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E. R. MESSAGE — MARCH

Greetings Members All!

Thank you to all those who came out for another great ENF Shooting Match at Carbon Lake in February! There's one more in March on the 15th. Come out and join in the fun (shooting, raffles and drawings) and Elks fellowship!

By the time this newsletter gets to you, the 30th Annual CCC Dart Tournament will have taken place. I'd like to thank everyone for their support and congratulate the winners. BIG thanks to our Elks members that help to make this a successful, fun event each year!

Our lodge Easter Egg Hunt will be Sunday, March 22nd at 1:30 pm. The Antlers will once again be the hosts for this event. Bring your kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews.... for a fun time.

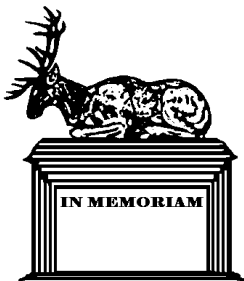
The Antlers are a youth group program of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. It is an organization that promotes the support of our youth, our veterans, and our communities, and practices the principle of charity. Think of the Antlers as Junior Elks Members. If you know of any young persons interested in joining our Antlers, please contact Rene' Doody at 618-201-3126.

Tickets are nearly SOLD OUT for our Luck of the Lodge fundraiser being held on Saturday, March 28th. Don't miss out on all the fun and good times just around the corner! Come out and have a good time with The Route 3 Ramblers. There will be a silent auction, live auction, and raffles to add to the fun!

I'm proud to say our lodge membership is nearing the 750 mark this year!! We had another membership gain this elk year. Again, THANK YOU to all members who have brought someone new into the lodge this year!

Upcoming events/meetings: April 12th South District meeting at the Benton Lodge; April 25th Tunnels2Towers fundraiser at Lodge #572; May 8-10 Illinois Elks Association State meeting in Springfield; May 16th Glo BINGO at Lodge #572; July 5-8 Elks Grand Lodge in Chicago.

Fraternally Yours,
Todd Doody, Exalted Ruler



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

EDWARD E. TENNANT

April 3, 1950 - February 22, 2026

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

01 Caldwell, John D
01 Shields, Thomas W
01 Williams, Samantha
02 Pierson, Curt
02 Raines, Gary
03 Daniel, Jeff D
03 Guetersloh, Jakob M
04 Roberts, Michael J
04 Whitacre, Emmett C
05 Green, Richard A
05 Reardon, William D
06 Cochran, Donald E
06 Dougan, Herbert
06 Patrick, Linda L
06 Reardon, Lawrence E
06 Smith, Samantha
07 Harmon, Jeff
08 Ehlers, Richard
08 Roth, Joe
11 Cox, Joan K
12 Belobraydic, Andrew
12 Blackwell, Everett
12 Eden, Audrey
12 Hesel, Brittney
12 Lirely, Todd L
12 Trimble, David
13 Ferguson, Melissa
13 Johnson, Charles L
14 Leonard, Monica
14 Miller, Edward W
15 Abbott, Bob
15 Lee, Steven A
15 Wheeler, Scott
16 Baker, Ted A
17 Dietz, Diana
17 Lawson, Danny
18 Carlisle, Robert
18 Cochran, Clay
18 Doody, Caitlin
18 Elliott, Lori A
18 Fisher, Charles E
19 Gordon, Alan
19 Tennison, Gary
20 Carter, Fred
20 Graff, Lori
20 Keller, Craig
20 Mileur, Barbara
20 Mileur, Randy
20 Moeglin, William P
20 Rose, Ted
20 Ryan, Michael E
21 Bradley, Willard F
21 Howard, Benjamin Ray
21 Johnson, Dennis T
21 Mifflin, Brian K
22 Alstat, Dale
22 Cason, Julie A
22 Mifflin, Dale E
22 Phoenix, Crystal M
22 Rendleman, Donald G
22 Schenk, Tim
23 Bame, Kevin
23 Bost, Kevin W
24 Diehl, Robert M
24 Gerlach, Terry R
24 Howard, Faithann
24 McAllister, Joy
24 Raney, Rick

25 Clendenin, Eric
26 Rains, Joseph F
28 Burroughs, Raymond C
28 Eovaldi, Franklin B
28 Mileur, Seth
30 Brown, Russell T
31 Cooper, Debra



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JOIN FELLOW ELKS FOR QUEEN OF HEARTS

Tuesday Nights, at 7:00 pm. Lots of friendly Elks are always present - come join in and enjoy the evening! Plus, 50/50 Drawing at 7:15 and 2 Dinner Certificates at 7:30. Additionally, good food selections from our kitchen. Here are results from February. Value of Queen, as of this printing, is \$6,163.

2/03	Bruce Francis	\$25 on Name Draw	\$30 on Card Draw!
2/10	Cathy Layne	\$25 on Name Draw	No Win on Card Draw
2/17	Bruce Francis	\$25 on Name Draw	No Win on Card Draw
2/24	Todd Doody	\$25 on Name Draw	\$30 on Card Draw!

MURPHYSBORO ELKS ENF BENEFIT SHOOTING MATCH

Sunday, March 15 at Carbon Lake Club

Sign-up @ 12 noon, competition starts at 1:00 pm

(NO SCOPES OR PUCKER GUNS ALLOWED, .670 MAXIMUM CHOKE)

Each event includes various raffles, 50/50 drawings, and free food

Questions: Contact Rick Ehlers at 618-534-1689

Even if you don't plan to shoot - come enjoy the raffle events, drawings and fun with fellow Elks — all while helping our Lodge meet our ENF per-capita goal for the year, so we qualify for our ENF Grants!

ENDING THE YEAR STRONG!

Lodge #572 began the 2025 - 2026 year with 698 members on April 1, 2025. Today, membership stands at 747! And, a final Initiation for the year is tentatively planned for Wednesday, March 25, following an Orientation Session on Thursday, March 19. From this gain of 49 new Elks, and as required by Grand Lodge statutes, a letter will go out on or around March 3, to our 24 Delinquents (3.44% of total membership). It will advise those unpaid Elks of their membership being terminated on March 30, along with options available before and after said drop date (Official list of current delinquent members follows). Our April Newsletter will give final membership numbers for our Lodge, but our overall, minimum gain of 25 is assured! This positive year-end gain will likely be one of the top achieved in the state for this year. Thanks, in advance, to all candidate sponsors, and certainly for all of our loyal Murphysboro Lodge Members who have helped achieve this gain! Final details and numbers will appear in April Newsletter. Current Delinquent List, several of whom we hope will still take care of their dues obligation: Earl Balsano, Wilbert Braun, Colin Clendenin, Clinton Crews, Andrew Erbes, John Farrish, Zane Fisher, Shannon Green, William Ray Jones, Virginia King, Robert Knope, Tara Landers, Larry Miles, Lamonte Miner, Kenneth Parnell, Matthew Pate, William J. Pittman, Juanita Reed, David Roseland, Neal Schemonia, Jonathan Tremblay, Kyle Tripp, Ron Tuttle, and Justin Whitacre.



Luck of the Lodge Raffle Update

At this time, all tickets are out being sold by volunteers. 600 tickets have been sold and turned in. This leaves 300 tickets out in circulation. If you have any sold tickets, please place the stubs & money in an envelope and deliver them promptly to Steve Schemonia so he can track how many tickets are sold and how many are available. If you need tickets, contact Steve to find out who may have some available. Any unsold tickets need to be turned in to Steve no later than March 21 so we have a chance to sell them. Steve can be reached at 618-713-3248.

Details of the Luck of the Lodge Raffle

- First prize - \$5000.00 - 9 prizes total (see prize list)
- Tickets are \$20 each
- Only 900 tickets will be sold
- Drawing will take place March 28, 2026 at 5:00 pm. You do not need to be present to win.
- Anyone who sells a winning ticket will win a cash prize (see prize list)
- Purchase of a ticket includes admission to a party in the banquet hall (4:00 - 6:00 pm)

Prize list

<u>Prize</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Seller</u>
1st	\$5000.00	\$200.00
2nd	\$1000.00	\$100.00
3rd	\$500.00	\$50.00
4th	\$250.00	\$25.00
5th	\$250.00	\$25.00
6th	\$100.00	\$20.00
7th	\$100.00	\$20.00
8th	\$100.00	\$20.00
9th	\$100.00	\$20.00

After completing their orientation, we initiated into our Order on February 11th the following 17 new members (L-R): Marvin Guetersloh, Lee Ann White, Jake Nimlos, Meagan Lindsey, Leslie Ellis, Veneta Bryant, Robert Strueter, Benjamin Grither, Alexis Briggs, Franklin Eovaldi, E.R. Todd Doody, David Murray, Michael Malin, Jared White, David McComb, Louis Derington Jr., Joseph Bridges, Randy Penrod.

Be sure to introduce yourself and make them feel welcome when you see them in the Lodge.



ELKS CLUB ROOM HOURS

MONDAY — THURSDAY FRIDAY
 2:00 PM ~ 11:00 PM 2:00 PM ~ 12:00 AM
 SATURDAY SUNDAY
 2:00 PM ~ 12:00 AM 12:00 ~ CLOSE

KITCHEN HOURS

MONDAY 5:00 PM — 8:00 PM
 TUESDAY — FRIDAY 5:00 PM — 9:00 PM

March 2026

COMING EVENTS

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <u>EVERY WEDNESDAY</u> WINGS APPETIZERS SANDWICHES SALAD BAR	2 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS	3 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM TACO TUESDAY	4 HOUSE MTNG 6:45 PM LODGE MTNG 7:30 PM SWEET & SOUR CHICKEN \$14.00	5 SALISBURY STEAK \$14.00	6 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH \$13.00 FROG LEGS \$16.00 FISH & FROG LEGS COMBO \$16.00	7
8	9 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS	10 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM FRIED BOLOGNA \$10.00	11 BREAKFAST FOR DINNER \$13.00	12 ALL YOU CAN EAT FRIED CHICKEN \$15.50	13 PRIME RIB \$23.00	14
15 SHOOTING MATCH AT CARBON LAKE CLUB	16 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS	17 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER \$14.00	18 BOARD MTNG 6:45 PM LODGE MTNG 7:30 PM COUNTRY FRIED STEAK \$13.00	19 HALF RACK RIB DINNER \$18.00	20 RIBEYE \$23.00 FILET \$25.00 SIRLOIN TIPS \$17.00 GRILLED SHRIMP \$17.00	21
22 EASTER EGG HUNT	23 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS	24 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM GUMBO \$12.00	25 PORK LOIN \$14.00	26 ALL YOU CAN EAT FRIED CHICKEN \$15.50	27 POT ROAST \$14.00	28 LUCK OF THE LODGE RAFFLE DRAWING IN LODGE HALL
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