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Members All,

I would like to start off by thanking everyone who helped out on Flag Day. As always, the Elks #572 Flag Team did a great job presenting and folding our 20' X 30' American Flag. There was a nice crowd at the John A. Logan Museum area, and everyone was impressed with the Ceremony. (Perhaps some of you saw some excellent coverage on WSIL-TV 3 News.) Thank you, Steve Zak, and all who volunteered to help out! Coming up in September, we will be carrying the Flag in the Apple Festival Parade, so if you would like to help, see Steve Zak.

We have a few new bartenders at the Club Room. Please say "Hello" to them, and help make their jobs a little nicer, with a smile and a "Thank - You."

We are pleased to announce the affiliation of <u>SIX</u> new members, by via their initiation on June 18th. The initiation photo can be found both on our website, and in this bulletin. Please take note of who they are, and if you get a chance, personally welcome them to our Lodge, and to the BPOE!

Some of your Lodge Officers will be attending the National Convention this month. We hope to pick up some new ideas that will help our Lodge. And, congratulations to Patty Stokes and Debbie Sauer, who have been selected by our State President to run the Illinois Hospitality Room at he Embassy Suites, in New Orleans. We will all help them out in this effort, and thus put forth a good impression of our Lodge, to all representatives and Officers of all Lodges in Illinois. And, thanks to the IEA, for reimbursing their expenses in this endeavor.

As many of you, who drop by the Lodge or Club Room, may know by now, Mark Pierson has taken a new job and is no longer able to help with the clean-up and maintenance of the facility. We will sorely miss Mark, and the job he did for us! At this time, we are looking for a replacement, so if you know of anyone who might want to inquire about details of the position, please have them contact me, at the Lodge.

I want to thank everyone who purchased or sold raffle tickets on the freezer full of meat. Next newsletter, I will have the totals for this Fund Raiser. Also, in advance, may I thank PER, Darcie Hastings, for all her work on our 3rd Kid's Fun Day, as per our 2013 -2014 ENF Promise Grant. As this June 29th event will occur after publication deadline for this bulletin, we will have a report and photos in the August edition, and even sooner, at www.elks572org. This is what Elks are about - serving our communities, and specifically in this case, our youth.

Remember, as per our By-Laws, we will have only one meeting in July, that being on the 16th. Also, the Club Room will be closed on Friday, July 4th. So, have a great 4th Celebration, be careful, and continue to enjoy the summer!

Fraternally yours,

Steve Schemonia



BIRTHDAYS



- 7/1 Michael Mugge
- 7/1 John Pugh
- 7/2 Richard Lavell
- 7/2 Darrell Skeens
- 7/2 Jason Wright
- 7/3 John Butler
- 7/3 Lovd Ebersohl
- 7/3 Randall Fricke
- 7/5 Kevin Beavers
- 7/5 Mark Fager
- 7/5 Cory Rowley
- 7/6 Brad Doerr
- 7/6 Joseph Summers
- 7/7 Mike Clutts
- 7/8 Richard Graff
- 7/10 Thomas Jones
- 7/12 Ron Burdick
- 7/12 Anthony Herring
- 7/12 James Rees
- 7/13 Keith Busch
- 7/13 Merle Evans
- 7/14 Cynthia Canning
- 7/14 Elizabeth Chaundy
- 7/14 Lee Hollaway
- 7/15 James Mills
- 7/16 John Grimes, Jr
- 7/16 Cynthia Holt
- 7/17 David Clarke
- 7/17 John Hudson
- 7/19 Dan Nolan
- 7/19 Bert Ozburn 7/19 John Reid
- 7/19 Bobby D. Skidmore
- 7/20 Ronald Dolwick
- 7/21 Karen Etherton
- 7/21 Michele Myers
- 7/21 George Swafford
- 7/22 Mark Davis
- 7/24 Lon Chaney
- 7/24 Robert Clinton
- 7/25 Joseph Patrick
- 7/25 Bobby L. Skidmore
- 7/25 Will Stephens
- 7/26 John Marks
- 7/26 Walter Poole
- 7/27 Wilbert Braun
- 7/27 Selena McBride
- 7/28 Carol Czmyrid
- 7/29 Gary Davis
- 7/30 Anthony Wiehardt
- 7/31 Joshua Hamilton

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP STATUS OF LODGE #572

The Secretary's Office reports that as of our last Indoctrination / Initiation series, total membership stands at 625. We still have 69 members (11.17%) who have NOT yet paid this year's (2014 - 2015) dues. If you are one of these individuals, please be reminded that we have already forwarded National, State, and District per-capitas for you! And, as dues are always due on April 1, those of you in this delinquent group are now 3 months in arrears. Be advised, that lists of unpaid members will be posted in the Club Room and Lodge, toward the end of this month of July. A list will also be kept behind the Bar - and our employees will be instructed that delinquents will not be afforded Club Privileges which includes purchase of food / drink / access to Game Room, etc. Also, be reminded that as has been in effect since April 1, non-current members are not eligible for drawings, and are not allowed to attend Lodge Meetings. So, be a good Elk, if you are not current in your dues, and take care of this primary obligation. Be fair to those who have paid their Dues! (If a special or unusual economic circumstance is a factor in your situation - contact Lodge Secretary for a discussion about the matter.)



After being voted to candidacy status and completing their indoctrination session, we are very pleased to have received into membership on June 18, 2014, the following new members: James Nesler, Bobby Skidmore, Ruth McColl, Steve Schemonia (Exalted Ruler), James Ellis, Jenny Schuler and Stephen Zimmerman.



Elks #572 Flag Team presents the American Flag for the Pledge of Allegiance at Murphysboro's Community Flag Day Celebration. Following the Pledge, the Team folded the Flag, as the meaning of each fold was explained.



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THURSDAY AND FRIDAY PARKING FOR CLUB ROOM

We have recently had some members tell us that upon arriving for Thursday or Friday dining in the Club Room, our parking lot seemed very full. Therefore, they were discouraged from coming in, assuming an overflow crowd. While Club Room attendance on these nights has been excellent, remember that quite often, an event in our Back Hall is also in progress. Please do not hesitate to come on in to the Club Room, as Back Hall events do not affect service or space in the Club Room.

BINGO WORKERS

7/7 J. Clover, M. Leslie (Hines)

7/14 J. Ehlers, R. Sendels (Evans)

7/21 C. DeWulf, C. Canning (Paul)

7/28 K. Evans, J. Wayman (Givens)

8/4 J. Clover, M. Leslie (Hines)

PULL TAB WORKERS

7/7 M. Sherman, S. Schemonia

7/14 T. Ferguson, S. Schemonia

7/21 L. Brown, S. Wheeler

7/28 G. Wilcox, D. Siefert

8/4 M. Sherman, L. Brown

ELK TID-BITS YOU MAY NOT KNOW

Our Murphysboro Lodge received its Charter at the July, 1900 Grand Lodge Convention, the 572nd Lodge in the nation to be established. Who are our nearest "numerical" neighbors, today? (Note that some Lodges are no longer active, thus generating gaps in the numbering system.)On the lower side are Iola, Kansas, #569, and Derby, Connecticut, #571. On the higher side are Putnam, Connecticut #574 and Grand Junction, Colorado, #575. By the way, New York, NY. is still No. 1, with Laughlin, Nevada being the last chartered, at #2872.

Do you know how many of your fellow members live outside Illinois...and in what states? The total number is <u>29</u>, and break down as follows: South Carolina - 1; Alaska - 1; Kentucky - 1; Alabama - 1; Wisconsin - 2; Arkansas - 1; Iowa - 2; Colorado - 1; Washington State - 1; Tennessee - 2; Missouri - 10; Indiana - 1; Georgia - 1; Florida (excluding snow birds) - 1; Michigan - 1; and Texas - 2.

July 2014

ELKS CLUB ROOM HOURS

MONDAY ~ THURSDAY SATURDAY 2:00 P.M. ~ 11:00 P.M. 12:00 P.M. ~ 12:00

A.M.

FRIDAY SUNDAY

2:00 P.M. ~ 12:00 A.M. 12:00 P.M. ~ 10:00

COMING EVENTS

7/4 - CLUB CLOSED

7/13 - 7/17 GRAND LODGE CONVENTION, NEW ORLEANS

7/24 - INDOCTRINATION 6:30 PM

7/30 - INITIATION 7:30 PM



