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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

3/9 - Lodge Meeting at 7 PM
3/23 - Trustee Meeting 6 PM
3/23 - Lodge Meeting at 7 PM
3/27 - Installation of Officers (See ad)

IMPORTANT INFO INCLUDED:

New Lodge Year starts April 1

Mark your calendar for Sat, May 1st
Kentucky Derby Fun Day at the Lodge!

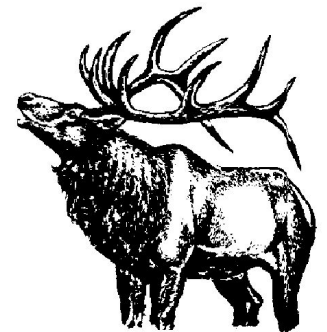
Planning a family or business event?
Contact Lottie TODAY to book your event at the Lodge - Call 651.388.5862

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March 2021

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ISSUE 2021 - 03

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

Exalted Ruler's Message

Greetings all -

The 2020-2021 Lodge year and my term as Exalted Ruler will soon come to an end. As of April 1, the new slate of lodge officers will assume their roles. I would like to thank Jennifer, Patsy, Allison, Jessica, Tara and Leigh Ann for their excellent service throughout the year as offices of Red Wing 845. I'd also like to thank Lottie, Becky, Steph and the Trustees for their guidance and tireless efforts to help the lodge continue to operate at the highest level. As we all know, this year presented us all with new and unique challenges that could have been damaging to our lodge but for everyone's efforts. I am truly grateful for everyone's support and fellowship throughout my year as Exalted Ruler. I look forward to continuing to work with the lodge in new ways.

Thank you all for your support and continued membership in the lodge so that we may continue to do the good works that we do as brothers and sisters in the Fraternal and Protective Order of Elks.

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

Fraternally yours -
Mike Bignell, Exalted Ruler



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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

Red Wing Elks Lodge #845 was nominated for RW Chamber's 2020 Non-Profit of the Year

*We're proud to have been one of the top 3
nominees and congratulate the River Bluff
Humane Society for winning this group!*

THANK YOU to our members & the RW community for
their support in 2020 & beyond!

"OFF TO THE RACES"

2021 Kentucky Derby Fun Day



Sat, May 1, 2021
at the Lodge



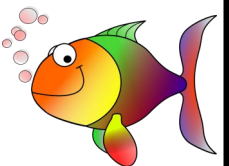
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IN FUTURE NEWSLETTERS*

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- Fun hat contest & more great events

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From our Lodge Secretary

Spring is in the air these days and it feels so wonderful! I hope and pray each one of you are doing well.

Due's statements for the new Elks year have been mailed to all members so please contact me if you have not received yours. On April 1, 2021 our new Elks Lodge year begins, and all members should pay their dues before April 1st to receive your new membership card. Do you like a little 'GREEN' in your pocket? The cards for the new year are GREEN which I will mail out to you when payment is received.

Thank you to those members who have already sent dues payments! I have also received many requests to have their newsletters e-mailed instead which will help save costs on postage. Thank You!

We are now into the last month of the current Lodge year which ends on March 31st. The 12 members listed below remain delinquent in paying dues for the current year and will be dropped from the rolls on March 31st if I have not received payment.

Chris Earney	Glenn Earney	Austin Engen	Jason Hoppman
Jodi Jones	Tanner Knudsen	Kyle Knutson	John Peter O'Reilly
Alyssa Renshaw	Glenn Shull	Eric Sloan	Chris Warrington

The Post Office charges us each time for undeliverable and 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 by phone 715-495-2978 or e-mail rw845secretary@redwing845.org

RW #845 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

as of February 24, 2021

Beginning membership on April 1, 2020

Red Wing #845 – **540 members**

Affiliated: 1 Reinstated: 3 Initiated: 14

Deceased: 8 Dropped: 3 Delinquent: 12

Current membership: **543**

Request for 'Life' membership status approved

Robert Riegelman

New members initiated on February 2nd

Thomas Drazkowski, Mike Goggin, Jodi Skeen

Proposed for membership

Laura Aadalen by Patty Brown

Request for Reinstatement

Ryan Riester

Membership committee approval

Laura Aadalen, Lucas Armstrong, Andrew Hardyman, Katie Hardyman, Jayme Poole and Ryan Riester

Our next initiation ceremony will be held on Tuesday, March 16th.

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

BIRTHDAYS

Lodge Hours
MON-THURS: 3-8 PM

March 2021

Lodge Hours
FRI-SAT: 3-10 PM

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	Dave Jonas						
2	Mark Waasmund Anthony Wriech Robert Schulenberg						
4	Kristen Truss Barry Johnson Bonnie Lehmann Elroy Peterson Linda Quarstrom Gene Tubbs	1 <i>OPEN</i> 3-8 PM	2 Tonì's Calzones	3 TACO NIGHT 4:30-6:30 PM	4 <i>Broasted Chicken</i> 4:30-6:30 PM	5 <i>Broasted Fish</i> 4:30-6:30 PM	6 <i>Stop in for a beverage!</i> Open 3-10 PM
5	Kenneth Frazier Teri Johnson Jay Owens	<i>Mon-Thurs</i>					
6	Terrance Nelson						
7	Ben Bauer Paul Byron Jodi Jones Gene Watson	8 <i>OPEN</i> 3-8 PM	9 Chicken Chow Mein	10 TACO NIGHT 4:30-6:30 PM	11 <i>Broasted Chicken</i> 4:30-6:30 PM	12 <i>Broasted Fish</i> 4:30-6:30 PM	13 <i>Stop in for a beverage!</i> Open 3-10 PM
8	Jessica Anderson Patricia Ann Erickson Mike Gaggin Doug Kocina Robert Riegelman, PER R.H. Tesdall	<i>Mon-Thurs</i>	Lodge Mtg 7PM				
9	John Friedrich						
10	Scott Gause, PER						
11	Scott Reips Donald Bee David Thom, PER Robert Bauer	15	16 Barb's Corned Beef Dinner (SIGN UP - Limited #) 7PM - Initiation	17 TACO NIGHT 4:30-6:30 PM	18 <i>Broasted Chicken</i> 4:30-6:30 PM	19 <i>Broasted Fish</i> 4:30-6:30 PM	20 <i>Stop in for a beverage!</i> Open 3-10 PM
12	Jake Gilbertson Paul Siewert Shelley Diercks	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> To Go Orders ALWAYS WELCOME!!! Call 651-388-5862 & PLEASE place Orders by 1 PM All Meals Served 4:30-6:30 PM </div>					
13	Shelley Diercks						
14	Dan Colvin						
15	Lance McChristian Dean Dahling Mike Nevins						
16	Joe Fox						
19	Gerald Strom Becky Szakowski Richard Carlson	21	23 Tonì's Calzones	24 TACO NIGHT 4:30-6:30 PM	25 <i>Broasted Chicken</i> 4:30-6:30 PM	26 <i>Broasted Fish</i> 4:30-6:30 PM	27 <i>Installation of Officers (See ad)</i>
20	Roy Harley Roy Neufeldt Kristine Pyle Jameson Melbye		6PM Trustees 7 PM Lodge Mtg				
21	Wayne Allar						
22	Craig Hartneck						
24	Scott Kuehl	29	30 Reuben Sliders w/ Beer Cheese Soup	31 TACO NIGHT 4:30-6:30 PM	Apr 1 <i>Broasted Chicken</i> 4:30-6:30 PM	Apr 2 <i>Broasted Fish</i> 4:30-6:30 PM	Apr 3 <i>Stop in for a beverage!</i> Open 3-10 PM
25	Glen Dummer						
27	Mike Schmidt Kim Matson, PER						
28	Megan Ramaker						
29	Roger Kojme						
30	Bob Salomonson Charles Busdash Scott Safe						

What's Happening at the Lodge???



Installation of Officers

Sat. March 27th

Installation - 4 PM
Social - 5 PM
Dinner - 6 PM

Join us for an evening of fun!

Barb's Oven-fried Chicken
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green
Beans, Salad & Dessert
\$12/person — Sign up today!!
.(Reservations required in advance)

All members & guests welcome!



Join us for a

Spring Fling!

*We didn't get to have our annual
Christmas Party & Silent Auction
and we know you missed it as
much as we did!*

So, mark your calendar for
Saturday, April 17th
and plan to bring your friends down for a
night of food, fun and friendship while
raising funds to support our Lodge!

Barb has offered to make her
FABULOUS appetizers for this fun event!

If you or your business is interested in donating an
item for our silent auction, please contact Lottie
Aslakson, Kevin or Steph Riegelman, Charlie or
Becky Nelson and Royce or Karlyne Bottin

We're still working on plans for this event
but think we will have items up to look at
& place your bids all week long!

*Watch for more info at the Lodge, weekly
eNews, Facebook & April Newsletter*



We need more help . . .

to thank 400 local Hospital Health Care workers &
support staff for their ongoing efforts to support
our community! Lottie is working with Randy's
Restaurant to provide gift certificates to these
workers. (Randy's is discounting the certificates)

We've raised about half of the funds needed -
please drop off or mail your monetary donation to
the lodge by March 15th.

If you have questions, please contact Lottie by
email at RW845manager@redwing845.org

In January, we delivered our second Welcome Home
kit to a local veteran who had been homeless and
moved into housing. We received this great note
from her . . . *"Thank you for my gifts and your spirit
of patriotism. I LOVE my desk chair and can now see
in my bedroom when it's dark. My new vacuum has
been instrumental in eliminating the gases from new
carpeting. Last, but not least, thank you for your
kindness. My spirit feels uplifted!"*

Lynn
Vietnam-era veteran
Army Corps of Engineers



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RW 845's Impact Grant

HeART

(Help empower At-Risk Teens)

We are SO EXCITED to have been awarded our 2nd Year of an ENF Impact Grant!!!

In 2020, we used our ENF Impact Grant to help out local teens through a variety of programs including:

- Food Shelf supplies for Tower View School
- Cooking Classes & supplies
- School Supplies
- Warm Winter Gear
- Hygiene Products
- Christmas Gifts for teens
- Diapers & supplies for young teen mothers

At a time when teens in our area really needed the support of their community, Red Wing Elks were there! We had to work closely with our partners at Tower View and Youth Outreach to adjust our plans, but we were able to make a difference!!

We are looking forward to continuing our great work with one HUGE change— we hope to be able to involve more VOLUNTEERS this year to help make things happen! Please watch the weekly eNews, our Facebook page and the newsletter for more information throughout the year.

THANK YOU to everyone who has answered the call when we put out a plea for supplies. Your efforts are SO APPRECIATED by these teens & adults that work with them!

THANK YOU . .

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 - Thanks so much to our kitchen volunteers like Sharon Lee, Rhonda Jonas, Susan Henke, Carol Burma and Dean & Linda Reinhart! We're also thankful for our fabulous crew of volunteer bartenders: JoLynn Fleming, Lorey Holets and Justine Becker!

FAT TUESDAY MEAL - THANK YOU to Jerry Gosman and his crew of helpers (Barb & Jayme) for a great meal!!!

THE BIG GAME - THANK YOU to Lottie Aslakson & Susan Henke for cooking and a big thanks to our fabulous volunteer bartenders Royce Bottin and Mark Lynch. Thank you as well to those who brought snacks to share!

Flags for Presidents Day - THANK YOU to everyone who braved the cold to help put up and take down flags for Presidents Day! These volunteers put up flags— Mike Bignell, Sherri & Scott Guse, Jim Halverson, Charlie Nelson and Shane Nelson. Our take down crew was Mike Bignell, JoLynn Fleming, Sherri & Scott Guse and Steph Riegelman.

THANK YOU!



Thanks SO MUCH to all of our members & guests who have been respecting our seating, social distancing and masking requirements at the Lodge. Your support is greatly appreciated and helps us keep our doors open

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Our new lodge year starts on 4/1/21 and your dues statements have been sent out . . .

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!!!!

Our next Lodge year is April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022. 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 2021-2022 Lodge Year YOU QUALIFY for free dues in 2022!!!

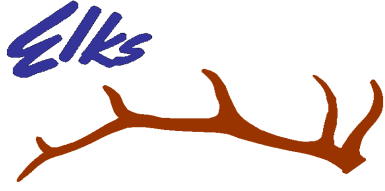
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