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E. R. MESSAGE - NOVEMBER

Greetings, Members All:

A special salute goes out to all of our members who are Veterans (and active duty). Thank you for your Service! And, to all of our Elks - if you would like to help with any of our Lodge #572 Veteran projects, please speak with veterans chairman, Steve Schemonia (618-713-3248), or ENF Veteran Grants coordinator, Darcie Hastings (618-521-6050).

I would like to thank the Lodge #572 Flag Team for their work and dedication in presenting the American Flag at events throughout Southern Illinois. If you are interested in being a part of this team, speak with Leading Knight, Steve Zak, at 618-924-5680.

The Illinois Elks South District meeting will be held on Sunday, November 2nd, at our Murphysboro Lodge. It would be nice to see a good showing of Murphysboro Officers and Members at this meeting. (10:00 am is starting time for general meeting.)

On Saturday, November 8th, please support the **Wee Care of Jacob** Chicken Dinner from 4:00 to 7:00 pm, at the Lodge. In addition to the dinner, there will be Live & Silent Auctions, and more. We are happy to partner with this very worthy organization! Let's show them that as Elks, *We do care about Wee Care!*

Looking ahead, the Lodge will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, November 27th. Please enjoy this day with your family and friends.

On Saturday, November 29th, the annual Brad Wilcox Memorial Dart Tournament will be held in our Banquet Hall. We have supported this event for many years - let's continue to do so.

Then, to add to our busy schedule, "Baking Cookies with Mrs. Claus" will be held in our Lodge Hall, the afternoon of Sunday, November 30th. (Check with Murphysboro Hometown Christmas for tickets - this is usually a sell out!

Think ahead to December. The Annual Memorial Service will be at 11:30 am Sunday, December 7th to honor our departed members who have passed away since the service held in December of last year.

Hoop Shoot - winners from preliminary contests being held at individual schools, from Red Bud to Murphysboro, will come to Murphysboro High School on Sunday, December 7th. Registration begins at 1 pm. We do need helpers - contact myself; Secretary, Merle Evans; or Hoop Shoot Coordinator, Chris Germann (618-967-0529), if you would like to lend a hand!

Our own Elks #572 Cookie Exchange will be held in the Hall on Monday, Dec. 8th, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. What a fun and tasty event! Bring a dozen - take a dozen. And don't forget to bring an extra dozen for our Veterans!

Our annual Elks Kids' Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 14th, from 12:00 to 2:00 pm. There will be games, fun, and a visit from Santa. Same busy day - the annual START Christmas Party and Dinner will then begin at 5:00 pm. Help serving the meal will be appreciated. Contact Dianne Chamness if you feel this is a way you can share your time this holiday season!

For all members, new and old, we have many opportunities coming up to: attend; help at; support; or bring children to.....Speaking of our youth, if you have someone ages 12 to 20 in the family, who might enjoy helping others, raising funds to help others, or just want to have fun and build their leadership skills, please talk to them about our Antler program!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Todd Doody, Exalted Ruler

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Nordstrom, Suzanne M
- 01 Siefert, Richard M
- 01 Smith, Timothy W
- 02 Dallas, Marla Kay
- 02 Pate, Matthew
- 03 Allard, Michele R
- 03 Mileur, Gregory A
- 04 Moore, Robert B
- 04 Stanley, Angela
- 05 Cripps, Michael N
- 05 Falaster, Mary
- 07 Granados, Jenny R
- 08 Fox, William C
- 08 Hoppenstedt, Pamela R
- 11 Dilday, Robert
- 11 Giffin, Jerry R
- 11 Williams, Robert M
- 12 Erbes, Julie Tindall
- 12 Ferguson, Steve
- 12 Hastings, Darcie
- 12 Stewart, Travis
- 13 McGee, Steven L
- 13 Preston, Amy
- 14 Hughes, Teresa
- 14 McRoberts, Kim
- 15 Egbert, Blake
- 16 Bloodworth, Casey
- 16 Martin, Olivia M
- 16 Meadows, Kenneth
- 16 Ziegler, Jay K
- 17 Richards, Robert L
- 18 Brown, James D
- 18 Green, Shannon
- 18 Padgett, Jordan R
- 19 Brooks, Ryan M
- 19 Uffelman, Scott D
- 20 Hanna, Angie
- 20 Hines, Janice
- 20 Novara, Charles A
- 20 Sanders, Kathryn E
- 21 Voss, Neil P
- 22 Evans, Kendra Sue
- 22 King, Virginia E
- 22 Kupferer, Thomas W
- 23 Barringer, Ricky
- 23 Cramer, Michelle
- 23 Phoenix, Roy Lee
- 23 Schemonia, Katheryne
- 24 Gordon, Chris B
- 24 Mallory, Allison
- 24 Popejoy, William M
- 24 Sullivan, David R
- 25 Clover, Jeffrey
- 25 Niesel, Michael
- 25 Sabella, Nicholas
- 25 Tuttle, Tammy
- 26 Reeder, Ronald W
- 27 Holley, Raymond N
- 28 Brewer, Donald L
- 28 Gale, Allen
- 29 Ferguson, Theodore J
- 29 Fink, Ossie
- 29 Hulick, Donald A
- 29 Melvin, Joe A
- 29 Summers, Shirley J

JOIN FELLOW ELKS FOR QUEEN OF HEARTS!!

A great opportunity to meet with and enjoy the company of Elk Members and friends, all the while seeing if you might buy a winning ticket for the Queen. Just having your ticket pulled gets you \$25, and Aces, Kings, and Jokers pulled from the board pay extra! The 50 / 50 Drawing is at 7:15 and awarding of \$30 Club Room Meal Certificate follows at 7:30. As of this Newsletter printing, Miss Queen's value is \$2,385! Recent results are:

09/30	Cathy Layne	\$25 on Name Draw; No win on Card Draw
10/07	Larry Thetford	\$25 on Name Draw; No win on Card Draw
10/14	Larry Thetford	\$25 on Name Draw; No win on Card Draw
10/21	Mike Sherman	\$25 on Name Draw; \$30 Win on King of Spades!
10/28	Mike Sherman	\$25 on Name Draw; \$50 Win on Joker!



Community Night Out in Murphysboro was held on Tuesday, October 21st. Lodge #572 participated by bringing the Elks South District Drug Awareness Trailer to the event, held at Longfellow Park. Over 500 bags of Drug Awareness materials were handed out! Shown manning the trailer are Jacob Gordon and Alyssa Hollenbeck, both Carbondale High School Key Club members.

After appearing at the annual Lodge #572 Bocce tournament and participating in the Murphysboro Apple Festival parade, the Lodge 572 Flag Team made its final appearance of the season by taking part in the Chester Fall Festival parade on October 19th.

A big Thank You goes out to everyone who helped carry the flag this year.

*Steve Zak
Flag Team Chairman*



Flag service

We had a great weekend for the Columbus Day event. The flags looked great. As always, we had a lot of compliments on the flags. We will be at it again for Veterans Day. I want to thank all the Elk members who give their time to help with this. We couldn't get it done without our help. The girl and guys do a great job.

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We provided a lunch for the veterans in October. We had 20 plus veterans and their caregivers present to eat. Again, they all took home fruits and veggies plus a gift certificate. They all had a great time and are looking forward to next month for the Thanksgiving dinner. We had seven members present to help with the veterans...good help as always.

P. S. The Stand Down went great. Thanks to everyone who helped out with food and clothing. We sent 20 \$75 gift certificates to the VA to help provide Thanksgiving dinners for needy veterans and their families. What a great Elks Lodge we have. Keep an eye out for the veterans Christmas tree this year. It should be up soon, if not by the time you read this.

Again, thanks to everyone who donated their time and/or money to give these veterans a hand. As I said, what a great Elks Lodge we belong to. Thanks, Steve Schemonia



After completing their orientation, we initiated into our Order on October 22nd the following new members: Kendall Bunselmeyer, Daryl Murphy, Tim Edgar, Hillary Wittenborn, Angie Mifflin, Brandi Hughes, Ryan Schuler, Crystal Pheonix, ER Todd Doody, John Bizzell, Stephen Presley, Gary Piquard, and Kevin Fosha.

NOTES FROM THE LODGE SECRETARY

Some of our members have been asking early questions about next year's dues (2026 - 2027). Here is current information: NO increase is indicated for National, State, or Local dues. There could be some change, or increase, in our Master Liability Insurance, based on Lodge #572's claim history and exposure (We should have this figure, and our final dues amount, in time for our December Newsletter).

New items/changes: This will be our 2nd year using the Elks' Automated Billing System. Your dues notice will arrive a little earlier for the coming year. It is scheduled to be mailed out on January 9, 2026. (Also, if you have an email listed in our data base, you may also receive an electronic copy of your bill.) Payments can, as last year, be made via check or cash, or mailed or brought in person to the Lodge. You can also use Credit or Debit Cards, from home (\$3.50 charge applies). Credit Cards can also be used at the Club, via our Square System. Also, at this time we are working on another payment option from home - that being ACH, or e-check, for direct withdrawl from your Bank (Probably a \$1.50 charge).

Your billing will include a message from myself, as #572 Secretary. Priority on extra donations will be for Building Maintenance Fund, as has been the case for several years. A 'Suggested Amount' may appear on your statement, but larger amounts are encouraged and will certainly be appreciated! Hopefully, this information will be useful to you, in planning for the upcoming Elk Year!

Fraternally, Merle Evans, Secretary

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 2:00 — CLOSE
KITCHEN HOURS	
MONDAY	5:00 PM — 8:00 PM
TUESDAY—FRIDAY	5:00 PM — 9:00 PM

November 2025

COMING EVENTS
December 7...Lodge Memorial Service
December 7...Local Hoop Shoot @ Murphysboro High School
December 8...Christmas cookie exchange
December 14...Kids Christmas party
December 14...START Christmas party & dinner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>EVERY WEDNESDAY WINGS APPETIZERS SANDWICHES SALAD BAR</i>						1
2	3 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS	4 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM TACO TUESDAY	5 HOUSE MTG. 6:45 LODGE MTG. 7:30 SMOTHERED CHICKEN \$14.00	6 HAM STEAKS \$13.00	7 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH \$13.00 FROG LEGS \$16.00 FISH & FROG LEGS COMBO \$16.00	8 WEE CARE OF JACOB FUNDRAISER
9	10 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS	11 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM GUMBO \$10.00	12 ALL YOU CAN EAT SOUP & SALAD BAR \$13.00	13 ALL YOU CAN EAT CHICKEN \$13.00	14 PRIME RIB \$22.00	15
16	17 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS	18 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM ITALIAN BEEF \$10.00	19 BOARD MTG. 6:45 LODGE MTG. 7:30 SWEET & SOUR CHICKEN \$13.00	20 BOURBON GLAZED PORK CHOPS \$14.00	21 RIB EYE \$23.00 FILET \$25.00 SIRLOIN TIPS \$17.00 GRILLED SHRIMP \$17.00	22
23	24 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS	25 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM CHICKEN SALAD WRAP OR SANDWICH \$10.00	26 COUNTRY FRIED STEAK \$13.00	27 THANKSGIVING LODGE CLOSED	28 CHICKEN CORDON BLEU \$14.00	29 BRAD WILCOX MEMORIAL DART TOURNAMENT
30 BAKING COOKIES WITH MRS. CLAU	31 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS					