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APRIL 2018, E. R. MESSAGE

Members All,

I would like to thank Debbie Sauer for all her hard efforts this past year, and ALL of you who stepped up to assist and help Deb and our Lodge. Here's hoping you will continue, or perhaps get involved for a first time, this upcoming year! On that note, if anyone would like to volunteer or be active in any upcoming events, let me know. We can always use more volunteers, and especially as we plan on scheduling more events in 2018 - 2019. I would be extremely grateful for any assistance. Speaking of activities - don't forget about some that are already underway: the Weekly Drawing is on Monday, at 7 p.m., with Drink Specials all day; The Queen of Hearts (See article), with updated rules in place, is on Tuesday, at 7:00 p.m., with the 50/50 Raffle following at 7:15 (Tickets sold 5-7 p.m.). Remember Monday Lunches, from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (See Calendar). Some upcoming events to look for: a "Putt-Putt Crawl" and our own Lodge Golf Scramble. And with "Events" in mind, why not come to a Lodge Meeting - see what's going on - see if you would like to get even more active in our Lodge! Finally, Congratulations to Steve Zak, our Elk of the Year!

As we work to be **Benevolent** to everyone, let's keep Murphysboro Elks Lodge (in the words of our upcoming District Deputy from Metropolis Lodge #1428, Lyndall Qualls) the "Lodge of the Universe."

Sincerely, Darcie Hastings, E. R.

LUCK-OF-THE-LODGE RAFFLE REPORT

We extend a big "Thank You" to so many of you who either helped in a variety of ways with, or simply purchased tickets for last month's Luck-Of-The-Lodge event and fund raiser for the Lodge! Wow - it was again (as has been the case, since the very first one) a sell-out. Several members stepped up to sell these raffle tickets, and others helped out, on site, the day of the raffle! If you haven't heard, the \$5,000.00 top prize was won by our own Elk member, Bob Hall (Seller of his ticket was Harold Sheffer, who collected \$200.00). Winner of the 2nd prize of \$1,000.00 was also one of our members, Mr. Joe Summers (Seller was Jim Ferguson, who received \$100.00.). If you want to see winners / sellers of the other 7 prizes, this information is currently posted in the Club Room. On the day of the Raffle, it was a packed house, for sure, with ticket purchasers enjoying food and drink, while observing the ticket draws at spaced intervals. Then, live music, by the Dirt Water Fox Band was well received and held a large crowd into the evening. Great job, everyone - you are all much appreciated!



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.

PHYLLIS RATH October 19, 1940 - March 18, 2018

BIRTHDAYS



- 4/1 Jesse Barge
- 4/2 John Quigley
- 4/2 Jason Spears
- 4/3 David Phillips
- 4/3 Edward Tennant
- 4/4 Jerald McClerren
- 4/4 Roger Phoenix
- 4/6 Mike Uffelman
- 4/7 John Grammer
- 4/8 Troy Cripps
- 4/8 Gary King
- 4/9 Jonathan Tremblay
- 4/10 Richard Adams
- 4/10 Donald Payne
- 4/11 Fredia Doody
- 4/11 Gary Korando
- 4/12 Henry Leischner
- 4/13 Lofton Atnip, Jr.
- 4/13 Troy Biggs
- 4/14 Fred Gilbert
- 4/14 Mary Korando
- 4/14 Leigh Ann Stokes
- 4/16 Tracy Ferguson
- 4/16 Robert Kirschbaum
- 4/16 Tina Lustig
- 4/17 Mark Wright
- 4/19 Rebecca Atkinson
- 4/20 Cory Endres
- 4/20 Fred Schnautz
- 4/22 Max Doerr
- 4/22 Edward Fisher
- 4/22 Donald White
- 4/23 Steven Joiner
- 4/23 Lucy Mitchell
- 4/24 Cynthia Hobbs
- 4/24 Daniel Parmley
- 4/24 Christine Paul
- 4/24 Robert Winters
- 4/25 Tina Carter
- 4/26 Gerald Cameron
- 4/27 Paul Polete
- 4/27 John Uffelman
- 4/24 Kathy Lynn Wills
- 4/28 Richard Williams
- 4/29 Robert Bolinski
- 4/29 Douglas Carr
- 4/29 Michael Desett
- 4/29 John Saunders
- 4/29 Clifford Tanner
- 4/30 Michael Layne



P.E.R, Steve Zak, is this year's Elk-Of-The-Year for Lodge #572 (Shown accepting award from E. R., Debbie Sauer). Though not an Officer this past year, Steve has continued to serve in the following areas: Americanism Chair; Americanism Essay Contest; Flag Team Coordinator; Orientation Chair; District Ritual Chair; Officer Substitute for #572 Initiation & Memorial Rituals; Webmaster for Lodge #572 (One of Top Websites, Nationally); Card Hanger for ENF Benefit Shooting Matches; and general "Go-To" member for last-minute, Volunteer needs. Good Job, Steve!



THE QUEEN WAS FOUND!

That's right - at the March 6th Raffle Drawing, Member, MICHAEL SHERMAN'S ticket was drawn. Mike had chosen card position #12, and that's where the Queen of Hearts was hiding, all along! Her value was **\$9,375.00!** Congratulations, Mike! The Queen being found, a New Board started on March 13th, at \$740.00. Please recall, that as printed in our October, 2017 Newsletter, new guidelines apply (You can go to elks572.org to access this Newsletter!). Major changes include a **reduction in Lodge share, from 30%, down to 10%**, and will not be taken out of total pot until the Queen is drawn; Should the winner of the Queen **not be present**, he or she will receive half of the Queen's Value - but the other half will **Roll forward to the next Board**; and, sales will now continue until **6:45 p.m.** on each Tuesday, for the 7:00 p.m. Queen Drawing. (Also, don't forget - sales for the **50 / 50 Raffle** will be from 5 - 7 p.m., each Tuesday, with draw at 7:15 p.m. Then a Dinner-for-Two Draw occurs at 7:30, from the Drum of Queen Tickets.) Come, enjoy...Great food options are available, also! Finally, here are recent results on the new board:

- 03/13 Richard Martin, \$25 Name Draw; No win on Card Draw
- 03/20 Mike Sherman, \$25 Name Draw; No win on Card Draw
- 03/27 Janice Hines: \$25 Name Draw; No win on Card Draw

(Queen value for the April 4th Draw will be \$1,171.00)

03/27 (Queen value for the April 4th Draw will be \$\$\$\$\$\$\$)



The regional competition for this year's Hoop Shoot competition was held on Saturday, March 10th in Iowa City, Iowa. We received the following report:

"Thank you so much for the local support of Trent as he traveled to Iowa City to compete in the regional contest. He shot 19/25 baskets and ended in fourth place. He is a little bit bummed he didn't place first but ready to come back next year and win!!! Thanks again for the financial support....Hilary Sternberg"

Lodge 572 stands behind all our Hoop Shoot participants. Seeing one of our local competitors go this far makes our Lodge proud and confirms that the time volunteers spend on Hoop Shoot is time well spent. Way to go, Trent!!!

And, here is what Trent, himself, had to say in a Thank-You note, just received at the Lodge: "Elks Lodge #572, I love the Hoop Shoot Contest! Winning the local, district, and the state championship for boys age 10-11 was awesome. I had fun in the hotels and met lots of friends. Thank you for the check for gas money too. Trent Sternberg, See you next year when I compete! "

FINAL RESULT ON 23RD ANNUAL DART TOURNEY & AUCTION

FOR ILLINOIS ELKS CHILDRENS CARE CORPORATION

On March 19th, your Lodge was able to forward a check to the C. C. C., our State Major Project, in the amount of \$9,034.76. This amount will be added to what has already arrived at the Care Corporation, from Members of Lodge #572 (Calendar Sales; State-wide Drawing; Memorial Donations; and Ho-Do Pins), to produce our total contribution amount for 2017 - 2018. Thanks, EVERYONE, who contributed in any way - once again showing that with Murphysboro #572, ELKS CARE - ELKS SHARE!

LODGE #572 PROUD TO ACHIEVE MEMBERSHIP GAIN!

For year 2017 - 2018, your Lodge has managed to increase its membership to 664, as of April 1, 2018. Initiations, Reinstatements, and Transfers in totaled 41. Deaths, Transfers Out, and Absolute Dimits resulted in a loss of 18. This gain of 23 was unfortunately offset by our 21 members who were dropped for Non-Payment of Dues, on March 31st. A modest gain - yes, but a GAIN, non the less! **And, 664 is the largest, year's starting number of members in the History of the Murphysboro Lodge!**

Always of great importance to Lodge growth, are our members who take the time and effort to propose new candidates, or secure reinstatements! Hats off to the following sponsors for this past year: Leading the list is Michael Guetersloh, with **9**; with **2** each were James Ferguson and Robert Hahn; and with **1** each were the following: Shelly Kelly, Dale R. Schimpf, Steve Schemonia, John Pugh, Mark Pierson, Craig Stewart, B. J. Wyatt, Lynn Porter, Richard Green, YeYo Granados, Christine Paul, Rick Ehlers, Tonya Knust, Darcie Hastings, Ed Fisher, Dianne Chamness, Brad Doerr, Clay Cochran, Seth Schemonia, Dale Mifflin, Tina Carter, Jay Ziegler, Clarence Calandro, Eric Clendenin, and Jerry Miller, Jr. Thanks, everyone. And, Members ALL - think to the upcoming year - YOU, too, could be a Sponsor!!!

NUT SALES FOR LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP AT MHS

Lodge Members All - Still on hand are: Walnuts, Almonds, Cashews, Praline Pecans, and Pecan Pieces. All selections are now \$10.00 (Some, originally, were \$11.00). We are not sure, exactly, as to the reason, but this year's sales were slower, and much below all prior years. Also, to receive adequate shipping discounts and keep our prices stable, the Lodge has been ordering a fall shipment, usually running between \$9,000.00 - \$11,000.00 (A huge capital outlay, at a time when Lodge funds are trending lower, in the second half of the Lodge year). As a result of these situations, we regret to report that the Lodge will not continue our Holiday Nuts Sales, this coming fall. So, this is, in essence, your final chance to purchase and enjoy these outstanding items from the Thames Pecan Co., in Georgia. (To all of you who have, and do look forward to purchases through this fund-raising effort, we sincerely apologize for the discontinuance - but we have to deal with both economic and time realities involved in the program.)

As to our Local Scholarship, for a "C Student" at Murphysboro High School, we will continue said scholarship - but funded through other Elk projects or Events!

ELKS CLUB ROOM HOURS



MONDAY ~ THURSDAY **SATURDAY**
 2:00 P.M. ~ 11:00 P.M. 2:00 P.M. ~ 12:00 A.M.

FRIDAY **SUNDAY**
 2:00 P.M. ~ 12:00 A.M. 2:00 P.M. ~ 10:00 P.M.

April 2018

COMING EVENTS

May 18-20 IL. Elks Annual Mtg., Springfield
 June 3 - So. Dist. Organizational Mtg., Marion Lake Property
 June 15 - Submission Deadline for Summer, IEA, Newsette
 July 1-4 - Grand Lodge Convention (150th) San Antonio, TX

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 LUNCH 11:00 AM TO 1:00 PM MEATLOAF SANDWICH WEEKLY DRAWING 7:0	3 COUNTRY FRIED CHICKEN QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 50/50 7:15	4 LODGE MTG. 7:30 PM <u>INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS</u> HOT WWINGS .50 EA & APPETIZER SPECIALS 6-8 PM	5 RIB EYE STEAK \$15.95 ALL YOU CAN EAT CHICKEN; INC, MASHED POT., GRAVY/VEG., ROLL & SALAD BAR \$10.00 <u>OR FULL MENU</u>	6 ALL YOU CAN EAT CATFISH \$8.50 1/2 FRIED CHICKEN \$9.50 <u>OR FULL MENU</u>	7 BACK HALL RENTED
8 DISTRICT MTG. AT HERRIN LODGE HALL RENTED	9 LUNCH 11:00 AM TO 1:00 PM HOT TENDERLOIN PLATE WEEKLY DRAWING 7:0	10 HOT BEEF PLATE QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 50/50 7:15	11 BOARD OF DIRECTORS 7:00 PM HOUSE MTG. 7:30 HOT WWINGS .50 EA & APPETIZER SPECIALS 6-8	12 RIB EYE STEAK \$15.95 ALL YOU CAN EAT CHICKEN; INC, MASHED POT., GRAVY/VEG., ROLL & SALAD BAR \$10.00 <u>OR FULL MENU</u>	13 HAM DINNER <u>OR FULL MENU</u>	14 BACK HALL RENTED
15 BACK HALL RENTED	16 LUNCH 11:00 AM TO 1:00 PM ITALIAN BEEF WEEKLY DRAWING 7:0	17 ITALIAN BEEF QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 50/50 7:15	18 LODGE MTG. 7:30 PM HOT WWINGS .50 EA & APPETIZER SPECIALS 6-8 PM	19 RIB EYE STEAK \$15.95 ALL YOU CAN EAT CHICKEN; INC, MASHED POT., GRAVY/VEG., ROLL & SALAD BAR \$10.00 <u>OR FULL MENU</u>	20 SPAGHETTI & MEATBALLS <u>OR FULL MENU</u>	21 BACK HALL RENTED
22 BACK HALL RENTED	23 LUNCH 11:00 AM TO 1:00 PM COUNTRY FRIED STEAK WEEKLY DRAWING 7:0	24 BBQ PORK QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 50/50 7:15	25 HOT WWINGS .50 EA & APPETIZER SPECIALS 6-8 PM	26 RIB EYE STEAK \$15.95 ALL YOU CAN EAT CHICKEN; INC, MASHED POT., GRAVY/VEG., ROLL & SALAD BAR \$10.00 <u>OR FULL MENU</u>	27 RIBS <u>OR FULL MENU</u>	28 BACK HALL RENTED
29 BACK HALL RENTED	30 LUNCH 11:00 AM TO 1:00 PM POLISH SAUSAGE & KRAUT WEEKLY DRAWING 7:0	 <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>		