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MARCH 2020, E.R. MESSAGE

Hello to Murphysboro Elks Lodge #572, Members All:

Hard for me to believe I'm starting the last month of my E. R. year. It has been exciting! We have been able to get some things accomplished and changed, I believe to the betterment of our #572 members.

If those of you who reside in the immediate area, are have driven to or by the Lodge building, have you noticed the new fence panel in front of the N. E. corner where the A/C unit is located? It looks great! Thanks to Ted and Jim Ferguson for installing this panel. It was not easy to work around the utilities located in that area. Great job, both of you, and Thanks!

This Newsletter will reach you just a short time after our 25th annual Dart Tournament and Auction. We are not sure how much detail will be reported in this March issue, or will need to be placed in the April edition - but I can already say thanks to EVERYONE (A LOT of you) who volunteered, over several weeks in several cases, and worked so hard to make this milestone C.C.C. fundraising event the success it was. Great Job!

Now, don't forget about the Luck of the Lodge event on March 7th. It is always a good time and an important fund raiser to help our Local Lodge. While I'm talking about events this month, we plan to open at **12 noon** for the first two rounds of March Madness, NCAA Basketball Tournament. Come to the Lodge and enjoy some great basketball with friends and fellow members.

And, speaking of "opening," we are giving a try to opening the Club Room at 1:00 p.m. each day, to see how it works out in terms of use by our members. So, it is an option for you to come in a little earlier, to spend time with friends, or maybe make some additional ones.

Next, please remember our regularly scheduled drawings. Monday nights are our weekly drawings, and Tuesday nights are our Queen of Hearts drawings. Both are drawn at 7 p.m.

Finally, as I often close with - please support your local blood drives. If you are not already an organ donor, please consider signing up to become one. Thank Veterans, whenever and wherever you have the opportunity! And, as always, remember to tip your bartenders and servers.

Fraternally, Richard Martin, Exalted Ruler



IN MEMORY

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.

ROBERT H. HARDY, JR., LIFE MEMBER
September 11, 1932 — February 23, 2020

GORDON FELT
June 8, 1936 – March 3, 2020

BIRTHDAYS

3/1	John Caldwell	
3/1	Jack Camden	3/25 Frederick Thompson
	Thomas Shields	3/26 Joseph Rains
3/3	Billy Dallas	3/28 Ray Burroughs
3/3	Curt Pierson	3/28 Seth Mileur
3/3	Gary Raines	3/28 Jerry Nance
3/3	Jeff Daniel	3/29 Steven Ramsey
3/3	Jakob Guetersloh	3/30 Russell Brown
3/4	Michael Roberts	
3/4	Emmett Whitacre	
3/5	Richard Green	
3/5	William Reardon	
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	
3/13	Andrew Belobraydic	
3/13	Everett Blackwell	
3/13	Audrey Eden	
3/13	Todd Lirley	
3/13	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	Clay Cochran	
3/18	Charles Fisher	
3/19	Alan Gordon	
3/19	Gary Tennison	
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	
3/22	Dale Alstat	
3/22	Dale Mifflin	
3/22	Donald Rendleman	
3/23	Tim Schenk	
3/23	Kevin Bost	
3/23	Adam Korando	
3/24	Robert Diehl	
3/24	Terry Gerlach	
3/24	Faithann Howard	
3/24	Joy McAllister	
3/24	Rick Raney	
3/25	Eric Clendenin	
3/25	Esequiel Reyes	
3/35	Frederick Thompson	
3/36	Joseph Rains	
3/38	Ray Burroughs	
3/38	Jerry Nance	

**25TH ANNUAL C. C. C. DART TOURNEY & AUCTION REPORT**

For a **Quarter Century**, Lodge #572 has been working hard to help Illinois Children who are in need. Current Committee leaders, B. J. Wyatt and Lynn Porter, along with their volunteers, have worked very hard on this year's **historic event!** Results will be reported in our April Newsletter, as information is still being finalized, and some elements of the Tourney / Auction are not yet finished. For example, there are still some nice Tourney Shirts (Both Long & Short Sleeve) available for purchase. And, we continue to accept \$25 Member Challenge contributions - where your name goes on the Club Room wall chart & will be included in our upcoming Newsletter (We will continue to do so, through around March 23, as long as we can get your contribution to the Illinois Elks Children's Care Corp., in Chatham, before the month's end). It's not too late to chip in on how we do on this 25th year.....join with those already on our Challenge Board! Look to our April Newsletter, Website, and/or Facebook for complete details !! Elks Care - Elks Share!

**QUEEN OF HEARTS REPORT**

The Queen of Hearts was not very Secretive, on our 4th Board! On just the **2nd Draw, January 28**, she was found by member, Tamala (Paducah) Ryan! This win was worth **\$1,233.00** (Before Taxes). Congratulations, Tamala! It was one of the earliest Queen Raffle finds, that most remember seeing, in the area.

Now - on to the current Board, #5, for a report of results, to date:

2/04 Jay Ziegler \$25 Name Draw; No Win on Card Draw

2/11 Sue Givens \$25 Name Draw; \$30 on Card Draw

2/18 Faith Howard \$25 Name Draw; \$30 on Card Draw

2/25 Tonya Knust \$25 Name Draw; No Win on Card Draw

3/3 Jim Ferguson \$25 Name Draw; No Win on Card Draw

Value of Queen, as of this Newsletter printing, is \$1,168.00. Come join in - Queen Draw is at 7:00 p.m.; 50/50 at 7:15; and Dinner for 2 certificate, at 7:30. (p.s. - remember we have good food available, too!)

ENF PER-CAPITA GOAL REACHED

We did it! Through both the generosity of Lodge #572 individuals sending in contributions to the Elks National Foundation, and mainly the **HARD WORK** and **TIME** given by our dedicated **VOLUNTEERS** at our 4 ENF Benefit Shooting Matches, held in January and February, we have met the required \$5.50 per member (State President's Goal) for 2019 - 2020. Therefore, again in 2020 - 2021, we are qualified to apply for / receive all National & State Grants. This past year, these grants brought back some **\$11,000 into our Community**. **Wow** - how's that for an **investment return** on just over **\$3,700** sent to the ENF? **Congratulations**, everyone, on a Job Well Done!



On Sunday, February 2, 2020, several Lodge #572 Flag Team members (assisted by some hastily recruited "Regular Lodge Members") were summoned to participate in the City of Murphysboro's presentation for its application to the HGTV's Home Town Takeover series. Our Lodge was recognized by WSIL TV, in its broadcast of the event. This photo was prominently featured in both the Southern Illinoisan and the Murphysboro Times. Then, as of this Newsletter printing, we have noticed that the lead article in the March, 2020 edition of Illinois Country Living (Rural Electric Cooperative's state-wide magazine) is entitled "Welcome back, Murphysboro." On pages #3 and #25, you will find the photo of the Jackson County Court House, Citizens, and our Lodge's large, American Flag, in full presentation. **Elks #572 - proud to be an integral part of our community!**

MESSAGE FROM LODGE SECRETARY

Dues statements for 2020 - 2021 will be arriving soon (They are running a little behind last year's schedule, due to a variety of circumstances.). As a result of a Liability Insurance increase on the Grand Lodge's nation-wide policy, a \$2 increase has been assessed on all Lodges for G.L. per-capita. Please note that there has been **NO INCREASE of your local Lodge dues.** So, if you are at the Lodge, or want to go ahead & send in your dues payment (P. O box 787, to attention of Lodge Secretary), they are: Regular Members = \$70.25; Life Members = \$33.25. And, as last year, if you want to send in a little extra, it will stay at home - going to our Building Maintenance Fund. (Note - if you pay just before/during the time when notices are sent - there might well be a crossing in the mail, so we apologize, in advance!). Once notices are sent out, it is "Crunch Time" for the Secretary's Office - so, you might not receive your new cards before Key Card Reader is changed on April 1 (You might need to use door buzzer for a few days.) Also, please recall that during the month of APRIL, members will have a "Pass" on not being on the CLMS Delinquent List, on the 1st day of month, as is required all other months, to be eligible for any Raffles or Drawings, held during that particular month. With some 670 members, we are a large Lodge, so we ask your patience/cooperation in getting member/spouse key cards out to you. Thanks in advance, everyone!

2020 - 2021 ELECTED OFFICERS FOR LODGE #572

Having been duly nominated at the Lodge meeting on February 5, the following were elected at the February 19 Lodge meeting:

Exalted Ruler - Christian Rose
Leading Knight - Steve Schemonia
Loyal Knight - Nicole Byrley
Lecturing Knight - JoAnna Tweedy
5-Yr. Trustee - Richard Martin
Secretary - Merle Evans
Treasurer - Sandy Schenk

**** Note - Trustees in continuing terms are:** Darcie Hastings, Patty Stokes, and Jim Ferguson. The positions of Tiler, Inner Guard, Chaplain, and Esquire are all to be appointed by incoming E. R., Christian Rose, and those completed will be reported in our next Newsletter.

Also, Committee Chairpersons and other positions required by Grand Lodge, Illinois Elks Association, or South District Elks are in the process of being selected/appointed by E. R. elect, Rose.

Installation of all Officers will occur at 7:30 p.m., Wed., April 1, at the beginning of the Regular Lodge Meeting. Please congratulate these new Officers and thank them, in advance, for their time and commitment to the continued success of Lodge #572, and BPO Elks.

ELKS CLUB ROOM HOURS

MONDAY ~ THURSDAY
1:00 P.M. ~ 11:00 P.M.

FRIDAY
1:00 P.M. ~ 12:00 A.M.

SATURDAY
1:00 P.M. ~ 12:00 A.M.

SUNDAY
1:00 P.M. ~ 8:00 P.M.

March 2020

DATES TO REMEMBER

3/12/20 - ORIENTATION OF NEW CANDIDATES
3/18/20 - INITIATION (AT LODGE MEETING)
4/1/20 - START OF NEW ELK YEAR, 2020-2021
4/1/20 - LODGE MTG. & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
4/5/20 - SO. DIST. MTG., CARBONDALE
5/15/20 - 5/15-17/20 - ANNUAL MEETING., SPRINGFIELD

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00	3 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 50/50 7:15 TACO TUESDAY	4 LODGE MTG. 7:30 PM HOT WINGS .65 EA & APPETIZER SPECIALS 6-9:00	5 RIB EYE STEAK, POT., SALAD BAR, ROLL <u>\$16.95</u> ALL YOU CAN EAT CHICK- EN; INC, MASHED POT., GRAVY/VEG., ROLL \$10.00 or FULL MENU	6 ALL YOU CAN EAT CATFISH \$9.50 <u>OR FULL MENU</u>	7 LUCK OF THE LODGE
8	9 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00	10 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 50/50 7:15 RIBEYE SAND. & FRIES S.T.A.R.T. DANCE	11 BOARD OF DIREC- TORS 7:00 PM HOUSE MTG. 7:30 HOT WINGS .65 EA & APPE- TIZER SPECIALS 6-9:00	12 RIB EYE STEAK, POT., SALAD BAR, ROLL <u>\$16.95</u> ALL YOU CAN EAT CHICK- EN; INC, MASHED POT., GRAVY/VEG., ROLL \$10.00 or FULL MENU (ORIENTATION IN HALL)	13 CHICKEN ALFREDO <u>OR FULL MENU</u>	14
15	16 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00	17 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 50/50 7:15 CREATE YOUR OWN BURGER <u>VETS DINNER @ HAVEN</u>	18 LODGE MTG. 7:30 PM INITIATION HOT WINGS .65 EA & APPETIZER SPECIALS 6-9:00	19 RIB EYE STEAK, POT., SALAD BAR, ROLL <u>\$16.95</u> ALL YOU CAN EAT CHICK- EN; INC, MASHED POT., GRAVY/VEG., ROLL \$10.00 or FULL MENU (CLUB OPEN 12 NOON FOR NNCAA	20 GOULASH <u>OR FULL MENU</u> NCAA (19TH—22ND)	21 MHS TRAP SHOOT FISH FRY 5-8 P.M.
22 (OPEN 12 NOON FOR NCAA COME JOIN US)	23 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00	24 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 50/50 7:15 CHILI MAC	25 HOT WINGS .65 EA & APPETIZER SPECIALS 6-9:00	26 RIB EYE STEAK, POT., SALAD BAR, ROLL <u>\$16.95</u> ALL YOU CAN EAT CHICK- EN; INC, MASHED POT., GRAVY/VEG., ROLL \$10.00 or FULL MENU	27 BUTTERFLY SHRIMP <u>OR FULL MENU</u>	28
29	30 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00	31 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 50/50 7:15 WRAPS	BREAKFAST IS SERVED ANYTIME FROM 5:00 PM~ 9:00 PM EVERY THURSDAY & FRIDAY TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY		THURSDAY & FRIDAY SERVING 5:00 PM ~ 9:00 PM FULL MENU + SPECIALS	