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UPCOMING EVENTS:

7/2-7/6 - Elks Grand Lodge Convention

Held in Minneapolis MN

7/11 - NO LODGE MEETING

7/20 - Meat Raffle at 5:30 PM

7/22 - 120th Anniversary Celebration (see ad)

7/24 - Trustee Meeting at 6 PM

7/25 - Lodge Meeting at 7 PM

Mark your calendar:

8/3 - Some volunteers needed for RCD Set-up

Aug 4-6 River City Days (VOLUNTEERS NEEDED)

Planning a family or business event?

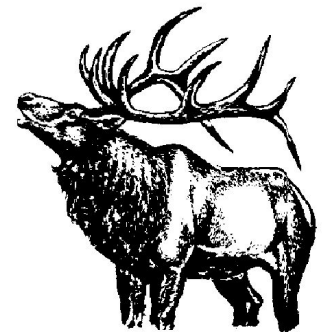
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July 2023

It's Great to be an Elk!



ISSUE 2023 - 07

*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 -

Summer is in full swing and I hope everyone is staying cool during these hot temperatures! If you are one of our members traveling around the country this summer, remember to search and see if there's an Elks Lodge along your way -- Elks Lodges are GREAT places to take a break from the long open road and cool down during the summer.

As the Fourth of July approaches, I am preparing to join Exalted Rulers from across the country in Minneapolis for our Grand Lodge Convention. 2004 was the last time a Grand Lodge convention was hosted by the State of Minnesota and I am proud not only to attend this convention but also to volunteer to help make the convention a huge success. I'm extremely honored to represent our lodge and am excited to attend my first National Convention.

This past weekend along with 17 other members from our lodge, I attended our State Elks Convention held in Rochester MN. This was a great opportunity to connect with other MN Elks and learn more about the great things being done in the 24 lodges in Minnesota. At this convention, our lodge received several awards for Membership and Penny A Day giving and our own PER Steph Riegelman was awarded the Female Veterans Volunteer of the Year for MN Elks Association. Congrats!!!!

I can not be more proud of all we do for our youth, veterans & community!

It's GREAT to be an Elk!

Jessica Nelson,
Exalted Ruler



Red Wing # 845 Committee Chairs

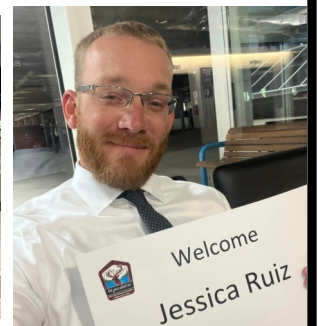
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Christmas Baskets - Dennis Herling
Community Activities - Karlyne Bottin
Drug Awareness - Lottie Aslakson, PER
Flag Day - Sarah Edstrom (Leading Knight)
Flags - Mike Bignell (Loyal Knight)
Government Relations - Becky Nelson
Highway Cleanup - Lottie 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

CONGRATULATIONS

RWHS Senior Alexis Kuehl

**She was awarded a \$4,000 ENF
Legacy Scholarship**

Welcome New Members!



2023 GRAND LODGE CONVENTION

Held in Minneapolis MN

Here are the first of many RW 845
Volunteers (L-R: Scott & Sherri Guse and
Justin Key helped greet arriving guests at
MSP Airport on 6/26/23)

From our Secretary . . .

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer weather so far! Don't forget to stop down occasionally to enjoy some time at the Lodge with your fellow Elks and bring friends and family with you. There are always great meals to enjoy during the week if you don't feel like cooking supper. Just look over the newsletter calendar to see what is cooking.

We currently still have 82 members who have not paid their annual dues for the new 2023-24 Lodge year. Membership dues were due April 1st so your dues are now 4 months overdue. Our Red Wing Lodge does many wonderful things for so many in our own community. You should be very proud to continue to be a member of this great organization! If you are not sure if you have paid your dues yet, please contact me to find out. I will be posting a list of delinquent members at the Lodge and in the August newsletter.

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

<p><u>RW #845 MEMBERSHIP REPORT</u> as of June 26, 2023 Beginning membership on April 1, 2023 576 members</p> <p>Initiated: 10 Reinstated: 1 Delinquent: 82 Current membership total: 586</p> <p><u>Proposed for Membership</u> Jerry Busena & Karen Verbeke by Dan Erz</p> <p><u>New members Initiated June 20th.</u> Ervin Bueckers, Joel Enderle, Greg Quas</p> <p><u>Reinstated member</u> Jodi Jones</p> <p>Please welcome these new & reinstated members to our Elk family!</p>	<p><i>The clock of his day has stopped and across its dial the motionless shadows mark the hour of eleven.</i></p> <p><i>Bruce Bodin</i> Born: June 8, 1933 Initiated: September 23, 1975 Died: May 25, 2023</p> <p><i>To Our Absent Members</i></p> <p><i>The entire Red Wing #845 Lodge would like to express our deepest sympathy to the family of Bruce.</i></p>
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Submitted by Red Wing Elks Lodge #845 Secretary, Becky Nelson



Re-upholstering our Chairs: A VERY SPECIAL

THANK YOU to all of the members who helped make this un-planned project possible through their financial donations! Donors included Dean Dahling, Reed & Jill Demmer, Sarah Edstrom, Don Falk, Bill Hardyman, Denny Hinck, Bill Holst, John Howe, Tim Hutchson, Barry Johnson, Betsy Johnston, Chuck Klair, Larry Larson, John Mahn, Dale Mehrkens, Randy Mehrkens, Frank Neises, Roy Neufeldt, Al Quarnstrom, Duffy Schafer, Randy Schoen, Neal Siewert, Scott Smith, Pete Sorensen, Wynn & Lu VonBargen, John Wiederholt and Mike Wilson. Thank you to Trustee Jan Struss for organizing this project and making it happen.

BIRTHDAYS

Lodge Hours
MON-THURS: 3-8 PM

July 2023

Lodge Hours
FRI-SAT: 3-10 PM

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	Tony Schutz Tim Sloan						
2	Robert Sward						
3	Roger Heitman						
4	Jason Swanson		4 Happy 4th of July!!!				
5	Ron Binner			5 TACO NIGHT 5 - 7 PM			
6	Robert Dail				6 Broasted Chicken 5 - 7 PM		
7	Jody Bade					7 Broasted Fish 5 - 7 PM	1 _____
8	Pam Horlitz Robert Zignego	CLOSED					8
9	Larry Horlitz, PER						
10	Jay Ryan David Lyons						
11	Tara Rossi Emma Steffen	9 NO FOOD	11 Picnick's Champagne Ckn w/ Mashed Potatoes 5-7 PM	12 TACO NIGHT 5 - 7 PM	13 picNick's Brisket Sand w/Fries 5-7 PM	14 Picnick's Salmon Cake Sand w/Fries 5-7 PM	15
12	Jay Tauer John Key	10 NO FOOD Open 3-8PM Stop in!					
13	Trevi's Bray Jason Burrow						
14	Ron Holt Cameron Olson						
15	Linda Schullenberg Leo Niehues	16 NO FOOD	18 Picnick's Ckn Stir Fry 5-7 PM	19 TACO NIGHT 5 - 7 PM	20 Broasted Shrimp 5 - 7 PM	21 Picnick's Menu 5-7 PM	22 120th Anniversary Celebration
16	Jennifer Patton Dan Anderson						
17	Lona Bignell, PER Ken Bjornstad	17 NO FOOD Open 3-8PM Stop in!	7PM Lodge Mtg				
18	Fred Fanslow Mitch Anderson						
19	Leonard Strusz Charlie Nelson, PER	23 Private Party	25 Picnick's Roast Beef Dinner 5-7 PM	26 TACO NIGHT 5 - 7 PM	27 picNick's French Dip Sand w/Fries 5-7 PM	28 Picnick's Burger Sliders w/Fries	29 Private Party
20	Cory Rasmussen Scott Maskrey	24 NO FOOD Open 3-8PM Stop in!					
21	Brenda Stelter Joe Dube						
22	Tammy Wadley Mark Kaiser		7PM Lodge Mtg				
23	Donna Thompson Jeff Stenerson	30					
24	Bill Holst Jason Yarwood	31 NO FOOD Open 3-8PM Stop in!	Aug 1 Philly Cheese steak Sand W/ Fries 5-7 PM	Aug 2 TACO NIGHT 5 - 7 PM	Aug 3 RCD Set-up NO FOOD	Aug 4	Aug 5
25	Susan Handwerk Roger Diercks						
26	Scott Fagan Justin Key, PER						
27	James Key						
28							
29							
30							

River City
Days

Check this out!!!!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR . .

JULY 22ND
NOON—???

Red Wing Elks # 845 turns 120 years old this year and we'd like to invite you to join us to celebrate this milestone

Free food from Noon til gone
Give aways

Memorabilia on display
Recognition of 50+ Yr Members
PicNick's Off-the-Menu at 5 PM
Karaoke at 7 PM

This event is

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Batters Up: New to Red Wing # 845 is the Batters Up program aimed at providing a competitive batting opportunity for boys and girls ages 5 to 15.

Thanks to PER Scott Guse for all of his work to get this program started in our lodge. Special thanks to Jon Bohmbach, Neil Newman, Justin Plein & Chris Wilson for all their help in setting up this great event.

Many thanks to our volunteers MN Elks State President Craig DeForge, RW Mayor Mike Wilson, Lottie Aslakson, Mike Bignell, Jon Bohmbach, Kelly Bohmbach, Mark & Karen Castner, Sue Connaughton, Dave Cormier, Sarah Edstrom, Mark & Cindy Eliason, Dan & Joyce Erz, Dan Ferezan, Betsy Johnson, Gary Iocco, Justin Key, Bob Kubik and Todd Lillico.

Twenty-one kids competed in our first ever Batters Up program and here are the results:

Girls 5 & 6 Yrs

1st - Ava Pyle

Boys 5 & 6 Yrs

1st - Henry Rother

2nd - Brooks Thygesen

Girls 7 & 8 Yrs

1st - Willa Meyers

Boys 7 & 8 Yrs

1st - Silas Price

2nd - Adeline Riester

2nd - Roland Lund

Girls 9 & 10 Yrs

Boys 9 & 10 Yrs

1st - Harper Rehdantz

2nd - Jaxon Mahn

Girls 11 & 12 Yrs

Boys 11 & 12 Yrs

1st - Riley Rehdantz

2nd - Marek Sparby

Girls 13—15 Yrs

Boys 13—15 Yrs

1st - Sophie Meurer

1st - Joseph Ferguson



Elks Care - Elks Share

RIVER CITY DAYS

August 4 - 6, 2022

LOTS OF HELP NEEDED

RW ELKS are coordinating the Beer Tent AND Event Parking! This is THE largest event we do to support our lodge & our charitable programs - so PLEASE grab some friends and sign up to work a shift or two!!! We REALLY need parking help all weekend, some help setting up on Thursday and help in the beer tent selling tickets, serving refreshments and working security during the evenings.

If you plan to serve beer & wine, please contact Lottie PRIOR to signing up to find out more about the required server test certificates - contact Lottie for more information.

Questions, contact Lottie Aslakson or Becky Nelson.

PLEASE don't wait to be asked . . . Every volunteer is greatly appreciated!
Sign-ups are posted at the Lodge!

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

3 AND FREE!

Our Lodge year is April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024. A new member is defined as someone that has been initiated into the Lodge. If you bring in THREE new members (new applicants or reinstatements) during the 23-24 Lodge Year
YOU QUALIFY for FREE DUES in 2024!!!



Americanism Essay contest winner
Sienna Yockey and her family
Congratulations!



Hygiene Supply Drive

We are partnering again this year with Rise Up RW for a hygiene pack distribution in late July.

If you'd like to help, here are some of the most needed items:

- Acne Facewash
- Men's Axe Body Wash (Full size)
- Deodorant for men and women
- Feminine hygiene products
- Mouthwash & Dental Floss
- Chapstick
- Full Size Men's Shampoo
- Shampoo & Conditioner sets for Women
- Women's and Men's Shave Gel & Razors
- Unscented Lotion
- Ponytail Holders

Please drop off your donation at the lodge by 7/23/23.

Our mailing address is
306 W 4th St. Red Wing 55066

THANK YOU

We are SO GRATEFUL to all of our donors and volunteers



Freedom Grant

Thanks to a Freedom Grant from the Veterans Service Commission, our lodge provided 8 raised garden

beds for the veterans at the Hastings Home this spring! This project helps some of the veterans who are wheelchair bound or need walker assistance to help grow flowers as well as fresh veggies..

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Picture of the kids sent by RW Elks 845 at the MN Elks Youth Camp - They had an AWESOME week!

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Thank you to Mike Bignell and Dan & Joyce Erz for helping Lottie cook a dinner for some Hastings Veterans Home vets during Memorial Day Weekend. Thanks to everyone who helped put up and take down flags for the Field of Honor - They started putting up flags earlier than planned but so many members came to help—unfortunately, we didn't get a listing of names. Thank you to Kelly Bohmbach, Sarah Edstrom & Bob Kubik for helping to put out and take down chairs for the Memorial Day ceremony.

A special thank you to everyone who attended the Quilt of Honor ceremony at Potters Ridge for our oldest RW 845 member Jim Isensee. Eleven other veterans were given special gifts from the Lodge. Thank you to Lottie Aslakson and Lona & Mike Bignell.

RW Kids to MN Elks Youth Camp: Thank you so much for everyone who worked so hard to send local kids to the MN Elks Youth Camp!

- Gwen Lynch for all her work preparing the families and getting all the paperwork ready.
- Dan & Joyce Erz for serving hot dogs during our camper orientation. Missy Nelson for helping to check the kids for head lice.
- THANK YOU to Justin Key for donating his time to drive the bus up to and back from camp!
- Gwen Lynch & Karlyne Bottin for escorting the kids up to camp
- Dan & Joyce Erz for helping get them safely home from camp.
- Thank you to Lottie for all of her behind the scenes efforts to organize all of this!

If you want to see how much fun the kids had - go check out the MN Elks Youth Camp facebook page for pictures from Week 1. They were VERY busy every minute of every day!

Newsletters: Thank you so much to Lottie Aslakson and Dan & Joyce Erz for getting the June newsletter folded and mailed!

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