

ELKS LODGE #572 MA

IN MEMORY

"An Elk is never forsaken, never forgotten. His virtues are written on the Tablets of Love and Memory."

Joe Holt Jr.

March 15, 1921 – April 18, 2003

LOST & FOUND

Lost at March 29 Member Appreciation Dinner: Gold Diamond Bracelet (\$100 Reward), also, Dark Blue, John Logan College light-weight jacket. Contact Lee or Merle, at Lodge, if you have information.



**ELK AWARD WINNERS
ANNOUNCED**

At this year's Member Appreciation Dinner, the following individuals, as pictured left to right, received plaques for their respective awards: Sue Givens, Lady Elk of the Year; Keith Roberts, Elk of the Year; Patty Gillmore, Citizen of the Year. Once again, our congratulations to these most deserving Elks!

TUESDAY DRAWINGS INCREASINGLY POPULAR

And Why Not? A Dollar Bill enables you to enter drawing

competition. And, some great food specials are being prepared by volunteers. To top it all off, any profits go toward this Lodge's donation goal to the ENF (Elks National Foundation), which is the underlying, Great Heart of Elkdom, that supports practically all of the benevolent work of the order. We especially applaud the following volunteers, who have been donating food, and/or kitchen time in this effort: Warren & Lynn Moore; Keith, Julie, Pat Roberts and Lynn Porter (our Mexican Night Specials). So, grab that May Calendar, check out Tuesdays stem to stern, and plan to join in the fun!

MAKING IT HAPPEN

Like all organizations, the success of this one Lodge in Murphysboro boils down to who's willing to Help. Please take a moment to scan through our Month's Bingo & Pull Tab workers --- the names listed therein are automatic testimony to time and commitment to Elks #572. Also, we want to include some other "Happen Agents": J. R. & Deanna Smith for their super efforts on Saturday Night Event food specials ---not to mention the April Sunday Brunch & the upcoming Mother's Day Dinner. And, one often sees Patty Gillmore helping in a wide array of duties. Likewise, a tip of the antlers to Richard Martin and Mike Miles, for their assistance on Sunday Brunches!

In terms of the building itself, Ted Ferguson has been busy donating his time to do needed repairs.

So, if you haven't already, give those current "Happen Agents" a personal "Atta Elk".



**EASTER BUNNY SHOWS
THAT
ELKS CARE-ELKS SHARE**

Easter Bunny Chairman, Craig Harris (& Anita) have added yet another successful year to a sparkling history of the #572 Program. Craig reports spending \$246.20 for items for the Jackson Rehab & Care Center's Activity room. Just as importantly, Craig & 5 Assorted Bunny Boppers spread Smiles, Hugs, and Joy to just about any resident they found up & about on Easter Sunday. Shown in the picture above is our Bunny (Britney Driskell), surrounded by Rehab & Care Center staff members (Left to Right) Amanda, Jessica, and Martha who just

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couldn't resist the photo Op with our fluffy, white, rabbit.

WELCOME TO NEW KITCHEN STAFF

Nicholaus Lirely has now joined our own Kitchen Crew. Nicholaus come to us by way of 17th St. Bar & Grill and The Old Depo, as an experienced Grill Cook. This is an excellent support to our Kitchen Mgr., Terry Connor. Nicholaus' addition will improve timeliness as well as help Terry continue to insure quality of our product.

FLAG DAY CELEBRATION (ADVANCE NOTICE)

In keeping with Elk Duty to continue our original founding and celebration of Flag Day in the United State of America, Lodge #572 will so do, commencing at 1300 Hrs. on Saturday, June 14, 2003. More details will appear in the June Bulletin. Walter Poole and Dr. Michael Muggge will be in charge of this event. We trust in advance, that YOU will plan to be at the Lodge on this date, especially in view of the sacrifices currently being made by our Service Men & Women!



TOYS FOR TOTS GOLF SCRAMBLE

In our continuing effort to support the local Marine Corps League and its Toys for Tots Program, we wish to announce, to all who might be so

interested, a benefit golf scramble to be held on Friday, June 20, at Green Acres Golf Course. This is a 4-person team, 18-Hole Scramble, for both Ladies & Men, beginning at 11:00 a.m. If you wish to play or organize a team (\$50/person or be a hole sponsor (\$75), we have forms available at the Lodge. Just see Lee or Merle. (P.S. - Hole-in-one New Car to be sponsored by Auffenberg of Carbondale).



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED BLEYER LAKE FISHING EXPEDITION

Most of you are probably familiar with the Annual Fishing expedition for special population, held annually at Frank Bleyer Lake. This year's event will be held on Wednesday, May 14. We have an information/volunteer sign-up sheet at the Lodge. Just ask for one. Also, you can call 549-2182 and indicate your desire to volunteer, or contact Elk Member, Steve Kimbro.

BINGO WORKERS

- 5/5 R. Borgsmiller, B. Bost
Caller: W. Poole
5/12 A. Eden, P. McElmurry
Caller: S. Will
5/19 G. & J. Rains
Caller: C. Harris
5/26 J. Love, P. Gillmore
Caller: W. Poole
6/2 B. Graeff, B. Hellmer
Caller: S. Will

PULL TAB WORKERS

- 5/5 J. Love, J. Ferguson
5/12 J. & J. Ferguson
5/19 J. D. Carlock, G. Wilcox
5/26 B. Bost, L. Stanton
6/2 M. & D. Fager



BIRTHDAY'S

- 5/1 Bill Russell
5/1 Doug Tegethoff
5/3 James Deming
5/3 Kip Grob
5/3 James Rosson
5/3 Raymond Sullivan
5/5 Scott Imhoff
5/6 Tom Falkenberg
5/7 Mike Sherman
5/8 Frank Marmo
5/9 Beth Hartman
5/9 Lee Love
5/9 Jeff Patterson
5/9 Bill Ryan
5/13 James Givens
5/13 Landess Mills
5/15 Rick Saupe
5/17 Russell Miner
5/17 Ron Tuttle
5/18 Jim Ferguson
5/18 Donald Keipp
5/20 Tamara Jurgens
5/20 F. H. Peebles
5/21 Robert Allard
5/21 Debbie Humm
5/21 Gene Murdach
5/21 Vernon Shelton
5/24 Richard Buchman
5/25 Norman Wayman
5/26 Jimmie Rambeau
5/27 Michael Huelsmann
5/28 Richard Blake
5/28 Dan Bratton
5/28 John Diers
5/28 Keith Harris
5/28 Mark Parkins
5/29 Donald Davis
5/30 Joe Bastien

May 2003

Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 STEAK SPECIAL OR ORDER FROM MENU	2 SPECIAL ALL YOU CAN EAT CATFISH \$7.95 OR ORDER FROM MENU	3
4 NASCAR	5 BINGO 7:00 P.M. FOOD SPECIAL BOTH CLUB ROOM & BINGO	6 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 P.M. HAM & BEAN SPECIAL DONATION TO NAT. FOUNDATION	7 LODGE MTG 7:30 P.M.	8 STEAK SPECIAL OR ORDER FROM MENU	9 SPECIAL ALL YOU CAN EAT ST. LOUIS STYLE RIBS \$10.95 OR ORDER FROM MENU	10 NASCAR TRIP LEAVES LODGE 9:00 a.m. HALL RENTAL WEDDING RECEPTION
11 MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 	12 BINGO 7:00 P.M. FOOD SPECIAL BOTH CLUB ROOM & BINGO	13 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 P.M. MARGUITA \$1.50 MEXICAN SPECIAL DONATION TO NAT. FOUND.	14	15 STEAK SPECIAL OR ORDER FROM MENU	16 PRIME RIB SPECIAL AT SPECIAL PRICE \$10.95 OR ORDER FROM MENU	17
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18 IEA STATE MTG. CONCLUDES NASCAR	19 BINGO 7:00 P.M. FOOD SPECIAL BOTH CLUB ROOM & BINGO	20 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 P.M. SAUERKRAUT & RIBS SPECIAL DONATION TO NAT. FOUND.	21 LODGE MTG 7:30 P.M.	22 STEAK SPECIAL OR ORDER FROM MENU	23 SPECIAL ALL YOU CAN EAT CHICKEN \$7.95 OR ORDER FROM MENU	24 RIBEYE STEAK SANDWICH SPECIAL 6-8 p.m. KARAOKE 8:00 P.M.
25 NASCAR	26 BINGO 7:00 P.M. FOOD SPECIAL BOTH CLUB ROOM & BINGO MEMORIAL DAY	27 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 P.M. CHICKEN & DUMPLIN SPECIAL DONATION TO NAT. FOUND.	28 TRUSTEE MTG 7:00 P.M. HOUSE COMMITTEE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING	29 STEAK SPECIAL OR ORDER FROM MENU	30 SPECIAL ALL YOU CAN EAT CATFISH \$7.95 OR ORDER FROM MENU	31 HALL RENTAL SHERIFF DEPT. PARTY

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST BRUNCH

SUNDAY MAY 11, 2003
9:00 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M.

MEMBERS AND their GUEST
WELCOMED

FULL BUFFET
ALL YOU CAN EAT
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\$ 6.00

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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE
MURPHYSBORO ELKS LODGE #572
MAY, 2003

First of all, I hope no member panics at the prospect of monthly messages so long as to always require separate inserts in the bulletin! However, I do have several items to address in this first correspondence to the membership, thus resulting in some needed, extra space.

Some of you, who have been members for a while, may recall that it has been since 1987-88 that I first had the privilege of serving as E. R. of #572. Then, beginning in 1991-92 and through 2002-2003, you have become accustomed by my being in the Secretary's office. Reason for stepping up to the plate, once again? Quite simply, I have been observing our Lodge's operation over these years, and have identified goals I would like to target. Also, my upcoming retirement from Murphysboro School District #186, at the end of June, should allow me more time to put personal effort into helping achieve these goals. Obviously, the cooperation of you, the members, is equally or even more important.

An overview of some of the targeted areas are as follows:

NEW MEMBERS – I would like to see candidates experience a more comprehensive introduction to the whole picture of being an Elk. Therefore, I have appointed Bob Graeff, John Love, and Dr. Michael Mugge to serve as committee to meet with all prospective members, review their applications, and prepare them for Indoctrination & Initiation. For this year, NO candidate will be initiated, who has not attended an Indoctrination session, and we will offer multiple time options for these! (I want to be sure new members do not come to us unaware of the various elements of Elkdom, and quietly drop membership after 1 or 2 years.)

RECOGNITION OF WAYS TO BE A "GOOD ELK" – Over the years, I have found that Elks who do one or two things well, sometimes forget about others, who excel in different ways. I will ask that officers, and all members, be mindful of the many wedges of the total Elk Pie. For example, who is to say a "good Elk" can't be any one of the following: one who promptly remits dues; one who serves as Lodge Officer or Committee Person; one who is a Bingo Night Worker; one who frequents our Club --be it just socially, to watch a sports event, enjoy a Thurs./Fri. meal, Tuesday drawing, or NASCAR Race; one who attends a special Lodge event in the Hall; one who donates time/talent or funds to Crippled Children's or National Foundation fund raising efforts; one who buys raffle tickets or a smoked Pork Butt; one who keeps up on local/State/National Elk literature and contributes in any way; one who has been a faithful, paid member for many years, thus exhibiting support of #572 as an important benevolent & fraternal organization in the community; one who participates or leads in one of our social & community activities, outside the Lodge proper; one who attends an occasional Lodge or Committee meeting, just to keep up on what's going on; one who sponsors new members; one who rolls up sleeves and helps in the kitchen; one who speaks favorably to others about their Elk membership; (you fill in some more here, on wedges I've missed)!!

SOUND FINANCING – The goal is to call upon the expertise of various individuals to make this happen. I am not going to go into detail here, other than to say I believe you will see major, positive strides in this area! This is already happening, under the experienced, business management eye of Lee Blake. I must, at this early point, express my personal gratitude to Lee, who has reduced some major expenditures ---- not to mention volunteering his own hours, days, and weeks ---, corrected or improved numerous building concerns, and accelerated revenues in several different ways. Also, Treasurer, Sandy Schenk, is using her business background and training to improve our ability to produce meaningful financial reports at meetings, and to help in our banking and accounting procedures. Brother Ed Koening has agreed to lend his experienced hand to assist in the paperwork and overall management of our Bingo operation. (Thank you to Judy Wood, who is relinquishing said duty, due to work and health concerns). In short, you will, I believe, see positive steps throughout the year.

ORGANIZED, EFFICIENT LODGE MEETINGS – Organization and efficiency will be the focus for this year. Lodge officers WILL open and close all meetings, as per Grand Lodge guidelines. While this takes about 6-8 minutes, this time can be made up through prepared agendas and observing efficiency items suggested by the Elks Protocol Manual. Perhaps more importantly, we will all be reminded, each meeting, that #572 is a complete Elks Lodge, and that officers and members are to be mindful of more than just overseeing a Bar & Restaurant operation.

NEW HOUSE COMMITTEE STRUCTURE - As approved by Grand Lodge Judiciary on 1/14/03, the new House Committee is herein comprised of the three Knights, five Trustees, and Exalted Ruler, as Chairman. This will greatly avoid jurisdictional questions, increase efficiency, and reduce redundancy, as found in the prior system. (It even reduces Meeting Nights by one Wednesday!)

UPDATE COMPUTER SYSTEM - Our old Q & A system is antiquated (Ask Tom & Ruth Roy)! Therefore, I have asked Secretary Michael Evans (with whom I still have some coercive influence) to investigate a new system. I also want to access the Grand Lodge, on-line, so as to make reporting (such as address changes) much quicker and easier.

HALL RENTAL & CATERING - We feel we have been vastly under utilized in this area. We have already enhanced and improved our fee structure, not to mention increasing the member discount, on Room Cost, from 10% to 20%. Other improvement ideas will be investigated by Management, Trustees, and/or House Committee. In terms of catering, we feel we have excellent quality, and can compete with anyone in cost! And, our Hall rental is more than competitive! (If you have an immediate question on this, see Lee Blake for details) You will See more on this aspect, in coming months.

VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES - I have asked Julie Roberts to chair a group of individuals, under the heading of Lodge Activities Planning Committee. Several Elks have already volunteered to help Julie with mapping our events for the entire year, and in developing some new proposals. The goal will be to offer activities which will appeal to all ages. Lee Blake and I will meet with this group. It is open ended - anyone is invited to bring positive ideas to any meeting ----- with one stipulationYOU must be willing to help. (NO fair just presenting and then running!) Ask Julie, Lee, or myself for information.

Finally, if you've made it this far on the E. R. Message of May, 2003, pat yourself on the back as a "Good Elk" who has taken the time and interest to do so! Rest assured that I will not do this to you again, in such volume. However, anyone in a leadership position must have a vision and/or action plan, so those of you who are enduring readers can now say you have seen said item for Lodge Year 2003-2004!

Sincerely,
Merle A. Evans, E. R.

