



Charity.....Justice.....Brotherly Love.....Fidelity



ELKS LODGE #572
P. O. BOX 787
189 SHOMAKER DRIVE
MURPHYSBORO, IL 62966

JULY 2015, E. R. MESSAGE

Elks Lodge Phone: (618) 684-4541

www.elks572.org

Members All,

I would like to thank everyone who helped with the Flag Team's presentation at the Murphysboro Community Flag Day Celebration this past month. We have had nothing but compliments from everyone, as always. Also in June, we traveled to the Haven, at Crab Orchard Lake, for the Veteran's lunch which we provide and serve, through our ENF Beacon Grant. A special shout out goes to Dave Sullivan, Seth Schemonia, Larry Thetford, and Charlie Johnson for taking the time to help set up and serve. And, a reminder to All members - we do this each 3rd Tuesday of the month. If **YOU** would like to help, please give us a call, here at the Lodge. Next, I want to mention that Elks #572 was involved in the first **START** poker Run. This event was organized to help raise money for the Specialized Training (START) Program, here in Murphysboro. There was a great turn out and everyone seemed to have a good time. Thanks to Darcie Hastings for helping get the ELKS involved. Also, our appreciation is extended to Chris Paul, Selena McBride, Mike Sherman, and Dianne Chamness, for helping with the food (it was perfect), and to Brian Davenport, for heading up the Run.

Golfers - Don't forget about the upcoming Elks South District Tournament! This year, It will be held at **Jackson Country Club** on August 22nd. We will be looking for Teams to play, plus Hole Sponsors. Information and Team Sign-up sheets are available at the Lodge. You can also see me for details. Help us make this a really good event!

We are still looking for a few good Elks to help out with Monday Night Bingo. If you can give us one Monday night a month, or so, please give us a call, or stop by and inquire. And, if you don't want to work, perhaps you would like to play a few games. We have some nice Jack Pots! So, come on out and maybe Get Lucky!

Watch the Web-site and our Bulletin Boards for information on the upcoming **QUEEN OF HEARTS** Raffle. We are planning to start this Raffle in August.

Some of your Officers will be attending Grand Lodge (Elks National Convention) in Indianapolis, this July 5 - 9. We hope to pick up some New Ideas for our Elks Lodge and will be casting our votes on proposals before the assembly.

Finally, here's wishing you a great holiday - be safe and have a great **4th!**

Fraternally yours,

Steve Schemonia

BIRTHDAYS

7/1 Michael Mugge
 7/1 John Pugh
 7/2 Clarence Calandro
 7/2 Richard Lavell
 7/2 Darrell Skeens
 7/2 Jason Wright
 7/3 John Butler
 7/3 Loyd Ebersohl
 7/3 Randall Fricke
 7/3 Cynthia Myers
 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 Clinton Crews
 7/15 James Mills
 7/16 John Grimes, Jr
 7/16 Cynthia Holt
 7/16 Janice Middleton
 7/17 David Clarke
 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
 7/25 Joseph Patrick
 7/25 Bobby L. Skidmore
 7/25 Will Stephens
 7/26 John Marks
 7/26 William Myers
 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



QUEEN OF HEARTS!!!
COMING IN AUGUST

A development committee has been at work, for some time, on this popular Raffle, which will be drawn weekly, on Tuesday Evenings. This Raffle will utilize a sealed, Board of Cards, purchased from Lancaster Bingo Company. Under our City of Murphysboro License, this Raffle is Legal in the State of Illinois, and with the Illinois Gaming Commission.

The proposed Rules of this game will soon be available for view on our website (www.elks572.org) and on postings at the Lodge. Questions, input, or observations can be directed to Raffle Development Committee Members, via Lodge Officers. Also, proposed rules will be discussed / adopted at the July 15th Lodge Meeting.

We hope this Raffle, which has found popularity at Clubs & Civic Organizations throughout Illinois and various other states, will prove equally popular and enjoyable at #572. (Participation will be limited to #572 Members, and holders of Spouse / Significant Other Cards, who are in Good Standing on the Elk's CLMS system, before the 1st day of each month.)



After being voted to candidacy status and completing their indoctrination session, we are very pleased to have received into membership on June 17, 2015, the following new members:(front row) Brian Brown, Troy Cripps, Jordan Padgett, Amy Straub, Erin Sweeney, Cathy Mason, (back row) Daniel Bilderback, Ben Fager, John Nichols, Adam Brenning, Steve Schemonia (Exalted Ruler).



**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. We will be placing our order **SOON**, with Silkworm - so get busy and make your selection...Don't Miss Out!!

BINGO VOLUNTEERS

07/06 (No Bingo)

07/13 C. Myers, D. Chamness (Evans)

07/20 M. Leslie, T. Bastien (Hines)

07/27 C. Canning, C. DeWulf (Paul)

08/03 C. Myers, J. Wayman (Evans)

INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITY

As all Elk members should know, the Elks National Foundation (ENF) is known as "The Great Heart of Elkdom." It is the entity that funds so many of our programs, from Hoop Shoot to Scholarships. However, in recent years, many of the ENF Grant programs for Local Lodges have targeted or emphasized "**Community Investments.**" Bottom line - helping out with needs in communities where Elk Lodges are located. This has certainly been the case for Murphysboro #572! We have used ENF grants to assist with, just to name a few: Murphysboro Food Pantry; No-Kill Animal Shelter; Veteran's Memorial at Riverside Park; DARE program; MHS Football Camps; Community Veteran's Day Celebrations / Dinners; Viet Nam Moving Wall; Veteran's Home at Anna; Youth Fun / Fitness Days; MSI Soccer; and currently, the **Haven's Disabled Veterans Dinners.**

Our latest Community Investment, through the ENF Gratitude Grant (earned by making our 2014 - 2015 Grand Exalted Ruler's Per-capita of \$4.60), is a \$2,000 monetary award to Murphysboro Soccer, Inc., for Boundary Safety Netting, goal netting, and possible goal purchase for a new field. We will partner with Egyptian Electric Cooperative, which has volunteered to erect poles for the netting. Most of these will be in areas next to South 20th St., and thus help prevent children running into traffic areas to retrieve soccer balls. Some boundary nets will divide fields, and some will be along wooded areas. Elk Members (volunteers) will actually assist with laying out and raising the netting. Elks will likewise help install new goal nets, to replace some which are now deteriorated and have holes in them. (If funds allow, they will also help assemble a new goal unit.)

Yet to be decided - as a result of our also meeting the higher, State President's \$5.50 Per-capita, we still have another \$1,500 for use in our community. We will be looking at options in the coming weeks.

So, when you see something occurring, the proceeds of which go to the ENF - remember that this is how we reach our Per-capita Goals.....and look at what types of things it does for our Community! And, when you donate directly to the ENF (It is really easy now, just by going to the National Elks Website: www.elks.org) every cent not only goes to the ENF - it also counts for our year's Per-capita.) You might think of it as a "Two-for-One" value. All this being said - Elks Care - Elks Share!

RESPONSIBILITY ONE

Last Lodge year, we had only 9 delinquent members who were dropped on March 31, 2015. Can we do even better, this year? Let's all help to make it a goal! The most basic element in being a good, responsible Elk Member is to take care of your dues payment. Your Lodge has already paid National, State, and District Per-capita for every member. And, additional time and money go into reminder statements and letters - incurring even more burden for your Lodge. Enough said - if YOU are not current and in good standing - let's get it done. (And, if there are extenuating economic circumstances, contact the Exalted Ruler, or Lodge Secretary.) Let "**0**" be our lapsation goal this year!

PULL TAB VOLUNTEERS

07/6 (No Bingo)

07/13 L. Brown, D. Marks

07/20 M. Sherman, Seth S.

07/27 G. Wilcox, (Siefert / Wheeler)

08/03 T. Ferguson, L. Elliott

July 2015

ELKS CLUB ROOM HOURS

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

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

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

SUNDAY
12:00 P.M. ~ 10:00 P.M.

COMING EVENTS

7/4 - CLUB CLOSED

7/5-7-9 Elk's National Convention

7/21 — Veteran's Lunch at the Havens

8/22 — South Dist. Golf Tourney—Jackson County Club

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 (NO LODGE MTG.) <i>HOT WINGS</i> .50 EA. 6-8 P.M. <i>(Eat in or take out)</i>	<i>2 10 OZ STRIP STEAK</i> <u>\$14.95</u> <i>ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FRIED CHICKEN INC. MASHED POT., GRAVY/VEG. & ROLL SALAD BAR \$8.00</i>	3 ALL YOU CAN EAT CATFISH \$8.00	4 CLUB CLOSED FOR 4TH
5	6 NO BINGO NO KITCHEN CLUB ROOM OPEN	7 BRATS — W/ GRILLED ONIONS & PEPPERS F.F. \$7.50	8 BOARD OF DIRECTORS 7:00 PM HOUSE MTG. 7:30 <i>HOT WINGS</i> .50 EA. 6-8 P.M.	<i>9 10 OZ STRIP STEAK</i> <u>\$14.95</u> <i>ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FRIED CHICKEN INC. MASHED POT., GRAVY/VEG. & ROLL SALAD BAR \$8.00</i>	10 PORK STEAK W/ BAKED POTATO, BAKED BEANS, HOT ROLL \$8.95	11
ELK'S NATIONAL CONVENTION						
12	13 BINGO 7:00 P.M. SPECIAL 5:30—8:00 BBQ SAND. W/FRIES \$4.50 & FULL BINGO MENU	14 SLOPPY JOE'S OR CHILI DOGS & F.F. \$7.95	15 LODGE MTG. 7:30 PM <i>HOT WINGS</i> .50 EA. 6-8 P.M. <i>(Eat in or take out)</i>	<i>16 10 OZ STRIP STEAK</i> <u>\$14.95</u> <i>ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FRIED CHICKEN INC. MASHED POT., GRAVY/VEG. & ROLL SALAD BAR \$8.00</i>	17 COUNTRY FRIED STEAK, MASHED POTATO, VEGGIE, ROLL \$8.95	18 BACK HALL RENTED
19	20 BINGO 7:00 P.M. SPECIAL 5:30—8:00 PM BBQ SAND. W/FRIES \$4.50 & FULL BINGO MENU	21 MEXICAN NITE \$7.95	22 <i>HOT WINGS</i> .50 EA. 6-8 P.M. <i>(Eat in or take out)</i>	<i>23 10 OZ STRIP STEAK</i> <u>\$14.95</u> <i>ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FRIED CHICKEN INC. MASHED POT., GRAVY/VEG. & ROLL SALAD BAR \$8.00</i>	24 CHICKEN POT PIE W/ VEGGIE & ROLL \$8.00	25 BACK HALL RENTED
26	27 BINGO 7:00 P.M. SPECIAL 5:30—8:00 PM BBQ SAND. W/FRIES \$4.50 & FULL BINGO MENU	28 TURKEY CLUB & F.F. \$7.50	29 <i>HOT WINGS</i> .50 EA. 6-8 P.M. <i>(Eat in or take out)</i>	<i>30 10 OZ STRIP STEAK</i> <u>\$14.95</u> <i>ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FRIED CHICKEN INC. MASHED POT., GRAVY/VEG. & ROLL SALAD BAR \$8.00</i>	31 CHICKEN & DUMPLINGS, MASHED POTATO, VEGGIE, ROLL \$8.50	1 BACK HALL RENTED