

**ELKS LODGE #845**  
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Patsy Nesteby

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Sarah Edstrom

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**TILER**

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Tyler Riegelman

Charlie Nelson PER

**CHAPLIN**

Lottie Aslakson, PER

Kevin Riegelman, PER

Dennis Herling

Jan Struss

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

11/8 - Lodge Meeting at 7 PM

11/10 - Meat Raffles are back!!! 5:30PM start

11/11 - Veterans Day Steak Night

11/18 - Turkey Games (Fun for all!)

11/22 - Trustee Meeting at 6 PM

11/22 - Lodge Meeting at 7 PM

11/24 - Tom & Jerry's

11/25 - Holiday Stroll

12/2 - Christmas Party / Silent Auction

**Mark your calendar:**

12/16 - Kid's Christmas Party

12/17 - Xmas Food Baskets 8 AM

**Planning a family or business event?**

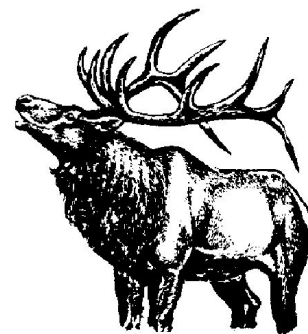
Contact Lottie TODAY to book your event at the  
Lodge - Call 651.388.5862

# *Wapitidom*

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

*November 2022*

*It's Great to be an Elk!*



ISSUE 2022 - 11

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

# Exalted Ruler's Message

Members All . . .

I'm so excited to say we had awesome month at our lodge. 4 new members (pictured below) joined our lodge this month. Please welcome them in true Elk style when you see them in our lodge. Our meat raffles have started up again so be sure to check out the calendar and join us on November 10th at 5:30 PM.

During our recent ENF night, our Metro District President Tim Johnson from Faribault and his beautiful wife Cheri visited our lodge and enjoyed the evening with all of our members. During the same weekend, our very own Metro District Deputy Steph Riegelman had her official visit and review of our lodge & its operations.

In late October, a large crew of officers and members from our lodge attended the MN Elks Fall Conference held at Breezy Point and our incredible MN Elks Youth Camp. At this conference, over 200 Elk members gathered to report on activities, share ideas and great fellowship. These conventions are always a wonderful opportunity to meet other Elks and learn from their lodge activities.

As we gear up for Veterans Day and our annual Veterans Steak Night, we have several events planned to support local veterans. Our lodge recently filled and delivered patriotic bags full of special treats to 20 local veterans (both men and women). On another night at our lodge, a group gathered to cut out and sew some special wheelchair bags for veterans at St Crispins in Red Wing.

Finally, a very special thank you to our trustees, bartenders, cooks, waitresses and other members who stepped up to help out while Lottie recovers from her recent back surgery.

I am so proud to be your Exalted Ruler and be here for you all.

Patsy Nesteby,  
Exalted Ruler



## 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 - Dennis Herling  
Community Activities - Karlyne Bottin  
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



## Welcome New Members of 845!



## Hometown Heroes:

Recently, Patsy Nesteby and Modern Woodsmen recognized four local women for their contributions to our community and support of our Elks Lodge charitable programs. Pictured left to right: Steph Riegelman, Cheryl Koplin, Maureen Nelson, Mandy Arden and Patsy Nesteby. Congratulations and THANK YOU!

**Avoid cleaning your house  
to host a family gathering**

**Schedule your next  
gathering at the lodge!**

**CALL LOTTIE!!**

# From our Secretary . . .

This is wonderful time of the year! It's the start of the holiday season and many fun Elks events you will want to participate in. There are many opportunities to donate to our Veterans or families who might not have as much as others. Check them out in this newsletter and get involved in helping others!

If you are a member who remains delinquent for the current year, please get your payment sent in or dropped off. If you are not sure, the below listing includes members who are currently delinquent. Please contact me if you have any questions on your membership.

Lucas Armstrong	Judith Arndt	Jackie Augustin	Connor Beckwith
Charles Brown	Sam Brown	Paul Byron	Austin Engen
Sven Fleischaker	Angela Foss	Charles Frawley	Michael Henke
Ron Huppert	Krista Huron	James Johnson	Marilyn Johnson
Teri Johnson	Jason Key	Gary Klingelhut	Austin Knott
Richard McLaughlin	Jameson Melbye	Joshua Nelson	Mike Nevins
Jonathan Paradis	Scott Phelps	Megan Ramaker	Cory Rasmussen
Melissa Rasmussen	Ryan Riester	Jay Ryan	Nicholas Sather
Dustin Schulenberg	Mark Schull	Glenn Shull	Emma Siewert
Eric Sloan	Jeff Stenerson	Nicholas Swanson	Samuel Tittle
Mark Tripp	Adam Vosburgh	Ronald Walker	Sheila Weber
Martin Winfrey	Makayla Zimdars		

Have you moved? I need to know as 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! Call me at 715-495-2978 or e-mail me at:

[rw845secretary@redwing845.org](mailto:rw845secretary@redwing845.org)

## **RW #845 MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

as of October 24, 2022

Beginning membership on April 1, 2022

**563 members**

Initiated: **27**      Reinstated: **2**

Deaths: **8**      Delinquent: **46**

Current membership total: **584**

### **New members initiated on October 18th**

Doug Lantis, Cameron Olson,  
Thomas Squire, Sheena Whitlock

*Please welcome these new members  
when you see them!*

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

### ***Keith Wilkinson***

**Born:** July 17, 1926

**Initiated:** July 17, 1992

**Died:** September 27, 2022

### ***Tom McNurlin***

**Born:** October 19, 1941

**Initiated:** December 8, 1981

**Died:** October 6, 2022

***To Our Absent Members***

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

# BIRTHDAYS

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE LODGE!!!



## **Red Wing 845's Annual Christmas Party Friday, Dec 2, 2022**



Mark your calendar and plan to bring your friends down to the Lodge for a night of food, fun & friendship while raising funds to support our Lodge or the MN Elks Youth Camp! This is also the official visit of our MN Elks State President Craig DeForge.

*If you or your business is interested in donating an item for our silent auction, please contact Royce Bottin (651-301-0075), Karlyne Bottin (651-301-0074) Charlie Nelson (715-557-0142), Becky Nelson (715-495-2978) Kevin Riegelman (651-764 2373) or Steph Riegelman (651-380-0903).*

As donors, YOU CHOOSE where the funds raised from your donation go. Your choices are either to RW Elks Lodge #845 to support our Lodge or the MN Elks Youth Camp (our State Project and a 501c3 charitable organization).

Watch for a posting at the Lodge and info in our Weekly eNews to sign up for food!

RW Elks # 845's Annual

## **Christmas Food Basket Drive**

**Saturday, Dec 17th at 8 AM at the Lodge**



### **Our Christmas Basket Tradition continues . . .**

Our Red Wing Elks Christmas Basket project is such an incredibly important project for so many reasons . . . There is simply no better way to share in the goodness of Christmas than to gather at the lodge with family & friends for breakfast on Saturday December 17th at 8 AM. After a warm breakfast, you can help assemble and distribute baskets of food. It is organized chaos that turns into a little joy in the world! Sign-up sheets will be at the lodge in the next couple weeks.

This year, we will definitely miss the Christmas Cheer of long-time co-chair Paul Drotos and, in his memory, we hope this is the best year ever for the "Biggest Little Envelope" (enclosed) - your support guarantees our pledge to deliver the makings of a complete and wholesome Christmas dinner to so many families in need in our local communities. Your generous donation also allows us to provide a warm Christmas morning meal of ham and scalloped potatoes to local homeless as well as correctional facility employees and first responders (Police, Sheriff, Fire and Dispatch) who are working on Christmas Day.

As always, if you know of somebody or a family who is down on their luck and could use a food basket, PLEASE put their name, address, and phone along with the number in their family inside of your envelope and send it in. You will remain anonymous.

**It's GREAT to be an Elk - - Merry Christmas!!!!**

Dennis Herling, Chairman, Christmas Basket Committee



# Elks Care – Elks Share

## Meat Raffles are at the Elks!



**Are you a  
MEAT RAFFLE LOVER?**  
Stop down to the lodge and  
join the fun starting at 5:30 PM  
Our next meat raffle of the season  
will be held on Thursday Nov 10th



## **NEEDED: WINTER GLOVES for VETERANS**

For the past 4 years, Red Wing 845 has supported a Warm Winter Gear event for Veterans held by Every Third Saturday using member donations and funds from an ENF Spotlight Grant. At this event, RW Shoe provides footwear and the Red Wing & Hopkins Elks Lodges provide long underwear, socks, hats and gloves for homeless and low income veterans.

Every Third Saturday exists to assist veterans in finding new purpose after military service. Find out more about their story & programs at  
[everythirdsaturday.org](http://everythirdsaturday.org)

**NOW THROUGH NOV 18TH**— We will be collecting warm winter gloves for men and women to distribute on Saturday, Nov 19th near the Mpls VA Hospital. Drop off your donations in the entry at the lodge. Thank you!



*RW 845's Impact Grant*

## **HeART** (Help empower At-Risk Teens)

*How can  
I help?*



*Through an ENF \$9,000 Impact Grant, our lodge has been helping show local teens how much their community cares about them by providing hygiene products, filling a food shelf, providing diapers to young moms, school supplies and so much more!*

*Our HeART project is year round and continues to need support from our members in addition to the ENF Funding. Donations can be dropped off in the bins at the lodge in the entryway  
Here are some of our current needs:*

### **Food Shelf:      Young Moms:**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individual bags of- Mixed nuts</li> <li>• Beef Sticks</li> <li>• Small bags of Chips, Bugles, Chex Mix, Cheese-Its or Goldfish crackers</li> <li>• Mac &amp; Cheese Cups</li> <li>• Instant Potato Cups</li> <li>• Ramen Noodle cups</li> <li>• Ready-to-eat Soups</li> <li>• Cereal: Cinn Toast Crunch, Coco Puffs and Golden Grahams</li> <li>• Microwave popcorn</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Day &amp; Night time Diapers &amp; Pull-ups especially Size 6</li> <li>• Baby Wipes</li> <li>• Desitin</li> <li>• Baby Bath soaps</li> </ul> |
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### **Stocking Stuffers:**

- \$5 gifts for Boys and Girls ages Infant through 18 years old

These collections are part of RW 845's ENF Grants helping local children & teens. Questions, please reach out to RW Elks Grant Coordinator Steph Riegelman at 651.380.0903 or by email at [steph@surfthemurph.com](mailto:steph@surfthemurph.com)

# Elks Care – Elks Share

## At the Elk's . . . **Holiday Stroll** Friday, November 25th

As you wrap up a full day of shopping and fun - grab the kids and your friends - everyone is invited back to the Elk's Lodge.

Serving burger baskets  
**5:00 - 9:00 PM**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY - INQUIRE AT LODGE

## Elks Lodge #845 **Memorial Service**



Help us honor those true and loyal Elks who have gone before us. . .

**Sunday, December 4th**  
1 PM in the Lodge Room

Elks honor living and departed members at the hour of Eleven.  
We also honor our departed members at the annual Memorial Service on the first Sunday in December.

Please join us for the service and for refreshments following the service.



## Are you a member of the **ENF Fidelity Club?**

ENF's Fidelity Club is the EASIEST way to spread your donation throughout the year and make a bigger impact. By donating even \$5/month through the Fidelity Club's autopay, your impact adds up to \$60 over the course of a year!

*Find out more / enroll online at*  
**[enf.elks.org/recurring](http://enf.elks.org/recurring)**

## A time-less **Thanksgiving Day** Tradition!

**Tom & Jerry's**  
**9:00 a.m. to Noon**

*Put the turkey in the oven and come down to the Lodge for the Guse family's **FAMOUS** Tom & Jerry Recipe*

## 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 #845 NEWS

## VETERANS NIGHT STEAK DINNER



We will celebrate  
**Veterans Day**  
Friday, Nov 11th

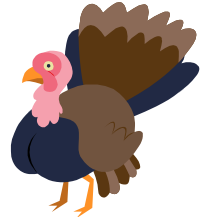
Join us for a great meal while we  
thank ALL of our veterans for their  
service to our country!

Dinner served 5:30 - 7:00  
FREE MEAL for Elk members in good standing  
who are active military or veterans!

## TURKEY GAMES

Friday, November 18

Social Hour - 5 PM  
Barb's Chicken - 5-6:30  
Games start @ 6:30 PM



**BE SURE** to mark this one on your calendar!  
You won't want to miss the fun!!!!

Sponsored by Red Wing's Past Exalted Rulers!



## THANK YOU

to everyone who purchased  
one of the \$100 Youth Camp  
Raffle Tickets!!!

The kids are the REAL winners - the  
proceeds from the raffle pay the camper fees  
for the 18 kids that Red Wing sends to camp  
each summer AND we received a \$1,250  
"bonus" which helps off-set our annual  
\$5/member Annual Youth Camp Assessment

**We sold 7 winning tickets!!**

Winners were:

Joe Dube, Lory Holets, Nani Parker, Steph  
Riegelman, Fred & Vickie Tremper,  
Kraig Ulveling and a group ticket (Jenny,  
Kevin, Lottie, Patsy and Sarah).



## PROJECT CHRISTMAS

Helping Teens, Families & Veterans

We will be gathering gifts this holiday to  
help out several local groups:

- Sponsoring a local family to provide them warm clothes as well as toys
- Gathering stocking stuffers for children ages infant through 18 yrs old
- Veterans from the Hastings Home

Watch for the giving tree to pick a tree tag  
or dog tag for items to buy. OR have fun  
shopping for a stocking stuffer & drop it in  
the bin at the lodge!

This is a GREAT opportunity to teach the  
kids or grandkids the spirit of giving!!



# Elks Care – Elks Share



## Americanism Essay Contest

**NOW OPEN  
Due 12/15/22**

Open to students in grades 5-8, the Elks' Americanism Essay contest is now open!

This year's contest includes a few changes

- 4 separate divisions for grades 5, 6, 7 & 8
- Cash awards for winners at the Grand Lodge level for each division including \$1,000 for 1st place, \$500 for 2nd place and \$250 for 3rd place

The theme for this year's essay is

***"What is your American Dream?"***

Essays cannot exceed 300 words and are due to the lodge by 12/15/22. Rules & registration forms are available online at Elks.org under Fraternal Committee / Contest Forms.

Copies are also available at the lodge.

Contest winners can win up to \$300 at the State Level in prizes!!

Please help spread the word to any teachers as well as your kids or grandkids!



## Minnesota Vikings



The Lodge will again be opening this year for Sunday Vikings games. Join your favorite game-time bartenders; Mark Lynch, Lottie Aslakson & Royce Bottin

**Drink Specials Every Sunday!**

Sun, Nov 6 - 12 PM - @ Washington (FOX) -  
Lodge Opens at 11:30

Sun, Nov 13 - 12 PM - @ Buffalo (FOX) -  
Lodge Opens at 11:30

Sun, Nov 20 - 12 PM - vs Dallas (CBS) -  
Lodge Opens at 11:30

Thur, Nov 24 - 7:25 PM - vs New England (NBC) -  
LODGE CLOSED

## Christmas Decorating at the Lodge

*Sunday, Nov 20*

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more details!*



Check out the WEEKLY  
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10AM-4PM

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**THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO  
MEMBERS & GUESTS**

**LOVE THE  
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If you have enjoyed any of our meals at the Lodge recently - send Lottie an email or post a review on our Facebook page!

# Elks Care – Elks Share

## ENF Scholarships

*Know any High School Seniors applying for college?*

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**Applications for both groups are ONLY accepted online!**  
**PLEASE HELP SPREAD THE WORD!!!**



### WHAT A BEAUTIFUL FALL DAY!!!

A special thank you to organizers and helpers Larry & Linda Larson, Royce & Karlyne Bottin, Bonnie Kubik and Lottie Aslakson! Thanks to those that brought food including Kari Bemis, Karlyne Bottin, Sarah Edstrom, Joe Fox, Kathy Hutchson, Bonnie Lohmann, Mark Lynch, Betsy Mahn, Patsy Nesteby, Peggy Sorensen, Denny Witgert, and Tom Zibble

## Flags for Veterans Day

We need volunteers to help with flags

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

**Flags up:** Weds 11/9 at 5:00 PM

**Flags down:** Mon 11/14 at 5:00 PM

Grab a friend, stop down and help with this great project!!!



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

**We're on Instagram!**  
**CHECK IT OUT AT**  
**[Redwingelkslodge845](https://www.instagram.com/redwingelkslodge845)**



**Thanks to ALL of these great golfers for joining the fun!**

**Thanks to our bartenders Lory Holets and Darla Reese!**



# THANK YOUS

We are SO GRATEFUL to all of our donors and volunteers



**Kitchen Helpers and Bartenders** - We can't thank our fabulous kitchen volunteers enough—they are amazing!!!! THANK YOU to Dan & Joyce Erz, Susan Henke, Bonnie Kubik, Sharon Lee, Leanne Nyman and Tom & Toni Velure for always being there to help in the kitchen! Thanks so much for stepping up while Lottie was out after her back surgery!

We also appreciate our **VOLUNTEER** bartenders: JoLynn Fleming, Lory Holets, Kurt Huffman and RyAnne Schutz.

**Elks ENF Night:** THANK YOU to organizers Pete & Peggy Sorensen and to Barb Gosman for the fabulous German meal we enjoyed that evening! Thanks to your generosity, we sent in over \$5,000 to support ENF which helps funds our grants and many of our charitable programs!

**RibFest:** THANK YOU so much to the committee that organized this event including Lottie Aslakson, Karlyne Bottin, Gwen Lynch and Jan Struss as well as event volunteers Royce Bottin, Mark Lynch and Melody Lampman.

THANK YOU to our 9 Rib Masters who helped raise \$1227 towards our Operations Fund to support our building! Denny Hoffman took 1st place; Kurt Huffman took 2nd place. Other Rib Masters were Susan Henke, Billy Lampman, Charlie Nelson, Rick Nesteby, Jamie Bombardier, Patsy Nesteby and Jan Struss.

Thank you to the members who donated desserts including Georgean Holt, Karlyne Bottin, Susan Henke, Gwen Lynch, Jan Struss and Darla Reese.

Pictures—Top: RibFest committee Lottie, Karlyne and Jan (Missing: Gwen). Lower Left: 1st Place Rib Master Denny Hoffman. Right: 2nd Place Kurt Huffman



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