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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

6/4 - Bike Rodeo 9-11 AM Law Enf Ctr parking

6/9 - Meat Raffle at 6 PM (STOP DOWN!)

6/14 - Flag Day Ceremony / Steak Night (See ad)

6/14 - Lodge Meeting at 7 PM

6/22 - Trustee Meeting at 6 PM

6/28 - Lodge Meeting at 7 PM

#### Mark your calendar:

7/4 - Fourth of July (Club closed) 8/5-8/7 - River City Days (VOLUNTEERS NEEDED)

#### Planning a family or business event?

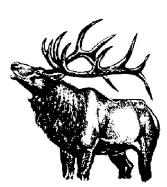
Contact Lottie TODAY to book your event at the Lodge - Call 651.388.5862

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June 2022

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# Exalted Ruler's Message

Members All . . .

It's so great to see all our members coming into the lodge. It has been a busy month as we prepare for several patriotic events like Memorial Day and Flag Day. Our volunteers have been extremely busy this month placing flags on the graves of veterans at Oakwood Cemetery, planning the annual Field of Honor at Baypoint Park, planting flowers near the flagpole at St John's cemetery and preparing for our Annual Flag Day ceremony on June 14th at the lodge. We are incredibly grateful for all of our volunteers and will happily welcome anyone who would like to join us. If you'd like to volunteer at the lodge, please keep your eye on the weekly eNews, this newsletter and the bulletin board at the lodge for future opportunities.

As the month of May comes to a close and spring flowers are finally blooming, now is the time when families prepare for the school year to come to an end and summer to finally begin. It's also the time of year that families gather to honor graduating seniors at high schools across the country. On May 25th, it was my honor to present 3 seniors at Red Wing High School with a \$1,000 Scholarship from the Red Wing Elks. It was an incredibly humbling experience to attend the awards night at the RW High School and be able to honor this talent young adults. Their names are listed at right—please congratulate them and wish them well if you know them!

I hope everyone takes a few minutes over the Memorial Day weekend to remember all of the men and women who have served our country.

Patsy Nesteby, Exalted Ruler



## JUNIOR GOLF

June 20-23 8:30-10 AM

This FREE Junior Golf Camp is being sponsored by RW Elks #845 and registration is limited to the first 30 students who sign up. Call the RW Golf Course Pro Shop to register your student.

Students will learn the basics of golf & have daily playing time on the course.

#### **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 - Paul Drotos /Dennis Herling 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

## RW 845 Awards Scholarships

Congratulations to the 2022 RW Elks Scholarship winners honored at the RW High School Awards night. Each received a \$1,000 scholarship awarded by RW Elks 845. This year's honorees were:

- Bailie Roschen
- Hallie Roschen
- Luis Enoc Catarina Santiago



# From our Secretary . . .

Summer is finally upon us, and I hope you all are doing well. Please try to get outside and enjoy the wonderful weather we have been waiting so long for. It's so amazing how a little sunshine can brighten your spirit.

I would like to remind you to make sure you sign in when you come into the building. A book is right inside. Please enter the date and sign your name. If you are a member of our Red Wing Lodge add 845 to the right column. If you are a spouse or a widow, please also sign the book every time you stop in.

Please let me know if you move! 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! Contact me at 715-495-2978 or by e-mail rw845secretary@redwing845.org

#### RW #845 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

as of May 24, 2022
Beginning membership on April 1, 2022
563 members

Initiated: 14 Delinquent: 88
Current membership total: 577

#### Proposed for membership

Joshua Hanson by Tyler Riegelman Doug Lantis by Lottie Aslakson Nicholas Lexvold by Christy Witham Maggie Purmort by Patsy Nesteby

#### Reinstated member

Kevin Kimmes Welcome back to our Elk family, Kevin!

#### New members initiated on May 3rd

Annette Fennern, Kate Lang, Valerie Miller, Dave Mrozek, Jody Sorg, Brenda Stevens

Please welcome the above new members to our Elk family!

Our next initiation ceremony will be held on Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. Candidates for membership will be mailed an invitation with details.

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

# 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!

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# 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 Care - Elks Share



# How does our Lodge Operate?

Our lodge has an incredibly long history of serving our community since we were chartered in 1903. Today, we have many new members and a few new lodge officers with very little experience in the inner workings of our organization. Red Wing Lodge #845 is part of a national organization, the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks with around 2,000 lodges across the United States. In addition to our own by-laws governing how our lodge operates, we also must follow the Statutes of the Grand Lodge outlined in a 294 page document found on Elks.org (Members Only section under Judiciary) as well a variety of other guidelines found in our Rituals, Auditing and Accounting Manual and basic Business Practices as well as the Oath that each one of us took when we were initiated as members.

Elk Lodges are non-political, no-sectarian, strictly American fraternities. Our organization was founded in 1868 to promote the Cardinal virtues of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity. Across the country, our organization spends more than \$80 million dollars for benevolent, educational and patriotic community-minded programs benefiting youth, veterans and our community.

At Red Wing 845, we are extremely fortunate to have quite a few Past Exalted Rulers who remain active in our organization and have held other roles at the District, State and even National Level. These PERs help mentor our new officers and guide our lodge to help insure that we are following the Statutes and other rules we must follow to remain in good standing with our National organization as well as our 501c8 status with the IRS. Whenever a situation arises that aren't completely certain about the proper protocol, we reach out to available resources available to us to review the situation / discuss potential solutions.

While our Exalted Ruler has the title of Lodge "CEO" for a year, they are charged with carrying out the decisions voted on by the lodge officers during a lodge meeting. Any member in good standing (dues for the current lodge year are paid) is invited to attend any of our lodge meetings held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 7 PM in the Lodge Room. During the months of July & August, our by-laws only require one lodge meeting held on the Fourth Tuesday of the month. If you have questions about how the lodge operates, please ask your question of a lodge officer knowing they might need to get some input from others before they can confidently respond.



# Flags on Veteran Graves

On Sat 5/21, the Elks assisted the RW Memorial Day committee and the American Legion in placing over 1,000 American flags on veteran graves in Oakwood Cemetery. Thank you to all of our volunteers pictured below who helped to honor these veterans!





### **MORE THANK YOUS!**

Thank you to Carol Burma, Cindy Eliason and Linda Reinhart for planting some flowers near the flagpole at St John's Cemetery

Thank you to Lottie Aslakson, Kevin & Steph Riegelman, Tyler Riegelman & Jan Struss for repairing and replacing the American flags that we put up around town for holidays!





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## FLAG DAY CEREMONY and STEAK FEED



## **Tuesday, June 14th**

Join us at 6:00 PM for a short and very special ceremony to honor our flag!



Held at the **Elks Lodge** 

6:00 Ceremony 6:30 Dinner

## RIVER CITY DAYS

August 6 - August 8, 2021

## LOTS OF HELP NEEDED

RW ELKS are coordinating the Beer Tent AND Event Parking! This is THE largest event we do to support our lodge & our charitable programs - PLEASE grab some friends and sign up to work a shift or two!!!

We REALLY need parking help all weekend, some help setting up on Thursday and help in the beer tent selling tickets, serving refreshments and working security during the evenings.

If you plan serve beer & wine, please be prepared to volunteer for more than one shift since we now have to pay for your server certificates - contact Lottie for more information.

Questions, contact Lottie Aslakson or Becky Nelson.

So - PLEASE don't wait to be asked . . .

We need all the help we can get!

Watch for the sign-ups at the Lodge!

Are you a

#### MEAT RAFFLE LOVER?

Stop down to the lodge and join the fun starting at 6 PM on Thursday June 9th

THANK YOU to everyone that has been so supportive of this event!

# Bike Rodeo



## Sat, June 4th 9-11 AM

Law Enforcement Center Parking Lot

Safety Training - Kids Goodie Bags Minor Bike Adjustments & Helmet Fittings by the RW Mtn Bike Club

Drawings for kid's bikes donated by RW Elks # 845 thru an ENF Beacon Grant

### FROM THE TRUSTEES . . .

Convenience Fee for Credit Card Users: Starts 7/1/22 Like other hospitality businesses across the globe, a large portion of our food & beverage sales are paid by credit card. While

the use of a credit card is extremely convenient, it results in increased costs for our club. Every transaction made with a credit card costs our club 2.5-3% of the sale due to credit card handling charges.

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Starting on July 1<sup>st</sup> purchases made with a credit card will have a convenience fee

automatically added to the sale.

## HANK YOUS

We are SO GRATEFUL to all of our donors and volunteers



#### THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

THANK YOU to all of our fabulous volunteers including the crew that went to Elks Camp Opening to build a new ramp for the dining hall at camp!! Pictured above L-R: Fred Tremper, Wynn VonBargen, Mike Bignell, Mark Lynch, Joe Fox, Kevin Riegelman & Royce Bottin



Kitchen Helpers and Bartenders - If you've stopped in for a meal lately, you've seen our great volunteers running around / keeping up with sometimes SUPER busy nights! Thanks SO MUCH to Susan Henke, Rhonda Jonas, Bonnie Kubik, Sharon Lee and Betsy Moenkedick for your hard work! Thank you as well to Barb Gosman and Tom & Toni Velure for stepping in to cater some of our great meals at the lodge!

We also appreciate our **VOLUNTEER** bartenders: Justine Becker, Lory Holets and Betsy Moenkedick!

**Meat Raffles**: THANK YOU to Larry Larson and Kari Waste for getting meat raffles up and running in our lodge! They have been a huge success with great participation by members & guests!

**Newsletter helpers**: THANK YOU to Sarah Edstrom, Laurie Groves, Becky Nelson, Jenny Patton and Steph & Kevin Riegelman for getting the May newsletter ready for mailing!

**Highway Cleanup**: It was great to see some new faces helping our with our Highway Cleanup! Thank you to Mike Bignell, Sarah Edstrom, Ruthie Johnson, Patsy Nesteby, Paul Nesteby, Rick Nesteby, Leanne Nyman, Jenny Patton and Bob Patton. We hope you enjoyed the day and found some "Riches in the Ditches!" (See picture at right)

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