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**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

1/8 - Hoop Shoot at RW High School

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

1/10 - Lodge Meeting at 7 PM

1/12 - Meat Raffle at 5:30 PM

1/17 - New Member Initiation

1/24 - Trustee Meeting at 6 PM

1/24 - Lodge Meeting at 7 PM

1/29 - Metro District Hoop Shoot at RW

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - See Lottie**

**Mark your calendar:**

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

2/14 - PicNick's Valentine Dinner & RW Elk's

Not So Newlywed game is back!!!

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

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - Sign up at bar!!**

2/25 - Booyah Feed w/DJ & Karaoke

**Planning a family or business event?**

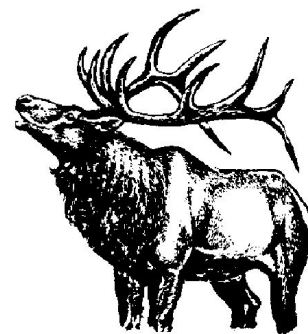
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## *January 2023*

*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 . . .

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our members. I hope all your wishes and dreams came true from Santa. Our lodge has been very busy this month booked with parties every Friday, Saturday AND Sunday!

During our Annual Christmas Food Basket project this year, volunteers filled 151 boxes of food to go families in need. Once this task was done, our volunteers started focusing on meals for Christmas day! Some volunteers came in to decorate cookies to go with the meals and then, on Christmas morning, a team of volunteers cooked and packed Christmas dinners for local law enforcement, fire dept and the correctional facility plus some homeless individuals and families in our area. It's ongoing programs like that that really show our community what Elkdom is all about.

Using Elks National Foundation Grant funding and the generous donations of our members, our lodge also helped to support almost 150 children and teens this Christmas with fleece tie blankets, stocking stuffers and other gifts as well as food boxes to get through the holiday break from school.

December was also a time for celebrating with our families at the lodge. Our children and grandchildren sure had a great time at their Christmas party. Watching them being creative decorating some Christmas cookies, playing a game of heads and tails or getting something from the balloon man filled my heart. The best hit for the kids was the arrival of Santa. It's always rewarding to be in the lodge when it's filled with lots of laughter.

Our lodge is coming back together after our water damage earlier this fall. The ceiling tiles and flooring in the dining room has been replaced — it looks beautiful. The carpet will be done shortly. Thank you so much to everyone who has worked so hard to make this all happen!

As this year comes to an end, it's almost overwhelming to reflect on such an exciting and busy year. I feel so blessed to have you all in my life. Our membership continues to grow and I love the energy that goes along with such growth — thank you again to everyone for bringing your friends and families to our lodge and encouraging them to join our great organization! IT'S GREAT TO BE AN ELK!

I'd like to close by wishing each and every one of you a VERY Happy New Year!!

Patsy Nesteby,  
Exalted Ruler



## Red Wing # 845 Committee Chairs

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Highway Cleanup - Jenny Patton (Lect Knight)  
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Lodge Activities - Lottie Aslakson PER  
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Youth Activities - Lottie Aslakson, PER  
Youth Camp Recruiter - Lottie Aslakson, PER

## BOOYAH FEED

**Sat, Feb 25th**

**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**



# From our Secretary . . .

Happy New Year to you all! Our Red Wing Elks Lodge was extremely busy over the holidays allowing many local families to enjoy a bit of the holiday season with meals and gifts. Many of you donated to these annual charitable events and you can be very proud of what you did to assist in helping others in need! Whether you donated money to the Christmas Basket Project, donated a gift for the Goodhue County Christmas Project, volunteered to help pack and deliver food boxes or helped put together meals on Christmas Day for some of our local essential workers, we THANK YOU SO MUCH!

Now that we start a brand-new calendar year, I will also be gearing up to begin the process of sending out due's statements for our Elks fiscal year of 2023-2024. Most of you already know our Elks year starts on April 1<sup>st</sup> each year but there are many new members who joined this year that might not know this. I have already ordered the new membership cards. Statements will be mailed out in early February so you will have a little time to get them back to me before April 1<sup>st</sup> which is when they are due. Unfortunately, I still have a few members that have not paid their dues for the current 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
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Samuel Tittle	Mark Tripp	Ronald Walker	Sheila Weber
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](mailto:rw845secretary@redwing845.org)

## **RW #845 MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

as of December 23, 2022  
Beginning membership on April 1, 2022  
**563 members**

Initiated: 30      Reinstated: 2  
Deaths: 10      Delinquent: 25  
Current membership total: 584

### **New Members Initiated December 15th**

Kim Flueger, Jeff Hardy, Watt Lee  
*We welcome you to our Elks family!*

*Our next initiation ceremony will take place  
on Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>.*

## **Proposed for membership**

Steve Earney by Larry Larson  
Stephanie LaMere by Chuck Busdosh

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

### **Richard McLaughlin**

**Born:** July 21, 1935  
**Initiated:** October 21, 2021  
**Died:** December 1, 2022

## **To Our Absent Members**

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

# BIRTHDAYS

1	Danny Johnson
2	Robin Heins
6	Austin Langer
	Doug Olson
8	Jamie Bombardier
	Arnold Clare
9	Chris Gustafson
9	Steph Riegelman, PER
10	Travis Edquist
	Brent Seely
	Mark Tripp
14	Gary Klingelhut
15	Jody Sorg
16	Tim O'Gorman
17	Jennie Sammon
17	Randy Mehrkens
18	Larry Sonju
	Knute Hanisch
	Lee Noreen
	Jesse Norman
21	Molly Langer
22	Tyler Riegelman
22	Darren Goertzen
	Robert Kubik
23	Lori Rosemore
	Daniel Beebe
24	Edward Cyr
	Amanda Mahn
	Wayne Miller
	Doug Morem
25	John Quist
26	Gary Fried
	James Illg
27	Marilyn Johnson
28	Jerry Thygesen
29	Tom Brown
	Richard Houghton
	Honalee Lincoln
30	Brian Nelson
	Dick Swenke
	Duncan Engh
31	Don Voth
	Elmer Diercks
	Dan Lewis
	Al Quamstrom

<div> <div>Lodge Hours</div> <div>MON-THURS: 3-8 PM</div> <div>FRI-SAT: 3-10 PM</div> </div>						
January 2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Ckn Dumpling Soup Open 3-8PM Stop in!	3 Blooming Onions 5-7 PM	4 TACO NIGHT 5 - 7 PM	5 Broasted Chicken 5 - 7 PM	6 Broasted Fish 5 - 7 PM	7 Private Party
8 RW Elks Hoop Shoot Volunteers Needed!	9 Minestrone Soup Open 3-8PM Stop in!	10 Picnick's Beef stew, Salad & Roll 5-7 PM 7PM Lodge Mtg	11 TACO NIGHT 5 - 7 PM	12 Broasted Chicken 5 - 7 PM MEAT RAFFLE	13 Private Party NO FOOD OPEN 3-10	14 Private Party OPEN 3-10
15	16 Beer Cheese Soup Open 3-8PM Stop in!	17 Reubens w/ FF 5-7 PM Initiaion	18 TACO NIGHT 5 - 7 PM	19 Broasted Shrimp 5 - 7 PM	20 Private Party NO FOOD OPEN 3-10	21 Private Party OPEN 3-10
22	23 Ckn Tortilla Soup Open 3-8PM Stop in!	24 Chicken Marsala 6 PM Trustees 7PM Lodge Mtg	25 TACO NIGHT 5 - 7 PM	26 Broasted Fish 5 - 7 PM	27 Private Party NO FOOD OPEN 3-10	28 Private Party OPEN 3-10
29 Metro District Hoop Shoot In RW	30 Split Pea & Ham Soup Open 3-8PM Stop in!	31 Picnick's Ckn Provençal 5-7 PM	Feb 1 TACO NIGHT 5 - 7 PM	Feb 2	Feb 3 OPEN 3-10	Feb 4 OPEN 3-10



# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE LODGE!!!



Mark your calendar . . .

## **ELKS HOOP SHOOT** Sun Jan. 8th

Registration opens at 11:30 AM  
RW High School Gym

### **Sign-up at the lodge**

Volunteers needed to score and shag  
Volunteers needed for District Shoot 1/26

## **Christmas Silent Auction**

*THANK YOU to all of our members AND local businesses who supported this great event. Thanks to your generosity, we raised more than \$6,000 to support the MN Elks Youth Camp AND our lodge!!*



*THANK YOU to Barb Gosman for her amazing appetizers!*

## **Christmas Food Baskets a HUGE success!**

On December 17th, members and volunteers packed and delivered 151 Christmas Baskets in Red Wing and the greater Goodhue County area. These baskets touched the lives of more than 600 people. On Christmas morning, volunteers dished up a ham dinner for 30 area homeless individuals and another 118 meals for on-duty Law Enforcement workers, Fire Department and on-duty staff at our Correctional Facility. All of this goodness was made possible by the generosity of our members, area businesses and other friends who support these annual projects.

**It's GREAT to be an Elk - - THANK YOU for another amazing year!!!!**  
Dennis Herling, Chairman, Christmas Basket Committee



Volunteers for this great event included organizer Dennis Herling, Kirby & Jan Anderson, Lottie Aslakson, Lona & Mike Bignell, Scott & Robin Bignell, Patty & Tom Brown, Stacy Bystrom, Paul & Tracy Cardinal, Kevin & Linda Dietz, Shannon Downs, Sarah Edstrom, JoLynn Fleming, Kim & KC Flueger, Ron & Cindy Fox, Lance Garrick, Sherri & Scott Guse, Jim & Kay Halversen, Alison & Travis Hammond, Jeff Hardy, Julie Hatch, Susan Henke, Dick Herling, Georgie Holt, Roger Kolsrud, Bob & Lindsay Kubes, Melody & Joe Lampman, Dan & Lori Lewis along with Erin & Mike, Bonnie Lohman, Julie & Terry Marklevits, Scott Maskrey, Becky Nelson, Bill & Lisa Paasch, Jan & Dave Petersmeyer, Charlie & Nancy Prah, Darla Reese, David Riegelman with Noah & Ella, Steph & Kevin Riegelman, Nancy Rosener, Char & Tim Sloan, Brenda & Phil Stevens, Jeff & Teresa Warwick, Kari Waste and the Goodhue County Sheriff Posse.

***THANK YOU to all of our fabulous volunteers—my sincere apology if we missed anyone!!!***

# Elks Care – Elks Share

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!!!**



### Are you a member of the ENF Fidelity Club?

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## 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!

## 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 January 12th**

## SUPER SUNDAY FUN-DAY!!!!

Feb 12<sup>th</sup> DOORS OPEN AT 4:00 p.m.



**Drink  
Specials**



**Snacks**



We will also have some  
"LA GAMES"  
(That's not Los Angeles,  
it's Lottie Aslakson!)

Thanks volunteers for helping with  
our Christmas Projects!!!





# THANK YOUS

We are SO GRATEFUL to all of our donors and volunteers



It's *GREAT*  
to be an  
**ELK!**



**Kitchen Helpers and Bartenders** - We're incredibly grateful for our great kitchen help especially Susan Henke, Sharon Lee and Tom Velure for always being there to help in the kitchen! We also appreciate all of our **VOLUNTEER** bartenders: JoLynn Fleming, Lory Holets & RyAnne Schutz.

**Wrapping Gifts:** We had a HUGE turnout this night to help wrap @ 200 gifts for local kids & teens including Lottie Aslakson, Tracy Cardinal, Sue Connaughton, Cindy Degener, Kim Flueger, Rita Fox, Barb Johnson, Kathy Kolsrud, Lori Lewis, Bonnie Lohman, Jennifer Luhman, Leanne Nyman, Jenny Patton, Linda Quarnstrom, Steph Riegelman, Char Sloan and Kari Waste.

**Cookie Decorating:** Thank you to our cookie volunteers who decorated cookies for Christmas day meals including Lottie Aslakson, Sue Connaughton, Sarah Edstrom, Sherri & Scott Guse, Becky & Charlie Nelson, Patsy Nesteby and Darla Reese

**Christmas Day Meals:** Thank you to our volunteers who packed 148 meals on Christmas morning including Lottie Aslakson, Sue Connaughton, Sarah Edstrom, Leon Klenke, David Klenke, Patsy Nesteby, Mary & Leo Niehues, Rochelle Niehues, Beth Piper, RyAnne & Tony Schutz, Gordy & Sheila Wanshura and Vicki Weckerling

**Fleece Tie Blankets:** THANK YOU to everyone who tied blankets. All of your efforts were greatly appreciated by the children & teens who received them for Christmas!

**December Newsletters:** Thank you to Lottie Aslakson and Sarah Edstrom for folding, taping and labeling all of our newsletters for December!

**ENF Most Valuable Student Scholarships:** Thank you to coordinator Linda Larson and her volunteers Karlyne Bottin, Larry Larson and Karen Strusz for completing the evaluations of scholarship applications received for the ENF Most Valuable Student scholarships.

**Kids Christmas Party:** Thank you everyone who helped out with our annual Kids Christmas Party!! Hopefully, we will get a list to include in February's newsletter



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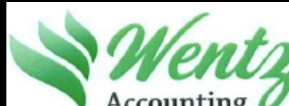
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