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AUGUST 2021, E. R. MESSAGE

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Members All,

The heavily anticipated return of the “Luck of the Lodge” is right around the corner! Be sure to secure your ticket before August 14th to enjoy free drinks, snacks, and plenty of chances to win a little extra cash. If you are still holding tickets that you have not been able to sell, please return them to Sue Givens before August 7th so that they can be redistributed to buyers who can not find other available tickets. Over half of the tickets have already been purchased, so please help us to ensure that anyone who wants a ticket will be able to find one.

In the coming months, the Lodge looks forward to displaying its affinity for Americanism. During the Murphysboro Apple Festival parade on September 18th, you will find representatives of Lodge #572 proudly carrying the country’s flag just behind the band. The flag will also be presented in Marion, at the Veterans on Parade celebration. In this same spirit, the Murphysboro Elks have accepted an offer that was extended from the Lions Club to take over their program of organizing holiday flag placement through the City of Murphysboro. Businesses around town, which choose to participate, will have flag posts installed (if they don’t already have one) and patriotic Elks volunteers will erect flags at each location on seven holidays through the year. If you are interested in helping, or if you would like your business to participate, please contact Steve Schemonia. Steve’s patriotism is truly undeniable; for years he has helped to organize and execute monthly dinners for veterans in need at the Haven, which has been previously closed due to Covid, and now again this fall, due to the upcoming low water level of Crab Orchard Lake. Steve reacted quickly to this news, and I am very happy to see the monthly dinners being hosted at the Murphysboro Elks Lodge until further notice. Anyone who would like to assist in cooking or cleanup for these veteran-centered events is always welcome.

Along with Steve, I would like to thank Jerry Willett, who has completely reorganized the hall rental process. Rentals are being handled as efficiently as ever; I would challenge anyone to catch Mr. Willett without his Hall Rental Briefcase. Another member I would like to recognize is one Orval Rowe. You may have noticed much more frequent updates on the marquee letter board, displaying personalized messages and event reminders, and that is thanks to Mr. Rowe. There are so many members that contribute every month, but I wanted to quickly highlight these Elks for their dedication.

The delinquency list is down to only 82 members, (representing 12.9% of our membership) a far better position than we found ourselves in one year ago. I appreciate the timely payments from the vast majority of members, and I am very grateful for the patience you all have displayed. We ask that you continue to show this patience as we settle back into our routine. The Lodge Officers have taken on a multitude of responsibilities over the last year and a half, and I truly appreciate everyone who has taken on some extra assignments over this time. Our steady progression, over the last few months especially, has resulted in an Elks environment that should feel familiar to all members. As we continue to improve our proficiency as a business, let us remind ourselves of what this organization is truly centered around... our four cardinal principles: Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,
Christian Rose, E.R.

Murphysboro Elks Lodge #572

“Luck of the Lodge” Raffle

First prize: \$5000.00 - full prize list on back

Drawing to take place Saturday, August 14, 2021 at 5:00 pm

Present signed ticket for party in Banquet Hall 4:00—6:00 pm

Need not be present to win - \$20 per ticket, only 800 tickets sold

All tickets must be returned by August 7, 2021

DO YOU HAVE YOUR TICKET YET?



- 1 John Allard 29 Bernard Clover
- 1 Don Grammer 29 Barbara Dallas
- 1 Norma Rathjen 30 Sharon Harward
- 1 Margaret Walker 31 Neal Hammel
- 2 Venita Freeman 31 Gabe Shepard
- 3 Denis Overturf
- 4 Cassie Deaver
- 4 James Doss
- 4 James Taylor
- 7 Linda Harnetiaux
- 7 Shawn Stearns
- 8 Daniel Baker
- 8 Alan Bense
- 8 David Flowers
- 8 Kenneth Jarrett
- 9 Craig Brashear
- 9 Wm. Korando
- 10 Joey Bastien
- 10 Michael Garlinghouse
- 10 Greg Hughes
- 10 Keith Miley
- 11 Dennis Brock
- 11 Megan Hysom
- 12 Dianne Chamness
- 12 Butch Cheatham
- 12 Allen Lawless
- 12 Michael Martin
- 13 Edward Conrad
- 13 Naomi O'Neal
- 14 Philip Green
- 14 Julia Moore
- 14 John M. Tweedy
- 15 Jeff Brown
- 15 Richard Counce
- 15 Jim Jenkins
- 16 Michael Bergant
- 16 Allen Crombar
- 16 Steve Kimbro
- 16 Steve Swafford
- 17 Sheree Swanson
- 18 Richard Layne
- 19 Brent Middendorf
- 20 Paul Dondi
- 20 Robert Fenwick
- 20 Lloyd Hanna
- 21 Curt Graff
- 21 Daisy Grammer
- 21 Corey Jarrett
- 21 Jerry Miller
- 22 Carl Cauble
- 23 Earl Imhoff
- 23 Rachel Nehring
- 23 Alan Sabo
- 23 Gail Thomas
- 24 Lynn Elwell
- 25 Michael Evans
- 25 Brenda Law
- 25 Charles McCann
- 25 Mary Alice Moss
- 25 William Paul
- 26 Veronica Roseberry
- 27 Dustin Bencoter
- 27 Adam Brenning
- 27 Edward Taylor
- 28 Robin Blake
- 28 Ckay Brewer
- 28 Steven Hale
- 29 Bernard Clover
- Barbara Dallas
- 30 Ron Heiple
- 31 Neal Hammel



Upon reaching the judging stand, the flag team tilted the flag to present it to the judges. The following presentation statement was read: "Elks Lodge 572 has been a part of the Murphysboro community for over 100 years, and we have many fond memories of our involvement in this town. In the Elks organization, the American flag is the symbol of charity. We remember not only what we have given, but what others have given for us. The American flag represents the memories of everything our country and its citizens have endured and achieved. With a deep sense of patriotism, we remember our veterans and all they have done for our country. To the Elks organization and its members, the American flag, with its radiant stripes and celestial stars, is our "bushel of memories.""

Flag Handlers Needed!

We need volunteers as our large American Flag will make two appearances in September: Saturday, September 11th for Veterans on Parade in Marion and Saturday, September 18th for the Murphysboro Apple Festival Grand Parade. If you have carried the flag in the past and want to help again, or if you would like to join our gang, please contact me, Steve Zak, Flag Team coordinator, at (618)924-5680 and let me know that you are interested and want to participate. Please speak up, I cannot contact every member of the Lodge to see who is available or interested. This is the perfect opportunity to show your patriotic spirit.



ANNOUNCING A HAND OFF
FROM LIONS TO ELKS

Elks are, first and foremost, Americans who have always been proud to display and honor the **flag of our country**. Members - in completing your Initiation Ritual, you heard the Exalted Ruler state that "The Order off Elks is distinctively American. Linking the destiny of our Order with the destiny of our country we have made its **Flag** the symbol of the crowning virtue." And as Elks, you have learned that Elk Lodges throughout the Nation are required by statute to honor and carry out a ceremony each year on Flag Day.

Therefore, it is fitting, and with honor, that Murphysboro Lodge #572 will be **continuing** a Flag placement program in our community, **pioneered by the Murphysboro Lions Club**, over 50 years ago! As many of you know, or have observed, this involves the placement of American Flags, throughout the city, on some seven National Holidays.

This decision was voted on and approved at our July 21st Elks Lodge meeting. The transition was subsequently approved by the Lions Club, setting the stage for upcoming coordination meetings, along with transfer of details, paperwork, and logistical information. The Lions have done a tremendous job in establishing and carrying forth a visible spirit of American patriotism in Murphysboro! And, Murphysboro businesses have been strong supporters, by virtue of their agreeing to have flags placed at their locations and providing financial support for the program through payment of a small, yearly fee.

Lions Club President, David Blaise, has also informed the Lodge that the Lions Club will forward a \$1,000 appreciation gift (seed money) to assist #572 in getting the program under way.

Big Shoes to fill? YES! Thank you, former and current Lions, for a job well done, for so many years! We hope that Elks Lodge #572 will make you, and the citizens of Murphysboro, proud of our continuation of the Lions Flag program. Elks of #572 - we will be asking for **volunteers** to form small teams to carry forth on this program, and prove our commitment to Americanism (actually, as already requested by Exalted Ruler, Christian Rose, in his August message)!

Elks members all - stay tuned - more details to come!

QUEEN OF HEARTS UPDATE



On the 8th Tuesday Drawing (7/27/21), the Queen of Hearts was FOUND, hiding behind Card #7. The lucky, successful location was made by BRUCE FRANCIS. Congratulations, Bruce! The Queen's value was \$1,304.00.

Now begins a new Queen of Hearts Board, on Tuesday, August 3. Starting value of the Queen, on this Board, will be \$180.00. Remember, in that it is a new Board, all paying cards (Aces, Kings, Jokers) are also there to be found. Come join in, and also enjoy some good food, a 50/50 Drawing each week, and a Club gift certificate draw for a dinner for 2! Since the July Newsletter, here is a listing of results of each drawing that was held:

- 06/29 Lynn Porter \$25 on Name Draw; \$30 on Card Draw!
- 07/06 Joe Summers \$25 on Name Draw; No win on Card Draw
- 07/13 Debbie Sauer \$25 on Name Draw; \$50 on Card Draw!
- 07/20 Steve McBride \$25 on Name Draw; \$50 on Card Draw!
- 07/27 Bruce Francis QUEEN Draw - \$1,304.00

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.

August 2021

COMING EVENTS

Saturday, Sept. 11, Re-scheduled So. Dist. Golf Scramble at Anna
 Saturday, Sept. 11, Flag Team at Veterans on Parade, Marion, IL
 Saturday, Sept. 18, Flag Team at Apple Festival Parade, Murphy
 September 24—26 IL Elks, State Mtg., Springfield
 Friday, Oct. 15, Glo Bingo
 Sunday, November 7th So. Dist. Mtg, Murphysboro

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES PREPARED BY VOLUNTEERS	3 . QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM TACO TUES.	4 NO LODGE MTG. HOT WINGS APPETIZER SPECIALS 5-8 PM	5 POLISH SAUSAGE & KRAUT \$11.00	6 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH \$10.00 + BURGERS, SANDWICHES + APPETIZERS	7
8 CLUB OPEN 12 P.M.	9 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES PREPARED BY VOLUNTEERS	10 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM HORSESHOES \$9.00	11 BOARD OF DIRECTORS 7:00 P.M. HOUSE MTG. 7:30 HOT WINGS APPETIZER SPECIALS	12 LASAGNA \$11.00	13 HAM STEAK DINNER + BURGERS, SANDWICHES + APPETIZERS	14 LUCK OF THE LODGE WITH DIRT WATER FOX BAND
15 CLUB OPEN 12 P.M. HALL RENTED	16 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES PREPARED BY VOLUNTEERS	17 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM BACON BLUE CHEESE BURGER OR GARLIC BACON BURGER	18 LODGE MTG. 7:30 P.M. HOT WINGS APPETIZER SPECIALS 5-8 PM	19 FRIED CHICKEN DINNER \$11.00	20 BLACHENED TILAPIA \$12.00 + BURGERS, SANDWICHES + APPETIZERS	21
22 CLUB OPEN 12 P.M.	23 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES PREPARED BY VOLUNTEERS	24 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM TACO TUES.	25 HOT WINGS APPETIZER SPECIALS 5-8 PM	26 BEEF & NOODLES \$11.00	27 TORTELLINI WITH ITALIAN SAUSAGE \$11.00 + BURGERS, SANDWICHES + APPETIZERS	28 HALL RENTED
29 CLUB OPEN 12 P.M.	30 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES PREPARED BY VOLUNTEERS	31 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM ITALIAN BEEF			 <p>MONDAY & TUESDAY SERVING 5:P.M.- 8 P.M.</p> <p>THURSDAY & FRIDAY SERVING 5 P.M.—9 P.M.</p>	