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## APRIL 2014, E. R. MESSAGE

Members and Friends,

This is a short message to say "Hello" and introduce myself as your next Exalted Ruler.

I would like to say "Great Job" to Darcie Hastings and last year's Officers for a job well done. When you see Darcie (now our newest PER), a pat on the back, or a verbal "job well done" would certainly be in order!

Lodge Meetings are held on the 1st & 3rd Wed. of each month, at 7:30 p.m. (On the 2nd Wed., the Board of Directors meet at 7:00 p.m., followed immediately by the House Committee.) If we are needing to improve some where; if you want to hear, or be a part of, discussions and planning; or if you want to compliment anything we are doing - these are the times and places to let us know. Input from our members will help the Officers and Committee Chairpersons make better decisions, as it is you, our members, who are the Lodge.

On April 26th, we will be taking a Bus Trip to Nashville, Tenn. The destination is a Flea Market, so I guess we are going down to buy some fleas!?? So, if you need some, ask in the Club Room; see article in this newsletter; or call Kathy Guetersloh (618-924-5115) for more information or questions.

Tina Carter & Jane Rhoden have the Kitchen running great! The food is wonderful and the Kitchen, itself, is in excellent shape. So, come on in and check it out for yourself, while enjoying a good time

with fellow Elks. And, when you're in the Club Room, tell the bartenders and waitresses to Smile - it makes us wonder what they're up to! They do a good job, and we're lucky to have them. Also, let Christine, our club manager, know how she is doing. She is working hard to keep things going in the right direction. She is still learning, but is trying to do a good job.

In closing, if you think we are doing a good job, come to a meeting once in a while and let the Officers know. Or, if you feel an area needs improvement, let us know that, also. Our meetings are a good place to do these things. As Officers, we try to do the best for the Lodge, but we can always use your help. Triv. Ans. =15. As I said earlier in this message, active, participating members are the heart of the Lodge. We, the Officers, are charged with trying to keep it Running Smoothly!

Fraternally,  
Steve Schemonia

### A "FLEATING" OPPORTUNITY

Adventurous Elks All - As announced last Newsletter, the Nashville, Tennessee Flea Mkt. Adventure Bus is already over half filled! This Bus, filled with happy "Flea Seekers" will depart our lot at 6 a.m. on Sat., April 26. Flea Mkt. will cover 117 acres, with 1,200 vendors from 30 states. Brown Bag Breakfast & Dinner; Bus Bingo; and More! Bring your own 6-Pak Cooler. Bus, with returning Elks /Guests / and Purchased "Fleas" will return around 8:30 - 9:00 p.m. Cost is a mere \$40. Arrange your reservation at the Lodge, or call Kathy Guetersloh at 618-924-5115. So, will YOU be a part of the Elk's Flea Brigade, or just hear about it, later, and feel badly that you didn't go?

After being voted to candidacy status and completing their indoctrination session, we are very pleased to have received into membership on March 19, 2014, the following new members:  
Zachary Fager, Darcie Hastings (exalted ruler), Stacey Preston and Dustin Benschoter.

### NEW OFFICERS FOR 2014-2015

**Exalted Ruler - Steve Schemonia**  
**Leading Knight - Michele Allard**  
**Loyal Knight - Joe Patrick**  
**Lecturing Knight - Seth Schemonia**  
**Secretary - Merle Evans**  
**Treasurer - Sandy Schenk**  
**Tiler - Daisey Grammer**  
**Inner Guard - Joe Martin**  
**Chaplain - Marilyn Zak**

**Esquire - Christine Paul**  
**5-Yr. Trustee - Darcie Hastings**  
**(Returning Trustees:**  
**Bob Allard, Steve Zak,**  
**Patty Stokes, & Debbie Sauer)**

E. R., Steve Schemonia, will be making Committee Chair appointments, as required by Grand Lodge and IL.

Elks Assoc. All Officers will be installed at the beginning of the April 2nd Lodge Meeting. It is great that the Lodge has a FULL compliment of Officers for 2014-2015.

**CONGRATULATIONS**  
**to all - and GOOD LUCK!!**

**BIRTHDAYS**

4/1 Jesse Barge  
4/1 Edward Tennant  
4/2 Jason Spears  
4/3 David Phillips  
4/4 Jerald McClerren  
4/6 Mike Uffelman  
4/7 John Grammer  
4/7 Sharon Leggans  
4/8 Gary King  
4/8 Michael Lane  
4/9 Jonathan Tremblay  
4/10 Richard Adams  
4/10 Ronald Farrar  
4/10 Donald Payne  
4/11 Fredia Doody  
4/11 Gary Korando  
4/12 Henry Leischner  
4/13 Lofton Atnip, Jr.  
4/13 Troy Biggs  
4/13 Edilberto Del Carmen  
4/14 Fred Gilbert  
4/14 Mary Korando  
4/14 Leigh Ann Stokes  
4/16 Tracy Ferguson  
4/16 Robert Kirschbaum  
4/16 Tina Lustig  
4/17 Eden Thorne  
4/17 Mark Wright  
4/18 Leroy McDonald  
4/19 Rebecca Atkinson  
4/19 David Watt  
4/20 Fred Schnautz  
4/21 Jeremy Pierce  
4/22 Max Doerr  
4/22 Edward Fisher  
4/22 Donald White  
4/23 Steven Joiner  
4/23 Lucy Mitchell  
4/24 Cynthia Hobbs  
4/24 Daniel Parmley  
4/24 Christine Paul  
4/25 Tina Carter  
4/26 Gerald Cameron  
4/27 Paul Polete  
4/27 John Uffelman  
4/27 James Wille  
4/24 Kathy Lynn Wills  
4/28 Marty Davis  
4/28 Richard Williams  
4/29 Robert Bolinski  
4/29 John Saunders  
4/30 Michael Layne

**ELKS #572 IS GROWING!!**

Congratulations to the Officers and all members involved in achieving a membership gain of approximately 15-17 for the year! Our membership for 2014-2015 should begin in the range of 616 (It was 273 when we left the Old Lodge Building in the fall of 1996,)! This past year, delinquency was held to only 18, and 8 members passed away. Paired with the low delinquency number was a strong initiation / reinstatement total of 48! Who helped with membership recruitment? Top recruiter was Steve Schemonia, with 7; Merle Evans had 6. Coming in with 3 each were Darcie Hastings, Michael Ryan, and Norm Wayman. At 2 each were: Christine Paul, Jane Rhoden, Mark Fager, Michelle Reames, Mike Guetersloh, and Patty Stokes. Ten other members had one each. (Those with 3 or more will be receiving a Recruiter Pin and Certificate from Grand Lodge.) Great work, everyone - and members all -- let's challenge ourselves to do as well, or better, this new year!

**ENF INDIVIDUAL DONATION LEVELS**

Elsewhere in this Newsletter, information is given on our year's total donation, and what it means for Lodge #572. However, we should not overlook INDIVIDUAL Donors who are connected to our local Lodge. Here are some individual categories of giving from #572 that most of us are not familiar with, along with the number of donors in each (Individual names cannot be given, due to privacy rights.): Distinguished Member (\$500+) 3 ; Sustaining Member (\$250+) 1 ; Participating Member (\$100+) 14 Friend (\$1.00+) 22. (And, as an individual Lodge, #572 and its members have given over \$50,000.00 over its history!) If you, at any time, would decide to begin your own personal contributions to the ENF, one easy way is to go to Elks.Org and follow the directions on how to donate to the National Foundation. Or, you can write out a check to the Elks National Foundation, and give to Lodge Secretary, who will then forward to the ENF, under your membership number, so that the amount is credited to you, and will then apply to your personal giving history!

**CAN YOU ANSWER THIS TRIVIA?**

Of our 616+ members here at the Murphysboro Lodge, how many are currently registered to log on (with member access privileges) to the National Website ( Elks.Org ), which is a very comprehensive source of information about all aspects and programs of our Organization? Visiting

the site as a Member (which gives you greatly enhanced options to pursue information) is easy - just follow the directions given for obtaining a password for Member Access. Now, for the amazing answer to the registration question....you can find it lurking elsewhere in this issue!

**TRIVIA NIGHT**

Elks Members, especially note on our April Calendar, And, for Trivia enthusiasts, St. Francis No-Kill Animal Shelter will host a Trivia Night, on Sat., April 26, starting at 6:00 p.m. For additional information, call Stacey Preston, at 618-713-8012.

**ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION REPORT**

From both individual member donations and ENF Benefit Shooting Matches, your Lodge has now exceeded both the GER and State President's per capita goals of \$4.60 and \$5.50, respectively! Remember that the ENF is "The Great Heart of Elksdom" and funds most all ELK Programs! As of this publication date, we

have forwarded \$3,492.00 to the Foundation. Now, we will again, this coming year, be eligible for at least \$7,000.00 in ENF Grant Awards - including the Beacon, Gratitude, Promise, and IEA/ENF Grant - all to support programs and event in our communities. Can you think of another place we could get such a return

on our investment? And, to all who have volunteered to help with our Shooting Matches, or made individual contributions to the ENF....Thank You for a job well done!



**G.E.R. Special Commendation Awards for Outstanding Service to their Lodge**

**“CONGRATULATIONS”**

**JIM FERGUSON & TERRY GIVENS**



**ELK OF THE YEAR AWARD  
2013-2014**

**“CONGRATULATIONS”  
MIKE SHERMAN**

**BINGO WORKERS**

4/7 J. Wayman, R. Sendek (Givens)  
4/14 Sh. Schemonia, K. Evans (Hines)  
4/21 J. Clover, J. Erbes (Evans)  
4/28 C. Canning, C. DeWulf (Paul)  
5/5 J. Clover, N. Green (Givens)

**PULL TAB WORKERS**

4/7 S. Wheeler, T. Ferguson  
4/14 M. Sherman, St. Schemonia  
4/21 G. Wilcox, D. Siefert  
4/28 St. Schemonia, TBA  
5/5 S. Wheeler, T. Ferguson



**Elks #572 Easter Bunny Set to Hop**

Our Easter Bunny is ready to bring smiles to residents at Jackson Rehab Center! If you would like to accompany our well-known, big white Bunny, just let Chairperson, Debbie Sauer, know of your willingness to help out. Bunny and entourage will get on the trail some time after 10:00 a.m. on Easter Morning. (If you will not be seeing Debbie in person, you can call her at 618-319-2657.) While at the Center, the Bunny Group will deliver some \$300 in useable, needed items for the residents. YOU can be a part of this event, by simply volunteering an hour or so of your time!



**HALL EVENTS YOU MIGHT BE  
INTERESTED IN**

Elks Members, especially note on our April Calendar, Ladies - on Sat., April 5, a "Hand Bag for Hope" fundraiser will be held in the Lodge Hall, with doors opening at 8:30 a.m. Brunch is at 9:30 and a Live Auction, conducted by Canning Auction Service, will begin at 10:30. Admission is \$15 & a Handbag (of good quality). All proceeds from this event will go to Murphysboro Relay for Life. For additional information or questions, contact Wilma Westerfield at 618-534-1061; Sharon Graff, at 618-684-6789; or Sharon Jones, at 618-303-2489.

# April 2014

## ELKS CLUB ROOM HOURS

MONDAY ~ THURSDAY  
2:00 P.M. ~ 11:00 P.M.  
A.M.

FRIDAY  
2:00 P.M. ~ 12:00 A.M.

SATURDAY  
12:00 P.M. ~ 12:00

SUNDAY  
12:00 P.M. ~

## COMING EVENTS

Wed. Apr. 2 Installation of Officers



Sat. Apr. 5 - Hand Bag Hope Fundraiser Doors Open 8:30 am

Sun. Apr. 13 - So. Dist. Mtg. at Metropolis Lodge

Sun. Apr. 20 - Easter...Club Closed

Sat. Apr. 26 - St. Francis Trivia Night - (for more info. Call Stacey Preston 618-713-8012

Sat. Apr. 26 - Nashville Flea Market Trip

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM	2 LODGE MTG. & Installation of Officers 7:30 PM HOT WINGS .50 EA. 6-8 P.M. (Eat in or take out)	3 10 OZ RIB EYE \$12.95 ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FRIED CHICKEN INC. MASHED POT., GRAVY/VEG. & ROLL SALAD BAR \$8.00	4 SPECIAL! ALL YOU CAN EAT CATFISH W/FRIES, SLAW & HUSH PUPPIES \$8.00	5 Hand Bag for Hope Fundraiser 8:30 am doors open 9:30 Brunch 10:30 Auction Cost \$15 + Hand Bag
6	7 BINGO 7:00 P.M.SPECIAL 5:30— 8:00 PM BBQ SAND. W/FRIES \$4.50 & FULL BINGO MENU	8 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM PATTY MELT OR HORSE- SHOES WITH FF \$7.50	9 BOARD OF DIRECTORS 7:00 PM HOUSE MTG. 7:30 HOT WINGS .50 EA. 6-8 P.M.	10 10 OZ RIB EYE \$12.95 ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FRIED CHICKEN INC. MASHED POT., GRAVY/VEG. & ROLL SALAD BAR \$8.00	11 PORK LOIN, GARLIC MASH. OR BAKED POT., GREEN BEANS, ROLL \$8.95	12 Back Hall Rented
13 SO. DIST. MTG. METROPOLIS LODGE #1428	14 BINGO 7:00 P.M.SPECIAL 5:30— 8:00 PM BBQ SAND. W/FRIES \$4.50 & FULL BINGO MENU	15 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM TUR- KEY CLUB OR CHICKEN CLUB, FF \$7.95	16 LODGE MTG. 7:30 PM HOT WINGS .50 EA. 6-8 P.M. (Eat in or take out)	17 10 OZ RIB EYE \$12.95 ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FRIED CHICKEN INC. MASHED POT., GRAVY/VEG. & ROLL SALAD BAR \$8.00	18 BLACKEN TILAPIA, RICE, VEG., ROLL \$9.95	19 Back Hall Rented
20  CLUB CLOSED	21 BINGO 7:00 P.M.SPECIAL 5:30— 8:00 PM BBQ SAND. W/FRIES \$4.50 & FULL BINGO MENU	22 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM MEXI- CAN NIGHT \$7.95	23 HOT WINGS .50 EA. 6-8 P.M. (Eat in or take out)	24 10 OZ RIB EYE \$12.95 ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FRIED CHICKEN INC. MASHED POT., GRAVY/VEG. & ROLL SALAD BAR \$8.00	25 OPEN FACE TUR- KEY OR ROAST BEEF, MASH. POT., SALAD, ROLL \$8.95	26 St. Francis Trivia Night Start 6:00 pm <hr/> Nashville Flea Mar- ket Trip
27	28 BINGO 7:00 P.M.SPECIAL 5:30— 8:00 PM BBQ SAND. W/FRIES \$4.50 & FULL BINGO MENU	29 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM SLOPPY JOES OR BABY ELK BURGER \$6.50	30 HOT WINGS .50 EA. 6-8 P.M. (Eat in or take out)	 <p>THURSDAY &amp; FRIDAY SERVING 5:30 PM ~ 9:00 PM</p>		