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JUNE 2021 E. R. MESSAGE

Members All,

Through the last month of May, we saw a drastic increase in the number of activities, events, and donations that our Lodge was able to contribute to. Please enjoy the many photos included in this newsletter as they present a promising sign for future community activities. The District Soccer Shoot was held in Marion and attracted nearly 75 participants to compete for a place at the State Soccer Shoot later this year. One week later, Dianne Chamness and company prepared a wonderful Mother's Day Brunch. On the weekend of the 22nd, Lodge #572 hosted Elk members among others participating in a benefit Poker Run hosted by the Marion Elk Lodge. A few days later, the Elks Volunteer Appreciation Night was held to honor well-deserving members who have been ready to donate their time, talents, and effort to benefit the Lodge.

As you already know, the Building Fund was recently drained of roughly \$15,000 to purchase a new HVAC system for the back hall; however, completing the installation and electrical work will pose another \$7,000. The professional recommendation was to replace the main unit with six mini-split units, two of which you will find installed on the southern wall of the hall. When this project was first proposed, many options for loans and alternative forms of funding were discussed, as it was not anticipated that the money could be raised in such a small time while dealing with Covid guidelines. I am extremely pleased to announce that this project will be completely funded by donations and fundraisers that have occurred in just a few short months. I would sincerely like to thank all of those who have contributed any of their time or money to accomplishing this remarkable feat.

Raising the funds for the new HVAC system is a marvelous accomplishment, but it has not left us with much of a rainy-day fund. Activities such as the Murphysboro Elks Golf Scramble (June 5th) will go a long way to replenishing this account, so be sure to sign up for beer, golf, and an excellent dinner afterwards! The profits from our Monday Night Burgers will also hopefully continue to resupply the building fund. Those volunteering members have been extremely kind and patient as we sort out the details of volunteers in the kitchen, and their efforts have made a significant impact. The new schedule for the next two months of volunteering is posted next to the jukebox in the clubroom. Please feel free to sign up in an empty group and select one Monday out of every five or six weeks to come help your Lodge and cook for your friends!

The heavily anticipated Luck of the Lodge celebration will be continued on August 14th! Remember that each of the ten winning tickets also includes a payoff to the seller of the ticket, so increase your chances by selling as many tickets as possible until all the tickets are out! Winners do not need to be present at the drawing, and tickets do not have to be sold to members (but why not grab them an application while you're at it?). By the time you receive this letter, we will have added 6 new members to our ranks on June 2nd; a photo of the new initiates will be posted on the website (elks572.org) and included in the next newsletter. I really appreciate the members who come to make all of our new initiates feel welcomed on their first night as members of our Lodge, and those who continue to welcome them as they become introduced.

On the topic of membership, I am thrilled to see that the delinquency list is already under 100 members, meaning over 500 members have already paid their dues for the 2021-2022 Elk Year. If you are on the delinquency list, please consider paying your dues as soon as possible; it makes ENF deadlines and accounting much easier when membership money is received near the deadline, and it will simultaneously return your eligibility to all the drawings which could replace your membership cost and more.

I am extremely grateful for the assistance and encouragement that I have received and witnessed around the Lodge. Remember that these kind words and good deeds can have a huge impact on the recipient, and do not require much to offer. If you see a Lodge Officer or Trustee, please thank them for their time and effort as they have all been absolutely integral in the success of this Lodge.

Sincerely & Fraternaly, Christian Rose, E.R.

MEMBER ALERTS!!!

Do to rising food costs, we have had to increase our menu prices. We hope to see you here. If you have Checked out & sold your Luck Of the Lodge tickets...please get sold stubs & \$\$ back to Sue Givens. Also, if you are reading this and do not have your 2021 - 2022 dues paid & GREEN Member / Key Cards in hand...please take care of this ASAP - we have already forwarded some \$26 in National / State / District per-capita for you!



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.

DEBBIE HUDSON
August 2, 1950—May 19, 2021



- 6/1 Lynn Porter
- 6/1 Melinda Stuhrenberg
- 6/2 John Ferguson II
- 6/3 Patrick Gladson
- 6/3 Jeff Holloway
- 6/3 Lisa Marks
- 6/5 Scott Stanley
- 6/5 Patricia Wright
- 6/6 Kenneth Carr
- 6/6 Michael Dosch
- 6/7 Kirk Caskey
- 6/8 Randy Cauble
- 6/8 Tracy Hagston
- 6/8 Mark Williams
- 6/9 Gary Apgar
- 6/9 Kevin Spring
- 6/10 James Hand
- 6/10 Shyler Mathis
- 6/11 E. J. Callahan
- 6/12 Elisa Rea
- 6/12 Kevin Stratton
- 6/13 Janice Porter
- 6/14 Barry Threlkeld
- 6/15 Mike Etherton
- 6/15 Jerry Worthen
- 6/16 Ray Whiteside
- 6/17 Todd Doody
- 6/17 YeYo Granados
- 6/17 Richard Pautler
- 6/18 James Craig
- 6/19 Kenton Schaefer
- 6/21 Peter Baird
- 6/21 John Hudgins
- 6/21 Jay Wittenborn
- 6/22 Tim Hall
- 6/22 Donald Siefert
- 6/23 Bruce Francis
- 6/23 Janet Drone
- 6/23 Billy Woosley
- 6/23 Paul Zemlyn
- 6/24 Marimar Robertson
- 6/24 Diane Schwinn
- 6/26 David Degenhardt
- 6/28 Johnathan Guetersloh
- 6/29 Cam Donahue
- 6/29 Elizabeth Kiel
- 6/29 Thomas Welten
- 6/30 John Balsano



MHS Senior, Garret James, is this year's winner of the Elks #572 Local, \$600 Scholarship. Garret will attend JALC this coming Fall Semester, for General Studies courses.



VETERAN NEWS

Our Lodge will again provide monthly meals to Veterans at the Haven, starting this month! The first one will be on Tuesday, June 22nd. After that, it will be the **3rd Tuesday** of each month. Give me a call (618-713-3248) if you would like to get involved. Also, we are working to help out at the Haven House (this is a different entity than the Haven, on Crab Orchard Lake), which is located in Marion. These Veterans - both men and women - need some help. We will have clothing sizes later. They could also use personal items, such as tooth paste, paper towels, deodorant, etc. Watch the Newsletter - more information will be forthcoming...let's get prepared to show these Vets that 'Elks Care - Elks Share!'

Steve Schemonia, Veterans Chairman

THE QUEEN HAS BEEN FOUND!!

Member, Todd Doody, selected card #21 which, indeed, was the Queen of Hearts! Her value (pre - tax) was \$8,169.00 As Todd was present for the Draw, he will receive the full amount. Congratulations, Todd!

Now - on to a new Board, which will begin on Tuesday, June 8. The starting value of the Queen will be \$489.00 (i.e., amount collected on 6/1/2021). All other paying cards (Jokers, Kings, Aces) will, of course, be available for Draw on the new Board. May, weekly drawing results were as follows:

- 05/04 Tracey Stewart \$100 on Name Draw; No win on Card Draw
- 05/11 Shirley Summers \$100 on Name Draw; No win on Card Draw
- 05/18 Richard Cox \$100 on Name Draw; No win on Card Draw
- 05/25 Craig Mueller \$100 on Name Draw; No win on Card Draw

Katelyn Dallas, daughter of member, Marla Dallas, was announced as winner of an Elks' Legacy Scholarship, at the MHS Senior Awards Night held in May. Scholarship Chair, Merle Evans, presented a letter of congratulations of behalf of Lodge #572. Katelyn will use her \$4,000.00 scholarship at the University of Illinois.



2019-2020 Elk-of-the-Year winner, Lynn Porter, comments on her selection, as E.R., Rose, looks on!



2020-2021 Elk-of-the-Year Winner, Selena McBride, receives award from E. R., Christian Rose.



Steve Zak accepts Grand Lodge's top '5-Star' awards for #572 Website Design, in both 2018-2019 & 2019-2020.



Jim Ferguson accepts 2020-2021 Family-of-the-Year award, on behalf of the Ferguson family's support of Lodge #572.



E.R., Christian Rose, with 2019-2020 Service to Lodge award recipients, Mary Falaster & Fredia Doody



Lady Elk-of-the-Year, award winner for service to Lodge in 2020-2021 is Kelly Mifflin.

ELKS CLUB ROOM HOURS

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

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

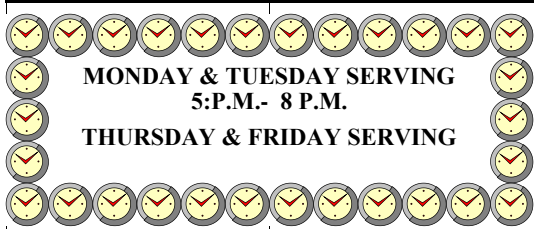
FRIDAY
2:00 P.M. ~ 12:00 A.M.

SUNDAY
12:00—8:00 P.M.

June 2021

COMING EVENTS

July 4-7 Grand Lodge Convention, Tampa, FL
Saturday, August 14, Luck of the Lodge (with Dirt Water Fox)
Saturday, Sept. 11, Rescheduled So. Dist. Golf Scramble at Anna

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>MONDAY & TUESDAY SERVING 5:P.M.- 8 P.M.</p> <p>THURSDAY & FRIDAY SERVING</p>		<p>1 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM</p> <p>TACO TUESDAY</p>	<p>2 LODGE MTG. 7:30 P.M.</p> <p>INITIATION HOT WINGS APPETIZER SPECIALS 5-8 PM</p>	<p>3 MEATLOAF DINNER</p> <p>5 P.M.—9 P.M.</p>	<p>4 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH \$10.00 + BURGERS, SANDWICHES + APPETIZERS</p>	<p>5 LODGE #572 GOLF SCRAMBLE</p>
<p>6 CLUB OPEN 12 P.M.</p> <p>SO. DIST. MTG. AT MARION LAKE PROPERTY</p>	<p>7 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM</p> <p>BURGERS & FRIES PREPARED BY VOLUNTEERS</p>	<p>8 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM</p> <p>ITALIAN BEEF OR MEATBALL SUB \$9.00</p>	<p>9 BOARD OF DIRECTORS 7:00 P.M.</p> <p>HOUSE MTG. 7:30 HOT WINGS APPETIZER SPECIALS</p>	<p>10 FRIED CHICKEN DINNER</p> <p>5 P.M.—9 P.M.</p>	<p>11 STEAK \$23.95 or SALMON NIGHT \$13.00 + BURGERS, SANDWICHES + APPETIZERS</p>	<p>12 Elks Bocce Tourney & Flag Day @ M'Boro Courts, 11 a.m</p>
<p>13 CLUB OPEN 12 P.M.</p>	<p>14 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM</p> <p>BURGERS & FRIES PREPARED BY VOLUNTEERS</p>	<p>15 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM</p> <p>CRISPY/GRILLED CHICKEN SALAD \$9.00</p>	<p>16 LODGE MTG. 7:30 P.M.</p> <p>HOT WINGS APPETIZER SPECIALS 5-8 PM</p>	<p>17 BLACKENED TILAPIA</p> <p>5 P.M.—9 P.M.</p>	<p>18 CHICKEN IMPERIAL \$11.00 + BURGERS, SANDWICHES + APPETIZERS</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20 CLUB OPEN 12 P.M.</p>	<p>21 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM</p> <p>BURGERS & FRIES PREPARED BY VOLUNTEERS</p>	<p>22 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM</p> <p>BACON BLUE CHEESE GARLIC BUTTER BURGER \$9,00</p>	<p>23 HOT WINGS APPETIZER SPECIALS 5-8 PM</p>	<p>24 MEAT OR SPINACH LASAGNA</p> <p>5 P.M.—9 P.M.</p>	<p>25 STEAK \$23.95 or SALMON NIGHT \$13.00 + BURGERS, SANDWICHES + APPETIZERS</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27 CLUB OPEN 12 P.M.</p>	<p>28 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM</p> <p>BURGERS & FRIES PREPARED BY VOLUNTEERS</p>	<p>29 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM</p> <p>COBB SALAD \$9.500 BBQ BAKED POTATO \$7.50</p>	<p>30 HOT WINGS APPETIZER SPECIALS 5-8 PM</p>			