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APRIL 2025, E. R. MESSAGE

Hello Fellow Elks,

Welcome to a new year in Elkdom! My hope is that the 2025 - 2026 year will be one of the best years ever, for our Murphysboro Lodge!

After everything was totaled up, a good number of you helped in a variety of ways to raise some **\$15,350.00** from our 29th Annual Dart Tournament and Auction, to benefit our State's Major Project, the Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation. Outstanding! THANK YOU!! And, remember - it's for the **Kids Who Need Help!** (See additional article.)

Then, the very next week, what a fabulous turn out for **Luck of the Lodge!** We were wall-to-wall, front-to-back. To ALL ticket purchasers, thanks for supporting your Lodge, and congratulations to all our winners (and sellers)! To all in attendance - hope you had fun!

Our final ENF (Elks National Foundation) Shooting Match at Carbon Lake Club was held on March 16. We had another great turnout, and lots of enjoyment. Once again, thanks for Member Support (and Volunteer Time). The three benefit Matches, held this year, helped us to SURPASS our per-capita goal of \$5.50 per Member, and thus once again qualifies our Lodge for important ENF / IEA Grants that we use throughout the year to support our local community.

Our appreciation is extended to our Antlers (Jr. Elks) with their recent Fish Fry Fundraiser! Compliments are still rolling in, from both those who dined at the Lodge or picked up a To-Go dinner to enjoy at home. The Antlers especially enjoyed feeding our local, on-duty Murphysboro PD and Firefighters (See photo.).

Be looking ahead to these upcoming events: April 6, South District meeting at the Herrin Lodge; April 12 Easter Egg Hunt at our Lodge; April 20 Elks Easter Bunny visits Senior Facilities; May 11th Mothers Day Brunch in Lodge Hall; May 16-18 Elks Annual Meeting in Springfield; and June 28-July 2, Grand Lodge in Kansas City, Mo.

Here is an important set of figures for Murphysboro Lodge #572 - We began the 2024 - 2025 Elk Lodge year with **674** members, and **ended up on March 31, with 697** members, for a **net gain of 23!** **This is a historic membership number for our Lodge!** THANK YOU to everyone who helped bring in someone new to the Lodge, or helped secure payment from a delinquent member - Job well done!!

Fraternally yours,
Todd Doody, E. R.

PER ASSOCIATION ACTIVITY AT LODGE #572

Two recent fund-raising efforts were organized by the Past Exalted Rulers (PER) Association of Lodge #572. One was the January Beer & Chicken Dance held in the Lodge Hall, and an additional effort involved ticket sales for a Lottery Basket Raffle, at the Luck Of The Lodge event. From proceeds therein, a \$600 donation was given to the Lodge, to forward for our Lodge's requested donation to the candidacy of Illinois' own Bryan Klatt, of the DeKalb Lodge, as endorsed candidate for the upcoming position of National, Grand Exalted Ruler of the Elks.

Then, a second request for monetary help was approved, and a donation of \$1,859.00 sent to Specialized Equine Services in Carterville, IL. Our donation covered the cost of 11 gate panels, to be installed in a corral area of a new facility currently being constructed. (This entity was formerly located at Giant City State Park, but had to relocate, due to a tremendous rent increase that they were unable to sustain.) The Equine Services organization provides therapy to individuals who need such help and assistance. This action is yet another example of how our Lodge works to support the Community, and help meet a need.

Elks Care - Elks Share!



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 no more; but their virtues are written upon the tablets of love and memory.

MICHAEL DUNCAN

February 3, 1952—March 12, 2025



- 4/1 Jesse Barge
- 4/2 Jason Spears
- 4/3 Cynthia Fager
- 4/3 Charles Harsy
- 4/3 Edward Tennant
- 4/4 Jerald McClerren
- 4/4 Roger Phoenix
- 4/6 Mike Uffelman
- 4/7 John Grammer
- 4/7 Thomas Ince
- 4/8 Troy Cripps
- 4/9 Jonathan Tremblay
- 4/9 Joanna Tweedy
- 4/11 Fredia Doody
- 4/11 Gary Korando
- 4/14 Mike Barone
- 4/14 Clinton Etherton
- 4/14 Fred Gilbert
- 4/15 Mike Beckman
- 4/15 Jeff Marnati
- 4/15 Harry Raines
- 4/16 Apryl Gordon
- 4/16 Robert Kirschbaum
- 4/16 Tina Lustig
- 4/17 Mark Wright
- 4/18 Jason Zapp
- 4/20 Cory Endres
- 4/20 Nancy Fager
- 4/20 John Farrish
- 4/20 Fred Schnautz
- 4/21 April Blessing
- 4/21 Dennis Hartman
- 4/22 Garrett Cook
- 4/23 Steven Joiner
- 4/23 Tina Phoenix
- 4/24 Cynthia Hobbs
- 4/24 Lamonte Miner
- 4/24 Daniel Parmley
- 4/24 Christine Paul
- 4/24 William Rinehart
- 4/27 Paul Polete
- 4/28 Marty Davis
- 4/28 Richard Williams
- 4/29 Michael Desett
- 4/29 John Saunders
- 4/29 Clifford Tanner
- 4/30 Michael Layne



After being voted to candidacy status and completing their orientation session, we are very pleased to have received into membership on March 12, 2025 the following new members (left to right): Joseph Guetersloh, James Moake, Jaide Jones, Michelle Cramer, Ryan Brooks, Bernard Yokom Jr., William Doody, Joshua Rakers, Lori Elliott, Todd Doody (E.R.), William Popejoy, Dustin Popejoy, Michelle Soto, Cody Hysom, Carrie Stewart, and Paula Adams.

DART TOURNAMENT / AUCTION
RESULTS SHOW ELKS CARE - ELKS SHARE
AT MURPHYSBORO #572!

For the 29th year, our Elks, Children's Care Benefit Dart Tournament & Auction show the degree to which our Elk Members, community businesses, citizens, and friends of our Lodge are willing to work for, and / or contribute to help children in need. To pin point every person or entity involved in this annual effort, would be beyond the scope of this Newsletter. So, we just have to express our gratitude to **EVERYONE!**

From the **event itself, \$15,350** has been forwarded to the C. C. C. office in Chatham. Then, a tremendous Thank You is due to all of our Members who directly donate through purchase of Calendars; participation in the state-wide drawing; or purchase of HO-DO Pins (whether you accept the pin or just send the \$10 for one). And, recall that names of our members who do send in money for Ho-Do have their names posted yearly, on the Ho-Do Board, on wall of entry way to Club Room. The Children's Care Office has indicated that at least **\$2,258** has been received **from #572 members**, participating this past year on the 3 ares mentioned above! So.... looks like somewhere in the vicinity of **\$17,608** has been forwarded to the C.C.C this Lodge year, 2024 - 2025!

Proving once more, that at **Murphysboro #572**
ELKS CARE - ELKS SHARE!!

MY ELKS



Lodge #572 Elks out there who have not put the 'My Elks' mobile app on your phone, yet....**do it**, if you want **Newsletter**, calendar, and more in quick fashion!



On March 23, Elks 572 Antlers held a Fish Fry fund raiser in the Lodge Hall. They would like to thank all Elks & friends who participated, making the event a success, and raising some \$1,000 to be applied to a Scholarship Award this spring, at Murphysboro High School. As per photo, on-duty Police and Fire personnel pose as they pick up donated Fish Dinners!

Antlers - learning to be good, future Elks!

Luck-Of-The-Lodge Huge Success

Wow, what an attendance at this year's Luck-Of-The-Lodge fundraiser at #572! (Packed House would be an understatement.) All 900 tickets were sold in advance. The 50/50 Raffle netted the winner (New Elk initiate / Member, Bernard Yokom) over \$1,200! And, the various other Raffles had good participation! Lots of compliments on the food...and finally, a nice group of Elks & guests stayed to enjoy & dance to the music of *Route 3 Ramblers!*

Congratulations to the Prize Winners / Elk Member Sellers, as follows: (\$100 / \$20 for 9th - 6th place) 9th = Jessica Blumenstock / Jim Ferguson; 8th = Dave Blankenship / Bob Hahn; 7th = Cody Gould / Jim Ferguson; 6th = Mike Guetersloh / Jim Ferguson; (\$250 / \$25 for 5th & 4th) 5th = Mike Uffelman / Jim Ferguson; 4th = Mike Ellis / Jim Ferguson; 3rd (\$500 / \$50) = Jerry Grammer / Lloyd Hanna; **2nd (\$1,000 / \$100) = Michele Eisenhauer / Jim Ferguson; 1st (\$5,000 / \$200) = Mike Sherman / Kim McGriff .**

MEMBERSHIP MESSAGE FROM LODGE SECRETARY

As most of you now know, we are trying a new, automated billing system this Lodge year. So far, member response has been very fast! Adjustment to a totally new system always takes time, so we ARE processing your payments as quickly as possible. Additionally, the growing membership of our Lodge adds to the work load. Finally, Postal Service in the area has been struggling in recent months....as so many of you know! Therefore, we ask for your patience as all of this is worked through.

If you have paid, but do not have the new, yellow Membership & Key cards yet...do ring the Club Room door, as needed. Also, as for drawings - Queen / Weekly / 1st & 3rd Thursdays - recall that in APRIL, you can participate, even if you do NOT yet have your new card in hand! An April 1 Delinquent list will not be printed. (Return to eligibility being contingent on NOT being on the Delinquent at first of the month, resumes on May 1.) Thank you, Merle Evans, Lodge Secretary

QUEEN OF HEARTS IN HIDING

That's right! The new Queen of Hearts Board #15 is up, and a search for Miss Queen's location is on! Want to purchase tickets (\$1 each) even if you cannot be, or do not plan to be present at the 7:00 p.m. draw on Tuesdays? No problem - You still get the full Name Draw amount (\$25 for Stage 1; \$50 for stage 2, etc.)! And, 50% of award amount, for Jokers, Aces, and Kings - or even the Queen herself if you are not present, but your ticket is drawn! So, if visiting the Club Room or Lodge, why not go ahead and purchase some tickets?? As of this Newsletter publishing, the Queen's value stands at \$X,XX.X, Get your name in the Hat! Recent drawing results are as follows:

03/04	Todd Doody	\$25 on Name Draw	\$30 on Card Draw!
03/11	Cathy Layne	\$25 on Name Draw	No Win on Card Draw
03/18	Cathy Layne	\$25 on Name Draw	No Win on Card Draw
03/25	Shirley Summers	\$25 on Name Draw	No Win on Card Draw



As described in the PER Association Activity article on page one, a donation check was presented to Specialized Equine Services, for acquisition of needed gate panels for their new facilities in Carterville. In photo, Debbie Cooper, and her volunteer manager, hold donation check from Lodge #572. (Debbie indicates that the manager and all staff are volunteers!)

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 SERVING 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

April 2025

COMING EVENTS
 May 11....Mother's Day Brunch in Lodge Hall
 May 16 - 18...II Elks Annual Meeting in Springfield
 June 1...So. Dist. Mtg. Organizational Mtg. Marion
 June 28-July 2....Grand Lodge , Kansas City, Mo.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i><u>EVERY WEDNESDAY</u> WINGS APPETIZERS SANDWICHES SALAD BAR</i>		<i>1 NEW ELK YEAR BEGINS QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM TACO TUES.</i>	<i>2 HOUSE MTG. 6:45 LODGE MTG. 7:30 LASAGNA \$12.00</i>	<i>3 SALISBURY STEAK \$13.00</i>	<i>4 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH \$13.00 FROG LEGS \$16.00 FISH & FROG LEGS COMBO \$16.00</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>6 S. DIST. MTG. AT HERRIN LODGE #1146</i>	<i>7 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS</i>	<i>8 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM BACON BLUE CHEESE OR GARLIC BACON BURGER \$9.50</i>	<i>9 SPAGHETTI W/ MEATBALLS \$11.00</i>	<i>10 ALL YOU CAN EAT CHICKEN \$13.00</i>	<i>11 STUFFED PORK CHOPS \$14.00</i>	<i>12 EASTER EGG HUNT</i>
<i>13</i>	<i>14 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS</i>	<i>15 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM HORSESHOES \$9.00</i>	<i>16 BOARD MTG. 6:45 LODGE MTG, 7:30 BLACKENED TILAPIA \$12.00</i>	<i>17 CHICKEN PARM. \$13.00</i>	<i>18 RIBEYE \$23.00 FILET \$25.00 SIRLOIN TIPS \$16.00 GRILLED SHRIMP \$16.00</i>	<i>19</i>
<i>20 ELKS EASTER BUNNY VISITS SR. FACILITIES</i>	<i>21 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS</i>	<i>22 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM GUMBO \$11.00</i>	<i>23 STEAK FAJITAS \$13.00</i>	<i>24 ALL YOU CAN EAT CHICKEN \$13.00</i>	<i>25 POT ROAST \$14.00</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>27</i>	<i>28 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS</i>	<i>29 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM ITALIAN BEEF \$9.50</i>	<i>30 COUNTRY FRIED STEAK \$13.00</i>	<i>1 BEEF STROGONOFF \$13.00</i>	<i>2 AYCE FISH \$13.00 FROG LEGS \$16.00 FISH & FROG LEGS COMBO \$16.00</i>	