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Greetings All !

I would like to send out a BIG "Thank You!" to everyone who supported the Richard Martin Golf Scramble in July. A particular shout out to members who worked / volunteered at the course or assisted with the follow-up awards dinner at the Lodge; who sponsored a hole; who obtained hole sponsorships; and certainly those who golfed! As per Richard's wishes, earnings from this event (\$4,260) have been deposited in the Elks #572 Building Maintenance Fund. And of course, congratulations to all the winners!

At the dinner, opportunity was also taken to congratulate and honor our Murphysboro Lodge's High School Senior, Teen of the year winner, Jakale Hill. He was presented with a \$100 check from our Lodge; a \$500 check for winning the South District; and a \$500 check for winning 3rd in the State - for a total of \$1,100! Congratulations, Jakale!

It's that time of year that our fantastic Flag Team will be representing Lodger #572, and our country, in parades and such. Interested in becoming a part of this grand tradition? Contact chairman, Steve Zak, at 618-924-5680.

Congratulations to all Lodge members who are bringing in new members, and / or working on recruitment! Glad to see our Lodge is growing and look forward to the great things we can all do for our Veterans and our community. Keep 'em coming! (See photo of July 30th Initiates, this Newsletter issue.)

The next South District meeting is on Sunday, August 3rd, at the Metropolis Lodge. And, the Fall IE (Illinois Elks Association) meeting will be in Springfield the weekend of September 26-28, at the Crown Plaza.

Looking for Elks#572 apparel? Just inquire of bartender in the Club Room. Order forms are available.

I would like to remind and encourage all members to attend our monthly Lodge meetings. These are at 7:30 p.m., on the first and third Wednesdays. All members have a vote on all items of business. Hope to see you there.

Fraternally,

Todd Doody, E.R.

After being voted to candidacy status and completing their orientation session, we are very pleased to have received into membership on July 30, 2025 the following new members (left to right): Timothy Leonard, Debra Cooper, Audrey Arnold, Sandra Mileur, Roberta Bodecker, ER Todd Dooy, Edward O'Donnell, Christine Nolan, Annette Draves, and Monica Leonard.



**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

- 01 Allard, John
- 01 Grammer, Donald E
- 01 Walker, Margaret O
- 02 Freeman, Venita
- 03 Ebersohl, Steven
- 03 Overturf, Denis
- 04 Taylor, James D
- 06 Edwards, Ryan
- 07 Comingore, James R
- 07 Crowell, Brian
- 07 Harnetiaux, Linda L
- 07 Stearns, Shawn
- 08 Baker, Daniel R
- 08 Bense, Alan D
- 08 Jarrett, Kenneth Bradley
- 09 Korando, William D
- 10 Bastien, Joey R
- 10 Garlinghouse, Michael
- 10 Miley, Keith
- 11 Brock, Dennis C
- 11 Hysom, Megan
- 12 Chamness, Dianne
- 12 Cheatham, Butch W
- 13 Draves, Annette
- 13 Hewitt, Naomi E
- 14 Moake, James
- 14 Tweedy, John
- 14 Walker, Tamra L
- 15 Bower, Terry Daniel
- 15 Counce, Richard E
- 15 Jenkins, Jim
- 16 Bergant, Michael S
- 16 Gould, Cody
- 16 Kimbro, Steve
- 16 Swafford, Steve T
- 17 Nolan, Christine
- 17 Swanson, Sheree
- 18 Layne, Richard L
- 19 Fisher, Zane John
- 19 Middendorf, Brent
- 19 Nance, David R
- 20 Dondi, Paul
- 20 Fenwick, Robert E
- 20 Hanna, Lloyd
- 20 Huffman, Kevin
- 21 Graff, Curt R
- 21 Grammer, Daisy
- 21 Jarrett, Corey L
- 21 Miller, Jerry W
- 22 Cauble, Carl
- 22 Gale, Albert D
- 23 Nehring, Rachel A
- 23 Sabo, Alan
- 23 Webb, Angela K
- 24 Blaise, Brian
- 24 Elwell, Lynn

- 25 Evans, Michael A
- 25 Law, Brenda
- 25 Mccann, Charles D
- 25 Paul Jr, William T
- 27 Benscoter, Dustin
- 27 Brenning, Adam
- 27 Rogers, Timothy
- 27 Rose, Chad A
- 27 Taylor, Edward D
- 28 Blake, Robin L
- 28 Clover, Bernard
- 29 Dallas, Barbara B
- 31 Hammel, Neal

**Special Menu August 11 – 15**

Our kitchen staff will be taking a much needed (and deserved) vacation during the week of August 11 – 15. During this time, food in the club room will be prepared and served by various volunteers. As a result, ***the items available will be limited.*** Please refer to the calendar for what will be offered. You will find the items offered to be interesting and unique.

**QUEEN'S NUMBER WAS 25!**

The July 29th Queen of Hearts uncovered the Lady's location - under card #25. Selecting the correct card number, and winner of \$4,159 was Janice Hines. Board #16 will now begin on Tuesday, August 5, at 7:00 p.m. Our 50/50 Draw continues at 7:15, and meal certificates at 7:30. Come, join fellow Elks, for enjoyable socialization - and good food too! Here are total results for July:

7/01	Janice Hines	\$25 on Name Draw	No Win on Card Draw
7/08	Bob Hall	\$25 on Name Draw	No Win on Card Draw
7/15	Steve Ferguson	\$25 on Name Draw	No Win on Card Draw
7/22	Marilyn Zak	\$25 on Name Draw	No Win on Card Draw
7/29	Janice Hines	QUEEN of Hearts - \$4,159	

**ELKS #572 SERVING VETERANS**

For their Fourth of July Celebration, 18 Vets at the Haven enjoyed a great meal served by Lodge volunteers. They also were provided with needed personal items to take home to help them through the month. The 2nd Tuesday in August will see their return to the Haven for their monthly meetings, along with a meal and pat on the back from Elks#572.

On another Veterans front, the Marion VA Health Care is holding a Stand Down for area homeless Veterans. We are looking for donations to help with this effort. Information will be appearing, on Lodge Bulletin Boards & in Club Room. Please check out the list of items they need. Then, bring any items you can provide, to the Lodge for delivery to the VA. Deadline on this will be Thursday, September 18th. Elks Care - Elks Share! Thanks, in advance, Steve Schemonia, Veterans' Chair.

**FLAG SERVICE STARTS A NEW YEAR**

The Fourth of July weekend saw Murphysboro well adorned with American Flags flying proudly throughout the City, courtesy of our Elks Lodge and our faithful volunteers! The response from residents has been very positive. Businesses locations and other entities are now enrolling for another year of our Elks Flag Service. And, new locations are always welcome - contact Steve Schemonia, at 618-713-3248.



Lodge Chaplain Dianne Chamness (on right) presented General John A. Logan Museum Director Laura Varner (on left) and Museum Board President Betsy Brown (center) a \$2000.00 check to help in the re-creation of Logan Days to celebrate the 200th anniversary of General John A. Logan's birth. The money came from an ENF grant earned by our Lodge by meeting the goals set forth by the ENF to help our local communities.



### Our Flag Team Needs New Blood

For over 10 years, we have been presenting our large American Flag in parades and other events. Many of the original participants cannot do this anymore do to age and physical difficulties. We drastically need new people to step up and continue this tradition. It's not difficult; it doesn't take a huge amount of time. Come join us in this important and rewarding venture. We will be participating in the Applefest parade and Chester Fall Festival Parade, among other events. Contact Flag Team coordinator Steve Zak at 618-924-5680 for more information.

Do you have a child or grandchild you think would be a good Elk when they become old enough to join? Do you wish they had something better to do than play with their phones? They can get involved now — if they are at least 12 years old — by joining the Antlers program. This is the “junior Elks” program where young people can take part in many of the same things we do as Elks. Antlers hold meetings, take offices, conduct fundraisers, and help out our community through charitable donations.

This is a great opportunity for those not old enough to join the Elks to see what the Elks are about. Several of our Antlers have become full Elks members when they turned 21. Your child or grandchild could be next. Ask any officer about how they can join.



ELKS CLUB ROOM HOURS	
MONDAY ~ THURSDAY 2:00 PM ~ 11:00 PM	SATURDAY 2:00 PM ~ 12:00 AM
FRIDAY 2:00 PM ~ 12:00 AM	SUNDAY 12:00 — CLOSE
KITCHEN HOURS	
MONDAY	5:00 PM — 8:00 PM
TUESDAY—FRIDAY	5:00 PM — 9:00 PM

# August 2025

COMING EVENTS
September 16 ... Flag Team in Applefest Parade
October 19 ... Flag Team in Chester Fall festival Parade

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>EVERY WEDNESDAY</u> WINGS APPETIZERS SANDWICHES SALAD BAR					1 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH \$13.00 FROG LEGS \$16.00 FISH & FROG LEGS COMBO \$16.00	2
3 DISTRICT MEETING AT METROPOLIS ELKS LODGE	4 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM  BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS	5 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM  TACO TUESDAY	6 HOUSE MTG. 6:45 PM LODGE MTG. 7:30 PM  MOSTACCIOLI \$11.00	7 MEATLOAF \$13.00	8 CHICKEN CORDON BLEU \$14.00	9
10	11 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM  BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS	12 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM  "TEXICAN" NIGHT BY ZIEGLERS & NOLANS	13 LASAGNA \$12.00	14 ALL YOU CAN EAT FRIED CHICKEN \$13.00	15 CHICKEN & SAUSAGE GUMBO OR MUFFALETTA SANDWICH WITH FRIES	16
<b>VOLUNTEER WEEK – LIMITED MENU – ONLY LISTED ITEMS WILL BE AVAILABLE</b>						
17	18 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM  BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS	19 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM  POLISH SAUSAGE \$9.00	20 BOARD MTG. 6:45 PM LODGE MTG. 7:30 PM  BLACKENED TILAPIA \$12.00	21 HALF-RACK RIB DINNER \$16.00	22 CHICKEN & DUMPLINGS \$14.00	23
24	25 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM  BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS	26 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM  BACON BLUE CHEESE OR GARLIC BUTTER BACON BURGERS \$9.50	27 HAM STEAK WITH SWEET POTATOES \$13.00	28 ALL YOU CAN EAT FRIED CHICKEN \$13.00	29 PRIME RIB \$27.00	30
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