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**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

12/3 - Christmas Party / Silent Auction  
State President's Visit

12/5 - Memorial Service

12/12 - Kid's Christmas Party 2 PM

12/14 - Lodge Meeting at 7 PM

12/18 - Christmas Food Baskets 8 AM

12/19 - Hoop Shoot

12/21 - Trustee Meeting at 6 PM

12/28 - NO Lodge Meeting

**Mark your calendar:**

1/1/22 - HAPPY NEW YEARS

**Planning a family or business event?**

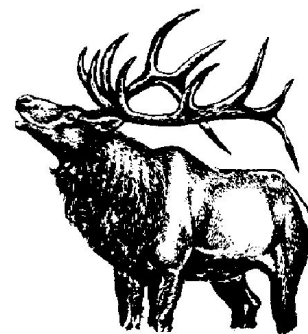
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***December 2021***

***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

**Members all . . .** Such an eventful and energy charged season! Happy Holidays and Happy New Year! May your time be filled with peace, love... and gravy. Lots of gravy!

A common theme that we are encouraged to think about during this season is TIME. Movies, books, series, all sorts of life stories remind us of how fleeting and uncontrollable it is. Who hasn't had conversations or made comments about, "We don't have enough time! We need more hours in the day! We work hard, and what free time we have is precious!"

During the next month, some of us will be frustrated by having to spend time in ways we don't like (Waiting in line, spending time with certain family or friends, isolated, in traffic or without a beer/ drink/ hot chocolate in front of us) I learned a cool thing and I want to share it with you, use it or toss it. Think of time as a friend. Maybe you get stuck in traffic, but, you GET to listen to more music on the way to where ever. Maybe you have to go to Aunt Maxine's house and her poodle pees on you, but, you GET to eat her delicious fudge cake! Get the idea? It is kind of fun, especially if a couple of you are doing it at once at the same event.

We do have control over how much or how little free time we have, and how we choose to spend it. Elks is such a great way to live with that. On days we want to spend our time helping, there is always something to do. On days we have had enough of demands of life, the club and friends are there to hold us up and make us laugh. Feeling alone or isolated? Elks love an excuse to meet at the Lodge, offer a ride there or stop by to chat. Sign up for something, anything, and your spirit will be lifted by being part of the community. *Where ever Elks may roam, whatever their lot in life may be, elks are never forsaken, never forgotten.*

There are MANY things going on with BPOE, Red Wing #845 this month, check the calendar and pick something to do each week, a couple this month. You deserve to spend time doing things that make you feel good. Treat yourself to time with Elks and the community.

It's GREAT to be an Elk!!  
Jennifer Miles, Exalted Ruler



## Red Wing # 845 Committee Chairs

Accident Prevention - Lottie Aslakson, PER  
Activities - OPEN  
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 - Patsy Nesteby (Leading Knight)  
Flags - Allison Eisbach (Loyal Knight)  
Fraternal - Justin Key, PER  
Government Relations - Becky Nelson  
Highway Cleanup - Jess Anderson (Lect Knight)  
Hoop Shoot - Greg Frankowski  
Lodge Activities - OPEN  
Membership - Becky Nelson  
Memorial Service - Patsy Nesteby (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 Recruiters - Lottie Aslakson, PER  
& David Riegelman, PER

**We're on Instagram!**  
**CHECK IT OUT AT**  
**Redwingelkslodge845**

## **PROJECT CHRISTMAS**

Helping Teens, Families & Veterans

We will be gathering gifts this holiday to help out several local groups:

- Sponsoring a local family to provide them warm clothes as well as toys
- Veterans from the Hastings Home

Watch for the giving tree and pick a tree tag or dog tag for items to buy.

This is a GREAT opportunity to teach the kids or grandkids the spirit of giving!!

# From our Secretary . . .

Welcome to the holiday season! This time of the year can bring out the best in us all. It's a time for giving and I can see that by the generous donations to the Christmas Basket Project, the Goodhue County Family Christmas Project, the Adopt-A-Student Project, and the Adopt-A-Veteran Project. Thank you for the gifts you have made to help another person or family in need.

I hope you will take some time to stop in and enjoy some fellowship with your Elk family. Bring some friends with you so they can experience what we all know to be true, **ELKS CARE - ELKS SHARE!**

The 28 members listed below have yet to pay their dues for the current year. It has been 9 months since our current Elks year began on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Please send in or drop off your payments. If you have any questions regarding your membership, please contact me.

Mitch Amdahl	Mitch Anderson	Erich Bettich	Jeff Black	Carrie Bolum
Jennifer Buck	Kate Callstrom	Andrew Dahl	James Dollar	Greg Domke
Christopher Earney	Patricia Erickson	Joseph Garrison	Michael Henke	Krista Huron
Felicia Jensen	Jodi Jones	Robert Nybo	Dianna Pasche	Mike Polk
Megan Ramaker	Athena Reed	Karen Renshaw	Dena Schull	Kristen Titus
Chris Warrington	Susan Weigenant	Julie Winger		

Please let me know when you move! We are charged a fee 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! Contact me by phone 715-495-2978 or via my e-mail

[rw845secretary@redwing845.org](mailto:rw845secretary@redwing845.org)

## **RW #845 MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

as of November 23, 2021

Beginning membership on April 1, 2021

**545 members**

Initiated: **24**   Affiliated: **1**   Reinstated: **3**  
Deceased: **9**   Delinquent: **28**   Dropped: **1**  
Current membership total: **563**

### **New members initiated on November 16th**

Joseph Bigalke and Myrlyn Mason

*Please welcome these new members to our Elk family when you see them!*

## **Proposed for membership**

Amy Jo Bartels by Justine Becker  
Paul Cardinal by Tom Brown  
Robert Dail by Scott Maskrey  
John Danielson by Justine Becker  
Dan Diggins by Larry Larson  
Emma Drazkowski by Sarah Edstrom  
John Engstrom by Wallace Berlin, Jr.  
Annette Fenner by Patsy Nesteby

## **Proposed for Reinstatement**

Brad Cordes by Mike Anderson

*Our next initiation ceremony will be held on Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. Those candidates who have been elected will be notified by mail.*

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

## **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, 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!!!

# BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Felicia Jensen
- 3 Dan Struss
- 3 Robert Bremer
- 4 Paul Drotos
- 4 Jeff Cole
- 6 Dennis Hinck
- 6 William Peterson
- 6 Norman Sampson
- 8 Arnold Gorder
- 8 Steve Salveson
- 10 Michelle Hurlbut
- 12 Jeannie Fairbanks
- 13 Marne Kenitz
- 14 Gary Ide
- 15 Calvin Kinney
- 15 Greg Huppert
- 17 Randall Anderson
- 17 Scott Dirtzu
- 18 Melissa Rasmussen
- 19 Mike Anderson
- 21 Mike Marquardt
- 21 Jerry Jensen
- 21 Frank Pichelman
- 22 Sam Brown
- 22 Mike Goering
- 23 William Naseth
- 23 Alison Hammond
- 23 Kyle Herling
- 24 Earl Kenitz
- 24 Dwayne Howe
- 24 Gary Iocco
- 24 Mike Olson
- 24 W.D. Ulvenes
- 25 Brooke Dressen
- 26 Dan Ferezan
- 28 Lee Kinney
- 29 Katherine Myers
- 29 Justine Becker
- 30 Kevin Dietz
- 30 Jeff Goodwin
- 30 Paul Hassett
- 30 Neil Siewert
- 30 Adam Vosburgh
- 30 Eugene Leise
- 31 John Wiederholt

Lodge Hours MON-THURS: 3-8 PM							December 2021		Lodge Hours FRI-SAT: 3-10 PM		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday					
Nov 28  No Football	Nov 29  OPEN 3-8 PM Mon-Thurs	Nov 30  Barb's Hot Beef Commercial	1  TACO NIGHT 5 - 7 PM	2  Broasted Chicken 5 - 7 PM	3  Christmas Party / Silent Auction	4  Private Event					
5  Memorial Service	6  OPEN 3-8 PM Mon-Thurs	7  Rod' Bolognese Dinner Initiation	8  TACO NIGHT 5 - 7 PM	9  Broasted Chicken 5 - 7 PM Retirement Party	10  Private Event  NO FOOD	11  Private Event  Open 3-10 PM					
12  Kids Christmas Party 2-4 PM	13  OPEN 3-8 PM Mon-Thurs	14  Chow Mein	15  TACO NIGHT 5 - 7 PM	16  Private Event  NO FOOD	17  Private Event  NO FOOD	18  Christmas Baskets 8AM					
19  HOOP SHOOT	20  Private Event	21  Lottie's Burgers  6PM Trustees	22  TACO NIGHT 5 - 7 PM	23  Broasted Chicken 5 - 7 PM	24  Christmas Eve Appetizers Open til ?	25  Merry Christmas  Lodge Closed					
26	27  OPEN 3-8 PM Mon-Thurs	28  Broasted Shrimp 5 - 7 PM NO LODGE	29  TACO NIGHT 5 - 7 PM	30  Broasted Fish 5 - 7 PM	31  New Year's Eve Appetizers	Jan 1  HAPPY NEW YEAR! Lodge Closed					

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE LODGE!!!



## KID'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

**Sun 12/12  
2 - 4 PM**

**Food, fun games and  
a visit from Santa!**

### Welcome New Members



*Red Wing Elks Lodge #845*

## Christmas Party

**Friday, Dec 3, 2021**

Sign up at the Lodge for Barb's FABULOUS Appetizers and plan to bring your friends down to the Lodge for a night of food, fun & friendship while raising funds to support our Lodge or the MN Elks Youth Camp!

*Meet our MN Elks State President  
John Jennings & his wife Sybil!*

Silent Auction opens at 5 PM -  
Bidding on closes at 7:45 & 8 PM

THANK YOU to all of our members AND  
local businesses that have donated to  
support this event.

RW Elks # 845's Annual

## Christmas Food Basket Drive

**Give Generously ... Start a new Family Tradition ...**

Santa uses reindeer, but here in Red Wing... We rely on Elks!

While Christmas presents can come in all shapes and sizes, some of the most important ones come in Elks' Christmas Baskets. The "Biggest Little Envelope" guarantees our pledge of your generosity to deliver the makings of a complete and wholesome Christmas dinner to a family in need. There's still time to return your donation envelope to the Lodge.

As always, if you know of somebody or a family who is down on their luck, put their name, address, and phone along with the number in their family inside of your envelope. You will remain anonymous.

There is simply no better way to share in the goodness of Christmas than to gather at the lodge for breakfast on Saturday, Dec. 18 at 8:00am and then assemble and distribute baskets afterwards. It is organized chaos that turns into a little joy to the world. Sign-up sheets are at the lodge.

Please help with this important project. Maybe reindeer can fly, but Elks deliver.

**It's GREAT to be an Elk - - Merry Christmas!!!!**  
Paul Drotos & Dennis Herling, Co-Chairs



**Saturday  
Dec 18th  
at 8 AM**

Our day starts with  
breakfast, then we  
pack & deliver the  
baskets.

It's chaotic but **VERY**  
rewarding when you  
drop off a basket and  
see the smiles on the  
faces of mom or dad.

Make this a new  
family tradition!



# Elks Care – Elks Share



## Americanism Essay Contest

**OPEN til 12/15**

Open to students in grades 5-8, the theme for the Elks' Americanism Essay contest is "What does it mean to love your country?"

Essays cannot exceed 300 words and are due to the lodge by 12/15/21. Rules & registration forms are available online at [Elks.org](http://Elks.org) under Fraternal Committee / Contest Forms.

Copies are also available at the lodge. Contest winners can win up to \$300 at the State Level in prizes!!

## ENF Scholarships

*Know any High School Seniors  
applying for college?*

Send them to [www.enf.elks.org/mvs](http://www.enf.elks.org/mvs) to find out more!

Every year, the Elks Natl Foundation awards  
**@ \$2.5 MILLION** in Scholarships to HS Seniors

Children & grandchildren of Elk members are eligible to apply for ENF **Legacy** Scholarships. Apply at [www.enf.elks.org/leg](http://www.enf.elks.org/leg) - Applications due 02/02/22.

**Applications are ONLY accepted online!**

Questions - Please contact Linda Larson

## RW Elks Memorial Service

**Sunday, December 5th**  
1 PM in the Lodge Room

Elks honor our departed members at our Memorial Service on the first Sunday in December.  
Please join us for the service and for refreshments following the service.



In 2020, we were unable to hold our Annual Memorial Service. At this year's service, we will remember and honor the members we would have honored last year including:

Terrance Shelstad  
Conrad Eckstrom  
Steven Koehn, PER  
James Edwards  
Charles Erickson  
Roland Furchner  
Whitey Safe  
Kip Edquist  
Gilbert Edon  
John Witgert  
Michael "Jim" Kloster, PER/PSP  
Lydia Klenke, PER  
Joseph Smith

We will also honor these members that we have lost since Dec 2020 including:

Charles Allyn  
Larry Peterson  
Ted LeMay  
Howard Saunders  
David Woods  
Lemoine Nadeau  
Thomas Erdmann  
Charles Baltos, PER  
Dean Massett, PER  
Ron Walm  
Glenn Earney  
Virgil Siewert  
Roger Flom  
Stacey Dessonville

# THANK YOU

We are SO GRATEFUL to all of our donors and volunteers

**Kitchen and Bar Helpers** - We are fortunate to continue to keep our meal prices low thanks to volunteers like Susan Henke, Bonnie Kubik & Sharon Lee.

We're thankful for our **VOLUNTEER** bartenders: JoLynn Fleming, Lory Holets and Rynne Schutz!

Thank you to volunteer **Viking Game bartenders** Royce Bottin & Mark Lynch!

**Newsletters** - Thanks to our HUGE group of volunteers who helped fold our Nov mailing to all members including Karlyne Bottin, Sue Connaughton, Paul Drotos, Sarah Edstrom, Dave & Linda Everett, Laurie Groves, Betty Guse, Scott & Sherri Guse, Dennis Herling, Jenny Patton, Fred & Vickie Tremper, James Vagasky, Steve & Clarice Vagasky, Deanna & Norm Westby.

**Trunk or Treat** - Thanks Judy Arndt, Lottie Aslakson, Scott & Sherri Guse and Sarah Edstrom for packing all of our treat bags. Thanks to event volunteers Lottie Aslakson, Mike Bignell, Sarah Edstrom, Jennifer Miles, Tara & Troy Rossi and Carl Quist.

**Christmas Family Project** - Thanks to Barb Johnson and Deanna Westby for picking out our families and picking up the Toys for Tots gifts.

**We Remember Korea event** - Thanks so much to all the volunteers who help plan & host this great event. Thank you to Judy Arndt & Lona Bignell for the flag stars given to our vets.

**Tom & Jerry's** - Thanks again to the Guse Family for all of their work to host Tom & Jerry's. Thanks to Kevin Riegelman and the PER's for their help with some festive games.

**Every Third Saturday event** - Thanks to an ENF Spotlight Grant, RW volunteers Lottie Aslakson, JoLynn Fleming, Patsy Nesteby and Kevin & Steph Riegelman helped about 150 vets. THANK YOU to everyone who brought in gloves at the last minute to help this effort!

**Decorating the Lodge** - Thanks to our lodge decorating crew of Lottie Aslakson, Sarah Edstrom, Susan Henke, Lory Holets, Charlie & Becky Nelson, Kevin Riegelman, Tyler Riegelman and Jan Struss.

**Turkey Games** - Thanks to volunteer PERs including Scott Guse, Mark Lynch, Darrell Mattson, David Riegelman, Kevin Riegelman and Fred Tremper. THANK YOU to all the PERs that donated turkeys for this fun event!

**Veterans Steak Night** - Thanks so much to our steak night team including Ben Bauer, Bob Bauer, Barry & Jean Dossdall, Susan Henke, Larry Horlitz, Ron Huppert & Glen Mattson.

**New Business Ads** - Thanks so much to Edina Realty and Melbye Real Estate Experts for joining our ad listing and supporting our monthly newsletter.



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