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UPCOMING EVENTS:

9/12 - Lodge Meeting at 7 PM

9/21 - Meat Raffles at 5:30 PM

9/24 - Fall Golf Classic (see ad)

9/25 - Trustee Meeting at 6 PM

9/26 - Lodge Meeting at 7 PM

Mark your calendar:

10/13 - ENF Night

11/11 - Veterans Day Steak Dinner

11/17 - Turkey Games

12/1 - Annual Christmas Silent Auction

12/16 - Christmas Basket packing & delivery

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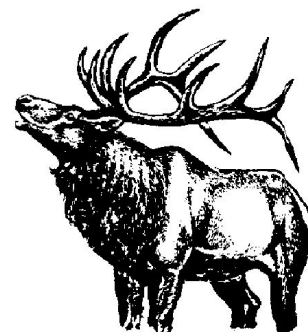
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September 2023

It's Great to be an Elk!



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

Exalted Ruler's Message

Greetings to all members of Red Wing 845 -

Fall has approached fast as the summer has flown by because of all the wonderful events we have done at our lodge. Another successful River City Days has come and gone. I want to thank all the volunteers that help this event be as successful as it was. A huge shout out to Becky, Charlie & Lottie for the countless hours they put in to make it go seamlessly.

Thanks to some ENF grant funding and member donations, we just completed another school supply distribution event with our local United Way giving away more than 300 backpacks of supplies to local families so they can get their children off to school with everything they need.

Just because fall and cooler temps are approaching does not mean that we are slowing down. Many great events are coming in the future months and with the help of all our great members they will be just as successful as ever. I want to personally thank you all for coming into the lodge to enjoy our great meals and beverages. Please invite your family and friends down and show them what our lodge does maybe they will want to join our great Elks Lodge.

Thank you all for the support so far this year! I am honored to be your Exalted Ruler

It's GREAT to be an Elk!

Jessica Nelson,
Exalted Ruler



Red Wing # 845 Committee Chairs

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Youth Camp Recruiter - Lottie Aslakson, PER

GOLD STAR FAMILY VETERANS EVENT:

In late August, Lottie joined other Elks from around the state at Camp Ripley to help put on an event for Gold Star Families. A Gold Star family is one that has lost an immediate family member who has died as a result of their service in the military.



From our Secretary . . .

A few more members have paid their dues since last month however, we still have 62 members who have not paid their annual dues for the current 2023-24 Lodge year which were due on April 1st. Delinquent members are listed below and posted at the Lodge. Please mail your payment or stop in to drop it off and enjoy some time with your fellow Elks.

Delinquent members as of today are:

Ben Anderson	Jeff Anderson	Mitchell Anderson	Jackie Augustin
Greg Bargrain	John Bauer	Carmen Bertelsen	Joseph Bigalke
Sam Brown	Stacy Bystrom	Roger Diercks	Shelley Diercks
Emma Drazkowski	Thomas Drazkowski	Eric Edon	Allison Eisbach
Scott Fagan	Annette Fennern	Angela Foss	Jesse Fox
Joseph Garrison	James Gedrose	Michael Henke	Marilyn Johnson
Martin Jurgensen	Cal Kinney	Lee Kinney	Kyle Knutson
Brian Konz	Roger Kubes	Jeff Magnuson	Kayla McAtee
Jennifer Miles	Valerie Miller	Mike Nevins	Sue Northy
Tom O'Dell	John P O'Reilly	Jay Owns	Johnathan Paradis
Dianna Pasche	Scott Phelps	Mike Polk	Rebecca Prihara
Maggie Purmort	Carl Quist	Cory Rasmussen	Melissa Rasmussen
Ryan Riester	Tara Rossi	Dustin Schulenberg	Linda Schulenberg
Eric Sloan	Jeff Stenerson	Kristen Titus	Mark Tripp
Adam Vosburgh	Brent Warner	Chris Warrington	Susan Weigenant
David Wertman	Martin Winfrey		

Have you moved lately? We need to update your address if you have moved because we are charged fees 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

RW #845 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

as of August 22, 2023

Beginning membership on April 1, 2023

576 members

Initiated: 16 Reinstated: 1

Delinquent: 62 Dropped: 2

Deaths: 4

Current membership total: **587**

Proposed for Membership

Curtis and Duane Hermanson by Sam Landon

New members initiated on August 22nd

Jerry Buseman, Samuel Caswell,
Nicholas Greseth, Michael Manning,
Mary Sibley, Karen Verbeke

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

*Our next initiation ceremony will be held
Tuesday, September 19th*

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

James Isensee

Born: April 9, 1925

Initiated: November 15, 1949

Died: August 1, 2023

To Our Absent Members

*The entire Red Wing #845 Lodge would
like to express our deepest sympathy to the
family of Jim. We shall miss him!*

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

From our Secretary . . .



Americanism Essay Contest

**NOW OPEN
Due 12/15/23**

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

This year's contest includes:

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

The theme for this year's essay is
**"What the Bill of Rights
means to me"**

Essays cannot exceed 300 words and are due to the lodge by 12/15/23. 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 \$350 at the State Level in prizes and up to \$1,000 for a National Essay Winner!!

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

Flags for Labor Day & 9/11

We need volunteers to help with flags

It only takes 30 to 45 minutes with enough help!

Flags up: Thurs 8/31 at 5:00 PM

Flags down: Tues 9/12 at 5:00 PM

We're going to leave the flags up over Sept 11th in memory of those that lost their lives that day along with the medics, police, fire & others who helped.



We will meet at the Lodge - See you there!



**Sunday, September 24th
Red Wing Golf Course**

**18 holes,
4 person scramble**

Shotgun start at 10 AM

Sign up at the Lodge
(include your handicap)
and join in the fun! Teams
drawn based on handicap.

Cost - \$50.00 per person
(RWGC members \$20.00) includes;

- Breakfast
- Golf
- Cart
- Broasted Chicken (after golf)
- Prizes

Breakfast & Team
Draw starting at
8:30 am at the
Red Wing Elks

For more
information or
questions, contact
Larry Larson or
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10/13/23 at the Elks

Join the Hardyman and Magnuson clans for this
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\$10 ticket includes cash prize drawing &
live entertainment by The Hooligans!

TICKETS ON SALE AT THE ELKS

Ask your bartender (Buy 2 & bring a friend!!)

Food available from PicNick's Menu

**Meat Raffles
are at the Elks!**



Join the fun starting at 5:30PM

Our next meat raffle will be held
on Thursday, Sept 21st

BIRTHDAYS

Lodge Hours MON-THURS: 3-8 PM				September 2023		Lodge Hours FRI-SAT: 3-10 PM	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Aug 27	Aug 28	Aug 29	Aug 30	Aug 31	1	2	
	NO FOOD	PicNick's Ckn Stir Fry 5-7 PM	TACO NIGHT 5 - 7 PM	Broasted Chicken 5 - 7 PM	Broasted Fish 5 - 7 PM		
	Open 3-8PM Stop in!			OPEN 3-8	OPEN 3-10		
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
	Happy Labor Day! Lodge closed	Lottie's Philly Cheesesteak 5-7 PM	TACO NIGHT 5 - 7 PM	Broasted Chicken 5 - 7 PM	Private Party NO FOOD OPEN 3-10	Private Party OPEN 3-10	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
	NO FOOD	PicNick's Off the Menu 5-7 PM	TACO NIGHT 5 - 7 PM	PicNick's Off the Menu 5-7 PM	PicNick's Off the Menu 5-7 PM	Private Party	
	Open 3-8PM Stop in!				OPEN 3-10	OPEN 3-10	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
	NO FOOD	PicNick's Off the Menu 5-7 PM	TACO NIGHT 5 - 7 PM	Broasted Shrimp 5 - 7 PM	PicNick's Off the Menu 5-7 PM	Private Party	
	Open 3-8PM Stop in!	Initiation		Meat Raffle 5:30	OPEN 3-10	OPEN 3-10	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
Fall Golf Classic (see ad)	NO FOOD	PicNick's Off the Menu 5-7 PM	TACO NIGHT 5 - 7 PM	Private Party NO FOOD OPEN 3-8	Broasted Fish 5 - 7 PM	Private Party	
	Open 3-8PM Stop in!				OPEN 3-10	OPEN 3-10	
	6 PM Trustees	7PM Lodge Mtg					

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RIVER CITY DAYS THANK YOU!!!!

THANK YOU is NOT enough to show our appreciation for our Beer Tent & Parking organizers - - -
THANK YOU to Lottie Aslakson, Becky Nelson, Charlie Nelson and Justin Key for all of their hard
work before, during AND after this event to make it successful!!!

**While we certainly hope we didn't forget any names, our sincere apology to anyone
who might have been forgotten - the weekend was a little crazy!**

RCD Parking:

Thanks to Organizer Justin Key

Thanks to our volunteers who stood in the heat and rain including Mike Bignell, Allison Eisbach, Dan & Joyce Erz, Dan Ferezan, Jason Garlitch, Scott & Sherri Guse, Don & Mary Hiles, John Key, Gabe & Marisa Kinney, Vicky Koehn, Mn Central District President Tom & June Kramin, Doug Lantis, Larry Larson, Rick & Gretchen Peterson from Hopkins # 2221, Jaydea Poole, Dean & Linda Reinhart, Fred & Vickie Tremper, Tom Zibble and the Red Wing Royal Ambassador candidates.

A special thanks to MCF-Red Wing Community Work crew for their help in setting up our event!

Parade: Thanks to our small but mighty crew of parade volunteers Kevin Riegelman, Erica Fox and Kaylie Peterson for handing out candy!

Beer Tent volunteers

Thanks to our set-up crew, bartenders, barbacks and ticket sellers including Mike Anderson, Justine Becker, Mike Bignell, Royce & Karlyne Bottin, Patty Brown, Carol Burma, Sue Connaughton, Dave Cormier, Sarah Edstrom, Mark & Cindy Eliason, Dave & Linda Everett, Greg & JoLynn Fleming, K.C. & Kim Flueger, John Friedrich, Joe Fox, Jim & Laurie Groves, Scott & Sherri Guse, Chris Gustafson, Wayne Gustafson, Andy Hardyman, Dennis Herling, Lory Holets, Jim Illg, Gary Iocco, Deni Johnson, Betsy Johnston, Nieko Koehne, Doug Lantis, Watt Lee, Bonnie Lohman, Mark Lynch, Scott Maskrey, Katie Morem, Jessica Nelson, Missy Nelson, Shane & Tasha Nelson, Paul & Patsy Nesteby, Jenny Patton, Darla Reese, Dave Riegelman, Steph Riegelman, Megan Simonson, Char & Tim Sloan, Jan Struss and Tammy Wadley. THANK YOU to those volunteers who worked several shifts - your help is greatly appreciated!!

SPECIAL THANKS to Beer Tent Organizers LOTTIE ASLAKSON and BECKY & CHARLIE NELSON.

**Thank you to MIKE WILSON for organizing the bar
and WYLIE WILSON for use of the refrigerated truck!**

Your support makes this event possible!

Welcome New Members!



HELP NEEDED: **Hygiene Donations**

It's back to school and we need to replenish our hygiene supplies for local teens with these MOST needed items:

- Men's Old Spice Body wash
- Feminine hygiene products
- Unscented Lotion
- Women's Shave Gel & Razors
- Men's Shave Gel
- Women's Shampoo & Conditioner Sets

Please drop off your donation at the lodge in the entryway

THANK YOU

We are SO GRATEFUL to all of our donors and volunteers

School Supply Event

WOW! What an awesome opportunity for our lodge to shine in our community! At the 8/17/23 United Way School Supply Distribution, we helped donate, sort, pack and distribute over 300 backpacks filled with school supplies to area kids in about TWO HOURS! Lottie and her crew provided some sloppy joes and our lodge also partnered with Rise Up RW at this event to distribute about \$3,000 worth of hygiene products to area kids / teens from member donations and ENF Grant funding. A special thanks to all our volunteers who helped during all phases of this event including Lottie Aslakson, Royce & Karlyne Bottin, Joyce & Dan Erz, Lori Fox, Barb Johnson, Gwen Lynch, Kevin & Steph Riegelman and Tyler Riegelman. A special thanks to our volunteer students from Rise Up Red Wing who did an incredible job of manning the hygiene supply area during the event!

Kitchen Helpers and Bartenders - We're incredibly grateful for our kitchen **VOLUNTEERS** especially Susan Henke, Bonnie Kubik and Sharon Lee for cooking & helping serve meals.

Thank you **VOLUNTEER** bartenders: Lory Holets & Kurt Huffman. Thank you to all who help around the lodge with cleaning and maintenance work including Arnie Struss, Scott Guse and Dan & Joyce Erz.

School Supply Packs for Tower View: Thank you so much to Karlyne Bottin, Lori Fox, Bonnie Lohman and Steph Riegelman for writing out "Welcome back to school" cards and putting together some school supply pencil bags to give to the nearly 80 students who will attend the Tower View Alternative School this fall! The school is so excited to have these wonderful items to share with their students and kick off the new school year!



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