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UPCOMING EVENTS:

12/2 - Christmas Party / Silent Auction
12/3 - Tie Fleece Blankets (9AM-Noon)
12/8 - Meat Raffle 5:30PM start
12/12 - Wrap gifts for Kids (starts at 5 PM)
12/13 - Trustee Meeting at 6 PM
12/13 - Lodge Meeting at 7 PM
12/15 - New Member Initiation
12/16 - Kid's Christmas Party
12/17 - Xmas Food Baskets 8 AM
12/27 - NO LODGE MEETING

Mark your calendar:

1/8 - Hoop Shoot at RW High School
1/29 - Metro District Hoop Shoot at RW
2/17-2/18 - Big Turn Music Festival

Planning a family or business event?

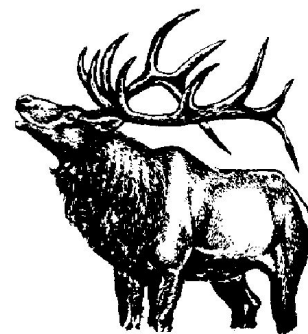
Contact Lottie TODAY to book your event at the
Lodge - Call 651.388.5862

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December 2022

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 . . .

Christmas is right around the corner with sleigh bells ringing. December is such a special month to celebrate Jesus' birthday and for our Elk members to show the great heart of Elksdom through many charitable events. We have so many opportunities this month for our member to help our neighbors in need.

On Friday Dec 2nd, our MN Elks State President Craig DeForge will join us for our annual Christmas Party and Silent Auction. Let's fill up the lodge with all our members.

Sunday Dec 4th is our annual Memorial Service where we honor all of our absent members especially those that have left our midst during the past year.

Throughout the month, we are gathering fleece blankets, stocking stuffers for kids and filling Christmas tags to help local families during the holidays. Using our ENF Grants, we will provide meal boxes to help local teens and their families have food during the Christmas school break.

Our Christmas food basket project to assist local families during the holidays is off to a great start.

Last month our lodge was hopping every weekend with events. December will be just as busy! I hope everyone enjoyed holiday stroll and had a blissful Thanksgiving Day.

A special thank to everyone who volunteers and helps support our lodge. We also welcomed Lottie back to work. She's doing great and was missed very much.

Patsy Nesteby,
Exalted Ruler



Red Wing # 845 Committee Chairs

Accident Prevention - Lottie Aslakson, PER
Americanism - Fred Tremper, PER
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Charitable Gambling - Larry Larson, PER
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Community Activities - Karlyne Bottin
Drug Awareness - Lottie Aslakson, PER
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Flags - Sarah Edstrom (Loyal Knight)
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Highway Cleanup - Jenny Patton (Lect Knight)
Hoop Shoot - Greg Frankowski
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Membership - Becky Nelson
Memorial Service - Jessica Nelson (Lead Knight)
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ENF & Local Scholarships - Linda Larson
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Veterans Service - Lottie Aslakson, PER
Youth Activities - Lottie Aslakson, PER
Youth Camp Recruiter - Lottie Aslakson, PER



Sewing Walker Bags for Veterans

Thanks to everyone who took some time to help cut out and sew walker bags for local Veterans! We had a great group of volunteers including Karlyne Bottin, Sue Connaughton, Sarah Edstrom, JoLynn Fleming, Laurie Groves, Sherri Guse, Sue Handwerk, Kate Lang, Linda Larson, Bonnie Luhman, Patsy Nesteby, Megan Simonson, Vickie Tremper, Tammy Wadley, Kristina Witts and Abigale Witts. Great job - your handiwork will be greatly appreciated!



Get it before it's gone!

For one night only . . .
Jerry Gosman
will be serving his special
**Maryland Crab Cake Sandwich
with Crab soup
Tuesday Dec 20th**

*Limited number of meals available so sign
up at the lodge ASAP!!*

From our Secretary . . .

Tis the season of giving and I'm sure many of you would like to help others who may need some assistance. There are always opportunities to donate so read your newsletters to know what type of options there are. Many of our Elk members and our widows have already donated to the Christmas Basket Project and so can you! Just put a little donation in the envelope we mailed to you in last month's newsletter. This is a fabulous charitable event our Elks Lodge does every year!

If you are a member who remains delinquent for the current year, please get your payment sent in or dropped off. If you are not sure, the below listing includes members who are still currently delinquent. Please contact me if you have any questions on your membership and maybe I can assist you.

Lucas Armstrong	Judith Arndt	Connor Beckwith	Paul Byron
Austin Engen	Charles Frawley	Ron Huppert	Krista Huron
James Johnson	Marilyn Johnson	Gary Klingelhut	Austin Knott
Richard McLaughlin	Mike Nevins	Jonathan Paradis	Megan Ramaker
Cory Rasmussen	Melissa Rasmussen	Jay Ryan	Nicholas Sather
Mark Schull	Glenn Shull	Emma Siewert	Nicholas Swanson
Samuel Tittle	Mark Tripp	Ronald Walker	Sheila Weber
Martin Winfrey	Makayla Zimdars		

Have you moved? I need to know as we get 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! Call me at 715-495-2978 or e-mail me at:

rw845secretary@redwing845.org

RW #845 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

as of November 24, 2022

Beginning membership on April 1, 2022

563 members

Initiated: 27 Reinstated: 2
Deaths: 9 Delinquent: 30
Current membership total: 583

Proposed for membership

Kim Flueger by Dennis Herling
Jeanne Follstad by Ron Thompson
Jeff Hardy by Dean Reinhart
Michael Warner by Lottie Aslakson

*Our next initiation ceremony will take place
on Thursday, December 15th.*

***The clock of his day has stopped
and across its dial
the motionless shadows mark
the hour of eleven.***

Michael Olson

Born: December 29, 1955

Initiated: April 28, 1986

Died: November 13, 2022

To Our Absent Members

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

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Sheena Whitlock
- 2 Dan Struss
- 3 Robert Bremer
- 4 Jeff Cole
- 5 Dennis Hinck
- 6 William Peterson
- 7 Arnold Gorder
- 8 Steve Salveson
- 9 Karl Ann Waste
- 10 Michelle Hurlbut
- 11 Brad Cordes
- 12 Jeannie Fairbanks
- 13 Marne Kenitz
- 14 Gary Ide
- 15 Calvin Kinney
- 16 Greg Huppert
- 17 Randall Anderson
- 18 Scott Ditzu
- 19 Melissa Rasmussen
- 20 Mike Anderson
- 21 Mike Marquardt
- 22 Jerry Jensen
- 23 Frank Pichelman
- 24 Sam Brown
- 25 Mike Goering
- 26 William Naseth
- 27 Alison Hammond
- 28 Kyle Herling
- 29 Earl Kenitz
- 30 Dwayne Howe
- 31 Gary Iocco
- 32 W.D. Ulvenes
- 33 Brooke Dressen
- 34 Dan Ferezan
- 35 Lee Kinney
- 36 Katherine Myers
- 37 Thomas Squire
- 38 Justine Becker
- 39 Kevin Dietz
- 40 Jeff Goodwin
- 41 Paul Hassett
- 42 Neil Stewart
- 43 Adam Vosburgh
- 44 John Wiederholt

<div> <div>Lodge Hours</div> <div>MON-THURS: 3-8 PM</div> <div>December 2022</div> <div>FRI-SAT: 3-10 PM</div> </div>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Nov 27	Nov 28 NO FOOD Open 3-8PM <i>Stop in!</i>	Nov 29 Barb's Salsbury Steak 5-7 PM	Nov 30 TACO NIGHT 5 - 7 PM	1 Broasted Chicken 5 - 7 PM	2 Xmas Silent Auction Sign up for appetizers State Pres visit	3 Private Party 9AM-Noon Tie Blankets
4 Memorial Service 1 PM	5 Baked Potato Soup Open 3-8PM <i>Stop in!</i>	6 Picnick's Chili, Salad & Cornbread 5-7 PM	7 TACO NIGHT 5 - 7 PM	8 Broasted Fish 5 - 7 PM MEAT RAFFLE 5:30 PM	9 Private Party	10 Private Party
11 Private Party	12 Sloppy Joes w/chips 5 PM til ??? Wrap Gifts	13 Picnick's Spaghetti 5-7 PM	14 TACO NIGHT 5 - 7 PM	15 Broasted Chicken 5 - 7 PM New Member Initiation	16 Kid's Xmas Party 5 PM	19 Xmas Baskets 8 AM
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Private Party	Beef Sand w/chips Open 3-8PM <i>Stop in!</i>	Jerry Gosman's Maryland Crab Sandwich & Crab Soup	TACO NIGHT 5 - 7 PM	Broasted Chicken 5 - 7 PM Cookie Decorating	Broasted Fish 5 - 7 PM	Christmas Eve Open 1-4 PM
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Merry Christmas!	Creamy Tomato Basil Soup Open 3-8PM	Reubens w/FF 5-7 PM No Lodge Mtg	TACO NIGHT 5 - 7 PM	Broasted Shrimp 5 - 7 PM	Private Party OPEN 3-10	New Year's Eve Open 3 to ??

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE LODGE!!!



KID'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

**Friday 12/16
5 - 7 PM**

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

**Avoid cleaning your house
to host a family gathering**

**Schedule your next
gathering at the lodge!**

CALL LOTTIE!!



Red Wing Elks Lodge #845

Christmas Party

Friday, Dec 2, 2022

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
Craig DeForge from Mpls #44*

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

*THANK YOU to all of our members AND local
businesses that have supported this event.*

RW Elks # 845's Annual

Christmas Food Basket Drive

Saturday, Dec 17th at 8 AM at the Lodge



Our Christmas Basket Tradition continues . . .

Our Red Wing Elks Christmas Basket project is such an incredibly important project for so many reasons . . . There is simply no better way to share in the goodness of Christmas than to gather at the lodge with family & friends for breakfast on Saturday December 17th at 8 AM. After a warm breakfast, you can help assemble and distribute baskets of food. It is organized chaos that turns into a little joy in the world! Sign-up sheets are posted at the lodge - call some friends or family and come join us!

This year, we will definitely miss the Christmas Cheer of long-time co-chair Paul Drotos and, in his memory, we hope this is the best year ever for the "Biggest Little Envelope" (enclosed) - your support guarantees our pledge to deliver the makings of a complete and wholesome Christmas dinner to so many families in need in our local communities. Your generous donation also allows us to provide a warm Christmas morning meal of ham and scalloped potatoes to local homeless as well as correctional facility employees and first responders (Police, Sheriff, Fire and Dispatch) who are working on Christmas Day.

As always, if you know of somebody or a family who is down on their luck and could use a food basket, PLEASE put their name, address, and phone along with the number in their family inside of your envelope from the November newsletter and send it in. You will remain anonymous.

It's GREAT to be an Elk - - Merry Christmas!!!!

Dennis Herling, Chairman, Christmas Basket Committee

Elks Care – Elks Share

Meat Raffles are at the Elks!



Are you a
MEAT RAFFLE LOVER?
Stop down to the lodge and
join the fun starting at 5:30 PM

Our next meat raffle is
Thursday December 8th



Mark your calendar . . .

ELKS HOOP SHOOT Sun Jan. 8th

Registration open: 11:30 AM
RW High School Gym

Sign-up at the lodge
Volunteers needed to score and shag



Tie Blankets Needed

We are working to gather **68 fleece tie blankets** for kids of all ages to support two of our ENF Grant Projects! Grab a blanket kit to take home or shop for your own. Return all blankets to the lodge by 12/9/22 OR . . . **Join us at the Lodge on Saturday 12/3/22 from 9AM til Noon to cut and tie fleece blankets!**



RW 845's Impact Grant

HeART (Help empower At-Risk Teens)

Through an ENF \$9,000 Impact Grant, our lodge has been helping show local teens how much their community cares about them by providing hygiene products, filling a food shelf, providing diapers to young moms, school supplies and so much more!

Our HeART project is year round and continues to need support from our members .
Here are some of our current needs:

Stocking Stuffers:

- \$5 gifts for Boys and Girls ages Infant through 18 years old

Young Moms:

- Day & Night time Diapers & Pull-ups especially Size 6
- Baby Wipes
- Desitin

These collections are part of RW 845's ENF Grants helping local children & teens. Questions, please reach out to our Grant Coordinator Steph Riegelman at 651.380.0903 or by email at steph@surfthemurph.com

Help Needed: **Wrap Gifts**



Join us at the lodge on Mon 12/12 at 5 PM to help wrap the stocking stuffers gathered for local kids

Available at the Elks for \$20

Korean War Veteran Remembrance books

Filled with stories from local Veterans who served our country during the Korean War! The proceeds from these books will support veteran events in our area!

Elks Care – Elks Share

Elks Lodge #845

Memorial Service



Help us honor those true and loyal Elks
who have gone before us. . .

Sunday, December 4th

1 PM in the Lodge Room

Elks honor living and departed members
at the hour of Eleven.

We also honor our departed members at the
annual Memorial Service on the first
Sunday in December.

Please join us for the service
and for refreshments following the service.

This year, we remember the following
departed members:

Steven Schmidt
Elroy Peterson
David Thoms, PER
Karl Brunner
Eugene Leise
Todd Strom
Richard Carlson
Norman Sampson
Robert Celt
Paul Drotos
Rodney Frantzen
Ronald Yocum
Keith Wilkinson
Thomas McNurlin



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Christmas Eve

The lodge will be open
from 1-4 PM.

*Join us for some hot
drink specials*



New Years Eve

The lodge will be open at 3PM until ??

Join us for some drink specials

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, 2022 through March 31,
2023. 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 22-23 Lodge Year
YOU QUALIFY for FREE DUES in 2023!!!

ELKS #845 NEWS



Americanism Essay Contest

NOW OPEN
Due 12/15/22

Open to students in grades 5-8, the Elks' Americanism Essay contest is now open!

This year's contest includes a few changes

- 4 separate divisions for grades 5, 6, 7 & 8
- Cash awards for winners at the Grand Lodge level for each division including \$1,000 for 1st place, \$500 for 2nd place and \$250 for 3rd place

The theme for this year's essay is

"What is your American Dream?"

Essays cannot exceed 300 words and are due to the lodge by 12/15/22. Rules & registration forms are available online at 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!!

Please help spread the word to any teachers as well as your kids or grandkids!

PROJECT CHRISTMAS

Helping Teens, Families & Veterans

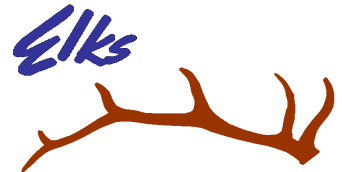
We will be gathering gifts this holiday to help out several local groups:

- Sponsoring a local family to provide them warm clothes as well as toys
- Gathering stocking stuffers for children ages infant through 18 yrs old

The giving tree is up and ready for you to pick a tag. OR have fun shopping for some stocking stuffers & drop it in the bin at the lodge!

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

It's *GREAT*
to be an
ELK!



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

NOT SIGNED UP?

Email - rw845secretary@redwing845.org

ENF Scholarships

Every year, the Elks Natl Foundation awards \$1.4 MILLION in \$4,000 scholarships to 350 children & grandchildren of Elk members in good standing through the ENF **Legacy** Scholarships.

Applications are due 02/06/23.

Go to www.enf.elks.org/leg

Applications are ONLY accepted online!

PLEASE HELP SPREAD THE WORD!

Do you like to
Decorate
Cookies



Come on down to the lodge on
Thursday Dec 22 at 5 PM
to help decorate cookies!

Kids are welcome with adult supervision

These cookies will be included in the meals delivered to local homeless along with our First Responders (Police, Fire & Corrections) who are working on Christmas Day

THANK YOU

We are SO GRATEFUL to all of our donors and volunteers



Kitchen Helpers and Bartenders - We're incredibly grateful for our great kitchen help especially Susan Henke, Sharon Lee and Tom & Toni Velure for always being there to help in the kitchen! Thanks so much to Arnie Strusz and Jim Halversen who help keep our lodge clean every day. We also appreciate all of our **VOLUNTEER** bartenders: JoLynn Fleming, Lory Holets, Kurt Huffman and RyAnne Schutz. Thanks again to everyone who stepped up to help out while Lottie recovered from her back surgery! A special thanks to Dennis Herling for helping with the daily bar cash reports.



Trunk or Treat: THANK YOU to event organizer Justin Key! His helpers are pictured top left Mike Bignell, Leanne Ryman, Jim and Karen Key. It's estimated that over 2,000 kids came through this event.

Flags for Veterans Day: Thank you to Mike Bignell, Amy Carda, Sarah Edstrom, Leon Klenke, Doug Kocina, Scott Maskrey, Brent Seely, Linda Schulz and Connor Weinmeyer for helping put up our flags!

Veterans Steak Night: Our thanks to the cooking team of Bob Bauer, Ben Bauer, Barry & Jean Dossdall, Susan Henke & Aailyn Goplin, Larry Horlitz and Glenn Mattson for another fabulous steak fry to celebrate Veterans Day! Great job!!

Every Third Saturday: Our crew of volunteers helped serve 150 veterans providing warm winter gear and new footwear. Thank you to Sarah Edstrom, Deni Johnson & her dad Dennis, Lona & Mike Bignell, Steph & Kevin Riegelman and Lottie Aslakson.

Christmas Decorating: Thank you to Sarah Edstrom, Sue & Kurt Huffman, Becky & Charlie Nelson, Patsy & Paul Nesteby and Kevin Riegelman for helping to decorate the lodge for Christmas!

Flags for Veterans Day: Thank you to Courtney Celt, Mike Bignell, Sarah Edstrom, Wayne Gustafson, Scott Guse, Scott Laapegaard, Doug Kocina, Rick Nesteby & Paul Nesteby for helping with flags!



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