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

THIS MONTH EVENTS:

7/14 - NO Lodge Meeting

7/20 - Trustee Meeting 6 PM

7/25 - Ben Kopp Memorial Ride
stops at our lodge for lunch

7/28 - Lodge Meeting 7 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Planning a family or business event?

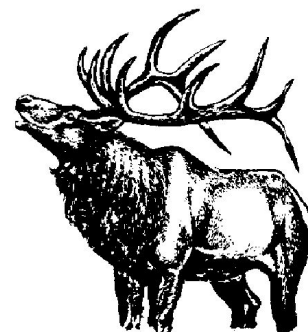
Contact Lottie TODAY to book your event at
the Lodge - Call 651.388.5862

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July 2020

It's Great to be an Elk!



ISSUE 2020 - 07

*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 -

We are very thankful to have finally been able to open our lodge in June during the COVID19 pandemic. Lottie, our Trustees, bartenders and other volunteers are doing their very best to keep our lodge clean and safe for our members.



There are several restrictions imposed on our club similar to all other bars and restaurants in Minnesota by our Governor which allowed us to open. We greatly appreciate your assistance abiding by them including staying home if you feel sick with ANY of the COVID19 symptoms, using hand sanitizer & signing in when you enter the lodge and following social distancing guidelines.

It has been great to see so many of our members returning to our lodge and thank you for your support during the last few months that have been so challenging for our lodge. Due to the extreme length of time our lodge was closed AND the cancellation of our largest fundraiser, River City Days, we are anticipating our income to be significantly lower than last year and are making modifications to our budget and lodge operations to help control our expenses. Financially, our lodge is in a MUCH strong position than we were a few years ago yet we need to diligently watch expenses to maintain that position and remain strong.

Stay safe, look after your family & friends, keep our first responders and other essential workers in your thoughts and god bless.

God Bless America!

Fraternally -

Mike Bignell, Exalted Ruler

Red Wing # 845 Committee Chairs

Accident Prevention - Lottie Aslakson, PER
Activities - Warren Wertman, PER
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 - Jennifer Miles (Leading Knight)
Flags for Holidays - Patsy Nesteby (Loyal Knight)
Fraternal - Justin Key, PER
Government Relations - Becky Nelson
Highway Cleanup - Allison Eisbach (Lect Knight)
Hoop Shoot - Greg Frankowski
Lodge Activities - Warren Wertman, PER
Membership - Becky Nelson
Memorial Service - Jennifer Miles (Lead Knight)
Nat'l Foundation - Pete & Peggy Sorensen, PER
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Relief (Sickness, etc) - Becky Nelson
ENF & Local Scholarships - Linda Larson
State Major Project - Warren Wertman, PER
Veterans Service - Lottie Aslakson, PER
Youth Activities - Lottie Aslakson, PER
Youth Camp Recruiters - Lottie Aslakson, PER
& David Riegelman, PER

CONGRATS!

Congratulations to PER Justin Key! He was installed on 6/27 as the MN Elks State Inner Guard to serve during the upcoming year!

THANK YOU PER Warren Wertman. He completed his two-year term as the Metro District Deputy to the Grand Exalted Ruler!

GREAT JOB GUYS!!!!



4TH OF JULY FLAGS

We're looking for volunteers to help put up & take down flags for this upcoming holiday.

Flags Up:

Thurs, July 2nd at 5:30 PM

Flags Down:

Tues, July 7th at 5:30 PM

**GRAB A FRIEND OR TWO &
TRY SOMETHING NEW!**



WE WILL MEET AT THE LODGE - SEE YOU THERE!

FROM OUR LODGE SECRETARY . . .

Members all - I am wondering if some members have noticed you do not have the correct membership card in your possession. ALL members in good standing will have the new "YELLOW" membership card which has '2020-2021 Member Card' at the top and states 'Dues paid to 4/1/2021'. If you do not have the new YELLOW card yet, it means that you have not sent in your dues payment. Statements were mailed back in February and again in June to our delinquent members.

There are still 96 members who remain delinquent in dues for the current year. We would appreciate it if you could please pay as soon as possible. In these uncertain times we do understand if some members are having financial hardships and might not be able to pay their dues yet. If this is your situation, please reach out to me by phone or e-mail so we can make a plan to pay your dues.

As always, if any of your contact information or your e-mail address has changed, please contact me either by phone 715-495-2978 or my e-mail address rw845secretary@redwing845.org

RW #845 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

as of June 25, 2020

Beginning membership on April 1, 2020

Red Wing #845 – 540 members

Affiliated: 1 Deceased: 3

Currently delinquent members: 96

Current membership: 538

Proposed for membership

Elizabeth Johnston by David Cormier

Request for transfer

Ronald Langer from Stillwater Lodge #179

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

Dr. John Witgert

Born: January 16, 1943

Initiated: November 13, 1998

Died: May 27, 2020

To Our Absent Members

***The entire Red Wing #845 Lodge
expresses our deepest sympathy
to the family of John.***

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, 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!!!

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Stacey Dessonville
Tim Sloan
Robert Sward
- 2 Andrea Jensen
- 4 Roger Heitman
- 5 Jason Swanson
- 6 Ron Binner
- 8 Pam Horlitz
- Robert Zimargo
- 9 Larry Horlitz, PER
Jay Ryan
- 10 David Lyons
Tara Rossi
Emma Stewert
Jay Tauer
- 11 John Key
- 12 Travis Bray
- 13 Jason Buraw
Ronald Hiele
- Linda Schulenberg
- 14 Leo Niehues
- 16 Dan Anderson
Lona Bignell, PER
Ken Bjornstad
Fred Fanslow
- 17 Mitch Anderson
Leonard Strusz
- 18 Keith Wilkinson
Charlie Nelson, PER
Cory Rasmussen
- 19 Brenda Stelter
- 21 Joe Dube
- 22 Mark Kaiser
- 24 Chuck Baltos, PER
Richard Gorman
- 25 Jeff Stenerson
- 26 Bill Holst
- 28 Stacy Bystrom
- Roger Diercks
- 29 Scott Faigan
- Justin Key, PER
- 30 James Key
- 31 Jason Hoppman

Lodge Hours
MON-THURS: 3-8 PM

July 2020

Lodge Hours
FRI-SAT: 3-10 PM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June 28	June 29	June 30	1	2	3	4
		Chicken Chow Mein Serving from 4:30-6:30	Smoked Pork Chop Dinner Serving from 4:30-6:30	Broasted Chicken 4:30-6:30 PM Flags up 5:30 PM	Lottie's Broasted Fish 4:30-6:30 PM	4th of July LODGE CLOSED
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	HAPPY HOUR DAILY 3-6 PM	Brats & Fries Flags at 5:30 PM NO Lodge Mtg	Lasagna	Lottie's Broasted Chicken 4:30-6:30 PM	Lottie's Broasted Fish 4:30-6:30 PM	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		Reuben & Fries	Stir Fry	Lottie's Broasted Chicken 4:30-6:30 PM	Lottie's Broasted Fish 4:30-6:30 PM	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	6 PM Trustees HAPPY HOUR DAILY 3-6 PM	Stuffed Pepper Dinner	Ham Steak Dinner	Lottie's Broasted Chicken 4:30-6:30 PM	Lottie's Broasted Fish 4:30-6:30 PM	Ben Kopp Memorial Ride
26	27	28	29	30	31	Aug 1
	HAPPY HOUR DAILY 3-6 PM	Swiss Steak Dinner 7 PM Lodge Mtg	Toni's Calzones	Lottie's Broasted Chicken 4:30-6:30 PM	Lottie's Broasted Fish 4:30-6:30 PM	



Do you like to cook?

Lottie's looking for some help in the kitchen - Please contact her at the lodge if you'd like to get involved.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

THANK YOU to our members who ordered meals while our lodge was shut down. Your support is greatly appreciated!

THANK YOU to those who have stopped in since we reopened. We're doing our very best to provide a safe experience for you!

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THANK YOU!

Kitchen Help - Lottie is incredibly thankful for those that have been helping her in the kitchen and couldn't do these meals without you. Volunteers include Carol Burma, Cindy & Mark Eliason, Sharon Lee, Dean & Linda Reinhart & Char Sloan. Another HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who has been supporting our lodge by ordering meals!!!!

Veteran Remembrance Stars -

After a recent flag retirement ceremony, we've had a few members helping to prepare some stars with a remembrance saying to hand out to veterans. Thank you to Lottie Aslakson, Elk guest Judy Arndt, Lona & Mike Bignell, Barb Johnson and Char Sloan for helping to cut out stars for this purpose.



Thanks to an Elks National Foundation Gratitude Grant, our lodge was able to purchase 18 tablets and cases to donate to area nursing homes. These homes use the tablets to help their residents video chat with their loved ones.

TRUSTEE UPDATE

Our lodge re-opened in mid-June and we were happy to welcome back our members! Even though the Governor has authorized the opening of bars and restaurants for indoor seating, there are still some requirements that we must follow REGARDLESS of what other area bars and restaurants choose to do.

We have an aging membership and take our responsibility to our membership seriously. Which is why we are doing everything we can to operate with procedures in place to keep our employees, volunteers, members and guests safe. We look forward to welcoming each of you back to our lodge when you are ready.

In the meantime, we hope that many of you are continuing to do whatever you can to help those in need in our communities - - donating to food shelves, helping out senior citizens and whatever else you can - - That's what Elks do!

We also continue to carefully watch the lodge's finances since we've lost a tremendous amount of revenue already this year missing 2.5 months of business AND not having a beer tent since River City Days was cancelled. We're working closely with Lottie to watch our liquor & beer purchases, control food costs and manage any other expenses. As a result, we have made the decision to increase our drink prices by \$0.25 effective August 1st.

We look forward to seeing you down at the lodge again soon – take care and stay healthy!

Red Wing Elks # 845 Trustees

Charlie Nelson, Warren Wertman, Dean Reinhart, Scott Guse and Kevin Riegelman



RW 845's Impact Grant

HeART

(Help empower At-Risk Teens)

THANK YOU to everyone who has dropped off a food shelf or hygiene donation at the lodge so far! It's been great to see those bins filling up with products to support our grant AND local veterans!

As mentioned in the June newsletter, we have set up collection bins in the entry way. On the bulletin board is a breakdown of the various projects that are part of this grant and information on donations needed / how you can help make a difference!

For those that enjoy crafting, we are looking for fleece tie blankets for ages infant through teens. We'll try to gather together this fall to make some but if you're more comfortable making at home and dropping off - that's fabulous too!

There's also a posting of some much-needed items for the veterans up at the Hastings Home.

THANK YOU to everyone who is doing their best to help those who need it most!



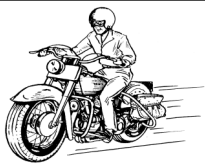
It's that time of year - Get yours before they're gone! Ask a lodge officer for info!

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"AT-YOUR-FINGERTIPS"
ACCESS TO INFO @
OUR LODGE??**

Please SIGN UP today for emailed newsletters and weekly updates!

Send an email to
rw845secretary@redwing845.org

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH . . .



GREETERS NEEDED

Saturday, July 25th

Help needed 11AM til about 2PM

Looking for a few members willing to help greet riders when they first arrive at our lodge for lunch as part of the Ben Kopp Memorial Ride . . .

Ben was an Army Ranger and died from his wounds during this 3rd deployment.

This ride is a fundraiser to help other veterans
Contact Lottie if you can help!

“OFF TO THE RACES” to RAISE THE ROOF!!

2020 Kentucky Derby Fundraiser



**POSTPONED
UNTIL MAY 2021**



It is with great sadness that we announce the postponement of this event to May 2021.

Due to current conditions and keeping the health & safety of our members in mind, the Derby Committee has postponed this event for 2020. We are committed to hosting the Derby event in May 2021 in hopes of a time when we can socialize normally, ride a pony like Seabiscuit and “get our groove on” the dance floor.

THANK YOU for the support and thanks to all that have purchased tickets and ponies in advance. At this time, we’d like to offer the option of holding onto your pony/ticket until May 2021 or we will honor any refund requests.

For those that wish to remain anonymous, please contact the Derby Guy or Gal you purchased from - they will be happy to meet you at the Elks or wherever for a “covert refund” :)

We wish you a happy, healthy & fun rest of 2020!

The Derby Committee

Barb Gosman, Lottie Aslakson, Jan Struss, Lory Holets, Leigh Ann Anderson, Tara Rossi, Niki Warner, Leanne Nyman, Linda Quarnstrom, Tanya Quiding and Warren Wertman

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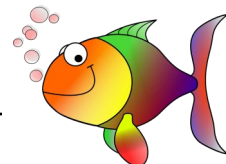


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chairs and 8
3X3 tables
available at the
lodge

Contact Lottie to
make arrangements



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