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Members All,

July is now history. Hopefully, everyone had a good holiday around the 4th! Some of your Lodge Officers attended the National Meeting (Grand Lodge) in Indianapolis. It turned out to be a very informative and productive 4 days. Lodge #572 Officers attended all Convention Sessions, and cast votes on all proposals brought forth at the Legislative Session. We were also able to see and talk with many Loyal Elk Members and picked up several good ideas to help our Lodge.

Now, looking ahead - don't forget about Thursday and Friday Night Meals in the Club Room. The food is great and service is good. Come on in and see Tina and crew, and have an enjoyable time with your fellow Elks!

Elk Shirts....you still have time to order your Lodge of the year Shirt (See Article). Give me a call, or see me at the Lodge, and I will take your order!

Golfers....don't forget **August 22nd!** We will be hosting the Elks' South District Benefit Golf Scramble at Jackson Country Club. Hole sponsors are still needed - please contact me if you would consider being a sponsor. And, there is still room for a few Teams. So, see me for sign-up, and then get ready to pick up your sticks and come out for a day of fun - followed by a good meal at the Lodge Hall.

Think **Bingo** for a moment....We are still looking for some new faces at our Monday Night Bingo sessions. (Thanks to four of our members / spouses who volunteered to come on board last month.) Now, we can still use a few more of you, so as to lighten scheduling for everyone. And, how about **YOU**, or maybe some friends / co-workers / relatives / fellow retirees coming in to PLAY Bingo, and all the related Raffle & Pull Tab Games? Think about it - both enjoy an evening of Games and good food (Tina & crew cook for this event, also!)... all the while supporting your Elks Lodge!

Veterans - This past month, we provided a noon meal for some 30 disabled Vets, at the Haven on Crab Orchard Lake. We will do this again, the 18th of August, so if YOU would like to get involved, give us a call at the Lodge, and we will schedule you to help out.

Queen of Hearts - Keep your eyes open for the Queen of Hearts Raffle. It will begin some time this month. Guidelines and rules have been finalized and were approved at the July Lodge meeting. This information is posted at the Lodge....check on our Bulletin Boards. We are planning to have this event going strong, for the benefit of Lodge #572. It will be held each Tuesday Night. So, you can come on out, have a good meal, and maybe get lucky!

Helping out a Fellow Elk - As many of you may already know from flyers, friends, and various other sources, the Lodge is hosting a Benefit on Saturday, August 15th, for 20-year member, Terry Givens, who is undergoing treatment for metastatic Bone Cancer. Many of you know Terry as "Santa Claus," as a result of many years of serving Elks #572 in this capacity, during the Christmas Season - his favorite being the START Christmas Party. He is also known as Santa to many other groups & organizations in the area. Terry has helped to lead our Pull Tabs program at Monday Night Bingo, since its early beginnings, along with wife, Sue (AKA, Mrs. Claus), who is likewise a founding leader in our Bingo program. So, let's all help out! Fish Fry begins at 4:00; Silent Auction at 5:00; Live Auction at 6:00; Music by Lewis Creek at 7:00. Also, 50/50 Drawings and Gun Raffle. All in the Lodge Hall - Donation of \$10 at the Door.

Finally, recall that we have only ONE Lodge meeting in August - that being the 3rd Wednesday (Aug. 19th). Hope to see you there!

Fraternally Yours,

Steve Schemonia

BIRTHDAYS



1 John Allard 28 Clay Brewer
 1 Don Grammer 28 Steven Hale
 1 Norma Rathjen 29 Bernard Clover
 1 Margaret Walker 29 Barbara Dallas
 2 Venita Freeman 30 Sharon Harward
 2 Debbie Hudson 31 Neal Hammel
 3 Denis Overturf
 4 Cassie Deaver
 4 James Doss
 4 James Taylor
 5 James Ellis
 6 Brenda Williamson
 7 Linda Harnetiaux
 8 Daniel Baker
 8 Alan Bense
 8 Deon Carson
 8 David Flowers
 9 Craig Brashear
 9 Wm. Korando
 10 Joey Bastien
 10 Michael Garlinghouse
 10 Greg Hughes
 11 Dennis Brock
 11 Megan Cochran
 12 Jason Buser
 12 Dianne Chamness
 12 Michael Martin
 13 Edward Conrad
 13 Naomi O'Neal
 14 Philip Green
 14 Cathy Lilley
 14 Julia Moore
 14 John M. Tweedy
 15 Jeff Brown
 15 Richard Counce
 16 Michael Bergant
 16 Steve Kimbro
 16 Steve Swafford
 17 Frankie Edwards
 17 Ted Harsha
 17 Sheree Swanson
 19 Brent Middendorf
 20 Paul Dondi
 20 Robert Fenwick
 20 Lloyd Hanna
 21 Curt Graff
 21 Daisy Grammer
 22 Carl Cauble
 23 James Allison
 23 Randall Patton
 23 Alan Sabo
 23 Gail Thomas
 24 Lynn Elwell
 24 Philip Sandbach
 25 Michael Evans
 25 Brenda Law
 25 Charles McCann
 25 Mary Alice Moss
 25 William Paul
 26 Bianca Hadsock
 26 Veronica Roseberry
 27 Dustin Bencoter
 27 Adam Brenning
 27 Edward Taylor
 28 Robin Blake



LAST CALL
TO ORDER YOUR ELKS LODGE 572 SHIRT!

As announced in last month's newsletter, we are finalizing our 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. It is August 1st and we will be placing our order SOON, with Silkworm - so get busy and make your selection....Don't Miss Out!!

LODGE #572 UPDATES AND
ITEMS OF INFORMATION

Our efforts to pay down the Lodge's building, bank loan continues, on target. With the July 21st payment, our principal is now down to \$34,805.87. (Note that all of the Lodge share of proceeds from the upcoming Queen of Hearts Raffle will be immediately applied to our loan payments!)

The Lodge #572 Delinquency list, at this point, has been reduced to 64. Our goal is to surpass last year's final delinquency number, which was only 9! Reminder to members who are not current - Lodge meetings and activities, and Club Room activities and privileges are NOT open to you. (This includes the upcoming Queen of Hearts Raffle, Video Game Room, special events, etc.) Expect to be approached by Lodge Officers, who may remind you of your non-paid status, consequent limitations, and need to pay 2015-2016 dues. Also, a list of all delinquents is now posted at the Club Room door, and in the Lodge. To remove - pay those dues!!

Looking at Elk membership from a larger perspective - Grand Secretary, Byran Klatt, reports that as of April 1, there are 1,938 active Lodges in the U. S. and its territories. Thus, Murphysboro #572 is one of that number, and **YOU** are one of 789,667 Elks! According to Rick Gathen, Grand Lodge Public Relations and Membership manager, national membership loss in 2014-2015 was 12,925, or 1.6%. While, yes, this was a loss, it is the **smallest** for the B.P.O.E. in **70 years!** (Refer to elks.org, or your Elks Magazine for reasons why this turnaround has been accomplished.) Recall that Lodge #572 had a **GAIN** of 14 this past year, or ironically, a **positive 1.6% membership increase!** Now, looking to this current 2015-2016 Lodge year - can **YOU** sponsor a new member, or the reinstatement of a dropped member? Let's **all** work to get that membership gain for 2015-2016!



As part of the ENF Gratitude Grant, Lodge #572 members assist in installing new soccer goal netting, purchased for Murphysboro Soccer Inc., through the grant. Much larger, Boundary Netting is also being installed, through the \$2,000 grant.

BINGO VOLUNTEERS

- 8/3 C. Myers, J. Wayman (Evans)
- 8/10 J. Clover, D. Chamness (Hines)
- 8/17 C. Caning, T. Bastien (Paul)
- 8/24 C. DeWulf, D. Chamness (Evans)
- 8/31 C. Myers, K. Evans (Hines)
- 9/7 (LABOR DAY-NO BINGO)

PULL TAB VOLUNTEERS

- 8/3 T. Ferguson, L. Elliott
- 8/10 M. Sherman, S. Zimmerman
- 8/17 S. Schemonia, D. Marks
- 8/24 G. Wilcox, D. Siefert
- 8/31 M. Sherman, L. Brown
- 9/7 (LABOR DAY-NO BINGO)

August 2015

ELKS CLUB ROOM HOURS

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

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

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

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

COMING EVENTS

Aug. 9 - Dist. Meeting Carbondale
Aug. 15 - Fund Raiser for Terry Givens
Aug. 18 - Veterans Lunch at Havens
Aug. 22 - South Dist. Golf Scramble

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>THURSDAY & FRIDAY SERVING 5:30 PM ~ 9:00 PM</p>				<p>CHICKEN DINNER ALL WHITE MEAT ADD \$1.00</p>		<p>1 BACK HALL RENTED</p>
<p>2 BACK HALL RENTED</p>	<p>3 BINGO 7:00 P.M.SPECIAL 5:30— 8:00 PM BBQ SAND. W/FRIES \$4.50 & FULL BINGO MENU</p>	<p>4 BABY ELK'S BUR- GER, FF \$7.50</p>	<p>5 NO LODGE MTG. HOT WINGS .50 EA. 6-8 P.M (Eat in or take out)</p>	<p>6 10 OZ STRIP STEAK <u>\$14.95</u> 1/4 FRIED CHICKEN \$6.95 1/2 FRIED CHICKEN \$7.95 INC. MASHED POT., GRAVY/ VEG., ROLL & SALAD BAR</p>	<p>7 SPECIAL! ALL YOU CAN EAT CATFISH W/FRIES, SLAW & HUSH PUPPIES \$8.00 + LENT SPECIALS</p>	<p>8 BACK HALL RENTED</p>
<p>9 DIST. MTG. CARBONDALE LODGE #1243</p>	<p>10 BINGO 7:00 P.M.SPECIAL 5:30— 8:00 PM BBQ SAND. W/FRIES \$4.50 & FULL BINGO MENU</p>	<p>11 MEXICAN NITE \$7.95</p>	<p>12 BOARD OF DIRECTORS 7:00 PM HOUSE MTG. 7:30 HOT WINGS .50 EA. 6-8 P.M</p>	<p>13 10 OZ STRIP STEAK <u>\$14.95</u> 1/4 FRIED CHICKEN \$6.95 1/2 FRIED CHICKEN \$7.95 INC. MASHED POT., GRAVY/ VEG. , ROLL & SALAD BAR</p>	<p>14 MEATLOAF, MASHED POTATO, VEGGIE & ROLL \$8.25</p>	<p>15 TERRY GIVENS FUND RAISER</p>
<p>16</p>	<p>17 BINGO 7:00 P.M.SPECIAL 5:30— 8:00 PM BBQ SAND. W/FRIES \$4.50 & FULL BINGO MENU</p>	<p>18 PATTY MELTS, FF \$7.50</p>	<p>19 LODGE MTG. 7:30 PM HOT WINGS .50 EA. 6-8 P.M (Eat in or take out)</p>	<p>20 10 OZ STRIP STEAK <u>\$14.95</u> 1/4 FRIED CHICKEN \$6.95 1/2 FRIED CHICKEN \$7.95 INC. MASHED POT., GRAVY/ VEG. , ROLL & SALAD BAR</p>	<p>21 BLACKENED TI- LAPIA ON BED OF RICE W/VEGGIE & ROLL \$8.95</p>	<p>22 DIST. GOLF SCRAMBLE JACK- SON COUNTRY CLUB</p>
<p>23</p>	<p>24 BINGO 7:00 P.M.SPECIAL 5:30— 8:00 PM BBQ SAND. W/FRIES \$4.50 & FULL BINGO MENU</p>	<p>25 STEAK SAND., FF \$8.00</p>	<p>26 HOT WINGS .50 EA. 6-8 P.M (Eat in or take out)</p>	<p>27 10 OZ STRIP STEAK <u>\$14.95</u> 1/4 FRIED CHICKEN \$6.95 1/2 FRIED CHICKEN \$7.95 INC. MASHED POT., GRAVY/ VEG. , ROLL & SALAD BAR</p>	<p>28 STUFFED GREEN PEPPER OR CAB- BAGE ROLLS \$8.00</p>	<p>29 BACK HALL RENTED</p>
<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>					