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UPCOMING EVENTS:

5/9 - Lodge Meeting 7 PM

5/11 - Police, Fire & Sheriff Appreciation Dinner

5/12 - Elks 120th Anniversary Spaghetti Fundraiser

5/13 - Highway Clean-up (Meet at 8:30 at lodge)

5/20 - Bike Rodeo (See ad)

5/22 - Trustee Meeting at 6 PM

5/23 - Lodge Meeting at 7 PM

5/25 - Flags up at 5 PM

5/25 - Meat Raffle at 5:30 PM

5/30 - Flags down at 5 PM

Mark your calendar:

7/22 - RW 845's 120th Anniversary Celebration

Planning a family or business event?

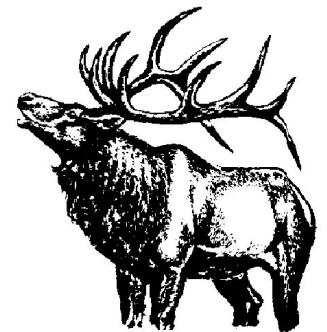
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May 2023

It's Great to be an Elk!



ISSUE 2023 - 05

*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 -

By the time you read this, April is behind us and hopefully, so is winter. During April, I ran my first lodge meeting and it was nice to get that "first" behind me. It is such a pleasure to be your Exalted Ruler this year—I know that I still have lots to learn but the help of many PERs, this year will be spectacular for me and our lodge. The Easter party was a success as many members showed up with their kids or grandkids and had a blast. We had a great turn out for the first meat raffle of the year.

May is now upon us. Hopefully nicer weather will be here to let us enjoy the beautiful outdoors. We are already kicking off our grant projects including the Bike Safety Rodeo on May 20th in partnership with the RW Police Department and helping the Hastings Veterans Home with new raised garden beds for their residents to raise vegetables in. Later in the month, I will get the pleasure of presenting some very deserving Red Wing High School seniors with \$1,000 scholarships from our Lodge. We also found out recently that Sienna Yockey from our lodge had another successful year in the Americanism Essay Contest winning the Metro District AND MN Elks State awards!

I can not be more proud of all we do for our youth!

It's GREAT to be an Elk!

Jessica Nelson,
Exalted Ruler



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Youth Activities - Lottie Aslakson, PER
Youth Camp Recruiter - Lottie Aslakson, PER

NATIONAL CONVENTION 2023

MINNEAPOLIS MINNESOTA

July 2nd - July 5th



MINNEAPOLIS
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!



RW 845'S 120TH ANNIVERSARY

2023 marks our lodge's 120th Anniversary of serving our community as an Elks Lodge! We're planning a big celebration in July for all of our members . . .
Join us on

FRIDAY MAY 12TH SPAGHETTI FUNDRAISER

\$10 / plate includes salad, spaghetti, garlic toast and a cookie. This is a fundraiser to help with expenses for our 120th Anniversary Celebration in July

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

CALL LOTTIE!!
651-388-5862

From our Secretary . . .

For the 459 members who have already paid your dues, I want to say **THANK YOU!** If you have already paid your dues, you should have received your new **TAN** membership card. If you try to use the 'purple' card after April 1st it will no longer work to enter the building as it is no longer a valid card.

We currently have 117 members who have not paid their annual dues for the new 2023-24 Lodge year. Please stop in or mail your dues so you can remain a member in good standing.

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 April 25, 2023

Beginning membership on April 1, 2023

576 members

Delinquent: 117

Current membership total: **576**

Proposed for Membership

Irvin Bueckers by Sam Landon

We currently have 13 proposed candidates who are ready to be initiated as new members

Our next initiation ceremony will be held on

Tuesday, May 16th

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

LOVE THE MEALS

at the Lodge?



If you have enjoyed any of our meals at the Lodge recently - send Lottie an email or post a review on our Facebook page!

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

NOT SIGNED UP?

Email - rw845secretary@redwing845.org

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

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



BIRTHDAYS

Lodge Hours
MON-THURS: 3-8 PM

May 2023

Lodge Hours
FRI-SAT: 3-10 PM

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	Bob Kubes						
3	Jon Danielson Jim Gedrose						
4	Jim Johnson						
5	Larry Larson PER Joshua Nelson Eric Sloan	1 NO FOOD	2 Reubens 5-7 PM	3 TACO NIGHT 5 - 7 PM	4 Teacher / Staff Event	5 Bowling Banquet NO FOOD	6 Private Party
6	Josh Hanson Rick Peterson						
7	Justin Warwick Tom Drzakowski Jon Heckman John Riester	Open 3-8PM Stop in!					
8	David Wertman Jon Bohmbach Richard Herling Jayne Poole						
9	Elizabeth Johnston	8 NO FOOD	9 Barb's Broasted Pork Chop 5-7 PM	10 TACO NIGHT 5 - 7 PM	11 Fire & Law Enforcement Appreciation Dinner NO FOOD	12 Elks 120th Anniversary Spaghetti Fundraiser	13 Highway Cleanup
10	Mike Engberg						
12	John Bauer Karen Rigelman	Open 3-8PM Stop in!	7PM Lodge Mtg				Private Party
13	Cathy Knapp Doug Knapp						
14	Jodi Skeen						
16	Syven Andersen Phillip Galchutt	15 NO FOOD	16 Barb's Chow Mein 5-7 PM	17 TACO NIGHT 5 - 7 PM	18 Celebration of Life	19 Retirement Party NO FOOD	20 Wynn & LuAnne's Party
17	Mike Karlen Myrtiln Mason						
19	Robert Bostrom	Open 3-8PM Stop in!	New member Initiation				
20	Tom Jarmuz Dan Massett Art Haague Linda Larson						
21	Tracy Cardinal Shane Nelson						
22	Lori Anderson David Lassak Watt Lee Rudy Marohl Deb Sammon	22 NO FOOD	23 Barb's Ckn Al-a-king over biscuit 5-7 PM	24 TACO NIGHT 5 - 7 PM	25 Broasted Shrimp 5-7 PM Meat Raffle	26 NO FOOD	27 Private Party
23	Susan Barry Kelly Kuhl						
24	John Mahn	6 PM Trustees	7PM Lodge Mtg				
25	Dean Simonson Ron Tiougan						
26	Andrew Gottwalt						
27	Dave Jaeger						
29	Jerry Strusz Mark Castner Keith Dicke	29 Happy Memorial Day! LODGE CLOSED	30 Barb's Turkey Commercial 5-7 PM	31 TACO NIGHT 5 - 7 PM	June 1	June 2	June 3
30	Daniel Johnson Tom Zibbie		5PM Flags			OPEN 3-10	OPEN 3-10
31	Ben Anderson						

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE LODGE!!!



Highway Clean-up Saturday, May 13th

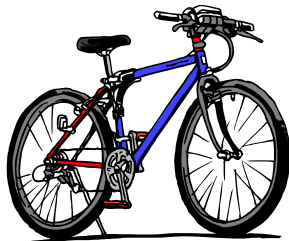
Meet at the Lodge at 8:30AM
for donuts & coffee

Grab a couple of friends & join us!

It might not be the most glamorous service project we do - but we certainly have **FUN** doing it!!!!

Sign up at the Lodge!
Lottie says there will be
"Riches in the Ditches!!!"

Bike Rodeo



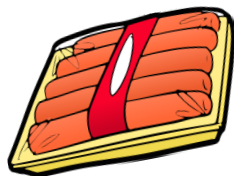
Sat, May 20th 9-11 AM

Law Enforcement Center Parking Lot

Safety Training - Kids Goodie Bags
Minor Bike Adjustments & Helmet
Fittings by the RW Mtn Bike Club

Drawings for kid's bikes
donated by RW Elks # 845
thru an ENF Beacon Grant

Meat Raffles are back!



Stop down to the lodge and
join the fun starting at 5:30 PM

Our next meat raffle of the season
will be held on Thursday May 25th



Do you know a deserving boy 9-13 years old?

We still have openings for two boys for our session of the MN Elks Youth Camp on June 18-23. If you know of a boy 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!

Also looking for volunteers to help get the kids back from camp on Friday, June 23rd. This involves riding the bus up, returning from camp with our kids and waiting for parents to pick them up when you get back to Red Wing. Contact Lottie if you'd like to help!

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!

Flags for Memorial Day

We need volunteers to help with flags

It only takes 30 to 45 minutes with enough help!

Flags up:

Thursday, May 25 at 5 PM

Flags down:

Tuesday, May 30 at 5 PM



We will meet at the Lodge - See you there!

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT OUR LODGE



Elks Americanism Winner announced

The theme of this year's Americanism Essay Contest was "What is your American Dream?" Red Wing #845 had one essay contest winner who repeated her success from last year. Sienna Yockey, a local 6th grade home-schooled student took first place at the District Level and first place at the State Level for 5th & 6th grade students. Her essay has been forwarded to the National contest representing Minnesota in the Division I contest this summer.

In the near future, Sienna and her family will be invited to the lodge for a presentation of her plaque and a check. Congratulations Sienna!!!

Fraternally,
Fred Tremper, Americanism Chair

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. 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 23-24 Lodge Year
YOU QUALIFY for FREE DUES in 2024!!!



THURSDAY MAY 11TH

We will be holding an Appreciation Dinner for our Police, Fire, Sheriff, First Responders & Dispatch and their families.

If you have time, please stop in and thank them for their service.



During the Month of May, PicNick will not be serving his menu on Mondays and

and Tuesdays. There will be no food on Mondays in May- However.....

Barb & Lottie will be cooking on Tuesdays in May.

Reubens on the 2nd, Barb's



Broasted Pork Chop on the 9th, Barb's
Chicken Chow Mein on the 16th, Barb's
Chicken Ala King on the 23rd and Hot
Turkey Commercial on the 30th.

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NOW SERVING NEW WINES!

You asked for better wine and we found some! All of our wines will continue to be served in the small bottles & we will keep our present wine. The newer wines will be \$5 a bottle and include Cabernet, Chardonnay & Pinot Grigio. Watch for them to arrive in May

THANK YOU

We are SO GRATEFUL to all of our donors and volunteers



Our Kid's Easter Party was a HUGE success thanks to so many volunteers who care!

There are SO MANY people who worked prior to the event and the day of it to make it a huge hit with the kids! First - thank you Lottie for organizing this party!

Huge THANK YOUs to:

- Patsy Nesteby & Modern Woodsmen for donating 2 bikes for our drawings. She also donated all of the eggs for the egg hunt AND filled them with goodies! She had help from Valerie Lampman and Linda Reinhart filling eggs!
- Our awesome Easter Bunny Linda Reinhart and her helper grandson Brenden
- Jim Vagasky and Mike Bignell for handing out pop, chips and hot dogs
- Sarah Edstrom, Wayne Gustafson and his granddaughter Sierra Yockey for helping
- Georgean Holt for the amazing cookies she made and decorated for the kids!

Kitchen Helpers and Bartenders - We're incredibly grateful for our kitchen **VOLUNTEERS** especially Susan Henke, Bonnie Kubik, Sharon Lee, Leanne Nyman and Aailyah Goplin for cooking and helping serve meals at the lodge. Thanks to Jan & Dave Petersmeyer and their cooking crew for the wonderful Maid Rites they served in April!

Thank you to our **VOLUNTEER** bartenders: JoLynn Fleming, Lory Holets & Kurt Huffman.

Scholarship: Thank you to so much to Linda Larson, Larry Larson, Bonnie Lohmann and Karen Strusz for taking the time to review the scholarship applications submitted for our local scholarships. These scholarships will be awarded at the RW High School Awards night in late May.



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!

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