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

#### THIS MONTH EVENTS:

CLOSED PER MN GOVERNOR UNTIL AT LEAST MAY 1, 2020

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

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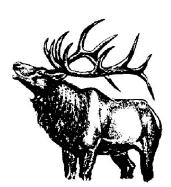
Contact Lottie TODAY to book your event at the Lodge - Call 651.388.5862

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**April 2020** 

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

# Exalted Ruler's Message

Greetings all Red Wing Elk Members -

My name is Mike Bignell. Starting April 1st, I will begin my term as Exalted Ruler of Red Wing Elks #845. I would like to thank all those who have had confidence in my ability to do this job and I hope to continue the good works our lodge does for our community. That being said, we are facing very unusual times with the COVID19 virus in the news every day. During the next few months as we fight through this together, our lodge will find ways to continue to help our community move forward into the future.

Unfortunately, we are unable to gather together for at least another month. Due to the Governor's orders, our club is closed until at least May 1st. We will find creative ways during this time to hold our lodge meetings and install our new lodge officers but will have to wait until a later date to celebrate the accomplishments of last year and welcome the new officers.

Please keep ALL of our first responders (health care works, medics, fire and law enforcement) and other essential workers (truckers, grocery stores and other businesses) in your thoughts. Thank

you to all of them and their families for the sacrifices they are making to help others during these difficult times!!

I look forward to being able to see you at the Lodge soon.

Fraternally - Mike Bignell, Exalted Ruler



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### 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!!!

# **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Please SIGN UP today for emailed newsletters and weekly updates!

Send an email to

rw845secretary@redwing845.org

## SECRETARY CORNER

I hope the new fiscal Elks year starting on April 1, 2020 finds all our members and their families healthy and doing well. In the past few weeks, I am sure we can all agree that what we are going through is very difficult and pray will hopefully end soon. I wish you strength and good health through it all.

As I mentioned last month, I have already mailed out dues statements for the upcoming 2020-21 Lodge year. Please let me know if you have not received your statement. Our new Elks year starts April 1, 2020 and dues are to be paid <u>before</u> this date according to our statutes.

Quite a few of you have already sent in your payments and I thank you very much! If you were one of the "early birds" who paid your dues before April 1st you should already have your new "Yellow" membership card. Please sign your new card as soon as you get it! The new card will get you in the door to any Elks Lodge starting April 1, 2020.

The "3 and FREE" membership program which started in 2017 was continued again last year. I am happy to say we have 6 members that qualified to get their 2020-21 dues free!! Congratulations to these members who qualified: Lottie Aslakson, John Bauer, Travis Bray, Susan Henke, Larry Larson and Emma Siewert.

Below is a list of 13 members who as of today, are still delinquent for non-payment of dues for the current Lodge year which ends on March 31, 2020. Per Grand Lodge Statutes, I must drop delinquent members from the membership rolls on or before March 31st if payment has not been received. If you wish to be reinstated as an Elk within the next 60 days, you will not be penalized so please let me know if you are interested in reinstatement. Anytime longer than the 60 days you will have to apply for reinstatement as an Elk member.

Lloyd Anderson David Holbert William Reeves Martin Winfrey Josie Schaffer Daniel Hull Ryan Riester Thomas Burke Kayleen Jakes Ted Seifert Greg Domke Katie Ramstad Dion Welch

**NOTE** - the U.S. Post Office charges us every time mail is returned due to addresses not being correct so please let me know what your new address is before you move.

If your e-mail address has changed, please contact me by phone 715-495-2978 or e-mail at rw845secretary@redwing845.org

#### RW #845 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

as of March 26, 2020 Beginning membership on April 1, 2019 Red Wing #845 – **519 members** 

Initiated: 40 Reinstated: 7
Deceased: 11 Dropped: 2 Transfer out: 1

Currently delinquent members: 13 Current membership: 552

### Request for 'Life' membership status

Daniel Hemmah

### New members - Initiated in March

James Groves, Jack Holm, Ronald Holt, Felicia Jensen, Josh Lyons, Dianna Pasche, Nicholas Sather, Kraig Ulveling

### Proposed for Reinstatement

Larry Hawe by Lottie Aslakson

#### Reinstated RW #845 Elk members

Larry Hawe, Terry Marklevits, Tom Neils

We welcome our newest members of RW #845! We also welcome back our reinstated members!!

## CHECK IT OUT - JOIN THE FUN!!!



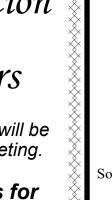




# Installation cers

Our 2020-2021 Lodge Officers will be installed at our next Lodge Meeting.

Watch the weekly eNews for an Update once we re-open so we can celebrate Susan's year as ER and welcome Mike to his year as Exalted Ruler!



"OFF TO THE RACES" to RAISE THE ROOF!! 2020 Kentucky Derby Fundraiser Sat, May 2, 2020 start at 3 PM Postponed until?? Live mus South mase from 5-7 PM as event is a roof repair fundraiser Open to members & guests



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## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE LODGE!!!

## TRUSTEE UPDATE

THANK YOU to everyone that has already sent in your dues for the new lodge year which starts on April 1st- - we truly appreciate having these funds in the bank during these extremely volatile times. Most of these funds will go to pay our State and Grand Lodge dues in the next few weeks for all of the members we currently have on our books.

At this time, orders from Governor Walz mandate that our lodge / club remain closed through at least May 1st. As you can imagine, we have lost quite a bit of revenue including a wide variety of events that were booked through at least early May.

Thanks to a lot of hard work by Lottie and our members over the past several years, we are in MUCH better shape to weather this storm than we were just a few years ago.

During this time, we hope many of you are assisting our community in whatever ways you can from sending a monetary donation to a local food shelf to shopping for an elderly neighbor or whatever is needed.

We greatly appreciate everyone's support and patience as we get through this and come out even stronger in the end . . .

Thank you!

Red Wing Elks 845 Trustees

Charlie Nelson-chair, Kevin Riegelman,

Warren Wertman, Dean Reinhart and Scott Guse



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RW 845's Impact Grant

## HeART

(Help empower At-Risk Teens)

### Our ENF \$10,000 Impact Grant

While many of our events have been postponed for now, we are STILL making a difference in lives of vulnerable teens during this crazy time!

JUST before schools shut down, we had started up a food shelf at the Tower View School. The team at Tower View is using this food to put together bags for students to pick up and has asked for more food to restock the shelves. When our lodge opens back up, we will be asking for donations of specific items to help keep this stocked. In the meantime, we'll be using our grant funds to help provide food for breakfast, lunch and dinners to keep these teens fed while school is out of session.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

While it's more challenging to have a fabulous birthday with family & friends - we hope each one of you remains healthy and finds some way to celebrate your birthday!!

- John O'Reilly Charlie Prahl
- 2 Peter Olson
- 3 Charles Brown
- Jim Halvorsen
  - Ron Huppert
  - Bonnie Kubik
- Ron Wolter
- Gregg Evenson
   Bob "Ski" Lundberg
  - Pete Wenzel
- 6 Kelsey Flueger
- 7 Jeff Anderson Dan Hovland
  - Martin Jurgensen
- 9 Jim Isensee
- Tom Peschges
- 11 Kirby Anderson Katelyn Callstrom
  - Susan Mahn Mitchell Amdahl
- 14 Lory Ann Holets

13

- . L5 Wallace Berlin
- Thomas O'Dell
- Arnold Strusz
- 18 David Olson
- 19 Carol Burma Gary Johnson Tom Neils
- Chad Vande Hei
- 20 Jeff Boigenzahn Robert McCaughtry, PER
- 21 Greg Bargrain Paige Hokanson
- 22 Steve Derleth
- 23 Chuck Klair
- 24 Laurie Jorgensen
- 25 Joe Smith
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