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UPCOMING EVENTS:

2/12 - SUPER SUNDAY FUN-DAY! Open at 4 PM

2/13 - Lodge Meeting 7 PM (MONDAY)

2/14 - PicNick's Valentine Dinner & RW Elk's Not So Newlywed game is back!!!

2/16 - Flags up at 5 PM

2/17-2/18 - Big Turn Music Festival

2/21 - Flags Down at 5 PM

2/21 - New Member Initiation

2/25 - Booyah Feed! (See ad)

2/28 - Trustee Meeting at 6 PM

2/28 - Lodge Meeting at 7 PM

Mark your calendar:

3/31 - Ham Games (See ad)

4/1 - Kids Easter Party (See ad)

Planning a family or business event?

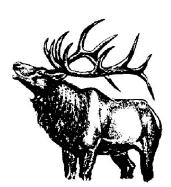
Contact Lottie TODAY to book your event at the Lodge - Call 651.388.5862

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February 2023

It's Great to be an Elk!



ISSUE 2023 - 02

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

Exalted Ruler's Message

Members All . . .

It's so hard to believe we are almost to the end of our Lodge Year. Several Past Exalted Rulers had warned me "your year will go by quick" and they were so right!!! At our first lodge meeting in February, we will have nomination of officers for the 2023—2024 Lodge Year.

What does it take to be a lodge officer? It takes a good Elk who enjoys volunteering his or her time, truly believes in what our order stands for and is willing to commit the time it takes to serve their lodge. It takes good members of any age, any number of years of membership with a willingness to get involved and help guide our lodge in good times and bad. We have several great officers in our ranks right now that have only been members for a very short time!

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 and 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 and let your interest be known! Our current officers are always looking for other interested Elks to join us but don't always know who to

interested Elks to join us but don't always looking for other interested Elks to join us but don't always know who to ask. PLEASE don't wait to be asked . . . Talk to me. Talk to another officer. Talk to Lottie. We're still looking to fill a couple of our officer chairs for the 23-24 lodge year.

I'd like to close by inviting each and every one of you to stop down to the lodge sometime this month. Pick out a favorite meal, come down for Super Sunday, check out our Booyah Feed or sign up for the Valentines Meal! This is YOUR lodge as much as it's mine - be sure to take the time to enjoy it once in awhile.

It's GREAT to be an Elk!

Patsy Nesteby, Exalted Ruler

BIG TURN: 2/17&2/18

LODGE ACCESS AFTER 5 PM

The Big Turn Music Festival is being held in Red Wing on Feb 17 & 18. Our lodge is one of the music venues.

Members MUST present their membership card at the door after 5 PM to enter the lodge. If your spouse isn't a member & joins you, it's \$20 / night to the Big Turn.

Food will be served from 5PM to Midnight both nights.

Pancake Breakfast and Bloody Marys on Saturday from 8AM until noon at the lodge — stop in!

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

BOOYAH FEED

Sat 2/25/23 5:30-7:30 PM

Come on down for this classic favorite & stay for the music!!!

\$7 for Booyah with Oyster Crackers & Corn Bread

Bob's Old School Karaoke & DJ Music from 7 - 11 PM

Welcome New Members of 845



From our Secretary . . .

In mid-February, I will be mailing out the 2023-2024 dues statements for the new Elk's year starting on April 1, 2023. To be a member in good standing, all members need to have their dues paid before that date. If you have any questions regarding your membership, please contact me.

We still have 20 members listed below that have yet to pay their dues for the current year. 10 months have now gone by since our current Elks year began on April 1, 2022. I will need to know if you plan to continue as a member of the Elks. Members themselves, will need to contact the secretary 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. We never know about these things so if you can help, please do.

Lucas Armstrong	Judith Arndt	Connor Beckwith	Paul Byron
Austin Engen	Charles Frawley	Krista Huron	James Johnson
Marilyn Johnson	Gary Klingelhut	Austin Knott	Nicholas Sather
Mark Schull	Glenn Shull	Emma Siewert	Nicholas Swanson
Samuel Tittle	Ronald Walker	Sheila Weber	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

RW #845 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

as of January 23, 2023
Beginning membership on April 1, 2022
563 members

Initiated: 33 Reinstated: 4
Deaths: 10 Delinquent: 20
Current membership total: 590

Proposed for Membership

Abby Conroy by Dan Ferezan Eric Edon by Jeannie Fairbanks Georgean Holt by Ronald Holt Alexus Karlsrud by Susan Henke Christina Stewart by Scott Maskrey DJ Yarwood by Susan Henke Jason Yarwood by Honalee Lincoln

New Members Initiated January 17th.

Jeanne Follstad, Stephanie LaMere and Michael Warner

Please welcome these new members to our Elks family!

Reinstated Members

Steve Earney and Phillip Galchutt

Welcome back to RW #845!

Our next initiation ceremony will be held **Tuesday, February 21**st. Candidates who have been elected will be notified by mail.

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

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

PLEASE, PLEASE, <u>PLEASE</u> send your email to rw845secretary@redwing845.org <u>TODAY</u>



Monday Tuesday Wednesday Jan 30 Split Pea & PicNick's Ckn Provencal 5-7 PM Open 3-8PM Open 3-8PM From From Soup 5-7 PM	Tuesday Jan 31 PicNick's Ckn Provencal 5-7 PM	Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Jan 31 PicNick's Ckn Provencal 5-7 PM
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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE LODGE!!!

SUPER SUNDAY FUN-DAY!!!!

Feb 12th DOORS OPEN AT 3 PM





Snacks



Chili Contest at Halftime (2 categories - Reg & Spicy!)

Join us for an afternoon of fun!

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 <u>Donations</u> to set up your donation!

President's Day Flags!!

We need help with flags

Flags Up: Thurs, Feb 16 at 5 PM

Flags Down: Tues, Feb 21 at 5 PM

We will meet at the Lodge - See you there!



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!

Join us for some fun....

VALENTINES DINNER & NOT SO NEWLYWED GAME

Tuesday, February 14th

Sign up **TODAY** at the lodge for a fabulous meal from PicNick - sign up for a Filet Mignon or Crab Cake dinner for \$30 / person with seatings at 5:30 and 6 PM

After dinner - Stay for the **NOT SO NEWLYWED GAME** featuring emcee Kevin Riegelman and contestants

LeighAnn & Steve Anderson Jamie & Mike Bombardier Darla Reese & Scott Maskrey Patsy & Paul Nesteby

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RW Elks Business Update:

We've received a few requests from members to provide a brief update on our business from time to time. While our income has not returned to pre-COVID levels, our financials are looking relatively strong.

Liquor sales are 16% ahead of last year thru December's month end thanks to strong performance in Oct, Nov & Dec with quite a few events and private bookings. However food sales are about 16% behind 2021 YTD. We're incredibly grateful to all of the volunteers that help our lodge with their talents behind the bar, in the kitchen and behind the scenes!

In late August, we had some extensive water damage to our lodge's interior following some strong storms. Since then, our trustees and lodge manager have worked with insurance and several local contractors to get things almost back to normal. The women's bathroom, upper bar seating area and our kitchen have been repaired and our carpeting has been recently installed. The lodge is looking great and we continue to focus our efforts on bringing in more business while controlling our expenses.

Overall, we are in the midst of our busy season. The club's calendar is booked most weekends through the end of the year with various events including the Big Turn Music Festival in a few weeks.

Thank you for your continued support of our lodge!!

Red Wing Elks Trustees

Elks Care - Elks Share

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE 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!!!

NATIONAL CONVENTION 2023 MINNEAPOLIS MINNESOTA July 2vd - July 5th City By Nature

In case you haven't "herd," the 2023 Elks Nat' Convention will be held in Minneapolis on July 1-5, 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!







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Find out more / enroll online at enf.elks.org/recurring

Ham Games



Friday, March 31 Starting at 6:30 PM



Kid's **Easter** Party

Saturday, April 1st

Visit from the Easter Bunny, Easter Egg
Hunt & other fun games

The fun starts at 2:00 PM

Bring the kids or grandkids down!

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

NOT SIGNED UP?

Email - rw845secretary@redwing845.org

THANK YOUS

We are SO GRATEFUL to all of our donors and volunteers



ELKS HOOP SHOOT Results

We held our Annual Hoop Shoot on Sun, Jan 8th where winners from local schools in Red Wing and Goodhue competed. Congratulations to our winners:

BOYS GIRLS

Georgia Schmalz 18/25

8-9 Yrs Lucas O'Neil 18/25 Taylor Novacek 15/25 10-11 Yrs Duncan Poncelet 15/25 Gabriella Simmons 11/25

12-13 Yrs Michael Golden 13/25

Thanks to our volunteers - Lottie Aslakson, Mike Bignell, Janet Brandt, Nathan Easler, Dan & Sonia Ferezan, Gregg Frankowski, Jim Halvorsen, Heidi Miller, Charlie & Becky Nelson, Patsy Nesteby, Dean Reinhart and Sam Witts.

Metro District HOOP SHOOT RESULTS

The Metro District Hoop Shoot was held in Red Wing on Sun 1/29/23. Here are the results of our Red Wing kids:

BOYS GIRLS

8-9 Yrs Lucas O'Neil 1st Taylor Novacek 1st
10-11 Yrs Duncan Poncelet 2nd Gabriella Simmons 1st
12-13 Yrs Michael Golden 2nd Georgia Schmalz 1st

GOOD LUCK AT THE STATE SHOOT!!!!

Thanks to our volunteers - Lottie Aslakson, Mike Bignell, Dan & Sonia Ferezan, Gregg Frankowski, Jim Halvorsen, Tim Johsnon, Charlie & Becky Nelson, Patsy Nesteby, Dean Reinhart and Kevin & Steph Riegelman

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Kitchen Helpers and Bartenders - We're incredibly grateful for our great kitchen help especially Susan Henke, Sharon Lee and Leanne Nymann for their amazing help in our kitchen! We also appreciate all of our <u>VOL-UNTEER</u> bartenders: JoLynn Fleming, Lory Holets & Kurt Huffman.

Special Thanks: Our thanks to Becky & Charlie Nelson for taking down the Christmas decorations around the lodge. Our thanks to Royce Bottin and Mark Lynch for bartending during the Vikings Wild Card Game!

ENF Metro District Scholarships: Thank you volunteers who judged the Metro District Scholarship applications! They were Lottie Aslakson, Georgean Holt, Barb Johnson and Bonnie Lohmann.

Flags for MLK 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 pictured below





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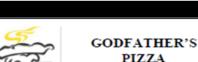
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