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**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

11/9 - Flags up at 5 PM

11/11 - Veterans Day Steak Dinner

11/13 - Flags down at 5 PM

11/14 - Lodge Meeting at 7 PM

11/17 - Turkey Games

11/27 - Trustee Meeting at 6 PM

11/28 - Lodge Meeting at 7 PM

11/30 - Meat Raffles at 5:30 PM

**Mark your calendar:**

12/1 - Annual Christmas Silent Auction

12/9 - Kid's Christmas Party at 3 PM

12/16 - Christmas Basket packing & delivery

1/11/24 - Next Meat Raffle (none in Dec)

**Planning a family or business event?**

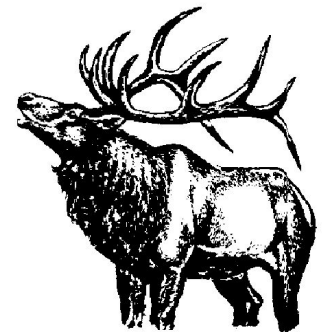
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*November 2023*

*It's Great to be an Elk!*



ISSUE 2023 - 11

*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 -

These past few months, we have welcomed so many new members. When you see them in the lodge, please introduce yourself and make sure to welcome them to their new Elks home. Encourage them to bring in their friends and family to enjoy the amazing friendship, food and beverages.

In mid-October, some of our officers attended our mid year convention at Breezy Point in Brainerd MN. So much fun was had and the weather was amazing for the afternoon at the MN Elks Youth Camp hosted by our North District. During the important meetings that we attended, we learned about all the events that the Elks lodges across MN have hosted and some great ideas were shared. Any member is invited to attend our conventions and I encourage you to attend if you have the desire to do so.

On Oct 28th, we hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Rib Fest! Our Metro District President Tim Johnson came down to test out the RW Elk's wonderful Ribs. It was extremely difficult to decide.... we have so many talented members!

On Sat. Nov 11th, we are hosting our annual Veteran's dinner to show respect to our Veteran's within our Elk family. When you see any veteran, please show your support for the sacrifices they made so we can enjoy the opportunities we have.

In November, we will welcome our very own Metro District Deputy Justin Key for his official visit to review our lodge operations and its financials..

Finally, I want to give a huge shout out to the many volunteers we have. Without them we can not complete some of the great events and community events we do as Elks.

As all Elks, we should all be loud and proud shouting out to all  
*It's GREAT to be an Elk!*

Jessica Nelson,  
Exalted Ruler



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



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Youth Camp Recruiter - Lottie Aslakson, PER

## Welcome New Members!



Thank you!  
TO THOSE  
That served!!  
Happy Veterans day!

# From our Secretary . . .

Welcome to a cooler season everyone! It never fails to arrive, and we should know how to handle it, but we don't have to like it as we know how much colder it will get. For those members and our widows who will go south for the winter months, enjoy each and every bit of it! Thank you to those who let me know your winter address. I hope you are able to stop at other Elks Lodges while you are gone for the winter. Just don't forget to take your card with you.

38 members have not paid their annual dues for our current 2023-24 Lodge year. We are over halfway through the year so I would appreciate it if these could get cleaned up. Delinquent members are listed below and posted at the Lodge. Either mail your payment to the Lodge or drop it off to continue to enjoy your membership. If you know any member listed below who is in poor health, please contact Lottie or me so we can assist them if possible as we may not be aware of it. This is what Elks do.

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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](mailto:rw845secretary@redwing845.org)

## **RW #845 MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

as of October 26, 2023

Beginning membership on April 1, 2023

**576 members**

Initiated: 23 Reinstated: 1 Deaths: 3

Dropped: 5 Absolute Dimit: 1

Transferred Out: 2 Delinquent: 38

Current membership total: **589**

### **Proposed for Membership**

Gary Longballa by Ron Thompson

Tracie Borchard and Dawn Geving

by Jamie Bombardier

## **New members initiated on October 17th**

Donald Anderson, Karolyn Bennis,

Leannell Rusch, Robin Wedrickas

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

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*Our next initiation ceremony will be  
Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>*

***Each year, on the first Sunday in  
December, we honor our members who  
have passed away. Please join us  
December 3, 2023***

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

# Elks Care - Elks Share



*Red Wing 845's*  
**Annual Christmas Party**  
*Friday, Dec 1, 2023*



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 Sue Foster.

*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 16th at 8 AM at the Lodge**



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

The start of November means it is time to start gearing up and planning for the Holiday Season. A grand Red Wing Elks tradition that has been around for Santa only knows how many years is our Christmas Basket Project. Last year, we delivered 151 baskets filled with food to families in our community on the Saturday before Christmas.

A few years ago, we expanded our Christmas Project to include a Christmas Day meal for area homeless. Last year on Christmas Day, we served 148 ham dinners - - 30 to homeless individuals and 118 to essential service providers.

Christmas is a time for caring and sharing. This year, we will be packing and delivering our Christmas food baskets on Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. On Christmas Day, we will be delivering meals to area homeless and essential service providers.

Your overwhelming generosity and continued support allows our Christmas Project to happen and be successful. Enclosed in this newsletter, you will find "the biggest little envelope." If you are able, please take the time to contribute and be a part of this great Red Wing Elks tradition.

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

Dennis Herling, Chairman, Christmas Basket Committee

# What's happening at the lodge?



## 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 \$1,000 for a National Essay Winner!!

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

## Flags for Veterans Day

We need volunteers to help with flags

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

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

**Flags down:** Mon 11/13 at 5:00 PM

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



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

## Meat Raffles are at the Elks!



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

Elks Lodge #845

## Memorial Service



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

**Sunday, December 3rd**

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.

This year, we remember the following departed members:

Mike Olson  
Richard McLaughlin  
Delbert Johnson  
Roy Harley  
Dwayne Howe  
Bruce Bodin  
Mark Olson  
Jim Isensee

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!!!**

# BIRTHDAYS

Lodge Hours  
MON-THURS: 3-8 PM

# November 2023

Lodge Hours  
FRI-SAT: 3-10 PM

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	Laura Aadelan						
3	Scott Lappegaard La Moyné Logan						
4	Dan Erz						
	Darrell Mattson, PER						
5	Leannell Rusch Steve Earney Frank Ferrin Ron Schlemann						
7	Eric Wirra						
8	Steve Hyllengren Chris Warrington						
9	Tim Anderson Dan Hemmah Mike Melstad						
11	Troy Daniels						
12	Julia Bohmbach Sue Connaughton						
13	Joshua Lyons						
14	Jeff Sonju						
15	Courtney Calt Rodney Huppert Kayla Perkins Dean Reinhart						
16	Joseph Garrison Jim Groves						
17	Jonathan Paradis Dawe Wooden Randy Schoen						
19	Jan Struss Garrett Kitzmann Sharon Lee Clayton "Duffy" Schafer, PER Susan Weigenant						
20	Wayne Buraw						
22	Tina Stewart						
23	Christopher Earney						
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26	Karlhne Bottin John Ferrin						
27	Tom Perkins Greg Quiding Paul Karhen						
28	John Lang						
29	Mike Jacobson Gerald Lindstrom						
30	Jesse Fox						
	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
	<i>Decorate the Lodge</i>	<b>NO FOOD</b> <i>Open 3-8PM Stop in!</i>	Lottie's Reubens 5-7 PM	<b>TACO NIGHT</b> 5 - 7 PM	<i>Happy Thanksgiving</i> Tom & Jerry's	<b>HOLIDAY STROLL</b> <i>OPEN 3-10</i>	<i>Black Saturday Specials</i> <i>OPEN 3-10</i>
	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>Dec 1</b>	<b>Dec 2</b>
	<i>Vikings Football</i> 7:15	<i>Vikings Football</i> 6 PM Trustees	Picnick's Off the Menu 5-7 PM	<b>TACO NIGHT</b> 5 - 7 PM	<b>Broasted Shrimp</b> 5 - 7 PM	<i>Christmas Party / Silent Auction (see ad)</i> State Pres visit	<i>OPEN 3-10</i>

# Elks Care - Elks Share

## ENF Scholarships

*Know any High School  
Seniors applying for college?*

This year, the Elks Natl Foundation is awarding **\$2.52 MILLION** in Most Valuable Student Scholarships to 500 High School Seniors across the country. **Applications are accepted through 11/13/23**

**Go to [enf.elks.org/mvs](http://enf.elks.org/mvs) to apply!!!**

In addition, ENF 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

**Go to [www.enf.elks.org/leg](http://www.enf.elks.org/leg) to apply!!**

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



## MINNESOTA VIKINGS

**Lodge opening for Sunday Vikings games starting in OCTOBER!**



**The Lodge will again be opening this year for Sunday Vikings games starting in October, hosted by your favorite game-time bartenders; Mark Lynch, Lottie Aslakson & Royce Bottin**

**Drink Specials Every Sunday!**

Sun 11/5 12:00 PM - @ Atlanta (FOX) - Open at 11:30

Sun 11/12 12:00 PM - vs New Orleans (FOX) - Open at 11:30

Sun 11/19- 7:20 PM - @ Denver (NBC) - Lodge CLOSED

Mon 11/27 7:15 PM - vs Chicago (ESPN) - Reg Lodge Hours

*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*

## 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
- Tying fleece blankets for high school students and younger kids
- Signing Christmas Cards to spread some holiday cheer to kids & families

The giving tree will be up by the end of the month and ready for you to pick a tag. OR have fun shopping for some stocking stuffers & drop it in the bin at the lodge!

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

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

## **NOT SIGNED UP?**

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

# Elks Care - Elks Share

On Veterans Day Saturday  
November 11<sup>th</sup>



We will be serving a Steak dinner  
to our Veteran members. We will  
be serving at 5:30PM

This dinner will be FREE for Elk members in good  
standing who are active military or veterans!

It's *GREAT*  
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## **NEEDED: WINTER GLOVES for VETERANS**

For the past 5 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 16TH**— We are collecting warm winter gloves for men and women to distribute on Saturday, Nov 18th near the Mpls VA Hospital. Drop off your donations in the veterans box in the entry at the lodge. Thank you!

**NOVEMBER 09 THURSDAY**  
6:30 - 8:30 PM

## Paint Party Santa Gnome

Fun Music!  
Door Prize Drawing!

Food & Drinks available to Purchase!  
Beginner & Family Friendly

**\$35**

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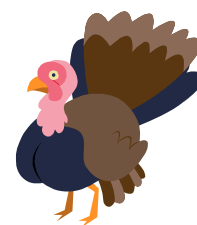
**SIGN UP HERE**



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## **TURKEY GAMES** Friday, November 17

Food by PicNick's  
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

We are SO GRATEFUL to all of our donors and volunteers

## 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 "bonus" which helps off-set our annual \$5/member Annual Youth Camp Assessment

**We sold 5 winning tickets!!**

Winners were:

Sarah Edstrom, Denny Hinck, John Mahn,  
Tyler Riegelman and Randy Schoen

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

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

**BAR LIGHTS:** Our thanks to Darla Reese and Scott Maskrey for purchasing and installing new lights over the bar! THANKS A BUNCH!



THANK YOU to our small but mighty "Sanitary Engineering group" who completed the Highway Cleanup in October. Volunteers were Mike Bignell, Kate Lang, Linda Quarnstrom and Tim Hutchson

At the Elk's . . .

## Holiday Stroll

Friday, November 24th

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
to help serve burger baskets

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY - SEE LOTTIE



**KID'S  
CHRISTMAS  
PARTY**

**Saturday 12/9/23**  
**Starts at 3 PM**

Food, fun games and  
a visit from Santa!

**THANK YOU**  
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