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JANUARY 2016 MESSAGE

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Members All,

The Officers of Elks Lodge #572 hope everyone had a great Christmas, and happy New Year. 2015 was a great year for our Lodge, and we are looking forward to making 2016 even better!

I would like to take a moment to thank everyone who helped with all the Christmas parties during December. Likewise, all volunteers who helped with our Hoop Shoot - what a great turnout of both members and participants! When we start with all the youth who shot baskets at their respective, local schools, some 941 students participated in the Murphysboro Shoot - Wow! Now, our winners are off to compete on the January 9th South Dist. Shoot, at Anna-Jonesboro.

Please check the information included in this Newsletter, regarding our two, upcoming ENF Benefit Shooting matches in January. Remember, you can attend and enjoy the festivities - even if you are not an actual participant in the competition. Want to see how a match can be held totally indoors? Come to the Chester Eagles on 01/17. Ever been to Shiloh Hill? Come to Shiloh on 01/31.

Our Queen of Hearts Raffle is going strong. The Queen (and other pay-out cards) is still there, and her value is heading toward \$4,000 at this time - so think about purchasing some tickets (\$1 each) - you never know when you could be a lucky winner!

Also, heads up on our 2016 "**Luck of the Lodge**" raffle. Again, we will sell only 800 tickets for this popular event. All proceeds will go toward our Mortgage Reduction. Likewise, we are starting to prepare for our 2016 Benefit Dart Tourney and Auction, for our state major project, the Illinois Elks Children's Care Corp. Let's maintain our state ranking in this area, all the while helping Kids and funding physical therapy scholarships.

As some of you may have heard, after over 18 years of continuous operation, December 21st was the last night for Elks #572, Monday Night Bingo. While profitable to the Lodge, and providing an enjoyable evening to many over that time (we started Bingo in 1996 when our new building opened) the last 6 months or so has seen attendance fall to a level that has resulted in weekly / monthly losses for the Lodge. Despite additional advertising and other adjustments, participation has remained below acceptable levels. Thus, Lodge Officers have moved to end the long-running program. Thanks to all, over all those years, who worked and / or participated in our Monday Night Bingo!

Now, looking ahead, keep an eye out, at the Lodge and in later Newsletters, for news on some additional Saturday Night events and specials! Finally, thanks again for all the support , from Officers and Members, alike, in 2015 - - - and here's hoping you have a great 2016!

Fraternally, Steve Schemonia, E. R.

PHYSICAL THERAPY SCHOLARSHIPS

Do you know a High School Senior who is planning to major in Physical or Occupational Therapy (or PT/OT Physical therapy Assistant, 2-year Programs)? If so, let them know that the Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation's Scholarship Program is now open. Information / Applications are available online, at illinoiselksccc.org You can also call the C.C.C. for information at 1-800-272-0074. Deadline to submit completed application, to Local Lodge, is March 4, 2016.



C.C.C. BENEFIT CALENDARS AVAILABLE AT LODGE

Some weeks ago, the Illinois Elks Children's Care Corp. sent out order letters for the 2016 Illinois Elks Children's Benefit Calendar. If you did not take advantage of this mail-in option we now have a very limited supply at the Lodge. They are \$20 each, and include making you eligible for 261 drawings, ranging from 245 week-day \$50 prizes, to one top prize of \$5,000. Inquire in the Club Room.

QUEEN OF HEARTS RESULTS

(Payout Schedule now in Stage 2)

- 12/01 Ann Moniger - \$50 Name Draw Win. No Win on Card Draw.
- 12/08 Mike Guetersloh - \$50 Name Draw Win. No Win on Card Draw.
- 12/15 Geoffrey Spears - \$50 Name Draw Win. Also, Present for King Card Draw - \$60 Win:
- Total Win - \$110.00



C.C.C. DART TOURNEY SCHEDULED

Start arranging your calendars for this important event, scheduled for Sat., March 16, 2016. Chairman B. J. Wyatt will be working on details—which will appear in the February Bulletin, on our Website, on flyers, and in other media. Plan ahead...Plan to join in.

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Tina Phoenix
- 3 Richard Martin
- 4 James Carlock
- 4 Lonnie Choate
- 4 Roland Wagner
- 5 Bradley Doerner
- 5 Donald McBride
- 5 Alvin Valdez
- 6 Monica Nippe
- 7 Robert Etherton
- 7 Debra Tindall
- 8 Randall Beckman
- 8 Richard Kiel
- 8 Robert Knope
- 8 Roderick Rowe
- 10 Craig Stewart
- 11 Holly Arbeiter
- 11 Delmar Hunziker
- 12 Rockford Stiegman
- 13 Dan Pullis
- 13 Harold Sheffer
- 13 Bob Swetland
- 14 Cathy Mason
- 14 Dale Schimpf
- 15 Jack Huppert
- 15 Tonya Knust
- 15 Derek Pfeaster
- 15 Julie Roberts
- 16 Russell Bogenpohl
- 18 Todd Auer
- 18 Truman Cashman
- 18 Michael Herron
- 19 Andrew Erbes
- 19 Carolyn Ihle
- 19 William Porter
- 19 William Terry
- 19 Brian Davenport
- 20 Bruce Martin
- 22 David Ciganovich
- 22 Michael Wepsiec
- 24 Marcia Butler
- 25 David McDowell
- 25 Richard Varner
- 26 Randall Heins
- 26 Brian Korando
- 26 Edwin McLaughlin
- 27 Rick Polete
- 28 Ronald Schemonia
- 30 Mark Pierson
- 31 Janice Ehlers
- 31 Kelsey Paul



Lodge #572 treated clients from START, and other shelter workshops from Randolph and Williamson counties, to a Christmas Dinner and program, held annually at our Lodge. Pictured is the kitchen crew which prepared the meal for some 110 guests on Dec. 20th: L to R – Leading Knight, Joe Patrick; Dianne Chamness; Tina Carter; Mike Sherman; Rick Ehlers; and Loyal Knight, Seth

Schemonia. (Not in photo are 11 additional members and volunteers who served and managed tables.) The evening was topped off by the appearance of Santa and Mrs. Claus, who met with each participant and handed out gift bags provided by the Lodge.



This year's Hoop Shoot local competition on December 12th drew over 40 local school winners from Murphysboro, Steeleville, Red Bud, Chester, and other regional communities. The local winners advance to the district competition in January. This year's winners in the girls divisions were: (front row) Skyla Niemeyer, Jaqueece Jackson, Kadence Bockhorn, Kyleigh Hecht, Lexi Renner, and Ashley Jarrett (not pictured). Winners in the boys divisions were (back row) Trent Sternberg, Myles Guthman, Drew Caldwell, Vamarion Lewis, Logan Cathell, and Tarik Ogilvie.



Lodge #572 Exalted Ruler, Steve Schemonia, is presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for the Lodge's efforts in helping raise a \$500.00 donation to the 325th Combat support Hospital, Bravo 2 Murphysboro Detachment of the Army National Guard. Elks members donated at the Lodge, to a memorial fund in memory of Rick Watt, brother of member, David Watt. Holding a second Certificate for Judge David Watt, and presenting both awards, is 1st LT. Holli L. Nitzsche, B2 Detachment OIC.



Members of Lodge 572 traveled to The Haven on Crab Orchard Lake to feed veterans attending their monthly MHICM workshop. This month's lunch was themed for the Christmas season. Funding for these monthly meals comes from an ENF Beacon grant. This is the second year we have used this grant to help disabled veterans at the Haven.



**LUCK OF THE LODGE
RAFFLE
\$5,000 1ST PLACE
PRIZE
\$20 DONATION
ONLY 800 TICKETS
SOLD**

**PRIZES AWARDED TO (9)
WINNERS & (9) SELLERS
DRAWING & COCKTAIL PARTY
FOR TICKET HOLDERS
3/12/2016
SEE TICKETS OR FLYERS FOR
COMPLETE DETAILS
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO
PARTICIPATE IN SELLING
TICKETS, SEE
STEVE SCHEMONIA, E.R.**

**Mail-In Request Ticket
Cut me out & mail me in !!**

**Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone #: _____**

**Include \$20 Check / Ticket
MAIL TO:**

**Elks Lodge #572
Luck of the Lodge
P. O. Box 787
Murphysboro, IL 62966**

MURPHYSBORO ELKS ENF BENEFIT SHOOTING MATCHES

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

CHESTER EAGLES

(TOTAL INDOOR RANGE)

SIGN-UP @ 12 NOON

(SCOPES & PUCKER GUNS ALLOWED)



SHILOH HILL

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

SIGN-UP 12 NOON

(NO SCOPES OR PUCKER GUNS ALLOWED - 6.70 MAXIMUM CHOKE)

BOTH EVENTS INCLUDE:

- RAFFLES**
- 50/50 DRAWING**
- MEAT WHEEL**
- FREE FOOD**

**FOR QUESTIONS CALL: RICK EHLERS
@534-1689**

**(Proceeds will go toward our contribution to the
Elks National Foundation)**



NUT SALE UP-DATE

Thanks to all who brought about brisk sales in December! We do have a limited quantity, of the following Gourmet flavors: Pralines, Chocolate Pecan Halves, Cinnamon & Spice Halves. Help us sell out, and also fund our scholarship to a "C" student at MHS!

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. ~ 10:00

January 2016

COMING EVENTS

- 01/1- FREE HAM & BEANS WHILE THEY LAST
- 1/17 - SHOOTING MATCH @ CHESTER
- 1/31 - SHOOTING MATCH @ SHILO
- 2/28 - SHOOTING MATCH @ CRAZY JOE'S
- 2/27 - CCC DART TOURNAMENT
- 3/12 - LUCK OF THE LODGE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>THURSDAY & FRIDAY SERVING 5:30 PM ~ 9:00 PM</p>					<p><u>1 KITCHEN</u> <u>CLOSED</u></p> <p>FREE HAM & BEANS</p>	2
3	4	 <p>QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00</p> <p>PATTY MELT /FF \$7.50</p>	6 LODGE MTG. 7:30 PM HOT WINGS .50 EA. 6-8 P.M. (Eat in or take out)	7 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	8 MOSTACCIOLI, GARLIC BREAD, SALAD \$8.00	9
10 ELKS SOUTH DIST. MTG.— HERRIN LODGE 1146	11	 <p>QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00</p> <p>GRILLED HAM & CHEESE ON RYE /FF \$7.50</p>	13 BOARD OF DIRECTORS 7:00 PM HOUSE MTG. 7:30 HOT WINGS .50 EA. 6-8 P.M.	14 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 &	15 BLACKENED TI- LAPIA ON BED OF RICE, VEGGIE, ROLL \$8.95	16 BACK HALL RENTED
17 CHESTER EA- GLES SHOOTING MATCH SIGN-UP 12 NOON	18	 <p>QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00</p> <p>CHICKEN CLUB /FF \$7.50</p>	20 LODGE MTG. 7:30 PM HOT WINGS .50 EA. 6-8 P.M. (Eat in or take out)	21 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	22 PORK ROAST STUFFING, MASHED POT., GRAVY, VEG- GIE, ROLL \$8.95 IL ELKS MID-WINTER MTG., SPRINGFIELD	23 BACK HALL RENTED
24	25	 <p>QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00</p> <p>STEAK SAND. /FF \$9.00</p>	27 HOT WINGS .50 EA. 6-8 P.M. (Eat in or take out)	28 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	29 BEEF STEW, SALAD BAR \$8.00	30
31 SHILO SHOOT- ING MATCH 12 NOON SIGN-UP						