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**JUNE 2015, E. R. MESSAGE**

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Members All,

What a month May has been. We have been really busy, and it doesn't look to stop any time soon.

I will start by saying Thank You to ALL members who helped with the Mothers' Day Brunch. The food was great and the help was perfect. I want, also, to thank all those who brought Mom to the Lodge to enjoy both the meal and the companionship of family, friends, and Elks. We served around 200 people, 97 of whom were Moms - so as you can see, Elk "children" treated Moms well on this day!

On May 13th, Elk volunteers helped with the Bleyer Fishing Day outing for Special Populations over much of Southern Illinois. It was a great day and the Elks Crew kept the Rods & Reels going. Good job, everyone.

D. J. Zak was on hand, in the Club Room, on May 15th. I have been told that some New Singers surfaced on this evening.....Look out, Tom Jones! Check our calendar for upcoming dates.

On May 19th, Lodge #572 members again arrived at the Haven, on Crab Orchard Lake, to help with dinner for some 40 disabled Veterans. It is always a rewarding experience for our volunteers. I extend my appreciation to all those who have, and are taking the time to help with this endeavor, funded by our ENF Beacon Grant. Now, we are providing this service to our area Veterans in need, the 3rd Tuesday of each Month - June 16th, upcoming. YOU can volunteer for an upcoming month - just let me, or any other Officer know, and we will get you scheduled on the calendar.

Now for June. On the 13th, our Elk's Flag Team will be present on the Logan Museum grounds, to participate in the Murphysboro Community Flag Day Ceremony. If you have never attended, you need to check out this event. It will begin at 10:00 a.m. Please treat yourself, honor Flag Day, and support your Elk's Flag Team.

Also on June 13th, your Lodge will be hosting a Fund Raiser for member, and PER, John Ferguson. There will be a Fish Fry, Music, and Auctions. Please consider attending and helping out a fellow Elk. The evening will start at about 5:30.

Now for a report. Officers of Elks #572 recently traveled to Springfield for the IEA State Convention. Once again, your Elks Lodge was **1st** in the State for Gross Contributions to our State Major Project, the IL. Elks Children's Care Corp. We were 3rd in State for Per-capita, and 1st in District for both Gross and Per-capita contributions (See Photo). Great job, by so many of our members, throughout the year, in achieving this level of support for the C.C.C.!

And, that's not all! Murphysboro #572 earned the title of **LODGE OF THE YEAR**, out of 71 Lodges in all of Illinois. In addition, I was privileged to accept the **Exalted Ruler of the Year** award. These achievements are based on total points earned (See related article) by the Lodge. So, Thank You to **ALL Members and Officers** who worked, this past year, to make our **Lodge #1 in the State!** And, looking to 2015 - 2016, I hope that we can all commit to being sure that Murphysboro #572 continues to be known, throughout Elk Lodges in Illinois, as a leader in doing what Elk Lodges are about!

Finally, a reminder that the new Elk Year is already entering its 3rd month. Over 530 of our members have taken care of their dues commitment. If you are not one of these - please take care of this situation. Don't miss out, because your dues are not current! And, if you have an unusual circumstance regarding your dues payment, please contact Lodge Secretary.

Thanks to All,

Steve Schemonia, E. R.



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.

**JOHN A. HUDSON**

July 17, 1944 - May 20, 2015

## BIRTHDAYS



6/1 Paul Henry  
 6/1 Lynn Porter  
 6/1 Melinda Stuhrenberg  
 6/2 John Ferguson II  
 6/3 Patrick Gladson  
 6/3 Jeff Holloway  
 6/3 Lisa Marks  
 6/5 Patricia Hahn  
 6/5 Scott Stanley  
 6/6 Kenneth Carr  
 6/6 Michael Dosch  
 6/7 Kirk Caskey  
 6/8 Randy Cauble  
 6/9 Gary Apgar  
 6/9 Travis Maynor  
 6/9 Kevin Spring  
 6/10 James Hand  
 6/11 E. J. Callahan  
 6/12 Jim Hoppenstedt  
 6/12 Elisa Rea  
 6/12 Kevin Stratton  
 6/13 Janice Porter  
 6/14 Barry Threlkeld  
 6/15 Mike Etherton  
 6/15 Jerry Worthen  
 6/16 Ray Whiteside  
 6/17 Richard Pautler  
 6/18 James Craig  
 6/18 Barbara Hay  
 6/19 Tommy Glisson  
 6/19 Shelly Kelley  
 6/19 Morgan Teas  
 6/20 Kent Goins  
 6/20 Dwight Westphal  
 6/21 John Hudgins  
 6/22 Tim Hall  
 6/22 Donald Siefert  
 6/23 Bruce Fraancis  
 6/23 Michael Nulty  
 6/23 Janet Polete  
 6/23 Billy Woosley  
 6/23 Paul Zemlyn  
 6/24 Lloyd Moore  
 6/24 Marimar Robertson  
 6/26 R. E. Crawshaw  
 6/26 David Degenhardt  
 6/26 Robert Mills  
 6/28 Rick Shepard  
 6/28 Carl Stoker  
 6/29 Elizabeth Kiel  
 6/29 Thomas Welten  
 6/30 John Balsano

**WHAT DID IT TAKE TO EARN LODGE OF THE YEAR  
 AND E. R. OF THE YEAR IN ILLINOIS?**

As you can see by photos in this Newsletter, on our website, and eventually in the IL Elks Newsette, Lodge #572 has been recognized as both being the best Elks Lodge in Illinois, and having the best Exalted Ruler for 2014-2015. How did these awards come about? Here are the criteria on which we received the highest overall score out of 71 Lodges throughout Illinois:

- ◆ Percentage of positive gain in membership
- ◆ Low percentage of lapsation
- ◆ Meeting or exceeding GER & IEA State President's ENF per capita goals
- ◆ Total and per capita donations to IECCC, at both state and district levels
- ◆ Competency in performance of Ritual
- ◆ Attendance of Required Officers at District, State, and Grand Lodge meetings
- ◆ Strong participation in 11 Elk programs (such as Hoop Shoot, Easter Bunny, Americanism Essay, Veterans support, Drug Awareness, etc.)
- ◆ Strong completion and timely submission of 19 required reports (such as Annual Audit, Annual Membership Report, District and State Directory information, Memorial Service information, Grand Lodge CLMS reports, Annual Charity Reports, etc.)

These awards were not earned by chance or favoritism. It took hard work by many Officers and members. It proves the overall strength of Lodge 572, its Officers, and particularly the leadership of its Exalted Ruler. Each of you can take pride in your contributions to the effort and achievements of our Lodge over the past year that made this happen.

This award is a great achievement, but it is far from our first: Lodge #572 earned Lodge of the year in 1997 - 1998, and Lodge of the year and Exalted Ruler of the year again in 2005 - 2006.





**ELKS #572 FLAG TEAM TO  
APPEAR AT COMMUNITY  
FLAG DAY**

Members - please consider attending the Murphysboro Community Flag Day, Saturday, June 13, starting at 10:00 a.m. This event will take place in the area around the John A. Logan Museum. Details of this celebration will appear in various media, throughout Murphysboro.

Our large, 20' X 30' flag will actually be folded, following its presentation for the Pledge of Allegiance, with descriptions given for each fold. Not only do we need Elk members to attend - we always need more to help carry the flag. If interested, contact Steve Zak, at 618-924-5680. Finally, recall that the Elks were instrumental in the historic development of a National Flag Day in America...therefore we are proud to participate! Will you join us?

**BINGO VOLUNTEERS**

06/08 C. Myers, J. Erbes (Evans)  
06/15 M. Leslie, K. Evans (Hines)  
06/22 C. Canning, C. DeWulf (Paul)  
06/29 J. Clover, J. Wayman (Givens)  
07/06 C. Myers, J. Erbes (Evans)

**WANTED - BINGO PLAYERS**

Hey, Elk Members All.....As summer is here, we could always use a few more players for our Monday Night Bingo. Come, enjoy yourself.....Bring a friend or friends! Our Elk volunteers work hard to provide fun games, raffles, and pull tabs - along with good food from our kitchen! See you on a Monday?



**ORDER YOUR ELKS  
LODGE 572  
SHIRT NOW!**

In response to numerous inquiries and requests, we are now taking orders for embroidered, Elks Lodge 572 Shirts, which will also include the phrase, "Lodge Of The Year 2014 - 2015." These Golf Shirts are available in a variety of colors, sizes, and in Men's and Women's styles. Order forms and catalog, for viewing options, are available in the Club Room. Don't delay - please place your order in a timely fashion!

**ELKS ALL - YOU ARE INVITED TO ENJOY "STUCK  
IN TYME" ON JUNE 7 !!**

That's right.....On Sunday evening, June 7th, Elks Lodge #572 presents J. R. Bradford on the Keyboard from 6:00-9:00 pm. Via Florida connection with P.E.R., Craig Harris (and Anita), J. R will be performing live, in the Lodge Hall. There is NO cover charge, but tips are appreciated. Like to listen to some 50's & 60's - such as Elvis, Conway, and others - maybe even your own requests? Then plan to join in for a relaxed evening of fun and entertainment, with everybody there.

**SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL YOUTH**

Lodge #572 continues to partner with Chester High School, to select and recognize two Elk, Students of the Month, during the school year. From that group of 9 boys and 9 girls, two are finally chosen as Elk Students of the Year. This year, at the CHS Senior Awards Night, the honors went to **Mallory Westerman** and **Daniel Moeller**. Each received a letter of congratulations from our Lodge, along with a \$100 check, both as a reward for their hard work, and in support of their future educational endeavors. And, thanks to Chester High School Staff for helping carry out our program, and give both school and community recognition to these fine students.

At Murphysboro High School, E. R., Steve Schemonia was on hand at the recent Senior Awards Night, to present our Local Elks Lodge #572 Scholarship to **Aspen Happold**. Selected by the MHS Guidance Department, Aspen will see \$600 sent to the bursar of her selected school, to be applied to expenses at said institution. This award is always held as a surprise presentation for the Awards Night Event, It is our understanding that Aspen will pursue a career in the Health Field. Congratulations to this MHS Senior, and thanks to all members and friends who participated in this year's Holiday Nut Sale that afforded the funds for our scholarship.

Also, we are pleased that 4 individuals, sponsored by Lodge #572, have been announced, by IECCC as Physical Physical / Physical Therapy Assistant Scholarship winners for the upcoming year. They are: Natalie Ruebke and Mackenzie Grefe, both from Steelville; Audrey Peterin, from Murphysboro, and Issiac Wingerter, from Chester. Congratulations to these youth who are working to enter the health field!

**PULL TAB VOLUNTEERS**

06/08 L. Brown, S. Schemonia  
06/15 M. Sherman, S. Wheeler  
06/22 G. Wilcox, D. Siefert  
06/29 T. Ferguson, L. Elliott  
07/06 T. Ferguson, L. Brown


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## ELKS CLUB ROOM HOURS

<b>MONDAY ~ THURSDAY</b> 2:00 P.M. ~ 11:00 P.M.	<b>SATURDAY</b> 12:00 P.M. ~ 12:00 A.M.
<b>FRIDAY</b> 2:00 P.M. ~ 12:00 A.M.	<b>SUNDAY</b> 12:00 P.M. ~ 10:00 P.M.

## COMING EVENTS

6/6 - DJ ZAK 8:00 12:00  
 6/7 - Dist. Meeting in Harrisburg starting at 10:00 am  
 6/7 - J. R. Bradford "Stuck in Tyme" 6:00 - 9:00 pm 50's 60's Back Hall  
 6/11 - Indoctrination 6:30 pm  
 6/13 - Flag Team @ Flag Day Ceremony, Logan Museum 10:00 am  
 6/13 - John Ferguson Benefit 5:30 pm  
 6/17 - Initiation ...7:30 pm  
 July 5—9th Grand Lodge Convention in Indianapolis, IN.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 BINGO 7:00 P.M. SPECIAL 5:30—8:00 PM BBQ SAND. W/FRIES \$4.50 & FULL BINGO MENU	2 TURKEY CLUB, FF \$7.50	3 LODGE MTG. 7:30 PM HOT WINGS .50 EA. 6-8 P.M. (Eat in or take out)	4 10 OZ STRIP STEAK \$14.95 ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FRIED CHICKEN INC. MASHED POT., GRAVY/VEG. & ROLL SALAD BAR \$8.00	5 SPECIAL! ALL YOU CAN EAT CATFISH W/FRIES, SLAW & HUSH PUPPIES \$8.00	6 DJ ZAK CLUB ROOM 8:00 12:00
7 J. R. BRADFORD "STUCK IN TYME" 6:00 - 9:00 PM 50'S & 60'S <u>DIST. MTG. HARRISBURG 10:00 AM</u>	8 BINGO 7:00 P.M. SPECIAL 5:30-8:00 PM BBQ SAND. W/ FRIES \$4.50 & FULL BINGO MENU	9 HORSESHOE SAND., FF \$7.50	10 BOARD OF DIRECTORS 7:00 PM HOUSE MTG. 7:30 HOT WINGS .50 EA. 6-8 P.M.	11 10 OZ STRIP STEAK \$14.95 ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FRIED CHICKEN INC. MASHED POT., GRAVY/VEG. & ROLL SALAD BAR \$8.00	12 CHICKEN POT PIE; VEGGIE - HOT ROLL \$8.00	13 FLAG DAY LOGAN MUSEUM 10:00 AM <u>John Ferguson Fund Raiser 5:30</u>
14 BACK HALL RENTED	15 BINGO 7:00 P.M. SPECIAL 5:30-8:00 PM BBQ SAND. W/ FRIES \$4.50 & FULL BINGO MENU	16 STEAK SAND-WICH FF \$9.00	17 LODGE MTG. & INITIATION 7:30 PM HOT WINGS .50 EA. 6-8 P.M. (Eat in or take out)	<b>INDOCTRINATION 6:30</b>	19 BLACKENED TILAPIA ON BED OF RICE; VEGGIE; HOT ROLL \$8.95	20 BACK HALL RENTED
21 FATHERS DAY	22 BINGO 7:00 P.M. SPECIAL 5:30-8:00 PM BBQ SAND. W/ FRIES \$4.50 & FULL BINGO MENU	23 BUILD A BURGER, FF \$7.50	24 HOT WINGS .50 EA. 6-8 P.M. (Eat in or take out)	25 10 OZ STRIP STEAK \$14.95 ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FRIED CHICKEN INC. MASHED POT., GRAVY/VEG. & ROLL SALAD BAR \$8.00	26 OPEN FACE TURKEY; SALAD BAR \$8.50	27
28 BACK HALL RENTED	29 BINGO 7:00 P.M. SPECIAL 5:30-8:00 PM BBQ SAND. W/ FRIES \$4.50 & FULL BINGO MENU	30 CHICKEN CLUB FF \$7.95	 <p>THURSDAY &amp; FRIDAY SERVING 5:30 PM ~ 9:00 PM</p>			