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DECEMBER 2023 E.R. MESSAGE

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Members All

Here we go, Elks All, into a busy December at Murphysboro Lodge #572! First of all, I would like to thank our volunteers for helping serve the Thanksgiving meal at the Haven, including three Antler members who stepped up to the plate to assist and dialogue with the appreciative Veterans. (Following the Haven meal, they then delivered a nice donation to the Marion V.A. Food Pantry, which has been stressed for adequate supplies- See photo.)

Thanks to our sponsors, we could have up to **14 New Members** initiated on December 20th, at the regular Lodge Meeting. Come watch! (Many of these folks have already been through Orientation, but several will still be doing so on Dec. 18th.)

Lodge #572 hosted the Elks South District meeting last month, with State President, Floyd Schmidt, from Lincoln Lodge #914, in attendance. Thank you, all, who helped our Lodge be a good host for this event!

The local, Murphysboro Elks **HOOP SHOOT** will be held at Blackwood Gymnasium, MHS, on Sunday, Dec. 10, with Registration at 2:00 p.m. If you want to help rebound or score, you can so advise Chairman, Chris Germann, via Call or Text, at 618-967-0529; myself at 618-201-4773; or Secretary, Merle Evans, at 618-303-1693.

As for ALL Elk Lodges in the nation, we will conduct the annual Memorial Service in the Lodge Hall, at **11:30 a.m., on Sunday, December 3rd**. Families receive individual invitations. All Members / Guests are encouraged to attend. Ceremony lasts around 30 minutes. Let's remember our 11 departed Members, for this past Lodge year!

Please look at articles in this Newsletter, for information on many things & events going on. (For example, the Kid's Christmas Party, on Sat., Dec. 16th). Our Hall is busy, busy, busy this month. Check out Calendar!

Coming soon - information sheets and order forms for Lodge #572, **ELK APPAREL**, which items, many of our members have been asking for. Included will be Polo Shirts; Hoodies; Full-Zipper Jackets; & Hats. Come check out the available items / colors, etc. Then place your order. (Payment by Cash or Check will need to accompany your order.)

Yes - **2024 Luck-of-the-Lodge tickets** are being printed. They will be available for purchase, soon, in the Club Room. Also, if you wish to be a seller, you can also check out numbered tickets. As we have learned from previous years, these tickets also make good 'Stocking Stuffers' for Christmas.

All of the above being said, I would like to wish a very Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year to everyone!

Sincerely & Fraternaly, Todd Doody, Exalted Ruler

IN MEMORY



Apr. 10, 1941	Richard Adams	Oct. 4, 2023
Mar. 1, 1945	Jack Camden	Jan. 12, 2023
Mar. 7, 1959	Mike Dickerson	Dec. 22, 2022
Nov. 14, 1943	Robert Eggemeyer	Nov. 13, 2023
Nov. 21, 1945	James R. Ellis	May 29, 2023
July 12, 1939	*Anthony Herring	Sept. 13, 2022
Jan. 18, 1951	*Michael "Hunker" Herron	July 19, 2023
Sept. 25, 1943	Judy C. Holley	Oct. 7, 2023
Oct. 5, 1970	William "Bill" Huppert	Oct. 18, 2023
Jan. 9, 1945	Preston "Mike" Jones	Oct. 15, 2023
Jan. 26, 1941	*Dr. Edwin McLaughlin	July 2, 2023

* Indicates Life Member

2 John Eaton
 2 Donald Kidd
 3 Jordon Ellis
 3 Larry Klink
 3 Mary Ann Reichert
 3 Harry Ziegler
 4 Renee Doody
 4 Renee Evans
 4 Gary Huppert
 4 Larry Miles
 5 Justin Raines
 6 Darryl Huppert
 7 Kellie Ellis
 7 William Jones
 7 Daniel Readon
 7 Kevin Tuttle
 8 Lonnie Sadler
 8 Nancy Tillet
 9 Jeffrey Hill
 10 Jack Anstett
 11 Jared Bastien
 11 Richard Heins
 12 William Sutton
 13 Patrick Burke
 14 Jane Rhoden
 14 John Vallino
 15 Jacqueline Clover
 16 Marilyn Daniel
 16 Michael Lewsader
 16 Geoffrey Spears
 18 Buddy Ferguson
 19 Mike Humm
 20 Kenneth Parnell
 22 Bruce Doerr
 22 Sue Givens
 22 David McClure
 22 Seth Schemonia
 24 Bob Hall
 24 Janet Mandis
 25 Joseph Balsano
 26 Stanley Schneider
 27 Mary Lou Hunziker
 27 Charles McClure
 27 Jerry Wright
 28 Daniel Bilderback
 28 Jackie Lindsey
 28 Larry Quigley
 29 Tammy Ryan
 29 Janie Wright



QUEEN OF HEARTS STILL ON LOOSE!

It's not that folks have not been trying to find her. Come join the fun...visit with fellow Elks...enjoy good food selections...join in on the 50/50 at 7:15 and free dinners draw at 7:30! (i.e., a *Nice Evening at the Lodge!*) Here are recent results since last newsletter. Queen Value, as of this printing, stands at **\$3,886.00**

10/31	Marcie Lavell	\$50 on Name Draw; \$100 on Card Draw
11/07	Jim Ferguson	\$50 on Name Draw; No Win on Card Draw
11/14	Bob Hall	\$50 on Name Draw; No win on Card Draw
11/21	Norm Wayman	\$50 on Name Draw; No win on Card Draw



On November 14, 2023, Elks #572 Antlers delivered food items for Veterans at the Marion V.A. Earlier fund raisers allowed the group to provide \$378.04 in supplies. L-R are Jayden Milton, Tyler Doody, and Madison Bell.

ANNUAL START CHRISTMAS DINNER

On Saturday, Dec. 16th we will again provide the clients of START, as well as some from Shelter Workshops in surrounding counties (i.e., those who also attend our monthly dances), with a Christmas Meal and Party. (Doors open at 5:30, MEAL AT 6:00, Santa to follow.)



Illinois Elks 2024 Benefit Calendars now on sale at Lodge. \$20 ea. Nice Christmas Gift. Purchase includes weekly, monthly & special drawings totaling \$21,500 in prize money!

ELKS #572 KIDS' CHRISTMAS PARTY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

11:00 am to 1:00 pm

GAMES, FOOD, FUN, & SANTA





Elks Memorial Service

All Elk Lodges in the nation hold yearly memorial services for departed members, the first Sunday in December. Lodge #572 Officers will held this service on December 3, 2023, in the Lodge Hall, starting at 11:30 a.m. Invitations have been sent to families. All Elk members are invited to attend, along with guests. Names of our fallen members, this past year, will appear on page one of this December Newsletter.

COOKIE EXCHANGE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

6:00 TO 8:00 PM

BRING A DOZEN, TAKE A DOZEN

(YOU CAN ALSO BRING A DOZEN FOR OUR VETERANS)



LUCK OF THE LODGE RAFFLE

**TICKETS NOW ON SALE IN CLUB ROOM,
OR FROM SELLERS**

(THESE MAKE GREAT STOCKING STUFFERS)

\$5,000 1ST PLACE PRIZE

\$20 DONATION

ONLY 800 TICKETS SOLD; PRIZES AWARDED TO (9) WINNERS & (9) SELLERS; DRAWING & PARTY FOR TICKET HOLDERS.

(BAND WILL BE LEWIS CREEK)

3/9/2024

SEE TICKETS OR FLYERS FOR COMPLETE DETAILS (IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN SELLING TICKETS, YOU CAN SIGN THEM OUT AT THE BAR OR SEE SUE GIVENS AT 618-534-8102.)

ELKS OF #572 SERVING VETERANS

Vets at the HAVEN enjoyed a Thanksgiving dinner provided by our Lodge, via the ENF Beacon Grant. They enjoyed being together with people who care - thank you, all of our #572 volunteers who made this happen! Chairman, Steve Schemonia, also reminds members who took names from the Veterans' Gift Tree, to drop off presents no later than December 5th.

Additionally, member volunteers of this Lodge will again be purchasing / delivering requested Gifts for Vets living at residential facilities in Randolph and Jackson Counties, during this month of December. (Because we met the ENF, State per-capita goal of \$5.50 last year, we qualify for the \$1,000 "Helping Hands" Grant, which funds this particular project!) Elks Care - Elks Share!

FLAGS OUT FOR VETERANS DAY

As reported by so many residents of Murphysboro, our American Flags were in abundance in the community, and waving beautifully in the fall breezes! Flag Service Chair, Steve Schemonia, commends all who have helped this past calendar year, and certainly invites anyone who would like to get their name on the volunteer list, to give him a call at 618-713-3248.

BY POPULAR DEMAND

ELK #572 APPAREL

You, our Members, have been asking and requesting.... we are responding. See E. R. Message for more information!

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

December 2023

JANUARY 7, 2024
JANUARY 25-28
FEBRUARY 24
MARCH 9

COMING EVENTS

SO. DIST. ELKS MTG.—ANNA JONESBORO
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CCC BENEFIT DART TOURNAMENT
LUCK OF THE LODGE RAFFLE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>FOOD SERVICE MONDAY SERVING 5:00 P.M. — 8:00 P.M. TUESDAY - FRIDAY SERVING 5:00 P.M.— 9:00 P.M.</p>					<p>1 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH \$13.00 FROG LEGS \$16.00 FISH & FROG LEGS COMBO \$16.00</p>	<p>2 HALL RENTED</p>
<p>3 ELKS MEMORIAL SERVICE LODGE HALL 11:30 A.M. CLUB OPEN 12 - CLOSE</p>	<p>4 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES</p>	<p>5 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM TACO TUESDAY</p>	<p>6 HOUSE MTG. 7:00 PM LODGE MTG. 7:30 PM HOT WINGS APPETIZERS SANDWICHES SALAD BAR</p>	<p>7 SALISBURY STEAK \$12.00 ORNAMENT PAINTING — LODGE HALL</p>	<p>8 CHICKEN PARMESAN \$12.00 CITY OF M'BORO CHRISTMAS PARTY IN HALL</p>	<p>9 HALL RENTED</p>
<p>10 HOOP SHOOT AT MHS 2:00 PM</p> <hr/> <p>MHS FOOTBALL BANQUET — LODGE HALL</p>	<p>11 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES (6-8 PM COOKIE EXCHANGE)</p>	<p>12 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM CHILI CHEESE DOGS \$8.00</p>	<p>13 HOT WINGS APPETIZERS SANDWICHES SALAD BAR</p>	<p>14 ALL YOU CAN EAT FRIED CHICKEN \$13.00</p>	<p>15 ROAST BEEF \$12.00</p>	<p>16 KID'S CHRISTMAS PARTY 11 AM -1 PM</p> <hr/> <p>S.T.A.R.T. CHRISTMAS PARTY</p>
<p>17 CLUB OPEN 12 - CLOSE</p>	<p>18 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES ORIENTATION 6:30 PM</p>	<p>19 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM CHICKEN BACON RANCH \$9.00</p> <hr/> <p>CUB SCOUT PARTY IN HALL</p>	<p>20 BOARD MTG. 6:45 LODGE MTG. 7:30 PM HOT WINGS, APPETIZERS SAND. SALAD BAR</p> <hr/> <p>INITIATION 7:30 PM</p>	<p>21 GRILLED PORK CHOPS \$13.00</p> <hr/> <p>FIRST BANK & TRUST BA-HUM BUG IN HALL</p>	<p>22 RIBEYE \$22.00 FILETS \$24.00 SIRLOIN TIPS \$16.00 GRILLED SHRIMP \$16.00</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24 CLUB OPEN 12 - CLOSE</p>	<p>25 MERRY CHRISTMAS</p> <div>  <p>CLUB CLOSED</p> </div>	<p>26 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM GUMBO \$9.00</p>	<p>27 HOT WINGS APPETIZERS SANDWICHES SALAD BAR</p>	<p>28 ALL YOU CAN EAT FRIED CHICKEN \$13.00</p>	<p>29 PRIME RIB \$22.00</p>	<p>30</p>
<p>31</p> <div>  <p>HAPPY NEW YEAR</p> </div>						