our leaders for this event.

The hoop shoot will also be held in January along with flags being put up and taken down for Martin Luther King.

Also please keep Veterans in your thoughts and prayers. They do so much for us.



Fraternally,
Lona Bignell
Exalted Ruler

Red Wing #845 2017 - 2018 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 - Steph Riegelman, PER
Flag Day - Justin Key (Leading Knight)
Flags for Holidays - Susan Henke (Loyal Knight)
Fraternal - VACANT
Government Relations - Becky Nelson
Highway Cleanup - Mike Bignell (Lect Knight)
Hoop Shoot - Greg Frankowski
Lodge Activities - Warren Wertman, PER
Membership - Becky Nelson
Memorial Service - Justin Key (Leading 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
Soccer Shoot - Steph Riegelman, PER
Veterans Service - Lottie Aslakson, PER
Youth Activities - Lottie Aslakson, PER
Youth Camp Recruiters - Lottie Aslakson, PER
& David Riegelman, PER

 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!

Be sure to let any high school seniors know about our

ENF Scholarships

Send them to www.enf.elks.org/mvs to find out more!

Every year, the Elks Natl Foundation awards **\$2.44 MILLION** in Scholarships to High School Seniors

Children & grandchildren of Elk members are eligible to apply for ENF **Legacy** Scholarships. Apply at www.enf.elks.org/leg - Applications due 02/02/18.

Applications are ONLY accepted online!

Celebrate Valentine's Day at the Elks . . .
and enjoy our own version of the

Not So **Newlywed** Game



**Friday,
Feb 10th**



PLUS a Fabulous Valentine Dinner
by Frank Neises
(Reservations Required)

Watch for more details at the Lodge and in the February newsletter!

SECRETARY CORNER

I would like to express my own thank you to all those members along with some of our widows of deceased members who have donated to the Christmas Baskets this year. Your generosity is truly a blessing and does not go unnoticed. You helped to make 157 families very happy this holiday season!

There are still a few delinquent members and we are now into the 10th month of the current Lodge year. I have mailed out reminder statements once again so please get those dues payments sent into me soon before I have to send out the 2018-2019 dues statements. If you have any questions about your membership, please contact me.

DELINQUENT MEMBERS include: Elke Banitt, Ron Delaney, Peter Dixon, Chris Gustafson, Chris Hauschildt, Kyle Knutson, Duane Korte, Dale Kruse, Robert Olsen, Mike Olson, Ryan Riester, Jake Rohl, Terry Schnabl, Glenn Shull, Eric Sloan, and Tony Strusz.

Please contact Lottie or myself if you are not receiving the newsletter or weekly updates Lottie sends out by e-mail. If your e-mail or postal address has changed we need to know so we can update it in our database. Secretary phone #715-495-2978 & e-mail address rw845secretary@redwing845.org

RW #845 MEMBERSHIP REPORT as of December 26, 2017

Beginning membership on April 1, 2017
Red Wing #845 - **471 members**

Initiated: 16 Reinstated: 1
Deaths: 3

Currently Delinquent: **16**
Our current membership total: **485**

Proposed for Membership

Ben Bauer proposed by Lottie Aslakson
John O'Reilly proposed by Athena Reed

Approved by the Membership Committee

Ben Bauer and John O'Reilly

*Our next Initiation of new members will be held on
Tuesday, January 2, 2018*

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

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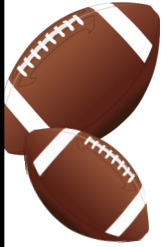
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Are you ready for the

BIG GAME?

Sunday Feb 4th

Doors open at 3 PM



Trivia - - Food - - Fun!!

Bring an appetizer to share - wear your favorite team colors and stop down to the lodge to watch the BIG game with your Elk friends!!

Mark your calendar . . .



ELKS HOOP SHOOT

Sun Jan. 14th

Registration opens at 11:30 AM
RW High School Gym

Watch for sign-up list at the lodge
Volunteers needed to score and shag

Help us find our **next** National Hoop Shoot participant!!

Martin Luther King Holiday Flags

We need volunteers to help put up & take down flags for the upcoming holiday.

It only takes 30-45 minutes with enough help!

Flags Up:

Thursday, Jan. 11th at 5 PM

Flags Down:

Tuesday, Jan. 16th at 5 PM

GRAB A FRIEND OR TWO & TRY SOMETHING NEW!



WE WILL MEET AT THE LODGE - SEE YOU THERE!



Thank you to the local businesses & members who donated to and/or attended this year's Silent Auction hosted by Red Wing Elks #845.

Together, we raised more than **\$5,500!**

The proceeds will be used to help the Minnesota Elks Youth Camp & Red Wing Elks #845 achieve their goals.

Special Thank You to Barb Gosman for the wonderful appetizers!

Thank you to the Committee - - Royce & Karlyne Bottin, Greg & JoLynn Fleming, Charlie & Becky Nelson and Kevin & Steph Riegelman

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



It's GREAT to be an Elk!

THANKS SO MUCH

To the great volunteers who helped make the Holiday Stroll a HUGE success for our lodge!



Volunteers included:

BREAKFAST -

Jeff Cole, Dean Dahling, Denny Hinck, Justin Key, John Mahn, Frank Neises, Gerry Strom, Norm Westby and Dave Wooden

BURGER BASKETS -

Jessica Anderson, Lottie Aslakson, Bob Bauer, Rod Frantzen, Don & Mary Hiles, Gary Iocco, Justin Key, Cheryl Klair, Bonnie Kubik, Betsy Mahn, Glenn Mattson, Jennifer Miles, Charlie & Becky Nelson, Patsy & Paul Nesteby, Dean & Linda Reinhart, Peggy Sorensen and Fred & Vickie Tremper

JOIN THE FUN - GET INVOLVED!!

From our Manager . . .

There are many thank you's that I need to give. We had a very generous gift giving this Christmas thanks to:

- We adopted 4 veterans from the Hastings Veteran Home. They received clothes, personal items and stockings. Thanks to Modern Woodmen as well as the members that took stars off the tree.
- We sponsored 2 families from Goodhue County Christmas Project. Gifts of clothes and items were given to the children of these families.
- We also donated gift cards, bowling passes, movie passes, free haircuts and Winger sweatshirts to the Red Wing High School Adopt a Student for Christmas Project. Thanks to Hair Associates, Carlson's Sports and some generous members who made it possible to give these kids that often get forgotten.

Thanks to my Cooking teams that have cooked this past month, along with our fabulous steak crew, Mexican night helpers, and Barb for her great meals.

There are some changes from what was published in the December newsletter: We will be open on New Year's Eve to watch the Vikings play. We will be closed on New Years Day.

There will be a "Don me now our PLAID apparel" party on the 29th of December. Wear Plaid and get rail drinks and domestic beer for \$2. Bring a picture of you opening up the worst present you received this Christmas.

Thanks for your continued support -
It's GREAT to be an Elk!
Lottie



Ever consider becoming a RW 845 Officer or joining a committee?

Current Leading Knight Justin Key is starting to build his team of officers and committee chairs (see the list on Page 2 of committees) for our lodge year beginning on April 1, 2018. If you have an interest in becoming more involved, please contact him at centralkey@icloud.com or text 651.380.6604



Coming in February

Jerry Gosman's

Fat Tuesday Dinner

Maryland crab soup w/hush puppies

Shrimp etouffee

Crab cake

Crawfish stuffed peppers

\$15.00 – 50 person limit

MUST SIGN UP

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE LODGE!!!

157 ELKS FOOD BASKETS DELIVERED!!!

With the help of so many people as well as local businesses, this year's delivery was a HUGE success!! Organizers Dennis and Paul are grateful for the financial support of our "biggest little envelope givers" and also for all of those Elk boots on the ground. There is no better sign of the importance of this project than the number of new volunteers who participated. **157 families** in our area received food baskets thanks to all of the support for this project!!!

Thanks so much to all of our fabulous supporting organizations including Sturdiwheat for pancake mix, Kwik Trip for bread donations, Riester Refrigeration for cold storage and Koplins Village Market for their assistance with other parts of this amazing basket! We also received 10 turkeys & 122 boxes from Econo Foods.

THANKS SO MUCH to our generous members for their donations as well!

We had an INCREDIBLE group of volunteers led by Coordinators Dennis Herling and Paul Drotos!



Willing to cook one of your specialty meals at the Lodge?

Lottie is looking for help - we're down to ONLY 2 cooking teams and they both are filled with "snowbirds." If you LOVE to cook and are willing to help with one meal during the winter or get a group of friends together to cook once a month - PLEASE contact Lottie!!!!

Stop down and join the fun . . .

Pajama Party

Saturday, January 20th



Wear your pajamas & enjoy reduced prices on domestic beer and rail drinks. Join us for some winter games. Lodge opens at 3 PM

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THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

THANKS SO MUCH . . .

Newsletter - Thanks to the folders, tapers & labelers who helped get our September Newsletter in the mail! Volunteers included: JoLynn Fleming, Bonnie Lohman, Justin Key, Becky Nelson, Athena Reed, Steph Riegelman and Norm & Deanna Westby.

Kids Christmas Party - Thanks so much to our great volunteers who help prepare for and run our party for over 50 kids! We enjoyed generous donations from local businesses including Hanisch Bakery, Walmart, Things to Remember, Econo Foods, Kwik Trip, Shopko in Ellsworth, Lake City Drugs and Wal-greens! Volunteers included Lottie Aslakson, Mike Bignell, Susan Henke, Mallory Henke, Dennis Herling, Mary Hiles, Patsy & Paul Nesteby and Randy Schoen.

A special thank you to all the Elks members and their families for coming out to this party with their kids & grand-kids. It was so much fun watching our children getting a gift from Santa and having their names pulled for a gift. God bless our Elk families and hope everyone had a Merry Christmas!

Scholarships - Thanks a TON to our fabulous scholarship volunteers for evaluating all of the applications we received so several could advance to the next level of judging! Volunteers were: Larry & Linda Larson, Karen Strusz and Peg Sutherland



Top left: Leading Knight Justin Key places roses at our Elks Memorial marker in Oakwood Cemetery after Memorial Service.

Top Right:

Santa visits the lodge during Kids Christmas Party. **Right:** Some of the donations made to Hastings Veterans Home for Christmas Stockings through our ENF Freedom Grant. **Below:** Some of our fabulous volunteers helping out during Holiday Stroll



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