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

THIS MONTH EVENTS:

**PER MN GOVERNOR'S
ORDERS, OUR LODGE
REMAINS CLOSED**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

6/9 - Lodge Meeting at 7 PM

6/14 - Celebrate Flag Day!!!!

6/15 - Trustee Meeting 6 PM

6/23 - New Member Initiation (Tentative)

6/23 - Lodge Meeting 7 PM

Planning a family or business event?

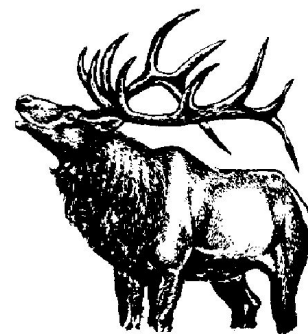
Contact Lottie TODAY to book your event at
the Lodge - Call 651.388.5862

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June 2020

It's Great to be an Elk!



ISSUE 2020 - 06

*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 -

Another month has passed since the COVID-19 pandemic has dramatically changed our lives and communities. While the MN Governor is starting to open up some areas of the state, we do not have a timeline of when we'll be able to open our club. We continue to hold lodge meetings and greatly appreciate everyone's support in ordering chicken or fish to help bring in some income for the club and clear out the coolers. Hopefully, the time will soon arrive when we can do some of the things we love and pull our lodge together to become an even stronger force in helping our community.



Unfortunately, we have several more cancellations to report. Our Spring District Meeting, Summer State Convention, the Grand Lodge Convention in Baltimore and the ENTIRE Youth Camp Summer Season have ALL been cancelled. Plans are being developed to determine how to best complete the business of our order that needed to be accomplished at the various conventions.

I'd like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to all of the folks that have been working behind the scenes to keep our lodge running: THANK YOU to Lottie and the volunteers who have stepped up to serve meals on Thursday and Friday Nights. Thank you to Steph Riegelman, our Treasurer, for her work to get our lodge up and running on the new Elks Grand Lodge Financial System. Thank you to our Secretary Becky Nelson for her work to record all of the dues that have been paid already this year - We GREATLY appreciate everyone who has shown their support for our organization and what we stand for by sending in their dues. THANK YOU to the countless volunteers who have stopped into the lodge to help with whatever work needs to be done from hanging blinds in one of our rental apartments to repairing flags to refinishing the dance floor. This year will be EXTREMELY challenging financially for our lodge and we appreciate the members who are willing and able to volunteer their time to help get work done when needed.

Stay safe, look after your family & friends, keep our first responders and other essential workers in your thoughts and god bless. With any luck, we will see you all at the Lodge soon.

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
PER Association - Kevin Riegelman, PER
Public Relations - Steph Riegelman, PER
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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

While it's more challenging to have a fabulous birthday with family & friends - we hope each one of you remains healthy and finds some way to celebrate your birthday!!

1	Kraig Ulveling	15	Dan Sherry, PER
3	Jo Holden		Chad Steffen
7	Bob Magnuson	16	Rhodes Tiedeman
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	Wendy Peterson	18	Tanner Knudsen
	Jeff Warwick		George Vogel
8	Bruce Bodin	20	Ron Fox
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	Charlie Holter	21	Rollie Meffert
	Daniel Philippi	22	Greg Domke
9	Jacob Luhman		Jack Holm
10	Dennis Hoffman	23	Delbert Johnson
	Deb Jeske	25	Richard Back
	Gregg Ulvenes		Kirk Zibble
11	Scott Anderson	26	Karl Brunner
12	Deb Derleth		Peter Sorensen, PER
	Gabe Kinney	28	Roger Flom
	Daniel Ludwig	30	Barb Gosman
13	Todd Houghton		William Hardyman
	Everett Smith		
14	Marie Krebsbach		
	Becky Nelson		

FROM OUR LODGE SECRETARY . . .

I hope and pray you are all doing well as we move into another month of our new normal way of life. We certainly are looking forward to the days when we can gather together again at the Lodge. I miss seeing my Elk family. 'Virtual Hugs' to you all and Stay Safe!!

I am still receiving dues payments but there are 114 members who remain delinquent. In these uncertain times please know I do understand if you are having financial hardships and might not be able to get your membership paid yet. Please pay them when you can.

On another note, many members have given me their blessing to send the monthly newsletters via e-mail which really saves our Lodge money -- The cost of printing and mailing over 300 newsletters each month really adds up. Thanks to those members who can receive your newsletters via e-mail and as a plus you also get weekly updates from our manager, Lottie.

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

RW #845 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

as of May 27, 2020

Beginning membership on April 1, 2020

Red Wing #845 – **540 members**

Deceased: 2

Currently delinquent members: **114**

Current membership: **538**

Elected to become Elk Members

Thomas Handwerk & Susan Handwerk

*We have scheduled our next initiation ceremony for **Tuesday, June 23rd** during our regular Lodge meeting. Due to possible changes to the MN COVID-19 guidelines this date may need to change. Candidates will be informed.*

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

Kip Edquist

Born: February 19, 1951

Initiated: June 22, 1976

Died: May 7, 2020

Gilbert Edon

Born: June 27, 1934

Initiated: January 30, 1971

Died: May 18, 2020

To Our Absent Members

The entire Red Wing #845 Lodge expresses our deepest sympathy to the Edquist and Edon families.

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!!!

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH . . .

RW 845 Awards Scholarships

Congratulations to the 2020 RW Elks Scholarship winners! This year's recipients will each receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

2020 honorees are:

- Chloe McGrath
- Colton Quade
- Justine Swenning



**Congratulations &
Best Wishes
to all area graduates!!!**

Thank you to our Scholarship Committee including Linda & Larry Larson, Bonnie Lohman and Karen Strusz for their work to review all applications and select our honorees.



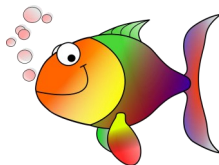
June 14th is Flag Day

Elks have been celebrating our country's flag since Flag Day was adopted in July 1908 at the Grand Lodge Convention. President Woodrow Wilson officially established June 14th as Flag Day through a proclamation in 1916. In 1949, President Harry Truman (an Elk member) signed an act of Congress making it a day of National Observance across the country.

In past years, our Lodge Officers would perform the Flag Day Ceremony just prior to a Steak Night. This year, because of gathering size restrictions, they will perform this required ceremony just prior to our Lodge meeting on Tuesday, June 9th. At that time, we will also perform the Flag Retirement Ceremony to properly retire service-worn flags.



**NOW
SERVING**



Broasted Chicken & Fish

Until we are able to re-open our lodge and kitchen for inside seating, Lottie will continue to offer Take Out Menus for Thursday and Friday nights.

To help insure timely preparation of orders, please order by Noon on Wednesdays by calling the lodge or email rw845manager@redwing845.org

Thursdays = Broasted Chicken

2 piece Chicken Dinner (white or dark) = \$7
Chicken ONLY: 2-pieces = \$4, 4 pieces = \$7
8-pieces = \$13

Fridays = NEW (and delicious) Broasted Fish

Broasted Fish Dinner = \$8

Limited selection of Beer available for purchase
\$2 / bottle 6 pack for \$10

FREE STUFF

Great for garage
or basement!!!



We have 30
chairs and 12
3X3 tables
available at
the lodge

Contact Lottie to
make pick up
arrangements



Adopt-A-Highway Crew - Thanks to our great volunteers who helped complete our spring highway cleanup in mid-May!!!!

Volunteers included LeighAnn & Steve Anderson, with niece Lilly Parla, Mike Bignell, Allison Eisbach, Justin Key, Tara & Troy Rossi, Adam Vosburgh, David Wertman and Warren Wertman

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Flags - Thanks so much to our flag volunteers including LeighAnn Anderson, Lottie Aslakson, Mike Bignell, Mark & Cindy Eliason, Dan Ferezan, Jim Halvorson, Felicia Jensen, Patsy & Paul Nesteby, Tara Rossi, David Wertman and Warren Wertman. THANK YOU to Patsy Nesteby and Felicia Jensen for replacing old flags and checking all of our flagpoles to make sure they were ready for Memorial Day. Thanks to Royce Bottin and Kevin Riegelman for getting the route maps updated.

Oakwood Cemetery Flags - The RW Memorial Day Committee was SO GRATEFUL for the assistance from Elks and other volunteers who answered the call to put flags on grave markers for Memorial Day.

Volunteers (that we know of) were Lottie Aslakson, Jon & Kristi Bohmbach, Paul Drotos, Mark & Cindy Eliason, Fred Fanslow, Dennis Herling, Don & Mary Hiles, Barb & Barry Johnson, Bob Kubik, Amanda & Jaxon Mahn, Charley & Grady Nelson, Leo & Mary Niehues, Dean Reinhart and Char Sloan.

Kitchen Help - Lottie is incredibly thankful for those that have been helping her in the kitchen on chicken and fish nights. Volunteers include Carol Burma, Cindy Eliason, Patsy Nesteby, Dean & Linda Reinhart and Warren Wertman. A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who has been supporting our lodge by ordering meals!!!!

Around the Lodge - We've had MANY members helping to get repair work done including Carol Burma, Greg & JoLynn Fleming, Scott Guse, Gary Iocco, Patsy & Paul Nesteby, Kevin & Steph Riegelman and Warren Wertman.

TRUSTEE UPDATE

On June 1, the Governor has authorized the opening of bars and restaurants for outdoor seating ONLY. This mandate was reviewed at our May Trustee meeting along with some updates received from the City of Red Wing for outdoor seating in situations like ours. For a variety of reasons, we have decided to continue to keep our club closed until indoor seating is re-opened. Lottie will continue to serve GREAT meals on Thursday and Friday nights - see her weekly email for updates as well as details about ordering.

During the next few weeks, the Trustees, Lottie and some other resources will be review industry and best practices to develop our plan for re-opening and prepare for that day. Even when we are finally given the "green light" to reopen, we know that we it'll take time to build our business back up and for members to start coming down with their friends. Please know that we will do our very best to set up our facility and put procedures in place to make sure that our employees, volunteers, members and guests are safe.

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 look forward to being able to see 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)

Earlier this year, we were SO EXCITED to be the recipient of an ENF \$10,000 Impact Grant for 2020!!! This grant project was intended to pull together a variety of projects our lodge does to help teens and add a couple new ones.

While the COVID-19 pandemic has caused a slight shift in our activities . . . We have been actively helping area teens during the past few months AND the need for assistance to help them through the rest of this year has grown exponentially!

We have been working very closely with Red Wing Youth Outreach to provide diapers & wipes for young mothers and hygiene supplies for teens of all ages. Whenever our lodge is able to open, we have set up collection bins in the entry way to collect donations of items most needed from members who'd like to help.

On the next page, is a breakdown of the various projects that are part of this grant and information about how you can help make a difference!

Are you following the RW Elks on Facebook???

Search for Red Wing Elks Lodge 845 or check out our website at redwingelks.org



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How can I help?

Collection bins are set up in the Lodge Entry for members to drop off donations

Teen Hygiene Products:

- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste (Full size)
- Q-tips
- Anti-bacterial Hand Soap
- Acne Facewash
- Toilet Paper
- Men's Axe Body Wash (Full size)
- Men's Deodorant (Degree brand)
- Liquid Body Wash
- MakeUp Remover Wipes
- Shampoo & Conditioner (full size / matching sets are great. PLEASE do NOT buy 2-in-1 products)
- Women's Shave Gel
- Deodorant (Secret / Dove brands)
- Feminine Hygiene Products (All Sizes)

Food Shelf Donations:

- Fruit snacks
- Granola Bars
- Mixed nut packs
- Microwave popcorn
- Cheese or PB cracker packs
- Small bags of Bugles, Chex Mix, Cheese-Its or Goldfish crackers
- Peanut Butter (jars)
- Mac & Cheese Cups
- Instant Potato Cups
- Cereal especially Cinn Toast Crunch, Coco Puffs and Golden Grahams
- Ready-to-eat Soups
- Ramen Noodle Cups
- Men's Deodorant (Degree brand)
- Women's Deodorant (Secret / Dove brands)
- Toothpaste (Full size)
- Feminine Hygiene Products (All Sizes)

Young Mothers:

We also support a group of young mothers by providing much needed supplies. We are ALWAYS in need of:

- Baby Wipes
- Diapers in ALL sizes (1-6)
- Pull Ups

To stretch your donation dollars, watch local ads for great deals - Target often runs an ad for \$20 gift card with \$100 purchase! Their Up and Up brand diapers are a great value!

Later This Year: **Volunteers Needed!**

These large Impact Grants encourage and thrive on Elk volunteer involvement!!! We are EXTREMELY hopeful as we look towards the fall that we'll be able to move forward with a variety of needs that will involve our members and fabulous volunteers. The three projects outline in the donations on this page are only a portion of the entire project. We look forward to seeking your involvement to accomplish so much more to help our local teens:

- School Supply Drives this fall targeted at needs of teens
- Cooking Classes (Volunteers to help plan & teach)
- Christmas Gifts for teens
- Fleece Tie Blankets - Donations ALWAYS welcome for infant, toddler and teen blankets. We hope to plan another get together night to cut & tie blankets

These collections are part of RW 845's ENF Impact Grant helping local teens. If you have questions or would like to help, please reach out to RW Elks Grant Coordinator Steph Riegelman at 651.380.0903 or by email at steph.riegelman@redwingshoes.com

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