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E. R. MESSAGE

First of All, let me speak to the Illinois Elks Association, State Meeting, which just concluded September 24, in Springfield. Our **Murphysboro Lodge** was honored to be the sponsor of Carly Carrill, from Ellis Grove, who was one of **4 top C.C.C. Scholarship winners**, in their final year of Physical or Occupational Therapy Education. Carly has worked with our Lodge for all 6 years of her physical therapy program, at Maryville University, in St. Louis. We were pleased to see this young lady receive an extra \$5,000 Mike Manning award at the Saturday night IEA banquet. (Look for her photo, along with our Murphysboro Lodge Officers, in one month of the upcoming 2024 Children's Care Calendar.)

GER Randy Shook's theme for the year is **WE ARE THE ELKS**. He wants us to be **PROUD** of our organization, which has *grown* in nationwide membership, for the last **2** years. Thus, you will often see the phrase, being emphasized at Grand Lodge, State, District, and Local levels: "THREE IN A ROW, LETS GROW." Unfortunately, Illinois has not had a membership increase in the past 7 years...so the challenge is there. I am happy to say that Murphysboro #572 has been, and is growing in membership....let's keep it up. Think in terms of our national goal of finding **2** friends or individuals you know, to propose for membership in the Elks!

Next, proud to report that at the Sunday, general session of the Il. Elks Association, those in attendance (including our Officers) voted to authorize the association's Charitable Trust to donate \$25,000 to the <u>MISSING IN AMERICA</u> project. The MIA locates, identifies, and inters the unclaimed, cremated remains of American Veterans, through the joint efforts of private, State, and Federal organizations. The number of such situations, nation-wide, is extensive. But, proud to say, Elks Care - and so long as there are Veterans, we will never forget them! As you would expect, Elks are there to help out, by providing honor and respect to those who have served their country, through securing them a final resting place!

Now, closer to home - thanks to our Antlers, who helped with the **Sandra's Comfort** (Local Organization which helps Cancer patients in the area) fund raiser in Raddle, on Sunday, 9/24. Pleased to see their involvement with our flag events (See photos), and I know they are on board to help with the Fall Festival parade, upcoming, in Chester.

Turning to the Club Room - we need to expand the number of Volunteer Teams for our Monday Night, Burger & Fries event! Want to check it out? Have fun - maybe make new Elk friendships? Give me a call (618-201-4773) or see me at the Lodge. An ample number of teams takes the pressure off of too few teams!

Thanks to all Officers and Members who are helping our Lodge support the Murphysboro community, through securing, setting up, and manning the Elks' Drug Awareness Trailer at Community Night Out on Tue., Oct. 3, at Longfellow Park. As in past years, we will hand out a lot of material and literature to the children and youth present!

Yes, we have Bright Orange, Glo Bingo tickets AT the CLUB...ready for your purchase (See Article). Come and enjoy the evening!

Finally, I need to say that the Board of Directors has been looking over proposals and estimates for renovation of our asphalt parking lot, which is 25 years old. It has deteriorated, structurally, to the point where all companies say simply putting on a another sealant coating & striping would be a waste of money. Therefore, an approach, as you see on highways, will likely be needed. A major expense would be involved. Just an FYI to our membership. More information will be forth coming.

Fraternally and Sincerely, Todd Doody, Exalted Ruler

OCTOBER ELKS LODGE #572



10/1 Brenda Jones

10/1 Anthony Mileur

10/1 Jim Nesler

10/3 Kevin Reeves

10/3 Jason Jarrett

10/3 Marty Jones

10/3 Steve McBride

10/4 Clifford Mills

10/5 Terry Endres

10/5 Zach Fager

10/5 Bill Huppert

10/6 Dennis Heape

10/6 Laurie Holmes

10/6 John Tweedy

10/7 Keith Voss

10/8 William Drone

10/9 Jody Craine

10/9 Roger Stuva

10/10 Patty Stokes.

10/11 Larry Griffin

10/13 John Hays

10/14 Greg Holthaus

10/14 Dana Modglin

10/15 Earl Balsano

10/15 Kim McGriff

10/16 Mike Guetersloh

10/16 Mike Hunsperger

10/16 Tim Ward

10/17 Kyle Tuttle

10/18 Keith Klaine

10/18 Steve Lather

10/18 Daryl Murphy

10/18 William Wyatt

10/19 Gerald Hysom

10/19 Stephanie Speiser

10/22 Steve Falat

10/22 Steve Schemonia

10/23 Marilyn Zak

10/27 Luther Halliday

10/27 Richard Mann 10/27 Larry Thetford

10/27 Tim Weathers

10/29 Kelly Stevens

10/30 Earl Dailey

10/30 Kevin Shields

10/30 Wayne Steele

10/31 Keith Roberts

10/31 Dale R. Schimpf





HI, Murphysboro Elks, I am a friendly Cell Phone Signal Booster at #572. My job is to see that your phone has lots of 'Bars' so you can better enjoy your visits to the Lodge. Come check me out!!

On Sept. 21, Elks Lodge #572 and VFW Post #7190 partnered to host, and provide a Lunch to Gold Star Mission 500 riders. (L-R) Tonya Knust and Steve Schemonia receive recognition awards from Eric Murphy, representing Gold Star 500. Our Flag Service, Volunteers, and Antlers also helped with welcoming flags, along the group's Murphysboro route.



Jamie Green, president of Murphysboro Main Street, 2022-2023 Elks accepts the Distinguished Citizen Award from Murphysboro Lodge Secretary, Merle Evans. Presentation was made at Main Street's Board meeting September 20th.



Murphysboro Apple Festival holds grand parade

Visit



Antler members hold welcome flags for the recent Gold Star 500 Riders group, who stopped at the Lodge for lunch, along with helping carry our American flag in the Apple Festival Parade.

VETERANS, FLAGS AND MORE

The Veterans at the Haven enjoyed a great September meal and good Elk companionship and fun. As always, at our monthly, noon-day meal, everyone had a great time! Thinking ahead, watch for the Elks Christmas Gift Tree to appear in the Club Room. As in years past, Veteran names, and what they want Santa to bring, will be attached. Thanks, everyone helping with these programs - it makes a big difference in these peoples' lives.

Speaking of service to Veterans and their families, we did get flags out for the Gold Star Mission 500 Riders on Sept. 21. Teaming with our local VFW, we welcomed this group to Murphysboro, and our Elks Lodge (See Photo.). Students from the **COPE** school, east of the Lodge, helped hold some of our flags and cheered the Riders on, as did some Elk Antler members.

Labor day again saw Walnut Street lined with flags, along with other businesses located in and around Murphysboro. Many residents have commented on how much they enjoy seeing these Flags speaking to the patriotism of our community! Want to be a part of making these things happen? Give us a call at 618-713-3248. Steve Schemonia, Veterans Chairman.

GLO BINGO TICKETS AVAILABLE AT LODGE. FOR INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS, CALL: TODD DOODY 618-201-4773, DARCI HASTINGS 618-521-6050, LODGE 618-684-4541.

QUEEN OF HEARTS REPORT

The Queen still resides on Board #13! Are **YOU** getting in on the Search? Comfortable atmosphere; good food & drink; Elk friends; 50/50 Draw; Dinner for 2 Draw; and whoever eventually wins will be the holder of a current ELK Card. Come enjoy - Tuesdays at 7 p.m. As of this printing, the Queen's value is \$2,660. Here are recent drawing results:

09/05 Rick Lavell\$25 on Name Draw; No win on Card Draw09/12 Bob Hall\$25 on Name Draw; No win on Card Draw09/19 Loreen Mason\$25 on Name Draw; No win on Card Draw09/26 Nancy Helsley\$25 on Name Draw; No win on Card Draw

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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 — CLOSE October 2023

COMING EVENTS

Nov. 1 - South District Elks, Veterans Day Raffle begins

Nov. 5 - South District Meeting @ Murphysboro #572

Nov. 10 - Flag Service places Flags for Veterans Day Nov. 14 - Special Thanksgiving Meal for Haven Vets

Nov. 17 - C.C.C. Orthopedic Clinic, Marshal-Browning, DuQuoin

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 CLUB OPEN 12 - CLOSE	2 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES PREPARED BY VOLUN TEERS \$7.00	3 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM TACO TUESDAY	4 HOUSE MTG. 7;00 PM LODGE MTG. 7:30 PM HOT WINGS APPETIZERS SANDWICHES SALAD BAR	5 BEEF STROGANOFF \$13.00	6 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH \$13.00 FROG LEGS \$16.00 FISH & FROG LEGS COMBO \$16.00	7
8 CLUB OPEN 12 - CLOSE	9 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES PREPARED BY VOLUN TEERS \$7.00	10 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM GUMBO \$9.00	11 HOT WINGS APPETIZERS SANDWICHES SALAD BAR	12 AYCE FRIED CHICKEN \$13.00	13 PRIME RIB \$21.00	14 D.D. EVUALATION & AUDIT VISIT 5:00 P.M.
15 CLUB OPEN 12 - CLOSE	16 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES PREPARED BY VOLUN TEERS \$7.00	17 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM BBQ BAKED POTATOES \$9.00	18 BOARD MTG. 6:45 LODGE MTG. 7:30 PM HOT WINGS APPETIZERS SANDWICHES SALAD BAR	19 GRILLED PORK CHOPS	20 CHICKEN CORDON BLEU \$13.00	21
22 CHESTER FALL FESTIVAL — ELKS FLAG TEAM PARADE AT 2:00 P.M.	23 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES PREPARED BY VOLUN TEERS \$7.00	24 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM BACON BLEU CHEESE /OR GARLIC BACON BURGERS \$9.00	25 HOT WINGS APPETIZERS SANDWICHES SALAD BAR	26 AYCE FRIED CHICKEN \$13.00	27 RIBEYES \$22.00 FILETS \$25.00 SIRLOIN TIPS \$16.00 GRILLED SHRIMP \$16.00	28 GLO BINGO LODGE HALL (TICKETS AVAILABLE AT LODGE)
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