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2015-2016 Lodge Officers

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Greg Fleming

Steph Riegelman, PER

**Look inside for
more information on...**

MAY EVENTS:

5/7 - Challenge Games (VOLUNTEERS NEEDED)
5/8-5/10 - MN Elks Youth Camp Opening
5/9 - Kids Bike Rodeo (VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!)
5/12 - Lodge Meeting 7 PM
5/15-5/17 - Ladies Youth Camp Opening
5/16 - Highway Clean-up (VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!)
5/18 - Trustee Meeting 6 PM
5/21 - Flags up at 5 PM (Meet at Lodge)
5/26 - Lodge Meeting 7 PM
5/26 - Flags down 5 PM (Meet at Lodge)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

6/7 - Elks Soccer Shoot (VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!)
Flag Day Ceremony & Steak Feed

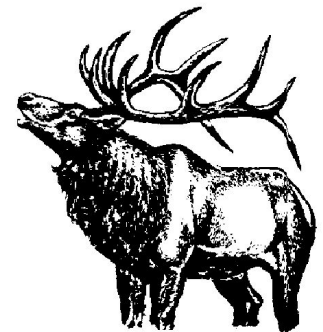
**Contact the Lodge to book your
party, meeting or special event!**

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MAY 2015

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ISSUE 2015 - 05

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

Exalted Ruler's Message

To My Fellow Elks . . .

I hope May finds all the Elks of the Red Wing Lodge doing well. May is a month that I look forward to each year; farmers will plant crops that will grow and feed the country, a new baseball season is in the air and our children start to look forward to the summer ahead.

The first week in May is Elks National Youth week and the lodge is getting ready for many youth events to come. I will list just a few below so that you can answer that always elusive question "What do Elks do?"

- On May 9th, we will team with the local sheriff and support the Bike Rodeo.
- We will be sending lodge members to the State Elks Youth Camp to prepare the camp for the many young visitors that will have the opportunity to attend camp. Many of these young people would not be able to go to camp at all without the support and help of the Elks organization. I am proud that our lodge supports this worthy endeavor.
- The Lodge Scholarship Committee has reviewed applications and we will award scholarships to worthy applicants. The Elks are one of the top two organizations in awarding scholarships in the United States.

I wanted to mention an event coming up on May 1st. We will be having an open house at the lodge for Elk Members and their Guests. This event will give all members an opportunity to come in and see the remodeled lodge. I encourage you to go on the Red Wing Elks webpage and see the pictures there. Also if you are on Facebook go ahead and "friend" the Red Wing Elks, we have many interesting items there that you can find out about. I look forward to seeing many of you down at the Lodge.

Please think of our troops in your prayers. I wish you all well and until next month I will see you down at the lodge.

Fraternally and Sincerely,

Warren R Wertman
Exalted Ruler



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Red Wing # 845

2015 – 2016 Committee Chairs

Accident Prevention – Lottie Aslakson PER
Activities – Scott Guse, PER
Americanism – Warren Wertman
Auditing & Accounting – Dale Mehrkens
Charitable Gambling – Larry Larson PER
Christmas Baskets – Dennis Herling / Paul Drotos
Community Activities – Karlyne Bottin
Drug Awareness – Steph Riegelman PER
Flag Day – Charlie Nelson PER, (Lead Knight)
Flags for Holidays – Lona Bignell (Loyal Knight)
Government Relations – Gary Iocco
Highway Cleanup – Justin Key (Lecturing Knight)
Hoop Shoot – Greg Frankowski
Lodge Activities – Warren Wertman
Membership – Becky Nelson
Memorial Service – Charlie Nelson PER (Lead Knight)
National Foundation – Pete Sorensen PER
PER Association – Kevin Riegelman PER
Public Relations – Steph Riegelman PER
ENF & Local Scholarship – Linda Larson
Soccer Shoot – Steph Riegelman PER
Veterans Service – Lottie Aslakson PER
Youth Activities - OPEN

**Contact ANY of these chairs to
find out more & get involved!**



Join us

May 5th
for
Cinco de Mayo

Stop by the lodge for chips &
salsa at the bar

\$3 Margarita Special

BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Jim Gedrose
- 4 Rodger Lee
- 5 Howard Saunders
- 6 Larry Larson, PER
- 7 Eric Sloan
- 8 Rick Peterson
- 9 Thomas Tyler
- 10 Jon Heckman
- 11 John Riester
- 12 David Wertman
- 13 Conrad Eckstrom
- 14 Sara Sterling-Voigt
- 15 John Bauer
- 16 Karen Rigelman
- 17 Sylvan Andersen
- 18 Larry Peterson
- 19 Robert Bystrom
- 20 Lydia Klenke, PER
- 21 Vernon Riegelman
- 22 Tom Jarmuz
- 23 Arthur Haage
- 24 Linda Larson
- 25 Shane Nelson
- 26 Lori Anderson
- 27 Dave Lassek
- 28 Rudy Marohl
- 29 Robert Zibbie
- 30 Kelly Kuhl
- 31 John Mahn
- 32 Ron Tloughan
- 33 Jerry Strusz
- 34 Mark Castner
- 35 Keith Dicke
- 36 Tom Zibbie

May 2015

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------------------------|---|--|--|--|---|---|
| APRIL 26 | APRIL 27 | APRIL 28 | APRIL 29 | APRIL 30 | 1 | 2 |
| | HAPPY HOUR EVERY DAY 3:30 - 6 PM | DINNER 5:30-7:30 | MEXICAN MENU 5:30-7:30 PM <i>The BEST value in town!</i> | OFF MENU 5:30-7:30 PM | GRAND RE-OPENING Grab some friends & stop down! | Wine & Canvas Event LODGE OPEN UNTIL 10 PM |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 8 |
| <i>Private Party</i> | HAPPY HOUR EVERY DAY 3:30 - 6 PM | Cinco de Mayo See ad for details! | MEXICAN MENU 5:30-7:30 PM <i>The BEST value in town!</i> | CHALLENGE GAMES <i>Burgers ONLY</i> | BURGER NIGHT 5:30-7:30 PM FREE JUKEBOX 6 PM - Close | BIKE RODEO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED <i>See ad!!!!</i> |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| | HAPPY HOUR EVERY DAY 3:30 - 6 PM | STEAK NIGHT 5:30-7:30 | MEXICAN MENU 5:30-7:30 PM <i>The BEST value in town!</i> | OFF MENU 5:30-7:30 PM | <i>Craig Livingstone Benefit</i> | HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP <i>Wedding</i> |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| <i>Private Party</i> | HAPPY HOUR EVERY DAY 3:30 - 6 PM <i>6 PM Trustee Mtg</i> | MEATHEADS COOKING 5:30-7:30 PM | MEXICAN MENU 5:30-7:30 PM Yacht Club Meeting | BRATS & More! 5:30-7:30 PM 3 | <i>Private Party</i> | <i>Private Party</i> |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| | <i>Memorial Day</i> Lodge Closed | WING NIGHT 5:30-7:30 PM Flags down 5PM <i>7PM Lodge Mtg</i> | MEXICAN MENU 5:30-7:30 PM <i>The BEST value in town!</i> | Barb's Chicken Parmesan over Noodles 5:30-7:30 PM | OFF MENU & Special Burgers 5:30-7:30 PM FREE JUKEBOX 6 PM - Close | LODGE OPEN UNTIL 10 PM - <i>Stop Down!</i> |
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SECRETARY'S CORNER

Our new Lodge year started on April 1, 2015 so if you have not yet paid your membership dues please drop off or mail your payment to get your new card. This card allows you entrance to all Elks Lodges. If you were one of the early birds that paid your dues before April 1st, I certainly want to **THANK YOU!!**

PLEASE update me with any changes to your mailing address, phone numbers and e-mail addresses. Secretary's cell phone 715-495-2978 or e-mail address rw845secretary@qwestoffice.net

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

as of April 21, 2015

Beginning membership on April 1, 2015
Red Wing #845 – 466 members

Proposed for membership

Austin Engen proposed by Justin Key

Elected to become members

Marie Krebsbach and Tom Peschges

*Our next initiation of new members will take place
Tuesday, May 12th at 6:00 pm.*

Request for transfer

Raymond Larson to Mpls Elks Lodge #44

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

David Barnes

Initiated: January 28, 1964 Died: April 20, 2015
Elk Member: 53 years

To Our Absent Members

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



RED WING

Soccer Shoot

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sunday, June 7th

Set up at AP Anderson - 3 PM. Done by 5 PM
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!!!

Watch for sign-up at the Lodge

Memorial Day Flags

We need volunteers to help put up & take down flags

*It only takes 30 to 45 minutes with
enough help!*

Flags Up:

Thursday, May 21st, 5 PM

Flags Down:

Tuesday, May 26th, 5 PM



We will meet at the Lodge - See you there!

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RED WING ELKS # 845



Pictured above left to right - Kevin Riegelman, Sherri Guse and Scott Guse.

2014 - 2015 Exalted Ruler Awards

At our Officer Installation in March, outgoing ER Steph Riegelman presented several awards including Elk of the Year, Officer of the Year and Citizen of the Year.

Elk of the Year was presented to Kevin Riegelman. Since joining our order in 1987, Kevin has been serving our lodge as an officer for most of those years. He has also been extremely active at the District, State and National level during his years in the order. He is one of the "go to" people in our lodge to get things done, organize events and help out wherever needed.

Officer of the Year was presented to Scott Guse, Trustee. As the Trustee in charge of our building, Scott has been leading the lodge remodel project for the past 15+ months. He and his family have spent many hours at the lodge cleaning, painting and whatever was needed to get the job done. Even in the most turbulent of times, he has remain calm, cool and collected throughout the entire ordeal - THANK YOU!

Citizen of the Year was presented to Sherri Guse. During the past year, not only has Sherri spent countless hours working in the lodge helping with our remodel project, she's been the driving force behind ramping up our on-line presence with our Red Wing Elks Facebook page.

Together with their families, Scott & Sherri have served Tom & Jerry's on Thanksgiving morning for MANY years and have also made a point to use our facilities as a location for gathering the family together. When the Guse's are in the house - we know it! There's usually 15 to 20 of them!

My thanks to all of you for your service to our lodge!

Elks What are the benefits of your membership

Hall Rental is FREE for members!

Have a wedding, reunion, anniversary, birthday, business meeting, bridal shower, engagement party, rehearsal dinner or holiday party to plan?

Call the Lodge (651-388-5862) and talk to Lottie to get your party on the calendar!

From the Manager...

Greetings all!

It is so great to see the sun coming in from the new windows. Please stop down and see all of the improvements that have been made to the lodge.

The walk in cooler has been installed by Reister Refrigeration. A big thank you goes to them. We have installed a four beer tower with your choice of 2 domestic beers and 2 kraft beers. Our selection of Kraft beers have been increased to accommodate your tastebuds.

We had a new glasswasher installed behind the bar. Our glasses are cleaner and more sanitized.

A big thank you goes to our wonderful staff of bartenders. They do an excellent job of welcoming our members and guests.

Thanks also to Kim Perkins for answering my call for a printer/scanner donation!!!!

May 1st is our Grand Re-opening with prizes, food and a band. See the ad in newsletter for more details. Please come down and have some fun with us. Bring your friends and guests.

Thanks to those that have used our lodge for parties. We are very happy to accommodate your parties. The calendar does get filled up fast, so call me early!

It's GREAT to be an Elk!!!!

Lottie Aslakson, Manager

RED WING ELKS # 845

Highway Clean-up

Sat, May 16th



Potluck Breakfast 8AM / Clean-up 9AM

Grab a couple of friends and join us!

It might not be the most glamorous service project we do - but we certainly do have **FUN** doing it!!!! Sign up at the Lodge!

DID YOU KNOW ...

Your lodge is now open until **10 PM** on **Friday and Saturday nights!**

Stop down and relax after a long week!!!!!!

2015-2016 Officers

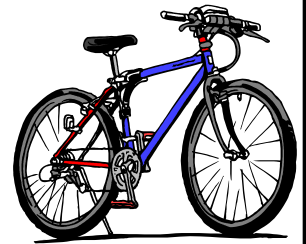
Front L-R: Lona Bignell, Charlie Nelson, Becky Nelson, Susan Henke, Lottie Aslakson, Steph Riegelman

Back L-R: Mike Bignell, Justin Key, Royce Bottin, Warren Wertman ER, Scott Guse, Rollie Meffert & Dennis Herling.

Missing: Greg Fleming



Bike Rodeo



Sat, May 9 at 9-11 AM

Law Enforcement Center Parking Lot

Safety Training - - Free Food

Drawings for bikes & more
donated by RW Elks # 845

Volunteers needed
*to sign in kids, serve hot dogs and
assist with prize drawings*

Watch for sign-up at lodge in April



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RED WING ELKS # 845

RED WING ELKS GRAND RE-OPENING

Friday, May 1, 2015 starting at 5pm (Music starts at 7 PM)

In cooperation with the Red Wing Housing Authority, the Red Wing Elks #845 has remodeled their building to improve the look of the Red Wing down town area, to better serve its members, and the community. We are inviting Elks and their guests in the community to visit the newly remodeled facility. There will be door prizes and a free gift, along with Barb Gosman's famous pulled pork sandwiches at a great price. Music will be by Yesterdaze starting at 7pm.

Here's a list of the work completed:

- Cleaned, repaired and painted the outside of the building
- Replaced awning with one made locally
- Added 3 windows to 4th Street die
- All inside walls were painted to lighten up the dark wood
- New Carpet in lodge & bar area
- Upgraded to energy efficient lighting
- New sitting area added with seating and fireplace
- Ceilings - cleaned and new tiles

This work was completed by over 65 volunteers from the lodge, and the following Red Wing businesses:

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THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

THANKS SO MUCH...

Newsletters - Thank you to everyone who help fold and address last month's newsletter mailing! The crew included: Lottie Aslakson, Lona Bignell, Karlyne & Royce Bottin, Patty Evenson & friend, Mary Fried, Cassie Guse, Linda Larson, Steph Riegelman and Barb & Whitey Safe

Scanner Donation - A BIG THANK YOU to Kim Perkins for donating a printer / scanner to the lodge!!! It's already been VERY helpful!!!!

Lodge Work Bee - Thank you to everyone who has helped clean up our lodge and get things ready for the Grand Re-Opening on May 1st. Your assistance is GREATLY appreciated!

Our thanks also to several members for their generous donations that have helped finance the new blinds for our windows!!!!!!

Thank you to Robert Sattler and Sandy Wally for their \$500 donation to our Building Fund in memory of Lois Larson (PER Larry Larson's mother) - Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated!

Cooks and Kitchen Help - Thanks so much to the members and other helpers who volunteer their time and talents to cook meals during the month! Without your help, we couldn't keep our kitchen open — PLEASE come down and support them by eating! Bring a friend or five!!!

THANK YOU!!!!!!

HELP NEEDED!



On Thursday, May 7th, the Challenge games will be at the Elks.

The Elks will be selling hamburgers and fries that night. Lottie could use some help from 5-9 PM serving & helping with dishes—no experience needed!

Please call Lottie or sign up at the bar.

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