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JANUARY 2017 MESSAGE

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Members All,

While the 2016 Calendar Year has ended, we still have a lot to look forward to, and accomplish, in 2017, as the **Elk Year continues to April 1.**

I would like to return to 2016 long enough to first thank Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus for helping us end the year at our yearly, Kids' Christmas Party (See Photo). The event was a huge success, with a good attendance. Then, later that evening, your Lodge hosted our annual Christmas Dinner / Party for well over **100** START clients. Everyone was treated to a delicious chicken dinner, followed by a return visit by Mr. & Mrs Claus, who visited with each individual and handed them a gift bag of fruit and candy. I, and the Lodge, are grateful to everyone helped in any way, with either of these projects!

As we venture into 2017, Lodge #572 will be hosting a three E. N. F. (Elks National Foundation) Benefit Shooting Matches. I ask that you consult calendar, along with the article in this Newsletter. Will I see YOU at one of these, as participant, observer, or volunteer?

Also, our **22nd, Annual C. C. C. Dart Tournament and Auction is scheduled for February 25th.** (See Insert Page.) This is a great opportunity for YOU to volunteer - ask Chairman, B. J. Wyatt how you can help, or when you can attend a planning meeting. This is a very important fund raiser for our State Major Project (Children's Care Corp.), and we will need a good turnout, so just put it on your calendar. Remember - as a Lodge, we here, have an important tradition and record to uphold!

Looking ahead further, tickets are now on sale for our Luck-Of-The-Lodge Raffle, as is detailed in related article in this Newsletter. We are hoping to use the proceeds to help pay for a new air conditioning / heating unit, which had to be installed the 2nd week of December, as a result of the unexpected demise of the old unit, which was original with the building in 1996!

We do still have a limited supply of our Holiday Nut Sale - remember, this is for our Local Scholarship Award.

In February, the Lodge will be taking nominations for next year's Officers. We will have some positions to fill, so please consider looking into helping your Lodge in this way. Talk to myself, or any of our current Officers, about it.

Well, Santa and his Elves have done their work and and it may be time for them to take a vacation. On the contrary, it's no time for Lodge #572 to slow down! I cannot express, in words, the need we have for volunteers to help with all our events. At our initiations, I have heard many new members say that they joined the Elks to "**help.**" Unfortunately, however, I have only seen a few new faces (I and the Lodge do appreciate you!). As I see it, being an Elk member is an honor and a privilege, not a right. So, if you (new member - or old) have not yet found a way to volunteer time or talent to the Lodge, I would ask that you consider stepping forward and helping out. Come to a Lodge, House, or Board of Trustees meeting - it's likely that some discussion or topic will give you an idea of where help is needed. Maybe search out, or talk to members or Officers who are coordinating / chairing an event or program, and say to them, "How can I help you?" See - It's not all that difficult!

That is All,
Joe Patrick, E. R.

**PHYSICAL THERAPY
SCHOLARSHIPS**

Do you know a High School Senior who is planning to major in Physical or Occupational Therapy (or PT/OT Physical therapy Assistant, 2-year Programs)? If so, let them know that the Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation's Scholarship Program is now open. Information / Applications are available online, at illinoiselksccc.org You can also call the C.C.C. for information at 1-800-272-0074. Deadline to submit completed application, to Local Lodge, is March 3, 2017.



In vain we call. They have passed into the light which is beyond the valley of the shadow of death. The places that have known them shall know them no more; but their virtues are written upon the tablets of love and memory.

CAROL LYNN COVENTRY
December 10, 1946 - November 29, 2016
CHARLES (CHUCK) FAGER
December 9, 1953 - December 2, 2016

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Tina Phoenix
- 3 Richard Martin
- 4 James Carlock
- 4 Lonnie Choate
- 4 Roland Wagner
- 5 Bradley Doerner
- 5 Donald McBride
- 5 William Todd
- 5 Alvin Valdez
- 6 Monica Nippe
- 7 Robert Etherton
- 7 Debra Tindall
- 8 Randall Beckman
- 8 Richard Kiel
- 8 Robert Knope
- 8 Roderick Rowe
- 10 Craig Stewart
- 11 Holly Arbeiter
- 12 Rockford Stiegman
- 13 Dan Pullis
- 13 Harold Sheffer
- 13 Bob Swetland
- 13 Brian Winters
- 14 Cathy Mason
- 14 Dale Schimpf
- 15 Jack Huppert
- 15 Tonya Knust
- 15 Derek Pfeaster
- 15 Julie Roberts
- 16 Russell Bogenpohl
- 17 Mary Strothmann
- 18 Truman Cashman
- 18 Michael Herron
- 19 Andrew Erbes
- 19 Carolyn Ihle
- 19 William Porter
- 19 William Terry
- 19 Brian Davenport
- 20 Bruce Martin
- 22 David Ciganovich
- 22 Michael Wepsiec
- 24 Marcia Butler
- 25 David McDowell
- 25 Richard Varner
- 26 Randall Heins
- 26 Brian Korando
- 26 Edwin McLaughlin
- 27 Rick Polete
- 28 Ronald Schemonia
- 30 Mark Pierson
- 31 Janice Ehlers
- 31 Kelsey Paul



Santa and Mrs. Claus again visited at the Elks Lodge #572 "Kids' Christmas Party." Needless to say, good time was had by all!

QUEEN OF HEARTS RAFFLE REPORT

- 11/29 David Flowers: \$100 Name Draw; No win on Card Draw
- 12/06 Don Keipp: \$100 Name Draw; No win on Card Draw
- 12/13 Neil Holley \$100 Name Draw; No win on Card Draw

As of this publication, value of a Queen of Hearts draw is approaching \$7,000.00! Raffle Tickets are on sale in the Club Room, at \$1.00 each. (Reminder - to be eligible to play, you must be the holder of an **Elks #572** Member, Spouse / Significant Other, Widow, or Associate Member card, which is paid-up by the First Day of the month of desired play.) Join in on our 7:00 p.m. Drawings, each Tuesday, in the Club Room. Enjoy being with fellow Elk Members, and maybe a selection from our Kitchen!

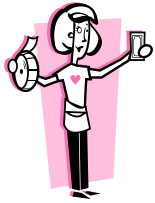
**C.C.C. BENEFIT
CALENDARS
AVAILABLE AT LODGE**

Some weeks ago, the Illinois Elks Children's Care Corp. sent out order letters for the 2017 Illinois Elks Children's Benefit Calendar. If you did not take advantage of this mail-in option we now have a very limited supply at the Lodge. They are \$20 each, and include making you eligible for 261 drawings, ranging from 245 week-day \$50 prizes, to one top prize of \$5,000. Inquire in the Club Room.



NUT SALE STATUS

This event, which funds our yearly, local Elk's #572 Scholarship to a "C" student (Senior), at Murphysboro High School, has been doing well! Thanks to all of you who have sold and / or purchased our fresh and popular selections, direct from the Thames Pecan Co. in Georgia. We have completely sold out our supply of Pralines and Chocolate Pecans. **We do**, as of this publication date, **still have**: Pecan Halves; Cashews, English Walnuts, Whole Almonds, and Gourmet Mix. Please consider a purchase - in person, if you are at the Lodge, or check with "Nut Chairperson," Chris Paul, at 618-924-3507.



TICKETS NOW ON SALE
LUCK OF THE LODGE RAFFLE
\$5,000 1ST PLACE PRIZE
\$20 DONATION
ONLY 800 TICKETS SOLD
PRIZES AWARDED TO

(9) WINNERS & (9) SELLERS

DRAWING & PARTY
FOR TICKET HOLDERS

3/11/2017
SEE TICKETS OR FLYERS FOR
COMPLETE DETAILS
(IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO
PARTICIPATE IN SELLING
TICKETS, SEE
DIANE CHAMNESS)

Mail-In Request Ticket
Cut me out & mail me in !!

Name: _____

Address _____

Include \$20 Check / Ticket

MAIL TO:

Elks Lodge #572

Luck of the Lodge

P. O. Box 787

Murphysboro, IL 62966

Actual, Numbered Ticket Stub will
be mailed back to you.



**MURPHYSBORO ELKS ENF BENEFIT SHOOTING
MATCHES**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2017

CRAZY JOE'S FISH HOUSE

SIGN-UP @ 12 NOON

(NO SCOPES OR PUCKER GUNS ALLOWED - 6.70 MAXIMUM CHOKE)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

SHILOH HILL

SIGN-UP 12 NOON

(NO SCOPES OR PUCKER GUNS ALLOWED - 6.70 MAXIMUM CHOKE)

FOR QUESTIONS CALL: RICK EHLERS

@ 534-1689

**(Proceeds will go toward our contribution to the
Elks National Foundation)**

BOTH EVENTS INCLUDE:

RAFFLES

50/50 DRAWING

MEAT WHEEL

FREE FOOD

Even if you don't plan to shoot - Come enjoy the day, Meat Wheel, Drawings, and fun with fellow Elks - all while helping our Lodge meet our ENF Per-Capita for the year, and qualify for our Grants!

PER, Edward Fisher, and Elk helpers visit Veterans at the Manor at Craigs Farm, in Chester.



SERVING OUR VETERANS

The Officers of Lodge #572 wish to extend our appreciation to PER, Edward Fisher; PDDGER, John Saunders; Yvette Phillips, and fellow volunteers who took time to visit our Veterans in Randolph County Residential Centers, for both Veteran's Day, and Christmas - delivering cards and cheer in November, and Gifts in December. Likewise, Veteran's Service Chairman, Seth Schemonia (with help from Steve Schemonia) helped carry out Christmas visits and gifts in Jackson County. Also, a reminder to all - please consider volunteering to visit / help serve meals to Vets at the Haven, 11:00 a.m., the 3rd Tuesday of each month, under our ENF Beacon Grant.

ELKS CLUB ROOM HOURS

MONDAY ~ THURSDAY
2:00 P.M. ~ 11:00 P.M.

SATURDAY
12:00 P.M. ~ 12:00 A.M.






FRIDAY
2:00 P.M. ~ 12:00 A.M.

SUNDAY
12:00 P.M. ~ 8:00 P.M.

January 2017

COMING EVENTS

ENF Shooting Matches: Jan. 15, 29, and Feb. 26
 Jan. 8 - S. Dist. Meeting, Anna-Jonesboro Elks Lodge
 Jan. 14 - District Hoop Shoot at Anna-Jonesboro High School Gym
 Jan. 17 - Veterans Meal at Haven 11 a.m.
 Jan. 27-29 - IEA State Meeting in Springfield
 Feb. 25 - C.C.C. Dart Tournament
 March 11 - Luck of the Lodge

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 HAPPY NEW YEAR 	THURSDAY & FRIDAY SERVING 5:30 PM ~ 9:00 PM		4 LODGE MTG. 7:30 PM HOT WINGS .50 EA. APPETIZER SPECIALS (6-8 P.M.)	5 10 OZ STRIP STEAK <u>\$14.95</u> 1/4 FRIED CHICKEN \$6.95 1/2 FRIED CHICKEN \$7.95 INC. MASHED POT., GRAVY/ VEG., ROLL & SALAD BAR	6 ALL YOU CAN EAT CATFISH \$8.50	7
8 DIST. MTG. ANNA-JONESBORO	9 JOIN ELK FRIENDS IN THE CLUB ROOM	10 TINA'S CHOICE 	11 BOARD OF DIRECTORS 7:00 PM HOUSE MTG. 7:30 HOT WINGS .50 EA. APPETIZER SPECIALS (6-8 P.M.)	12 10 OZ STRIP STEAK <u>\$14.95</u> 1/4 FRIED CHICKEN \$6.95 1/2 FRIED CHICKEN \$7.95 INC. MASHED POT., GRAVY/ VEG., ROLL & SALAD BAR	13 MEATLOAF, MASHED POT., GRAVY, VEG. & ROLL \$8.00	14 DIST. HOOP SHOOT AT ANNA-JONESBORO HIGH SCHOOL GYM
15 SHOOTING MATCH FOR ENF CRAZY JOES	16 JOIN ELK FRIENDS IN THE CLUB ROOM	17 TINA'S CHOICE VETERAN'S MEAL AT HAVEN 11 AM 	18 LODGE MTG. 7:30 PM HOT WINGS .50 EA. APPETIZER SPECIALS (6-8 P.M.)	19 10 OZ STRIP STEAK <u>\$14.95</u> 1/4 FRIED CHICKEN \$6.95 1/2 FRIED CHICKEN \$7.95 INC. MASHED POT., GRAVY/ VEG., ROLL & SALAD BAR	20 SPAGHETTI & MEATBALLS, SALAD & GARLIC BREAD \$8.00	21 HALL RENTED STEAK NIGHT 5:30 TO 9:00 PM Rib-Eye or Shrimp
22	23 JOIN ELK FRIENDS IN THE CLUB ROOM	24 TINA'S CHOICE 	25 HOT WINGS .50 EA. APPETIZER SPECIALS (6-8 P.M.)	26 10 OZ STRIP STEAK <u>\$14.95</u> 1/4 FRIED CHICKEN \$6.95 1/2 FRIED CHICKEN \$7.95 INC. MASHED POT., GRAVY/ VEG., ROLL & SALAD BAR	27 CHICKEN BREAST & WHITE SAUCE, ROASTED POT., SALAD, & ROLL \$9.00	28 HALL RENTED
29 SHOOTING MATCH FOR ENF SHILOH	30 JOIN ELK FRIENDS IN THE CLUB ROOM	31 TINA'S CHOICE 			MTG. IEA SPRINGFIELD	