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MARCH 2018, E. R. MESSAGE

Members All,

February has been an extremely busy month at Murphysboro #572. Major activities started with a special, Valentine Day Dinner (which I thought was delicious). Just completed was our 23rd Annual Dart Tournament & Auction, to benefit our State Major Project, the IL. Elks Children's Care Corporation. The day following saw somewhat weary Elk volunteers journey to Crazy Joe's Fish House, to run our last benefit shooting match for the Elks National Foundation (ENF), which enabled us to meet our \$5.50 per-capita (State President's Goal). Raising this level of Lodge contribution will now provide us with access to all the ENF Grants, which we will use in our community in coming months. Let me extend my Thanks to all of our volunteers who helped us with these events, along with our members who participated in these activities. It takes everyone, to make Murphysboro Lodge #572 successful!

I would like to not report that we presently have some 24 delinquent members for this 2017 - 2018 Lodge year, which will end on March 31. If you know any of these members (see list on page 3 of this Newsletter), and would like to encourage them to not let their membership terminate, it would be greatly appreciated. (If illness, economic issues, or unusual circumstances apply, and the member does wish to remain active, the Lodge may be able to help - - - encourage them to talk to us!) As required by statute, these individuals will be receiving a final notice, in the next week or so, outlining the drop procedure and the various options available to them, should they allow their membership to terminate.

For the other 96.4% of you who are not in this group of 24, you have received your dues notices for 2018 - 2019. Many of you have already submitted your payments - Thank You! And, if you have not done so, at this point, please remember that the new Lodge year begins April 1, at which time you will become "past due," and will not have a new Key Card for our Doors. Also, your eligibility for certain Elk activities and events may be placed in jeopardy, if you are not current for 2018-2019. Remember, too, that Lodge Meetings, House Meetings and Board of Directors meetings all require a paid up membership card for attendance. So, let's all plan to get this accomplished!

Lodge Officers will be conducting the final Initiation for this Lodge year, at the regular meeting on Wednesday, March 7. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

If you have not purchased your Luck-of-the-Lodge Tickets yet, there are still some available. They are \$20 each. Nine (9) prizes will be awarded on March 10, ranging from \$100 to the **top prize of \$5,000.00**. Hall doors open at 4:00 p.m., to Ticket holders. Drawings occur from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Then, the **Dirt Water Fox Band** will follow, live on our stage.

Since this is my last E. R. Message, I would like to Thank the members of Murphysboro Lodge #572 for their support and encouragement throughout this past year!

Fraternally,

Debbie Sauer, Exalted Ruler

LODGE #572 WILL HELP VETERANS WITH 150TH ANNIVERSARY GRANT

At the Lodge Meeting held on February 7th, the Officers and Members present voted to write our ENF, Anniversary Grant, in the Amount of \$1,500.00, to assist the Haven, Veteran's Day Center on Crab Orchard Lake, with needed improvements that they might identify. Their Board has decided that new **lighting, for security and safety**, is a priority. Therefore, our Grant proposal is being written, with this goal in mind. Murphysboro Lodge #572 is proud to continue serving and assisting our Veterans!

BIRTHDAYS

3/1 John Caldwell
 3/1 Jack Camden
 3/1 Thomas Shields
 3/2 Billy Dallas
 3/2 Cur Pierson
 3/2 Gary Raines
 3/3 Jeff Daniel
 3/4 Emmett Whitacre
 3/5 Richard Green
 3/6 Donald Cochran
 3/6 Herbert Dougan
 3/6 Linda Patrick
 3/6 Lawrence Reardon
 3/7 Mike Dickerson
 3/8 Richard Ehlers
 3/8 Joe Roth
 3/10 Sylvester Stiegman
 3/11 Joan Cox
 3/11 Steve Ridings
 3/12 Andrew Belobraydic
 3/12 Everett Blackwell
 3/12 Audrey Eden
 3/12 Todd Lirely
 3/12 David Trimble
 3/13 Melissa Ferguson
 3/13 Charles Johnson
 3/14 Joe Sendek
 3/15 Bob Abbott
 3/15 Scott Wheeler
 3/17 Danny Lawson
 3/18 Jennifer Canning
 3/18 Clay Cochran
 3/18 Charles E Fisher
 3/18 Travis Smith
 3/19 Alan Gordon
 3/19 Gary Tension
 3/20 Fred Carter
 3/20 Lori Graff
 3/20 Craig Keller
 3/20 William Moeglin
 3/20 Ted Rose
 3/20 Michael Ryan
 3/21 Benjamin Howard
 3/21 Dennis Johnson
 3/21 Brian Mifflin
 3/21 Justin Moniger
 3/22 Dale Alstat
 3/22 Dale Mifflin
 3/22 Tim Schenk
 3/23 Kevin Bost
 3/23 Jerry Henry
 3/23 Adam Korando
 3/24 Robert Diehl
 3/24 Terry Gerlach
 3/24 Joy McAllister
 3/24 Rick Raney
 3/25 Eric Clendenin
 3/25 Esequiel Reyes
 3/25 Frederick Thompson
 3/26 Joseph Rains
 3/28 Ray Burroughs
 3/28 Jerry Nance
 3/30 Russell Brown
 3/30 Shawn Imhoff

QUEEN OF HEARTS EVADES DETECTION
THROUGH FEBRUARY DRAWS!



Another draw will have occurred by the time you receive this March Newsletter, and with only 3 cards left on the board as of this publication writing, things may have changed drastically! We are now in Stage 4, so name draws are \$200.00 (As of Feb. 28, the Queen value stood at \$8,913, and will certainly be over **\$9,000.00** for the March 6th Draw.) Here are weekly results, since our last Newsletter:

01/30 Mike Guetersloh: \$100 Name Draw; No win on Card Draw
 02/06 Max Doerr: \$100 Name Draw; No win on Card Draw
 02/13 Mike Guetersloh: \$100 Name Draw; No win on Card Draw
 02/20 Sue Givens: \$100 Name Draw; \$125 on Ace Draw
 02/28 Scott Wheeler: \$100 Name Draw; No win on Card Draw

Reminder: Drawings are on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. (Ticket purchases end at 6:00 p.m.) 50/50 Drawing follows at 7:15, and Dinner-For-Two at 7:30.

2018 - 2019 ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS OF #572

From nominations received at the February 7th and 21st Lodge Meetings, the following elected and appointed positions were filled for the coming year.

ELECTED:

Exalted Ruler - Darcie Hastings
Leading Knight - Richard Martin
Loyal Knight - Bill Paul
Lecturing Knight - Larry Elliott
Secretary - Merle Evans
Treasurer - Sandy Schenk
Trustee (5-Yr.) - Debbie Sauer
Trustee (2-Yr.) - Jim Ferguson

****Note - Continuing Trustees are: Patty Stokes (4 yr); Joe Patrick (3 yr); and Bob Allard (1 yr).**

The appointed positions of Tiler, Inner Guard, Chaplain, and Esquire will soon be filled by Exalted Ruler Elect, Darcie Hastings.

Also, Committee Chairpersons and other positions required by Grand Lodge, or Illinois Elks Association, are in the process of being appointed by Exalted Ruler elect, Darcie. Installation will occur at 7:30 p.m., April 4, 2018 just prior to the regular Lodge Meeting of that date.) Please congratulate these new Officers, and thank them, in advance, for their time and commitment to the continued success of our Lodge!



LUCK OF THE LODGE RAFFLE
IS HERE
SATURDAY, MARCH 10

\$5,000 1ST PLACE PRIZE

\$20 DONATION

8 ADDITIONAL WINNERS

PARTY & DRAWINGS IN LODGE HALL
DOORS OPEN AT 4PM; DRAWS ARE 5-6 PM
(OPEN TO THOSE WITH TICKET STUBS)

DIRT WATER FOX BAND FOLLOWS,
AFTER COMPLETION OF DRAWINGS

NOTE: As of publication time, the only remaining tickets, available for sale would be from those unsold & which have just been returned from our volunteer sellers. A few may be available at the door - but no certainty. To check on ticket availability & updates, call Diane Chamness (618-684-4541) or (618-201-6812). (Raffle details are still posted on our website: www.elks572.org)

NEW LODGE YEAR
CARD & KEY CARD REMINDERS

As **APRIL 1** begins the 2018 - 2019 Lodge year, the new, **FAWN** key Cards will, on said date, be required to operate all 3 carded doors affiliated with our Club Room.

Remember, a current membership card is required for attendance at All Lodge meetings; House; and Board of Directors meetings. Any member who is not paid by April 1, falls into the "Delinquent" category - so #572 Elks all - please work to take care of this basic and important obligation of membership! (As notices have been out for a couple weeks, many of you have already sent in your dues payment - **Thank You!**)

C.C.C. DART TOURNNEY & AUCTION REPORT

As our 23rd Annual Tournament & Auction occurred so late in the already short month of February, results are still being collected and tabulated. However, as of this publication date, we are looking at a preliminary net result of around \$8,800.00. A final figure will appear in our April Newsletter. Thanks, in advance, to all who helped and participated in various ways, and to those who donated Live or Silent Auction items (Bidders, too!). And, we certainly want to thank chairman, B. J. Wyatt, for all the time and effort he contributed, as chairman of our major fundraiser for our Illinois Elks, Children's Care Corp. We want to acknowledge our **Board Sponsors**, as follows: Oliver & Associates; Corner Tavern (M'Boro); Fuzzy's; 13 RF Inc.; Canning Auction Service; Stewart's Auto Body; Edward Jones; B. W. Electric & Locating; Express Towing; First Southern Bank; Lewis Creek Band; Hughes auto Service; Heartland Catering; Schwebel Printing; J & J Ventures; Korner Tavern (Campbell Hill); J. T. Blankenship; In Memory of Brad Wilcox; Midland Inn; MRD Trucking; Old Rome; Roberts Law Firm; Morgan & Guthman, CPA Accountants; Silkworm; James Ferguson; Long Branch Shooting House & Saloon; ICSS Industrial / Commercial Sales; Merle & Kendra Evans; Bank of Carbondale; Distinctive Flooring; David & Emily Flowers; Auto Works; 17 St. B.B.Q.; Fricke Mgt. & Consulting; Samron Midwest Contracting; Fager McGee Construction; Joe's Barber Shop; Apple Tree; Patriots Bravo Co.; W. J. Burke Electric; Steve McGee; PLP Battery Supply; Doug & Patti Carr; Vic Koenig Chevrolet; Mark Kennedy, Great Boars of Fire.

FINAL CALL TO OUR FELLOW
DELINQUENT ELKS

Section 14.160, Statutes of the Order, is now coming into effect for 24 of our members. This Grand Lodge Statute requires the Lodge Secretary to notify all delinquent members of the upcoming date on which their membership in the BPOE, and Lodge #572, will be terminated. Notification will also outline possible options which will apply, after said Drop date, for those who allow the drop to occur. While this group is only 3.63% of our 687 members, we still remain hopeful that several of these delinquent members will consider the importance of the Elks Organization, and our Lodge #572, to our Members, our Community, our Veterans, our Children, and other Community Organizations which we serve. As requested by Exalted Ruler, Debbie Sauer, in this month's E. R. Message, please give encouragement to any of these individuals you might know, to take the necessary steps to avoid being dropped from membership! **This group of 24 includes:** Michael Adams, Paula Carson, Patricia Clark, Chris Cochran, Dr. Edward Conrad, Marty Davis, Janet Faulkner, Bianca Hadsock, Ted Harsha, Jerry Henry, Ben Howard, Richard Kiel, Sharon Leggans, Justin Moniger, Jeremy Pierce, Brad Rife, Ron Schemonia, Clarence Sherman, Jimmie Simmons, Randy Skoffic, Cynthia Smith, Heather Spradling, Ekrim Sweeney, and Jason Wright.



Congratulations to our own Lodge #572 Hoop Shoot contestants who represented us at the State competition in Decatur on 2/24/18. **Trent Sternberg**, from Red Bud Elementary, won **FIRST PLACE** in the boys' (age 10 & 11) division, with 21/25 free throws, and will represent Illinois in North Central Region 3, in Iowa City, on March 10! (Our Lodge, along with the South District, will be providing additional monetary support for Trent and family, in addition to that provided by the Illinois Elks Association.) And, **Elly Buch** placed 2nd in the Girls' (age 8 & 9) division, with 16/25 free throws. Elly is from St. Marks Lutheran School, in Steelville. We are proud of both these young individuals! And, Trent - good luck in Iowa City!

ELKS CLUB ROOM HOURS

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

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



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

SUNDAY
2:00 P.M. ~ 10:00 P.M.

March 2018

COMING EVENTS

Mar. 10 - Luck of the Lodge
Apr. 1 - Beginning of New Lodge Year - All Dues are Due!
Apr. 4 - Installation of Officers for 2018-2019
Apr. 8 - District Mtg. at Herrin
May 18-20 IL. Elks Annual Mtg., Springfield

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>THURSDAY & FRIDAY SERVING 5:00 PM ~ 9:00 PM FULL MENU & SPECIALS!</p>		 <p>BREAKFAST IS SERVED ANYTIME FROM 5:00 ~ 9:00 PM EVERY TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY</p>		<p>1 RIB EYE STEAK <u>\$15.95</u> <i>ALL YOU CAN EAT CHICK- EN; INC, MASHED POT., GRAVY/VEG., ROLL & SALAD BAR \$10.00</i> <u>OR FULL MENU</u></p>	<p>2 ALL YOU CAN EAT CATFISH SPECIAL \$8.50 <u>OR FULL MENU</u></p>	3
4	<p>5 LUNCH 11:00 AM TO 1:00 PM BBQ PORK WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00</p>	<p>6 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 50/50 7:15 SMOTHERED CHICKEN</p>	<p>7 LODGE MTG. 7:30 PM INITIATION HOT WWINGS .50 EA & APPETIZER SPECIALS 6-8 PM</p>	<p>8 RIB EYE STEAK <u>\$15.95</u> <i>ALL YOU CAN EAT CHICK- EN; INC, MASHED POT., GRAVY/VEG., ROLL & SALAD BAR \$10.00</i> <u>OR FULL MENU</u></p>	<p>9 MEATLOAF SPECIAL <u>OR FULL MENU</u></p>	10 LUCK OF THE LODGE
11	<p>12 LUNCH 11:00 AM TO 1:00 PM MEATLOAF SAND- WICH WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00</p>	<p>13 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 50/50 7:15 HORSESHOE START DANCE IN HALL</p>	<p>14 BOARD OF DIREC- TORS 7:00 PM HOUSE MTG. 7:30 HOT WWINGS .50 EA & APPETIZER SPECIALS 6-8</p>	<p>15 RIB EYE STEAK <u>\$15.95</u> <i>ALL YOU CAN EAT CHICK- EN; INC, MASHED POT., GRAVY/VEG., ROLL & SALAD BAR \$10.00</i> <u>OR FULL MENU</u></p>	<p>16 CORN BEEF & CAB- BAGE SPECIAL <u>OR FULL MENU</u></p>	17
18	<p>19 LUNCH 11:00 AM TO 1:00 PM HOT TENDERLOIN PLATE WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00</p>	<p>20 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 50/50 7:15 HOT TENDERLOIN PLATE VET DINNER @ HAVEN</p>	<p>21 LODGE MTG. 7:30 PM HOT WWINGS .50 EA & APPETIZER SPECIALS 6-8 PM</p>	<p>22 RIB EYE STEAK <u>\$15.95</u> <i>ALL YOU CAN EAT CHICK- EN; INC, MASHED POT., GRAVY/VEG., ROLL & SALAD BAR \$10.00</i> <u>OR FULL MENU</u></p>	<p>23 LASAGNA SPECIAL <u>OR FULL MENU</u></p>	24 TRIVIA BACK HALL RENT- ED
25	<p>26 LUNCH 11:00 AM TO 1:00 PM LASAGNA WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00</p>	<p>27 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 50/50 7:15 ITALIAN BEEF</p>	<p>28 HOT WWINGS .50 EA & APPETIZER SPECIALS 6-8 PM</p>	<p>29 RIB EYE STEAK <u>\$15.95</u> <i>ALL YOU CAN EAT CHICK- EN; INC, MASHED POT., GRAVY/VEG., ROLL & SALAD BAR \$10.00</i> <u>OR FULL MENU</u></p>	<p>30 PORK ROAST SPECIAL <u>OR FULL MENU</u></p>	31 BACK HALL RENTED END OF 2017-18 ELK YEAR!