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E. R. MESSAGE - OCTOBER

Greetings, Members All:

Wasn't Apple Festival great!?! So proud of our Flag Team for honoring our veterans and current servicemen as they walked the flag in the Apple Festival Grand Parade.

Congratulations to Lodge #572 PER / Trustee, Jerry Willett, for his recent participation in the Honor Flight! (see photo.) Additionally, Elk members from area Lodges, including several from Murphysboro #572, were present to help the Marion Elks flag team hold their flag to welcome home all the veterans returning on the flight from Washington, D.C.

Thank you to all those who helped at and participated in the recent South District Golf Scramble at the Anna-Jonesboro Golf Course. Most of the golfers, following play, proceeded to the Anna-Jonesboro Elks Lodge for a meal and awards. It was a very successful event!

Our Murphysboro Lodge is still growing! **Current membership stands at 717, which is #6 in Illinois.** Our next Orientation is scheduled for Thursday, October 16, with Initiation to follow on Wednesday, October 22. The number of candidates could reach 14! Thank you to our Lodge members who are involved in sponsoring new members this year. KEEP 'EM COMING!!

Our Antlers are also seeking new members. If you know any 12 to 20 year-old's who would be interested in being a part of our service-oriented organization, speak with Rene' Doody or ask a Lodge Officer, Secretary, or Bartender on duty for an application. The Antlers are currently planning for the Elks Kids Christmas Party on December 14th.

We are still looking for volunteers to form a Team #3 Burger team for Monday nights! You'll have a lot of fun. Don't be bashful - hold up your hand!!

Our Flag Team will be in the Chester Fall Harvest Festival Parade on Sunday, October 19th. Speak with Steve Zak (618-924-5680) if you are interested in helping out. Also upcoming is the Brad Wilcox Memorial Dart Tournament, as well as our local Hoop Shoot at MHS. (See Coming Events on Calendar.) These are fun ways to get involved and/or volunteer at Lodge #572!

Sincerely and Fraternaly Yours,
Todd Doody, Exalted Ruler

HELPING OUR VETERANS

Appreciation is extended to all the Lodge #572 Elk Members who brought in items for the September 25th Veterans Stand Down, hosted by the Marion V.A. Estimated total value of our donations was \$1,800! Once again, this figure shows how we, at the Murphysboro Elks Lodge, feel about our area Veterans. In addition, September 9th saw a good group of some 30 Vets at the Haven, on Crab Orchard Lake, enjoying a fried Chicken dinner with all the trimmings. And, they were also given take-home bags of fruits, veggies, and personal items. Thanks, especially, to our Elk Volunteers who did such a good job with these deserving individuals! Elks Care - Elks Share! Steve Schemonia, Veterans' Chairman

FLAG SERVICE SEES TREMENDOUS GROWTH

In August, 2021, Elks Lodge #572 assumed responsibility of putting out American Flags in Murphysboro, as the Lions Club no longer had the capacity to do so. At that time, the number of businesses and entities subscribing to the service numbered around 100. Since that time our Lodge has worked hard to expand the number of Flags being placed in & around the city. Numerous Elk volunteers have stepped forward to help out in the effort. We are now heading into our 5th year of this great service, which patriotically beautifies Murphysboro on numerous holidays and weekends during the year. This past Labor Day was the latest such occasion, with some 220 American flags standing proudly along our streets and at various business and civic locations! Wow - what growth, after just 4 years of effort by chairman, Steve Schemonia, and all Elk volunteers who help him. Great job, everyone!!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Jones, Brenda Kay
- 01 Mileur, Anthony D
- 01 Nesler, James S
- 02 Reeves, Kevin
- 03 Jarrett, Jason
- 03 McBride, Steve
- 04 Mills, Clifford
- 05 Endres, Terry L
- 05 Fager, Zachary
- 06 Heape, Dennis A
- 06 Holmes, Laurie
- 06 Tweedy, John
- 07 Voss, Keith A
- 08 Burke, Susan
- 08 Draves, Robert W
- 08 Drone, William L
- 09 Craine, Jody
- 09 Stuva, Roger
- 10 Stokes, Patty
- 11 Griffin, Larry A
- 13 Hays, John H
- 14 Holthaus, Gregory Lee
- 14 Leonard, Timothy
- 14 Modglin, Dana
- 15 Balsano, Earl W
- 15 McGriff, Kim
- 16 Guetersloh, Michael
- 16 Hunsperger, Michael D
- 17 Tuttle, Kyle
- 18 Klaine, Keith H
- 18 Lather, Stephen J
- 18 Murphy, Daryl P
- 18 Wyatt, William J
- 19 Hysom, Gerald L
- 19 Speiser, Stephanie A
- 22 Falat, Steve J
- 22 McGriff, Rhese
- 22 Schemonia, Steve
- 23 Padilla, Jeffrey W
- 23 Zak, Marilyn S
- 25 Blacklock, Daniel R
- 26 Raines, Cami A
- 27 Mann, Richard M
- 27 Thetford, Larry D
- 27 Weathers, Timothy A
- 29 Bodeker, Roberta J
- 29 Stevens, Kelly E
- 30 Dailey, Earl R
- 30 Shields, Kevin
- 30 Steele, Wayne J
- 31 Roberts, Keith W
- 31 Schimpf, Dale R

THE QUEEN OF HEARTS WANTS YOU

... to help find her hidden location! Tickets to try are only \$1 each and may be purchased at any time, in Club Room. Then, drawing occurs at 7:00 on Tuesdays. 50/50 follows at 7:15. Join in with good Elk friends, enjoy the gathering....and maybe some good food from our kitchen! Here are recent results, with the queen's value at this printing being \$1,534.00!

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| 9/02 | Teresa Hughes | \$25 on Name Draw | \$30 Win on Card Draw |
| 9/09 | Jay Ziegler | \$25 on Name Draw | No win on Card Draw |
| 9/16 | Jim Ferguson | \$25 on Name Draw | \$30 Win on Card Draw |
| 9/23 | Billy Korando | \$25 on Name Draw | No win on Card Draw |



Lodge #572 PER, and current Trustee, Jerry Willett (center), returns to Veterans Airport, in Marion, following recent Honor Flight to Washington D.C. on September 16th.

ENF Legacy Award Scholarships

This program awards up to 250 four-year \$4000.00 scholarships to the children and grand children of active Elk members.

Applications must be submitted online by noon, February 2, 2026. For full information and eligibility requirements, go to <https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/Legacy.cfm>

Most Valuable Student Scholarships

The Elks National Foundation will award 500 four-year scholarships to the top-rated applicants in the 2026 competition.

Any high school student who is a US citizen may apply. Applicants need not be related to an Elk member. Applicants will be judged on scholarship, leadership, and financial need.

Applications must be submitted online by November 12, 2025. Go to www.elks.org/scholars/mvs.cfm for more information.



Using a portion of the Gratitude Grant, which is part of the Elks National Foundation's Community Investments Program, Murphysboro Lodge #572 recently awarded \$1,000 to the Sandra's Comfort Organization, based in Rockwood.

The group's focus is to help individuals deal with economic issues resulting from Cancer. Accepting the check from Lodge secretary, Merle Evans, is Sandra's Comfort Board Member, Mindy Heins. Elks Care - Elks Share!

Sandra Bullar, Director of the Murphysboro Senior Citizens Center, accepts a check for \$1,000 from Elks Lodge #572. The donation is part of the Murphysboro Lodge's ENF Gratitude Grant.

Presenting the award is (L-R) Merle Evans, Secretary / ENF Chair, and Steve Schemonia, PER / Veterans' Chair.



We did it again!!

Lodge 572 Exalted Ruler Todd Doody poses with the 2024-2025 awards for **Lodge of the Year** and **Exalted Ruler of the Year**, presented to our Lodge at the recent Fall Meeting of the Illinois Elks Association in Springfield.

The **South District** was also awarded **District of the Year**.

Congratulations and thank you to everyone who helped make this happen!



| ILLINOIS ELKS ASSOCIATION | |
|---------------------------|------|
| SOUTH DISTRICT | |
| MURPHYSBORO | 572 |
| CAIRO | 614 |
| MARION | 814 |
| DU QUOIN | 841 |
| HARRISBURG | 1031 |
| HERRIN | 1146 |
| BENTON | 1234 |
| CARBONDALE | 1243 |
| WEST FRANKFORT | 1340 |
| METROPOLIS | 1428 |
| ANNA-JONESBORO | 1641 |

ELKS CLUB ROOM HOURS

MONDAY ~ THURSDAY 2:00 PM ~ 11:00 PM
 FRIDAY 2:00 PM ~ 12:00 AM
KITCHEN HOURS
 MONDAY 5:00 PM — 8:00 PM
 TUESDAY—FRIDAY 5:00 PM — 9:00 PM

SATURDAY 2:00 PM ~ 12:00 AM
 SUNDAY 12:00 — CLOSE

October 2025

COMING EVENTS

November 2...District Meeting @ our Lodge
 November 19...District Deputy visit @ our Lodge
 November 29...Brad Wilcox Dart Tournament
 December 7...Local Hoop Shoot competition @ Murphysboro HS
 December 14...Kids Christmas Party
 December 14...START Christmas Dinner

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| <u>EVERY WEDNESDAY WINGS APPETIZERS SANDWICHES SALAD BAR</u> | | | 1 HOUSE MTG 6:45 PM LODGE MTG 7:30 PM DEEP FRIED HOG WINGS \$12.00 | 2 MEATLOAF \$13.00 | 3 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH \$13.00 FROG LEGS \$16.00 FISH & FROG LEGS COMBO \$16.00 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS | 7 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM TACO TUESDAY | 8 SPAGHETTI & MEATBALLS \$12.00 | 9 ALL YOU CAN EAT FRIED CHICKEN \$13.00 | 10 SALMON \$14.00 GRILLED SHRIMP \$17.00 | 11 |
| 12 | 13 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS | 14 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM VETS MEAL @ HAVEN HOMEMADE SLOPPY JOES \$9.50 START DANCE | 15 BOARD MTG 6:45 PM LODGE MTG 7:30 PM ROTISSERIE CHICKEN \$13.00 | 16 ORIENTATION 7:00 LASAGNA \$13.00 | 17 RIBEYE \$23.00 FILET \$25.00 SIRLOIN TIPS \$17.00 GRILLED SHRIMP \$17.00 | 18 |
| 19 FLAG TEAM IN CHESTER FALL FESTIVAL PARADE | 20 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS | 21 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM MEATBALL SUB \$9.50 | 22 INITIATION 7:30 STEAK FAJITAS \$14.00 | 23 ALL YOU CAN EAT FRIED CHICKEN \$13.00 | 24 PORK STEAK DINNER \$14.00 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS | 28 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM HORSESHOE \$9.50 | 29 POLISH SAUSAGE & KRAUT \$11.00 | 30 POT ROAST \$14.00 | 31 CHICKEN & DUMPLINGS \$14.00 | |