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UPCOMING EVENTS:

3/7 - New Member Initiation

3/14 - Lodge Meeting 7 PM

3/17 - St. Pat's Day (The Local Hooligans
Playing from 8-Midnight!)

3/18 - Plaid Crawl (See Lottie for info)

3/25 - Installation of Officers

3/26 - Lodge Planning Meeting

3/28 - Trustee Meeting at 6 PM

3/28 - Lodge Meeting at 7 PM

3/31 - Ham Games (See ad)

4/1 - Kids Easter Party (See ad)

Mark your calendar:

5/20 - Bike Rode o

Planning a family or business event?

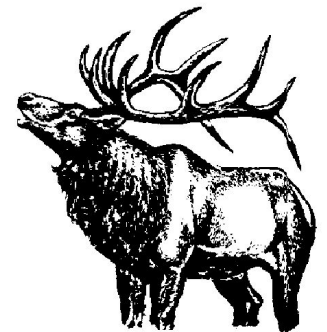
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Lodge - Call 651.388.5862

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March 2023

It's Great to be an Elk!



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

Exalted Ruler's Message

I would like to say to all our members -

THANK YOU FOR A GREAT YEAR!

I enjoyed very much being your Exalted Ruler and helping our lodge grow. I have met a lot of beautiful people during the past year and look forward to continuing to meet more as a Past Exalted Ruler of our lodge.

During the month of February - we had a lot going on! Paul and I had a lot of fun doing the Not So Newlywed game with three other awesome couples!. Our lodge was rocking for the Big Turn Musical festival and thank you all for your help and supporting our lodge. Even a couple epic snowstorms didn't slow us down, we are true Elks. What can I say about Booyah on 2/25 - It was a hardy meal and a fun event. Thank you to all the members for pitching in with ingredients, thank you to the crew that made it and the music was awesome.

Writing this letter to all our members has been hard for me to write. It's hard to find the words to express my gratitude for each one of you and tell you all how much I appreciated being your Exalted Ruler. I will treasure the memories and friendships that I have made.

It's GREAT to be an Elk!

Patsy Nesteby,
Exalted Ruler



WE NEED YOU!!

If you've been sitting back and watching all of the great things that we do — reading about them in the newsletter, on Facebook or Instagram & have always thought "I would really like to get more involved" or "I'd really like to help with some of the youth, teen or veterans events." **NOW is the time to step up!**

We're still looking to fill one officer chair for the 23-24 lodge year.

Welcome New Members of 845



Red Wing # 845 Committee Chairs

Accident Prevention - Lottie Aslakson, PER
Americanism - Fred Tremper, PER
Auditing & Accounting - Rollie Meffert
Charitable Gambling - Larry Larson, PER
Christmas Baskets - Dennis Herling
Community Activities - Karlyne Bottin
Drug Awareness - Lottie Aslakson, PER
Flag Day - Jessica Nelson (Leading Knight)
Flags - Sarah Edstrom (Loyal Knight)
Government Relations - Becky Nelson
Highway Cleanup - Jenny Patton (Lect Knight)
Hoop Shoot - Greg Frankowski
Lodge Activities - Lottie Aslakson PER
Membership - Becky Nelson
Memorial Service - Jessica Nelson (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 - Steph Riegelman, PER
Veterans Service - Lottie Aslakson, PER
Youth Activities - Lottie Aslakson, PER
Youth Camp Recruiter - Lottie Aslakson, PER

Avoid cleaning your house to host a family gathering

Schedule your next gathering at the lodge!

CALL LOTTIE!!

651-388-5862

NOTE: Life Membership

There was a slight error in the Life Member information included with our recent dues notice mailing. The requirement that a member be 65 years of age has been removed following a vote at the Grand Lodge convention.

Life members pay a little bit less each year for their membership than traditional members. To be a life member, a member must:

- Have been a member in good standing for 30 years AND
- Be approved by the lodge after submitting a written request to the Lodge Secretary

If you think you qualify, please contact our Lodge Secretary for more information at
rw845secretary@redwing845.org

From our Secretary . . .

The 2023-2024 dues statements for our new Elk's year starting on April 1, 2023, have been mailed to all members of RW #845. Please let me know if you have not received it. To be a member in good standing, all members need to have their dues paid before April 1, 2023.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Included in the dues statement envelope sent to you is an informational 2-sided sheet which answers many questions regarding your dues and other details. One section needs revising so please note that the requirement of being a Life Member of the Elks was voted upon and amended at the 2022 Grand Lodge Convention. Resolution of Section 14.260 of the Laws of the Order was passed to keep the requirement to have members paying their dues for not less than 30 years but removing the requirement of also needing to be 65 years old. This is completely new, so I am sorry we missed revising it on the insert. If you have any questions regarding your membership, please contact me.

We still have 15 members listed below that have yet to pay their dues for the current year. March is the last month of this year to get your dues paid before the current year ends. I need to receive payment of dues before new year begins April 1st. Members themselves, need to contact the secretary in writing if you wish to be dropped as a member. If delinquent members do not pay their dues or contact me before March 30, 2023, they will be dropped for non-payment of dues for the current Elks year. If any other members know of health problems or other issues with these members who might not be able to pay their delinquent dues, please let me know. Due to privacy laws we sometimes never find out about these things so if you can help me, please do so.

Lucas Armstrong	Connor Beckwith	Austin Engen	Charles Frawley
Krista Huron	James Johnson	Marilyn Johnson	Gary Klingelhut
Austin Knott	Nicholas Sather	Mark Schull	Glenn Shull
Emma Steffens	Ronald Walker	Makayla Zimdars	

Have you moved lately? I need to know to update your address as we get 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

<p><u>RW #845 MEMBERSHIP REPORT</u> as of February 24, 2023 Beginning membership on April 1, 2022 563 members</p> <p>Initiated: 35 Reinstated: 4 Deaths: 10 Dropped: 2 Delinquent: 15 Current membership total: 590</p> <p><u>Proposed for Membership</u> Antonio Friedrich by Sue Friedrich</p>	<p><u>New Members Initiated February 21st</u> Eric Edon and Tina Stewart</p> <p><i>Please welcome these 2 new members to our Elks family!</i></p> <p><i>Our next initiation ceremony will be held Tuesday, March 7th Candidates will be notified by mail.</i></p>
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Submitted by Red Wing Elks Lodge #845 Secretary, Becky Nelson

SAVE THE PLANET - STOP GETTING YOUR NEWSLETTER BY SNAIL MAIL!

PLEASE, PLEASE, **PLEASE** send your email to
rw845secretary@redwing845.org **TODAY**



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE LODGE!!!

Happy St. Patrick's Day!



Friday, March 17th

Music by

The Local Hooligans

8PM - Midnight

Open to the Public

Do you know any deserving kids 9-13 years old?



We're starting to recruit 16 local kids (8 boys / 8 girls) for our session of the MN Elks Youth Camp on June 18-23.

If you know of a boy or girl who would benefit from a life-changing week at the MN Elks Youth Camp, **PLEASE** have their parents contact RW's Recruiter, Gwen Lynch with any questions or to get paperwork.

gwenalynch@yahoo.com

Cell 651-380-8936

Go to www.mnelksyouthcamp.org to learn more about our fabulous youth camp!

PLEASE NOTE: Elk members can ONLY send their kids or grandkids to one of 2 weeks paid camp weeks for \$200 on either 7/23-7/28 or 7/30-8/4.

Registration for these sessions are ONLY online starting 4/1/23 at www.mnelksyouthcamp.org

Plaid Crawl Sat 3/18/23

Starts at 1 PM at the Red Men

Wear Plaid and get your second drink at a discount. There will be games, fun and a chance to meet new people. Other stops on the crawl include Andy's, Tators & Dillers, the Barrel House and the Elks

Corded Feather Hangings

March 15th 6:30-8:30 PM

RW Elks Lodge

\$20 / Person



Limited to 30 participants

No craft skills needed!

Choice to make one hanging with three leaves or two hangings with one leaf on each hanging

Instructor provides driftwood, beads, cording & yarn in a variety of colors and some other embellishments

Please bring a sharp scissors able to cut material

Sign up at RW Elks Lodge or email steph@surfthemurph.com

Payment due on evening of event

Instructor will donate \$5/person to RW Elks

PENNY-A-DAY CAMPER CLUB

Our Mn Elks State Project is the MN Elks Youth Camp near Nisswa MN

This amazing property provides a week-long traditional youth camp experience to deserving kids in Minnesota. If you'd like to support the camp with your one-time, annual, quarterly or monthly donation — The Penny-A-Day Camper Club is for you!

Go to www.mnelksyouthcamp.org and click on Donations to set up your donation!

RW Elks Business Update:

In February, we elected our new officers for the upcoming lodge year starting on April 1, 2023. During the month of March, our Trustees, Treasurer and Club Manager are working on our budget for the 2023-2024 Lodge Year.

By Grand Lodge Statutes, the Lodge's budget will be presented on the lodge floor at the first meeting in April (4/11/23) and approved at the second meeting in April on 4/25/23). If you are interested in learning more about our lodge's operational budget, any Elks 845 member in good standing is welcome to attend our lodge meetings.

Thank you for your continued support of our lodge!!

Red Wing Elks Trustees

Elks Care - Elks Share

Ham Games Friday, March 31



PicNick's Honey Glazed Ham Dinner at 5 PM

Served with Scalloped Potatoes, Steamed Carrots
and a dinner roll.

Games start at 6:30 PM

DON'T MISS THE FUN!



Kid's Easter Party

Saturday, April 1st

Come see the Balloon man, enjoy a
visit from the Easter Bunny, Easter Egg
Hunt and other fun games!

The fun starts at 2:00 PM

Bring the kids or grandkids down!

And the winner is...



It was a close one but ER Patsy & Paul Nesteby won our Not So Newlywed game on Valentines Day!

THANK YOU to all of our brave contestants which included Leigh Ann & Steve Anderson, Jamie & Mike Bombardier and Darla Reese / Scott Maskrey. Thank you to emcees Kevin & Steph Riegelman for organizing this event and Becky & Charlie Nelson for their help.

This evening would NOT have been complete without the FANTASTIC meal made by PicNick & his team. Their filet mignon was incredible and his desserts were pretty awesome too!



Are you a member of the ENF Fidelity Club?

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NATIONAL CONVENTION 2023

MINNEAPOLIS MINNESOTA

July 2nd - July 5th

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City By Nature

In case you haven't "herd," the 2023 Elks Nat' Convention will be held in Minneapolis on July 2-5, 2023.

For more information on the Convention and Volunteer Opportunities, click on the QR code or go to

www.mnelks.org/volunteerareaofinterest.html

Volunteers are NOT required to be members!

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE LODGE!!



Installation of Officers

Sat. March 25th

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

Join us for an evening of fun!
Watch for info about the meal served by
PicNicks in the Weekly eNews

All members & guests welcome!



Booyah!

Thank You!

Thank you to all the vegetable cutters, cooks, set-up & clean-up crews, and other support that made the Booyah a success!

- Mark & Gwen Lynch
- Lottie Aslakson
- Joe & Lori Fox
- Jan Struss
- Royce & Karlyne Bottin

...and Special Thanks for the "Lynch Family Recipe"!

Thank you to all who donated ingredients!
Your generosity made the Booyah a success!

- Kim Flueger
- Tracy Cardinal
- Jenny Patton
- Patsy Nesteby
- Darla Reese
- Sue Connaughton
- Jim Vagasky
- Jules Bohmbach
- Becky & Charlie Nelson
- Mark & Gwen Lynch
- Lottie Aslakson
- Joe & Lori Fox
- Jan Struss
- Royce & Karlyne Bottin

Mn Elks State HOOP SHOOT RESULTS

The State Hoop Shoot was held on 2/18/23.
Our lodge had 4 shooters participating:

Red Wing Shooters

8-9 Yr Boys	Lucas O'Neil 4th place - 4/25
8-9 Yr Girls	Taylor Novacek 3rd place - 12/25
10-11 Yr Girs	Gabriella Simmons 1st place - 17/25
12-13 Yr Girs	Georgia Schmalz 4th place - 18/25

GOOD LUCK GABRIELLA AT THE REGIONAL SHOOT!

Red Wing Shooter Gabriella Simmons (pictured below) will join Christopher Underwood Jr in representing the Metro District at the Regional Hoop Shoot in Iowa City in March . . . We wish her the VERY best of luck!!!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS: STARTING 3/6/23

TAKING A SIMPLE BURGER TO THE NEXT LEVEL . . .
AN EASY WAY TO START YOUR WEEK, GRAB SOME FRIENDS OR FAMILY
AND COME DOWN TO THE ELKS

PICNICK'S ELKS MENU

(SERVING FROM 4-7 PM MONDAYS & TUESDAYS)

PicNick's Smash Burger | applewood bacon, your choice of cheese (cheddar, pepperjack, Swiss, or American), caramelized onions, roasted garlic aioli, on a freshly toasted bun
\$9.00

Mush Smash Burger | applewood bacon, sautéed mushrooms, caramelized onions Swiss cheese, roasted garlic aioli, on a freshly toasted brioche bun
\$9.00

Southeast Smash Burger | applewood bacon, caramelized onions, chipotle aioli, pepperjack cheese, on a freshly toasted brioche bun
\$9.00

Black & Bleu Smash Burger | Cajun seasoning, apple-bacon jam, bleu cheese crumbles, roasted garlic aioli, on a freshly toasted brioche bun
\$9.00

Barbecue Pork Sandwich | braised pork, butter pickles, Alabama sauce, on toasted rustic bread
\$9.00

Chicken Tenders | with your choice of dipping sauce
\$8.00

Chicken Salad Sandwich | homemade chicken salad, butter lettuce, on a fresh baked croissant
\$9.00

Walking Tacos | your choice of Fritos or Doritos, topped with seasoned ground beef, mixed cheese, salsa, cilantro crème
\$8.00

Taco Salad | mix greens, grape tomatoes, cucumbers, julienned carrots, red onions, mix cheese, taco meat, served with chipotle ranch
\$9.00

Sides

French Fries \$3.00

Cheese Curds \$7.00

Onion Rings \$7.00

Daily Soup \$3.00

Side Salad (choice of dressing) \$4.00

THANK YOU

We are SO GRATEFUL to all of our donors and volunteers

BIG TURN THANK YOU

Our lodge is such a fun venue for this event! We couldn't pull this off without all of our amazing volunteers!! Our thanks to Lottie Aslakson, Leigh Ann & Steve Anderson, Jules Bohmbach, Kim Flueger, Neil & Sue Handwerk, Susan Henke, Lory Holets, Madeline Holets, Justin Key, Leanne Nyman, Becky & Charlie Nelson, Missy Nelson, Patsy Nesteby, Darla Reese and Ryanne Schutz.

Thank you to all of the members who pitched in to help clear tables, empty trash or bottle bins. Every little bit helped make this event a huge success!

Kitchen Helpers and Bartenders - It's hard to try to change the wording every month but we REALLY couldn't operate our club without our great staff (Lottie, Randy, Jess, Kristina, Darla and our new bartender Kelly) and our volunteers. We're incredibly grateful for our kitchen **VOLUNTEERS** especially Susan Henke, Georgan Holt, Sharon Lee & Leanne Nyman in the kitchen. We appreciate all of our **VOLUNTEER** bartenders: JoLynn Fleming, Lory Holets & Kurt Huffman. FINALLY, behind the scenes each and every day is the AMAZING Arnie Struss who cleans the bar, stocks the coolers and keeps things ready to go! Thank you as well to our Lodge Trustees who come in to assist Lottie in maintaining our club & building.

Flags for Presidents Day: Thank you to our brave volunteers who go out in the cold to put up and take down our American flags around town. Volunteers putting up flags were Mike Bignell, Darla Birk-Reese, KC Flueger, Scott & Sherri Guse, Wayne Gustafson, Andrew Yockey and Sienna Yockey. On 2/21, a small crew of Scott & Sherri Guse, Wayne Gustafson, Scott Lappegaard and Sienna Yockey did this big job! Pictured at left is Sienna Yockey helping to take down flags and a selfie with Scott & Sherri Guse and Scott Lappegaard having fun in snowy conditions.

Holes for Heroes: On 2/11/23, Lottie had the opportunity to help the MN Elks with a Veterans Ice Fishing event called Holes for Heroes. She's pictured below far right with some of the other volunteers.

She also brought with her some INCREDIBLE donations from Koozie Group including bag chairs, cooler bags, duffle bags and other bags that could be used for various events to assist veterans around the state of MN.



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