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DECEMBER 2024 E. R. MESSAGE

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Happy Holidays, All !

What a busy time of year! There are so many things happening at or through our Elks Lodge this month of December! I hope you can all find time to share some Elks Brotherly Love, during this Holiday and Christmas season.

By the time this Newsletter reaches you, we will have held our annual Memorial Service on Dec. 1. Some extra programs will be placed in the Club Room for your viewing, or to take with you, if you would like. And, also from Dec. 1, look for results of our local, #572 Hoop Shoot at MHS, which we hope to include in this Newsletter edition.

Our Lodge is proud to once again donate our Hall and Kitchen for the 5th annual "Cookies with Mrs. Claus," sponsored by Murphysboro Main Street. It will occur on Saturday, Dec. 7th, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. This super-fun Christmas time event has proven to be very popular! Cost is \$25 per child. Space is limited! (Go to Eventbrite to register.)

Our #572 Antlers Warm Clothing for Vets Project will be wrapping up the first week of this month. If you still have any new and/or gently used and clean, warm clothing to share, get it to the donation laundry basket sitting outside the game room, asap. Thanks to all who have shared. The Antlers group will work with Veterans' Chair, Steve Schemonia, for distribution of these donated items.

The Cookie Exchange is Monday, Dec. 9th, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in our Lodge Hall. What a fun and tasty event! Bring a dozen - take a dozen. Provide an extra dozen for our Veterans, if you're so inspired!

Speaking of Veterans - The **Haven Christmas Dinner** is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 10th. Several of our Elk Brothers and Sisters will be supporting local Vets on this day. Please consider joining in and taking part in this worthy event. Talk to, or call Steve Schemonia (618-713-3248) for more information.

December 22 will be another busy day at #572. The Antlers will be assisting in hosting our annual **Kids' Christmas Party** in the Hall, from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. There will be games, fun, and of course, a visit from Santa. Later that evening, will be the Annual **START Christmas Party** for all their clients. Hall doors open at 5:30, with the meal starting at around 6:00 p.m. Help in serving the meal is appreciated! Contact Diane Chamness (618-201-6812) if you feel this is a way you can share your time, this holiday season.

Finally, Elks Family, here's wishing you ALL a **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!**

Sincerely and Fraternaly Yours, Todd Doody, Exalted Ruler

MESSAGE FROM LODGE SECRETARY'S OFFICE

Members All - Please note that the 2025-2026 Lodge year will bring a **new look to your yearly dues notice**. This update is a result of Lodge #572 joining with many other Lodges around the nation, using what is known at the 'Automated Billing Service.' Initial notices, and all reminders, will cost our Lodge only \$0.34 (including stationary and envelopes), so a major savings should be realized by our Lodge. You will be receiving your billing earlier this year, thus giving you more lead time to pay your dues before April 1, which is always the beginning of a new Elk year.

For those of us who are forgetful, or maybe procrastinate a little, reminders will be flowing our way, on a consistent basis! Another convenience feature - easier use of your credit or debit card for paying your dues, and any additional donation, on line! Payments will then be electronically deposited into our Lodge account, here in Murphysboro.

There will be **NO CHANGE** in issuance Member and Spouse cards - these will still be issued by myself, out of the #572 office - including personal notes, as applicable. You can continue to mail your check in to my office, or drop by the Lodge to pay by check, cash, or credit card. No change here, as these options continue!

The major growth of our Lodge, since moving to our Shomaker Drive location, has placed a need on updating and increasing the efficiency of handling dues notices. Thus, we have decided to enroll in the Elk's National Billing Service. Thanks, in advance, for helping us all adjust to the changes, aforementioned. Merle Evans, Lodge Secretary

- 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 Kyle Tripp
- 7 Kevin Tuttle
- 8 Lonnie Sadler
- 8 Nancy Tillett
- 9 Jeffrey Hill
- 10 Jack Anstett
- 11 Jared Bastien
- 11 Richard Heins
- 12 William Sutton
- 13 Patrick Burke
- 14 Jerry Crawford
- 14 Jane Rhoden
- 14 John Vallino
- 15 Jacqueline Clover
- 16 Marilynn Daniel
- 16 Roderick Gordon
- 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
- 30 Janie Wright

Elk Members Enjoying Queen Search

And a search it is! Friendly and Fun-loving Elks are having a good time in the pursuit of Miss Queen, with draw at 7 p.m. Then, a nice 50/50 at 7:15, topped off by the two dinner certificates draw at 7:30. Come join in! As of this printing, the Queen's value is \$6,629.



November results are as follows:

11/05	Michelle Eisenhower	\$50 on Name Draw; No Win on Card Draw
11/12	Larry Thetford (Turk)	\$50 on Name Draw; No Win on Card Draw
11/19	David Cronin	\$100 on Name Draw; No Win on Card Draw
11/26	Bruce Francis	\$100 on Name Draw; No Win on Card Draw

**ENF SHOOTING MATCH
DATES ANNOUNCED**

To help meet our Lodge's National Foundation goal of \$5.50 per-capita, we will again be relying on the popular Shooting Matches, that have served us so well in recent years. These will occur at the **Carbon Lake Club**, here in Murphysboro. They are all **Sunday** dates, as follows: **January 19; February 16; and March 16.** Match details will precede these dates!

**ANNUAL START
CHRISTMAS DINNER**

On Sunday, Dec. 22 we will again provide the clients of **START**, with a Christmas Meal and Party. (Doors open at 5:30, MEAL AT 6:00, Santa to follow.)



Illinois Elks 2025 Benefit Calendars now on sale at Lodge. \$20 each Nice Christmas Gift. Purchase includes weekly, monthly & special drawings totally \$21,500 in prize money!



NEW YEARS EVE MENU

5-9 P.M.

- RIBEYE \$22.00**
- 8 OZ. FILET \$25.00**
- 10 OZ FILET \$30.00**
- SIRLION TIPS \$16.00**
- GRILLED SHRIMP \$16.00**

**W/CHOICE OF POTATO
ROLL
SALAD BAR
SPECIAL DESSERT**



**ELKS #572 KIDS'
CHRISTMAS PARTY**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

1:00 to 3:00 pm

GAMES, FOOD, FUN, & SANTA

Questions? Call:

Dianne Chamness at (618) 201-6812, or
Rene' Doody at (618) 201-3126

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY
FOR YOU, PERHAPS!!

As the old Marine saying goes....we are looking for a Few Good People (Elks) to help with our **Children's Care Dart Tournament**, scheduled for Saturday, February 22, 2025. It doesn't just happen 'by itself'. And, not all on just the 'Day Of.' There is making contact with Board Sponsors; coming up with for Silent Auction items; procuring Live Auction items; maybe attending a planning meeting or two; promoting member attendance at the event; publicizing of this important charitable event for our State Major Project; etc.

Been thinking you want to chip in to help your Murphysboro Lodge? Got some spare time available? Then, here you go! How do you accomplish this? See, or contact Lynn Porter at 618-534-5722, or mlep195057@gmail.com. You can also see or contact B. J. Wyatt, at 618-967-9432, or maybe stop by the Schwebel Printing Office on Main Street. Let's do this!!



**COOKIE
EXCHANGE**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9
6:00 TO 8:00 PM

BRING A DOZEN, TAKE A DOZEN
(YOU CAN ALSO BRING A DOZEN FOR OUR VETER-
ANS

For Questions or information, call:
Dianne Chamness, at 618-201-6812.

OUR ELKS MAKING A DIFFERENCE
FOR VETERANS AT THE HAVEN

Numbers were up for the recent Thanksgiving dinner, as some 35 Veterans and their Care Givers were on hand to enjoy a great meal, funded by our ENF Beacon Grant. Looking ahead to this month, I want express gratitude to all our Elks of #572 who took one of 25 names off the Veterans' Tree in the Club Room. These gifts will all be given away at the meal and party, December 10th, at the Haven.

*A lot of personal **time, travel, and caring** have been involved in our Murphysboro Lodge serving this Veterans' facility, so far this Lodge year. I feel we have made a **real difference** in their lives! Steve Schemonia, Lodge Veterans Chairman & Elks VAVS Representative*

FLAG SERVICE FINISHES CALENDAR YEAR WITH
VETERANS DAY

Anyone driving down Main Street, or around Murphysboro, on Veterans Day would have to have noticed, and been pleased with our Elks Flag Service for making sure that **Old Glory was proudly waving in the breeze!** I want to thank all of the guys & gals of #572 for their help with the flags, this past calendar year. It takes time and effort - but we are ready to serve our community again, in 2025. Elks Care - Elks Share!

Steve Schemonia

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

(BAND WILL BE ROUTE 3 RAMBLERS)

3/8/2025

SEE TICKETS OR FLYERS FOR COMPLETE DE-
TAILS (F 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 CLUB ROOM HOURS



MONDAY ~ THURSDAY 2:00 P.M. ~ 11:00 P.M.
 FRIDAY 2:00 P.M. ~ 12:00 A.M.
KITCHEN HOURS
 MONDAY 5:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.
 TUESDAY—FRIDAY 5:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M.

SATURDAY 2:00 P.M. ~ 12:00 A.M.
 SUNDAY 12:00 — CLOSE
 5:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.
 5:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M.

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COMING EVENTS

Thur., Jan 2 Rescheduled House & Lodge Meetings, 6:45 & 7:30 pm
 Sat., Jan. 4 Dist. Hoop Shoot, Anna: Sign up Starts 10a.m., Shoot at 11
 Sun, Jan 12 South District Meeting at Du Quoin Lodge #884
 Sun., Jan 19 ENF Shooting Match #1 at Carbon Lake Club, Murphysboro
 January 22 - 26 IEA Mid-Winter Meeting, Springfield
 Sun., Feb 16 ENF Shooting Match #2, at Carbon Lake Club, Murphysboro
 Sat., March 8 CCC Dart Tournament & Auction

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Lodge Hoop Shoot MHS, 1:00 pm Memorial Service, Lodge Hall, 11:30 am	2 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS	3 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM TACO TUESDAY	4 HOUSE MEETING 6:45 PM LODGE MEETING 7:30 PM PORK TENDERLION \$13.00	5 CHICKEN IMPERIAL \$12.00	6 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH \$13.00 FROG LEGS \$16.00 FISH & FROG LEGS COMBO \$16.00	7 Cookies with Mrs. Clause, 1:00 pm Lodge Hall
8 EVERY WEDNESDAY WINGS APPETIZERS SANDWICHES SALAD BAR	9 COOKIE 6-8:00 pm EXCHANGE WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS	10 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM HORSESHOES \$9.50	11 POT ROAST \$13.00	12 ALL YOU CAN EAT CHICKEN \$13.00	13 CHICKEN PARM. \$12.00	14
15	16 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS	17 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM POLISH SAUSAGE \$9.00	18 BOARD MEETING 6:45 LODGE MEETING. 7:30 PM SMOTHERED	19 SALISBURY STEAK \$12.00	20 RIBEYE \$22.00 FILET \$25.00 GRILLED SHRIMP \$16.00 SIRLOIN TIPS \$16.00	21
22 Kids Christmas Party 1:00-3:00 PM START Christmas Party 6:00-8:00 PM 	23 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS	24 CLUB ROOM OPEN NO QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING KITCHEN CLOSED	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS  CLUB CLOSED	26 ALL YOU CAN EAT CHICKEN \$13.00	27 PORK LOIN \$12.00	28
29	30 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS	31 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM NEW YEARS EVE MENU (SEE ARTICLE)	1 NEW YEARS DAY CLUB ROOM OPEN KITCHEN CLOSED NO HOUSE OR LODGE MEETINGS	2 RESCHEDULED HOUSE MEETING 6:45 PM LODGE MEETING 7:30 PM		