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MARCH 2021, E. R. MESSAGE

Members all,

Our Elk year has come to its final month, and with it comes welcomed warm weather and positive hints of normalcy. Unfortunately, it also brings the request of your 2021-2022 membership dues! I would like to sincerely thank the 92⁺% of our members who have continued to support the Lodge through the difficult times we have faced this past year, and I ask that you continue to show this faithfulness into the coming year. The support of our members, especially those who have donated their time over the last year, has kept #572 alive and well through it all. As we have in the past few years, any extra donations accompanied with membership dues will be directed towards the Building Fund, which will soon be exhausted to replace the heating/air conditioning unit for the back hall. If you are curious about who will be leading Lodge #572 in the year upcoming, I am pleased to say that nominations for all elected positions were received at the February 3rd Lodge meeting. Then, in that all nominees accepted their respective nominations, all were officially elected at the February 17th Lodge meeting. Please find a list of these elected Officers, elsewhere in this Newsletter. Thank you, in advance, to those of our members who are willing to serve their Lodge by giving of their time, talent, and yes, even patience, on occasion!

Regretfully, we were not able to arrange the annual Children's Care Corporation Dart Tournament due to the limited crowd allowances; however, look forward to the possibility of a dart tournament in the fall and the return of the CCC Tournament in 2022! Finally, after much work and effort, we do have an ENF Benefit Shooting Match on the calendar! It is scheduled for Sunday, March 21, at Carbon Lake Club, here in Murphysboro. (See Information in this Newsletter and pass the word.) The Luck of the Lodge will be a little untimely this year, but nobody says you can't wear green in June! Dates are being tentatively scheduled so keep an eye out for ticket sales to be promoted in the next few weeks. Details on the event, including free drinks and the raffle prizes, will be posted on the website as well as our Facebook page as soon as it is available. (If you would like to sell tickets, please contact Sue Givens to check them out.) On the topic of raffles, the return of our weekly, monthly, and Queen of Hearts drawings began on March 1st. To be eligible for these drawings, you must be up to date on membership dues through 2021.

A Reminder from the Lodge Secretary:

April 1st is the official beginning to a new Lodge year. Those who fail to pay their 2020 - 2021 dues by March 31, 2021 will regretfully be dropped from our rolls and no longer able to visit the Lodge or Club Room (even as the guest of a paid-up member) or participate in any Lodge events or activities. Remember, as the new year arrives, the general rule is that you must be paid, on the Secretary's CLMS roster, as of the FIRST DAY of a given month, to participate in any raffles or drawings during that month - the only exception being the month of April, itself, when the rule is suspended to allow for the Secretary to process the heavy submission of dues payments and issue member cards / key cards. So, if you plan to play in May - be sure you are paid by May 1!

We are beginning to see the end of some of the madness that 2020 left behind; let's use this opportunity to improve the atmosphere of our Lodge even further. Let us fill the Lodge with smiles and kind words, meaningful conversations, and plans of charitable acts. Invite new friends to dinner with you, and let them see what the Elks has to offer. If you have any ideas for a community project, benefit, or fundraiser, please bring it to myself or any of the other Officers so it can be investigated and discussed. I very much look forward to seeing what the next year brings.

Sincerely & Fraternally,
Christian Rose, E.R.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

3/1 John Caldwell 3/28 Seth Mileur
 3/1 Jack Camden 3/28 Jerry Nance
 3/1 Thomas Shields 3/30 Russell Brown
 3/2 Curt Pierson
 3/2 Gary Raines
 3/3 Jeff Daniel
 3/3 Jakob Guetersloh
 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
 3/11 Joan Cox
 3/11 Steve Ridings
 3/13 Andrew Belobraydic
 3/13 Everett Blackwell
 3/13 Audrey Eden
 3/13 Todd Lirely
 3/13 David Trimble
 3/13 Melissa Ferguson
 3/13 Charles Johnson
 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
 3/23 Dale Alstat
 3/23 Dale Mifflin
 3/22 Don 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
 3/25 Frederick Thompson
 3/26 Joseph Rains
 3/28 Ray Burroughs
 3/38 Jerry Nance
 3/30 Russell Brown
 3/30 Shawn Imhoff

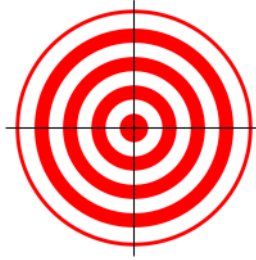
**THE QUEEN LIVES!!**

That is correct..... She escaped Covid! It has been a long time since our members have had the opportunity to guess on her whereabouts. To be exact, the last search was held in late February of 2020. At that point, the Queen's value stood at \$4,424. Too long idle, she is back, ready for you to try to locate! We are in stage 2, so just having your name drawn is worth \$50. Recall that the drawing occurs each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Get those tickets purchased, during the week, at \$1 each. And, don't forget the 50/50 Draw occurs at 7:15.

So, let's take up where we left off, a full year ago. Come enjoy the event; fellow Elks; and some good food, as we reopen our Tuesday kitchen offerings for sandwiches and specials!

MESSAGE FROM LODGE SECRETARY

Dues statements for 2021~2022 will be arriving soon. Please note that there has been **NO INCREASE** in dues. So, if you are at the Lodge, or want to go ahead & send in your dues payment (P. O. Box 787, to attention Lodge Secretary) they are: **Regular Members \$70.25, Life Members \$33.25.** (We do accept dues payments via Credit/Debit Card, in the Club Room. Do be aware that a small Credit Card fee will be added to your billing, if you choose this option). And, as last year, if you want to send in a little extra, it will stay at home - going to our Building Maintenance Fund (Last year, and very supportive members contributed over \$3,900.00 to this fund with their dues payment). 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 650 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!



MURPHYSBORO ELKS
ENF BENEFIT SHOOTING MATCH

CARBON LAKE CLUB
SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2021

SIGN-UP..... 12 NOON

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

RAFFLES
50/50 DRAWINGS

FREE FOOD!!!!

FOR QUESTIONS CALL
RICK EHLERS @ 618-534-1689

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



ELKS CARE ~ ELKS SHARE



LUCK OF THE LODGE
RAFFLE
COMING IN JUNE!

MORE INFORMATION WILL BE
AVAILABLE IN UPCOMING NEWSLETTERS,
FACEBOOK PAGE, AND ON OUR WEBSITE.

2021-2022 ELECTED & APPOINTED
OFFICERS OF #572

Having been duly nominated at the Lodge meeting
on February 3, the following were elected at the
February 17 Lodge meeting.

ELECTED:

Exalted Ruler — Christian Rose
Leading Knight — Steve Schemonia
Loyal Knight — Nicole Byrley
Lecturing Knight — Sue Givens
Secretary — Merle Evans
Treasurer — Sandy Schenk
Trustee (5 Yr.) — Jerry Willett

**** Note — Trustees in continuing terms are:**
Darcie Hastings, Patty Stokes, Jim Ferguson and
Richard Martin. The positions of Tiler, Inner
Guard, Chaplain, and Esquire are all to be ap-
pointed by incoming E. R., Christian Rose, and
these appointments will be reported in our April
Newsletter.

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

Installation will occur at 7:00 p.m. Wed., April
7th, just prior to 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
2:00 P.M. ~ 11:00 P.M.

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

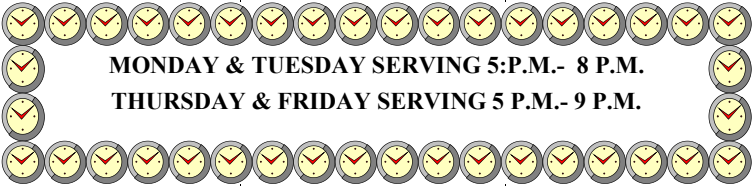
SATURDAY
2:00 P.M. ~ 12:00 A.M.

SUNDAY
12:00—8:00 P.M.

March 2021

COMING EVENTS

Sunday, April 11—So. Dist. Mtg.
Saturday, May 1—Elks So. Dist. Golf Scramble at Anna
Saturday, June 5 - Lodge #572 Golf Scramble

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 WEEKLY DRAW- ING 7:00 PM BURGER & FRIES 5-8 PM	2 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM <u>CHICKEN & WILD</u> RICE SOUP W/ GRILLED CHEESE \$6.50	3 LODGE MTG. 7:30 P.M. HOT WINGS APPETIZER SPECIALS 5-8 PM	4 MEATBALL SUBS \$8.50 5 P.M. — 9 P.M.	5 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH \$9.50 5 P.M. — 9 P.M.	6 CLUB OPEN 2 P.M.
7 CLUB OPEN 12 P.M.	8 WEEKLY DRAW- ING 7:00 PM BURGER & FRIES 5-8 PM	9 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM <u>CHICKEN BACON</u> RANCH SANDWICH \$8.50	10 BOARD OF DIRECTORS 7:00 P.M. HOUSE MTG. 7:30 HOT WINGS APPETIZER SPECIALS 5-8 PM	11 FRIED CHICKEN DINNER \$10.00 5 P.M. — 9 P.M.	12 LASAGNA MEAT OR SPINACH \$10.00 5 P.M. — 9 P.M.	13 CLUB OPEN 2 P.M.
14 CLUB OPEN 12 P.M.	15 WEEKLY DRAW- ING 7:00 PM BURGER & FRIES 5-8 PM	16 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM <u>TACO TUESDAY</u> TACO PLATE \$8.50 TACO SALAD \$9.00 LOADED NACHOS 10.00	17 LODGE MTG. 7:30 P.M. HOT WINGS APPETIZER SPECIALS 5-8 PM	18 PORK STEAK DINNER \$10.00 5 P.M. — 9 P.M.	19 CHICKEN & DUMPLINGS \$10.00 5 P.M. — 9 P.M.	20 CLUB OPEN 2 P.M.
21 SHOOTING MATCH AT CAR- BON LAKE CLUB SIGN-UP AT NOON	22 WEEKLY DRAW- ING 7:00 PM BURGER & FRIES 5-8 PM	23 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM <u>COBB SALAD \$9.00</u>	24 HOT WINGS APPETIZER SPECIALS 5-8 PM	25 STEAK NIGHT \$18.95 5 P.M. — 9 P.M.	26 BACON BLUE CHEESE BURGERS OR GARLIC BUTTER BURGERS \$8.50 5 P.M. — 9 P.M.	27 CLUB OPEN 2 P.M.
28 CLUB OPEN 2 P.M.	29 WEEKLY DRAW- ING 7:00 PM BURGER & FRIES 5-8 PM	30 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM <u>VEGETABLE BEEF</u> SOUP W/GRILLED CHEESE \$6.50	31 HOT WINGS APPETIZER SPECIALS 5-8 PM	 <p>MONDAY & TUESDAY SERVING 5:P.M.- 8 P.M. THURSDAY & FRIDAY SERVING 5 P.M.- 9 P.M.</p>		