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UPCOMING EVENTS:

2/11 - Super Bowl / Sloppy Joe Contest (Open-3PM)

2/13 - Lodge Meeting at 7 PM

(Nomination of Officers for 24-25)

2/XX - Flags Up at 5 PM (see e-Blast)

2/13 - Valentine's Meal (NIGHT ONE!)

2/14 - Valentine's Meal

2/14 - Not So Newlywed Game (See ad)

2/15 - Meat Raffle at 5:30 PM

2/16-2/17 - Big Turn Music Festival

2/20 - Initiation Night

2/26 - Trustee Meeting at 6 PM

2/27 - Lodge Meeting at 7 PM

(Election of Officers)

Planning a family or business event?

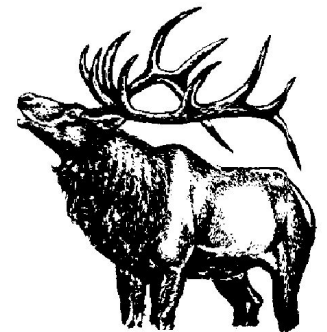
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February 2024

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 -

WOW!!! Is all I can say right now. This year has gone by SO FAST!!! In February, we will nominate our officers for our next lodge year starting on 4/1/24 which saddens me knowing that my time as your Exalted Ruler is almost done.

If you are on the fence about stepping up and getting more involved as a volunteer please do so. The experience you will get is like nothing you have ever seen or done in your life. Just because our Lodge year is coming to an end does not mean the great events that we do are ending. Look for opportunities in this newsletter, on our Facebook page or weekly e-Blast and join us!

With this short and sweet message to you all just remember to keep coming down to the lodge, volunteering for events, enjoying the delicious food we offer and the great hospitality from our bartenders/servers.

We have some fun events happening this month including The Big Turn Music Festival, Not So Newlywed game, Goodhue County Smart Fundraiser with music by the Local Hooligans, and last but not least our meat raffle and amazing broasted shrimp.

I hope to see all your wonderful faces down in the lodge and continue to be the great Elks you are.

In closing..... It's GREAT to be an Elk!!

Jessica Nelson,
Exalted Ruler



BIG TURN: 2/16 & 2/17

LODGE ACCESS AFTER 5 PM

The Big Turn Music Festival is being held in Red Wing on Feb 16 & 17. Our lodge is one of the largest & most desirable music venues.

Members **MUST** purchase a ticket in advance for the event to enter the lodge after 5 PM

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 - Sarah Edstrom (Leading Knight)
Flags - Mike Bignell (Loyal Knight)
Government Relations - Becky Nelson
Highway Cleanup - Lottie Aslakson (Lect Knight)
Hoop Shoot - Greg Frankowski
Lodge Activities - Lottie Aslakson PER
Membership - Becky Nelson
Memorial Service - Sarah Edstrom (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

From our Trustees

In February, we will begin working on the budget for our fiscal year starting on April 1, 2024. We will be looking at our building, our equipment and other expenditures to prioritize our plans for next year.

Once the budget is compiled, we are required to present it to the members at the first lodge meeting in April (Tues April 9th at 7 PM). At this meeting, we will review the budget, answer questions and make any adjustments. Then, we will seek to approve our budget at the April 23rd lodge meeting. ANY member in good standing is always welcome at lodge meetings and we review our financials at EVERY lodge meeting.

February is a VERY important month at our lodge, not only do we start preparing our budget, we also nominate our new officers for the 24-25 Lodge Year. This year is Trustee Charlie Nelson's last year on our Board of Trustees. We thank him in advance for his service to our lodge. Our trustees are the backbone of our lodge and oversee the care of our building as well as the operations of our bar & kitchen. To be a good trustee, it takes some overall knowledge of our Elks organization, an attention to detail, some business sense and it doesn't hurt if they are a little bit handy to help some minor repairs.

From our Secretary . . .

Early in February, I will be mailing out the 2024-2025 dues statements for the new Elk's year which starts April 1, 2024. To be a member in good standing, all members need to have their dues paid before that date. You may also have an opportunity to qualify for "Life Membership" status which means you have been an Elk member for 30 years. This would be a reduced dues rate if you do qualify so reach out to me if you think you do. If you have any questions regarding your membership, please contact me.

We still have 29 members listed below that have yet to pay their dues for the current year. Members themselves, need to contact the secretary if they wish to be dropped as a member. If delinquent members do not pay their dues or contact me before March 30, 2024, they will be dropped for non-payment of dues for the current Elks year. If any other members know of health problems or other issues with these members who might not be able to pay their delinquent dues, please let me know as sometimes we are not informed about these things. If you can help, I would appreciate it.

Mitchell Anderson	Stacy Bystrom	Roger Diercks	Shelley Diercks
Allison Eisbach	Annette Fennern	Joseph Garrison	James Gedrose
Michael Henke	Marilyn Johnson	Martin Jurgensen	Kyle Knutson
Jennifer Miles	Valerie Miller	John P. O'Reilly	Scott Phelps
Rebecca Prihara	Maggie Purmort	Carl Quist	Cory Rasmussen
Melissa Rasmussen		Tara Rossi	Kristen Titus
Mark Tripp	Adam Vosburgh	Chris Warrington	Susan Weigenant
Martin Winfrey			

Have you moved lately? I need to know to update your address as 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

<p>RW #845 MEMBERSHIP REPORT as of January 27, 2024 Beginning membership on April 1, 2023 576 members</p> <p>Initiated: 25 Reinstated: 1 Affiliated: 1 Deaths: 5 Dropped: 5 Absolute Dimit: 1 Transferred Out: 2 Delinquent: 29 Current membership total: 590</p> <p><i>We currently have 10 candidates proposed for membership and hopefully we can get them initiated before the end of March!!</i></p>	<p>Proposed for Membership Brian Dietz by Paul Siewert Andrew Harteneck by Scott Kuehl Sarah Kimbal by Jessica Nelson Kelly Kuehl by Scott Kuehl Joe Lofrano by Paul Siewert Lori Nelson by Jessica Nelson Andrew Vonch by Scott Kuehl</p> <p><i>Our next initiation ceremony will be held Tuesday, February 20th. Candidates who have been elected will be notified by mail.</i></p>
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Submitted by Red Wing Elks Lodge #845 Secretary, Becky Nelson

Elks Care - Elks Share

Super Bowl Football Party

February 11th
Doors open at 3PM



Snacks

**Drink
Specials**

We will also have some "LA GAMES"
(That's not Los Angeles, that's Lottie Aslakson!)



Bring your favorite Sloppy Joes
Elks will provide buns & chips.
Prize awarded for "fan favorite"

President's Day Flags!!

We need help with flags

Flags Up: Check weekly e-Blast

Flags Down: Tues, Feb 20 at 5 PM

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



Are you a member of the ENF Fidelity Club?

ENF's Fidelity Club is the EASIEST way to spread your donation throughout the year & 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! Supporting ENF helps our lodge apply for grants totaling more than \$20,000 each year to help youth and veterans in our area!

Find out more / enroll online at
enf.elks.org/recurring

Join us for some fun....

VALENTINES DINNER & NOT SO NEWLYWED GAME



Wednesday, February 14th

Sign up **TODAY** for a fabulous meal from PicNick
Stop by or call the lodge to sign up for your choice of a
Filet Mignon or Salmon dinner

After dinner - Stay for the

NOT SO NEWLYWED GAME

featuring emcee Kevin Riegelman and contestants

*Jim & Laurie Groves
Jeff & Margie Hardy*

We're still looking for 2 more couples!

Can't make it Weds night?

*The same great meal will be
served on Tuesday too!*

Sign up **TODAY** at the lodge the same amazing meal
choices as above just served a day before Valentines!
This is one meal you do NOT want to miss!

Sign up by XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

PENNY-A-DAY CAMPER CLUB

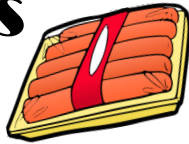
*Our Mn Elks State Project is the MN Elks Youth
Camp near Nisswa MN*

This amazing property provides a week-long traditional youth camp experience to deserving kids in Minnesota. If you'd like to support the camp with your one-time, annual, quarterly or monthly donation — The Penny-A-Day Camper Club is for you!

Go to www.mnelksyouthcamp.org
and click on Donations to set up your donation!

What's happening at the lodge?

Meat Raffles are at the Elks!



Join the fun starting at 5:30PM
on Thursday, Feb 15th



We had a **BIG WINNER!**

*On Friday 1/26/24, one of our lodge
members won an \$84,000 bingo pot!
Stop down and play Booty Chaser or
other fun games on e-tabs.
Ask your bartender for more info!*

Check out the WEEKLY E-NEWS
for changes in schedules & menus!

NOT SIGNED UP?

Email - rw845secretary@redwing845.org

It's *GREAT*
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ENF Scholarships

The Elks Nat'l Foundation awards \$1.4 MILLION in
\$4,000 scholarships to 350 children & grandchildren of
Elk members in good standing through the

ENF Legacy Scholarships.

Applications are due 02/05/234

Apply at www.enf.elks.org/leg

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

**Avoid cleaning your house to
host family gatherings or any
other function**

**CALL LOTTIE!!
651-388-5862**



BROASTED SHRIMP

LOVE our Broasted Meals?

Check out our BROASTED SHRIMP
on Thursday, February 15th from
5PM until it runs out!
Dine in or Take out.

**SAVE THE PLANET - STOP GETTING
YOUR NEWSLETTER BY SNAIL MAIL!**

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE send your email to
rw845secretary@redwing845.org **TODAY**



THANK YOU

We are SO GRATEFUL to all of our donors and volunteers



ELKS HOOP SHOOT Results

We held our Annual Hoop Shoot on Sun, Jan 14th where winners from local schools in Red Wing and Goodhue competed. Congratulations to our winners:

	GIRLS	BOYS
8-9 Yrs	Jaysa Dankers 15/25	Griffin Riester 16/25
10-11 Yrs	Briella Ryan 14/25	Caleb Hanson 14/25
12-13 Yrs	Blakely Kamps 13/25	William Peterson 23/25

Thanks to our volunteers - Lottie Aslakson, Mike Bignell, Gregg Frankowski, Jim Halvorsen, Kelly & Scott Kuehl, Charlie Nelson, Dean Reinhart and Emma, Chad & Aiden Steffen.

Metro District HOOP SHOOT RESULTS

The Metro District Hoop Shoot was held in Red Wing on Sun Jan 28th. Here are the results of our Red Wing kids:

Years	GIRLS	BOYS
8-9	Jaysa Dankers - First	Griffin Riester - First
10-11	Briella Ryan - First	Caleb Hanson - Second
12-13	Blakely Kamps - First	William Peterson - First

GOOD LUCK AT THE STATE SHOOT!!!!

Thanks to our volunteers - Lottie Aslakson, Mike Bignell, Janet Brandt, Gregg Frankowski, Scott Kuehl, Becky Nelson and Kevin & Steph Riegelman

Kitchen Helpers and Bartenders - We're incredibly grateful for our kitchen **VOLUNTEERS** especially Jeff Hardy, Susan Henke, Sharon Lee, Dave Nyman, Leanne Nyman and Tina Shivel for cooking & serving meals. THANK YOU to Barb Johnson and Leanne Nyman for helping with the United Way Taco Bar during their Bingo Bash. Thank you **VOLUNTEER** bartenders: JoLynn Fleming, Lory Holets & Kurt Huffman.

Storage Area Work - THANK YOU SO MUCH to Lu & Wynn VonBargen. They donated their time AND all of the materials to create a storage area out of our old unused basement stairway. THANK YOU!!!

Christmas Day Meal: WOW! We had a HUGE crew on Christmas Day morning to help prepare 139 meals served to essential employees at RW Police, Goodhue Cty Sheriff, Dispatch, Correctional Facility and area homeless individuals. It was incredible to watch all the elves who took time from their holiday celebrations to help prepare and deliver these meals. THANK YOU to our cooks Lottie Aslakson, Leon Klenke and Watt Lee. Thanks to our volunteers including Tracie Borchard, Sue Connaughton, Sarah Edstrom, Baily Evans, Melissa Evans, Neil Handwerk, Sue Handwerk, Bruce Himple, Karen Himple, Sarah Kimbal, Ali Kruger, Holly Kruger, Kory Kruger, Zack Kruger, Kelly Kuehl, Lexi Kuehl, Scott Kuehl, Chad Lampman, Emmerich Lampman, Joe Lampman, Kailyn Lampman, Lucien Lampman, Maggie Lampman, Melody Lampman, Theo Lampman, Jess Nelson, Lori Nelson, Patsy Nesteby, Kevin Riegelman, Steph Riegelman, Tyler Riegelman, Nancy Rosener, Jan Wall, Steven Wall,

Cookie Decorators: THANK YOU to our volunteers who helped decorate cookies for the Christmas Day meals including Sue Connaughton, Rita Fox, Jess Nelson, Patsy Nesteby, Darla Reese!



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