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**CHAPLIN**

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Warren Wertman, PER

Dean Reinhart

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

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

**THIS MONTH EVENTS:**

5/6- Highway Clean-Up (Potluck at 8 AM)

5/9 - LODGE MEETING at 7 PM

5/11 - Challenge Games (VOLUNTEERS NEEDED)

5/13 - Bike Rodeo (See ad - join us!)

5/15 - Trustee Meeting at 7 PM

5/23 - LODGE MEETING - BY-LAW PROPOSAL VOTE

(Members in good standing welcome to attend)

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

6/4 - Soccer Shoot (VOLUNTEERS NEEDED)

6/13 - Flag Day Ceremony & Steak Night

(Watch June Newsletter for more info!)

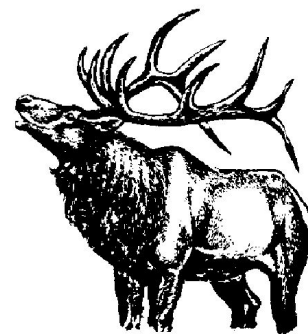
*Watch the June Newsletter for more info!*

# *Wapitidom*

-- Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity --

*May 2017*

*It's Great to be an Elk!*



ISSUE 2017 - 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,

It's that time where lodge members travel to the State Elks Youth Camp to prepare the camp for the many kids that will have the opportunity to attend one of the sessions this summer. I am proud of the work our lodge does to support our State's Major Project and enjoy hearing the stories of the amazing time local kids have when they return from a week at camp - these memories will last them a lifetime!

While May brings the end of the school year - it also means that we are preparing to give out several scholarships to local kids - My thanks to the Lodge Scholarship Committee for their work to review the applications and determine the recipients of our scholarships. It will be my honor to present these at the RW High School's Awards Night. Nationwide, the Elks are second only to the US Government in awarding scholarships.

On a personal note, I would like to express my thanks to those who attended and assisted with our installation of officers. There were many friends and members present.

As the new Lodge year starts, there is sure to be new challenges which, with the help of the new officers and the membership, will be met head on.

Just a reminder, all members are encouraged to visit the Elk websites ([elks.org](http://elks.org) / [mnelks.org](http://mnelks.org) and [redwingelks.org](http://redwingelks.org)) so you can learn more about the various programs the Elks are involved with.

Please keep our troops in your prayers. See you at the Lodge.

Fraternally,  
Lona Bignell  
Exalted Ruler



**Elks**

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**ELK!**



Red Wing #845

## 2017 - 2018 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 - Steph Riegelman, PER  
Flag Day - Justin Key (Leading Knight)  
Flags for Holidays - Susan Henke (Loyal Knight)  
Fraternal - VACANT  
Government Relations - Becky Nelson  
Highway Cleanup - Mike Bignell (Lect Knight)  
Hoop Shoot - Greg Frankowski  
Lodge Activities - Warren Wertman, PER  
Membership - Becky Nelson  
Memorial Service - Justin Key (Leading 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  
Soccer Shoot - Steph Riegelman, PER  
Veterans Service - Lottie Aslakson, PER  
Youth Activities - Lottie Aslakson, PER  
Youth Camp Recruiters - Lottie Aslakson, PER  
& David Riegelman, PER



A vote on two  
proposed By-  
Law Changes  
will be held on:

**Tuesday, May 23rd**

7PM during the normal Lodge Meeting

See the insert for more information on the  
proposed change.

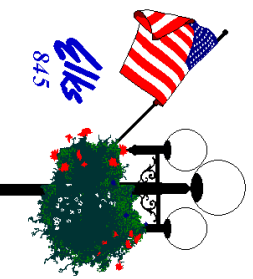
All members in good standing are able to  
attend, participate in the discussion and are  
eligible to cast their vote.

## BIRTHDAYS

3	Jim Gedrose
4	Howard Saunders
5	Jim Johnson
6	Larry Larson PER
7	Eric Sloan
8	Rick Peterson
9	Jon Heckman
10	John Riestter
11	David Wertman
12	Conrad Eckstrom
13	Michael Engberg
14	Sara Sterling-Voigt
15	John Bauer
16	Karen Rigelman
17	Sylvan Andersen
18	Larry Peterson
19	Stacey Vanhemert
20	Robert Bostrom
21	Lydia Klenke PER
22	Tom Jarmuz
23	Art Haague
24	Linda Larson
25	Shane Nelson
26	Lori Anderson
27	David Lassek
28	Rudy Marohl
29	Kelly Kuhl
30	John Mahn
31	Ron Tloughan
32	Jerry Strusz
33	Mark Castner
34	Keith Dicke
35	Tom Zibble

## May 2017

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>April 30</b>	<b>1</b> HAPPY HOUR DAILY 3-6 PM	<b>2</b> Chicken or Shrimp Alfredo	<b>3</b> MEXICAN 5:30-7:30 PM The BEST value in town!	<b>4</b> Ham Steak with baked potato & vegetable	<b>5</b> Private Party NO FOOD	<b>6</b> Highway Clean-up at 8 AM
<b>7</b>	Private Party	<b>8</b> HAPPY HOUR DAILY 3-6 PM	<b>9</b> Barb's Roast Beef Sliders & Soup 7PM Lodge Mtg	<b>10</b> MEXICAN 5:30-7:30 PM The BEST value in town!	<b>11</b> YMCA Challenge Games	<b>12</b> Lottie's Burgers	<b>13</b> Bike Rodeo PRIVATE PARTY
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> HAPPY HOUR DAILY 3-6 PM	<b>16</b> STEAK NIGHT	<b>17</b> MEXICAN 5:30-7:30 PM The BEST value in town!	<b>18</b> Team 1 Pork Chops w/ scalloped potatoes	<b>19</b> NO FOOD	<b>20</b> PRIVATE PARTY	
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> HAPPY HOUR DAILY 3-6 PM	<b>23</b> Baked Ckn Dinner 7PM Lodge Mtg & By-Law Vote	<b>24</b> MEXICAN 5:30-7:30 PM The BEST value in town!	<b>25</b> Team 3 Shrimp Skewers Flags at 5 PM	<b>26</b> Lottie's Burgers	<b>27</b> Vet Home Dinner (See Mgr Note)	
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Memorial Day (Lodge Closed)	<b>30</b> Barb's Beef Tips w/mashed potatoes Flags at 5 PM	<b>31</b> MEXICAN 5:30-7:30 PM 7 PM - Convention Planning Meeting				
	THANK YOU VETS for your service!						



# SECRETARY CORNER

## RW #845 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

as of April 24, 2017

Beginning membership on April 1, 2017  
Red Wing #845 - 471 members

Our current membership total: 471  
Currently Delinquent: 90

### Proposed for Membership

Adam Reinhart proposed by Dean Reinhart

### Elected to become members

Kyle Herling, Paul Nesteby, Thomas O'Dell,  
Adam Reinhart and Dion Welch,

### Initiated as new members

Josie Baker, Carol Burma, Kayla Herling, Kyle  
Herling, Michelle Hurlbut, Melissa Johnson,  
Lance McChristian, Paul Nesteby, Thomas O'Dell,  
Cassie Price, Brenda Stelter, Brent Warner,  
Dion Welch and Pete Wenzel

**Please welcome these new members!**

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

## **Theodore Peterson**

**Born:** March 6, 1924  
**Initiated:** September 22, 1959  
**Died:** February 21, 2017

## **Robert Zibble**

**Born:** May 22, 1938  
**Initiated:** April 9, 1963  
**Died:** February 24, 2017

*In vain we call, he has passed  
into the light beyond.*

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

Please contact me if you are not receiving weekly updates, reminders & monthly newsletters via e-mail. Secretary's phone #715-495-2978 & e-mail [rw845secretary@redwing845.org](mailto:rw845secretary@redwing845.org)



**Kids Easter Party**  
One of our bike winners &  
Kids trying to catch a Peep!



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## 2016 - 2017 Exalted Ruler Awards

Having completed my term as your Exalted Ruler, it was my honor to recognize those who excelled and have given above & beyond of their time and talents during the lodge year.

**Veteran Volunteer Award** was presented to Lottie Aslakson. It was my pleasure to recognize her - she gives so much and truly cares about all things Elks. Time & space limit me from listing all that she has done to insure our veterans are never forgotten and she is certainly deserving of this award.

**Elk of the Year** was awarded to Arnie Strusz. He sets the bar high as a role model of an exceptional "behind the scenes" volunteer. Most members aren't aware of the countless hours every week he volunteers at the lodge but I certainly am. Thank you so much for everything you do to keep our lodge running!.

**Officer of the Year** was presented to our amazing Lodge Secretary, Becky Nelson. She puts in countless hours recapping, recording and reporting all critical information of the Lodge membership and activities. Her attention to detail and insistence that all work is done accurately and on-time is unmatched and deeply appreciated.

**Citizen of the Year** was awarded to Steph Riegelman. Her leadership on our Trustees, dedication to editing & producing our newsletters & website along with coordinating our 3 ENF Grants, her service as our local, district & state Soccer Shoot Chair and so much more is greatly appreciated. She is truly a role model for volunteerism and selfless giving..

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

*Charlie Nelson, PER  
Red Wing Lodge #845*



**MAGGIE IS  
TURNING 85!!!**

Help him celebrate!

**Friday, June 9th**

4-8 PM at the Elks  
(Food served 5-7PM)



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

**THANKS SO MUCH** to these outgoing officers & loyal Elk members for their service to our lodge:

- Charlie Nelson, Exalted Ruler
- Rollie Meffert, Treasurer



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# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE LODGE!!!



I am so proud to be an **American**, the greatest country in the world! It is our freedom that makes it so and those freedoms were won & defended by our veterans!

For this we can thank the men and women who put the ideals of our country before themselves each and every day.

In May and throughout the year, we honor all those who served and are still serving our country. Thank you doesn't seem like enough . . . Together, we continue to stand up for the men & women who fought for us and returned home with the visible as well as invisible scars of battle. Often we forget the many sacrifices made by our military and their families.

This Memorial Day, we are proud to host a lunch for 12 veterans from the Hastings Veterans Home and several other local veterans living in senior housing in our area. We invite all members to join us and listen to the stories of their service.

May we, as their loyal countrymen, never abandon their memory or allow their sacrifices to slip from our national conscience.

*Respectfully submitted* - Lottie Aslakson, RW #845's Veteran Committee Chair

## 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 our Manager . . .

May is another busy month with several wedding receptions, the Challenge Games, a couple private parties and a special dinner for the veterans from Hastings VA Home.

I 'd really like to thank all of our members who have been planning their parties at the lodge and keeping us busy. This has really helped relieve a little bit of the financial stress that goes with running our lodge and club facilities.

In June, we will be sending 18 local kids to the MN Elks Youth Camp. We are still seeking several boys & girls to fill openings. If you know of any kids ages 9 to 13 that are deserving and would benefit from a week at the greatest camp in MN - please let me know.

On May 27th, we will host a special dinner with a visit from 12 residents of the VA Hastings home. While in Red Wing, they will be visiting the Field of Honor flag display at Bay Point Park. I am looking for a few more donations of \$25 to make it possible that all of them have a flag blowing in honor of their service. Contact me if you can help.

On Thursday, May 11th, we will be serving hot dogs, and burgers for the Challenge games and can use some volunteers to help serve, clean tables and wash dishes - if you are able to help out that night, please let me know .

*It's great to be an Elks!!!!!!*

*Lottie*



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# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE LODGE!!!

## Highway Clean-up

Sat, May 6th

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!



*"So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks will NEVER forget them . . ."*

Help is needed for the 140 Veterans who call the Hastings MN Veterans Home their home. Veterans (men & women ages 26-90) live at the home and are looking for the following donations of personal items:

- Irish Spring Deodorant
- Irons w/auto shut off
- Poly-grip (red box)
- Power strips w/long cords
- Pocket t-shirts (all sizes)
- New Briefs (all sizes)
- Women's 3XL clothing
- Body Wash
- Efferdent
- Electric Razors
- Alarm Clocks
- Stamps
- Room Fresheners



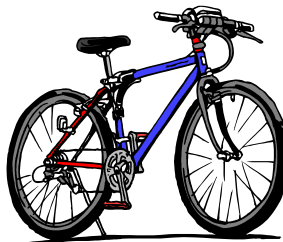
### PLEASE NOTE

#### SERVING SCHEDULE

Meals at the Elks will now be served from **5:30-7:00 PM.**

- If you must have a meal AFTER 7 PM, please call & they can prepare a to-go box.
- First come, first serve - when the food is gone, it's gone.

## Bike Rodeo



Sat, May 13 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*

Sign-up at lodge to help

## DO YOU STILL GET YOUR NEWSLETTER BY SNAIL MAIL???

Send an email **TODAY** to [rw845secretary@redwing845.org](mailto:rw845secretary@redwing845.org) and change over to email!!

## Memorial Day Flags????

We MIGHT need volunteers to put up & take down flags

*Watch the weekly news!*

**Flags Up:** Thurs, May 25 at 5 PM

**Flags Down:** Tues, May 30 at 5 PM

*We will meet at the Lodge - See you there!*



# THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

## **THANKS SO MUCH . . .**

**Cooking Help** - - Thanks SO MUCH to our volunteers who help in the kitchen! Thanks to Rod Frantzen, Dave & Jan Petersmeyer, John & Karen Quist, Betty Borseth, Larry & Linda Larson, Lori & Randy Anderson, Lottie Aslakson, Dave Wooden. Thanks to our steak night crew - Bob Bauer, Glen Mattson, Larry Horlitz, Susan Henke & Lottie Aslakson for their work! Thanks to our Member Appreciation Night crew of Lottie Aslakson, Barb Gosman, Dean & Linda Reinhardt, Greg Fleming, Austin Engen, Dennis Herling, Becky Nelson and Pasty & Paul Nesteby. A special thank you to Barb Gosman for the EXCELLENT meals each month at the lodge AND to Susan Henke for her help on Wed Tacos!

**Kids Easter Party** - Our thanks to Lottie Aslakson, Susan Henke, Mallory Henke, Paul & Patsy Nesteby and Roger & Kathy Karlsrud for their help in throwing our Kids Easter Party!

**Scholarship Committee** - Our sincere thanks to this group for their dedication to our local kids. Thank you to Linda & Larry Larson, Karen Strusz and Bonnie Lohmann for helping to select our local scholarship winners for this year!



## **Red Wing # 845 Logo Apparel**

Available to order  
until July 4th!

Order forms showing all of the options will be available on bulletin board starting May 1st.

**ALL ORDERS MUST BE PLACED  
& PAID BY JULY 4TH.**

Check out the WEEKLY  
E-NEWS for changes in  
schedules & menus!  
**NOT SIGNED UP?**

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**Red Wing Elks Lodge #845**  
**Proposed By-Law Changes March 2017**

**Proposed Change #1**

**ARTICLE V: ELECTIVE OFFICERS AND DUTIES**

Section 4, paragraphs 1-7

WHEREAS: The Bylaws now read: References to the Secretary as 'He' and 'His'.

AND WHEREAS: Section 4, Paragraph 6 now reads: 'For the faithful performance of his duties he shall receive as compensation \$3.850 per annum, payable monthly.'

(Change all references to now read)

(Increase compensation for the Secretary)

BE IT RESOLVED: The proposed new wording be revised to now read: 'He/She' and 'His/Her'

AND BE IT RESOLVED: The proposed new wording be revised to now read: 'For the faithful performance of his duties he/she shall receive as compensation \$4,200 per annum, payable monthly.'

**Proposed Change #2**

**ARTICLE V: ELECTIVE OFFICERS AND DUTIES**

Section 5, paragraph1:

WHEREAS: The Bylaws now read: References to the Treasurer now read as 'He' and 'His'.

AND WHEREAS: Paragraph 1 now reads: '...for the faithful performance of his duties, and shall receive as compensation for his services the sum of \$2,750 per annum, payable monthly.'

(Change all references to now read 'He/She' and 'His/Her')

(Increase compensation for the Treasurer)

BE IT RESOLVED: The proposed new wording be revised to now read: 'He/She' and 'His/Her'

AND BE IT RESOLVED: The proposed new wording be revised to read: 'for the faithful performance of his/her duties, and shall receive as compensation for his/her services the sum of \$3,000 per annum, payable monthly.'

*Read on the Lodge floor by Lona Bignell, Leading Knight on March 28, 2017*

THIS IS THE BY-LAW CHANGE PROPOSAL THAT WILL BE VOTED ON AT THE MAY 23 LODGE MEETING. Any member in good standing wishing to attend the meeting MUST be able to show their membership card verifying they are a member in good standing for the 2017-2018 Lodge year.

**The Lodge Meeting will start promptly at 7 PM**

# Fun Times



**Above:**  
Many of our  
2017-2018 Lodge  
Officers



**Veteran Volunteer of the Year**  
Lottie Aslakson



**At left:**  
PER Warren Wert-  
man installs Lona  
Bignell as our new  
Exalted Ruler for  
2017-2018



**13 NEW MEMBERS initiated on 3/31!!!!**



**Officer of the Year**  
Becky Nelson