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MARCH 2016, E. R. MESSAGE

Members All,

Let me start this last 2016 - 2016 Newsletter by saying "Thank You" to everyone who has helped accomplish all the things we have achieved over the last year. Without the support of you, the members of Lodge #572, we would have fallen short in so many of our efforts! Many of you have chipped in by giving of your time at Special Events; by stopping in to enjoy a drink at the Bar; by choosing to visit our Club Room for a sandwich, wings, or a full course meal; by paying your dues (& even those extra donations for mortgage reduction) in a timely fashion; or by just supporting our Officers and / or staff by saying thanks, now and then - it helped us get the job done!

Now, on to some particulars. We have again made our State and National ENF per-capita goals! We appreciate those members who have submitted individual donations to the Elks National Foundation, and certainly to all those who have worked at, or participated in, our three ENF, Benefit Shooting Matches this year.

When we apply the extra donations (recently and currently arriving with dues payments) to anticipated earnings from the upcoming Luck of the Lodge Raffle, another large portion of our Bank Mortgage should become history, and we will be getting even closer to getting it totally paid!

Membership - we are looking at a **membership gain**, again, this year! Our final initiation is planned for the Lodge Meeting of Wednesday, March 16th, and will include a good number of quality candidates! That said, we have only 23 unpaid (delinquent) members, as of this writing. That is a low 3.64%, but still too high! We have a list of these members posted by the Club Room door - if you see someone you might talk to and encourage to become current, please do so - as otherwise these individuals will be dropped on Friday, March 25th!

Our new Officers for 2016 - 2017 will be installed at 7:30 p.m., April 6th, just prior to the Lodge Meeting of that date. (See list, elsewhere in this Newsletter.) Let's welcome them and let them know we are here to help in any way we can. If you have any new ideas or things you would like to see done, let them know. Volunteer to help. Get involved - don't necessarily wait to be asked. As a recent national motto went, "Be Loud and Proud" to be a part of Murphysboro Elks Lodge #572!

As to events, we do have some things coming up in March. As mentioned earlier, and as per articles in this and prior newsletters, along with flyers and website entries, our **Luck of the Lodge Raffle** will take place on Saturday, March 12th. (Tickets are now sold down to a very short supply, so if you checked some out to sell, and have not done so with all of them, please turn them in to me, or at the Bar, ASAP!)

As per our ENF, Beacon Grant, we continue to provide a Veterans' Lunch on the 3rd Tue. of each month, at the Haven, on Crab Orchard Lake. This March 15th will be the St. Patrick's Day Party for these disabled Vets. So, if YOU would like to help, be there at about 10:30 a.m.

We did have a busy February here at #572. Therefore, I need to Thank everyone who showed up to help out, especially with major events held in the Hall. I was really pleased at how many folks showed up to lend a hand - Great Job! Now, March has a heavy schedule also, so look at the calendar and let me know if you see something on a date where you might have some time to possibly assist. By the time you read this, our 21st Annual, C. C. C. Dart Tourney and Auction will have been finished and in the Books. There is a great group of you who deserve several pats on the back for all you did in planning, organizing, preparing, and running this event for which our Lodge has become so well known! And, remember - it's all for Children who need help, and for young people who want to enter the physical / occupational therapy field, and depend on scholarship help.

In closing, I again want to thank everyone who has stepped up to the plate, this past year. It has been an honor to be Exalted Ruler of one of the Best Lodges in Illinois. How could I be anything but proud to be a part of Murphysboro Elks #572? If you, our members, will give our New Officers as much help as you have given me, I know they will do great, and that 2016 - 2017 will be another good year for this Lodge!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Steve Schemonia, E. R. (And soon-to-be PER!!)

BIRTHDAYS

3/1 John Caldwell
 3/1 Jack Camden
 3/2 Robert Bateman
 3/2 Billy Dallas
 3/2 Gary Raines
 3/3 Jeff Daniel
 3/4 Emmett Whitacre
 3/5 Richard Green
 3/6 Donald Cochran
 3/6 Herbert Dougan
 3/7 Mike Dickerson
 3/8 Richard Ehlers
 3/10 Sylvester Stiegman
 3/11 Joan Cox
 3/11 Steve Ridings
 3/12 Andrew Belobraydic
 3/12 Everett Blackwell
 3/12 Audrey Eden
 3/12 Todd Lirely
 3/12 David Trimble
 3/13 Melissa Ferguson
 3/13 Charles Johnson
 3/13 William Phillips
 3/13 Thomas Shields
 3/14 Joe Sendek
 3/15 Bob Abbott
 3/15 Scott Wheeler
 3/17 Danny Lawson
 3/18 Clay Cochran
 3/18 Charles Fisher
 3/18 Jennifer Ihle
 3/18 Travis Smith
 3/19 Alan Gordon
 3/19 Gary Tennison
 3/20 Fred Carter
 3/20 Lori Graff
 3/20 Craig Keller
 3/20 William Moeglin
 3/20 Michael Ryan
 3/21 Benjamin Howard
 3/21 Dennis Johnson
 3/21 Brian Mifflin
 3/22 Dale Alstat
 3/22 Dale Mifflin
 3/22 Tim Schenk
 3/23 Kevin Bost
 3/23 Adam Korando
 3/24 Robert Diehl
 3/24 Terry Gerlach
 3/24 Joy McAllister
 3/24 Rick Raney
 3/25 Eric Clendenin
 3/25 Esequiel Reyes
 3/25 Frederick Thompson
 3/26 Joseph Rains
 3/28 Ray Burroughs
 3/28 Jerry Nance
 3/30 Russell Brown
 3/30 Shawn Imhoff



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.

RAYMOND E. "GENE" CRAWSHAW

June 26, 1931 - February 4, 2016

MARVIN CARL RUST

March 9, 1931 - February 16, 2016

**QUEEN OF HEARTS**

02/02 Robert Martin: \$50 Name Draw; No win on Card Draw
 02/02 Landess Mills: \$50 Name Draw; No win on Card Draw
 02/16 Tom Shields: \$100 Name Draw; No win on Card Draw
 02/23 Steve Ferguson: \$100 Name Draw; No win on Card Draw

As of this publication, the Queen of Hearts draw is over **\$6,850.00 !**
 Be sure you are in the Raffle - Purchase tickets in the Club Room.

2016 - 2117 ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS OF #572

From nominations received at the February 3rd and 17th Lodge Meetings, the following elected and appointed positions were filled for the coming year.

ELECTED:

Exalted Ruler - Joe Patrick

Leading Knight - (Open)

Loyal Knight - Seth Schemonia

Lecturing Knight - David Marks

Secretary - Merle Evans

Treasurer - Sandy Schenk

Trustee (5-Yr.) - Steve Schemonia

(Note - Continuing Trustees are: Michelle Allard, Darcie Hastings, Debbie Sauer, and Patty Stokes.)

APPOINTED (By E. R. - Elect, Patrick):

Tiler - Lauralee Ryan

Inner Guard - Bill Paul

Chaplain - Bruce Francis

Esquire - Christine Paul

(Committee Chairpersons and other positions required by Grand Lodge, or Illinois Elks Association, are in the process of being appointed by E. R. - Elect, Patrick. **Installation will occur at 7:30 p.m., April 6,** just prior to the regular Lodge Meeting of that date.) Please congratulate these new Officers, and thank them, in advance, for their time and commitment to the continued success of our Lodge!



**LUCK OF THE LODGE RAFFLE IS
COMING - THIS MONTH**

**\$5,000 1ST PLACE PRIZE
\$20 DONATION
ONLY 800 TICKETS SOLD
OVERALL - PRIZES AWARDED TO
(9) WINNERS & (9) SELLERS**

**DRAWING & COCKTAIL PARTY, IN LODGE
HALL, FOR TICKET HOLDERS**

**Free Beer - Wine - Rail Drinks
(Does NOT include Club Room Bar)**

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 12TH
PRIZE DRAWINGS START AT
4:00 P.M.**

D. J. ZAK - 5:00 - 9:00 P.M.

**TICKET SALES ARE NEARING COMPLETION
DON'T WAIT TOO LONG TO GET YOURS!**



**ELKS #572 EASTER BUNNY
TO VISIT LIBERTY VILLAGE**

Want to Hop (well - maybe just go) along with our well-known Bunny, to Liberty Village in Carbondale, early afternoon (around 1:30) on Easter Sunday, March 27? It can be rewarding to tour with Mr. Bunny and greet , or just say "Hello" to facility residents. If interested, time and place particulars will be available from our Easter Bunny Chairperson, Debbie Sauer - either in person, or by phone (618-319-2657). And, Members All, FYI - - your Lodge is contributing \$150.00 in needed supplies to the facility's Activity Room.....Elks Care - Elks Share!

DON'T FORGET!

2016 - 2017 (Green) Key Cards will be required to operate all card - operated, Club Room doors beginning **April 1**. This now includes the Club Room's Back Door (Nearest to Smoking Facility), along with Video Game Room door and main entry door, from Parking Lot.

Also, you must be paid by April 1, to be eligible to purchase Queen of Hearts tickets. And, as is always the case, you must have a current, paid-up membership card to attend any Lodge Meeting.



**FISH FRY / BIRTHDAY
PARTY
AND BENEFIT FOR**



C. C. C.

SATURDAY, MARCH 19TH

All Members and guests are invited to this event, to be held in the Lodge Hall, The Fish Fry will run from 5 - 8 p.m. The Lewis Creek Band will then be playing. Price, including both meal and Band, is \$10.00 per person. This event is partially funded by, and will celebrate the Birthdays of Dale Alstat, Fred Carter, and Rick Ehlers. **All proceeds of the evening will be donated to the Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation, in memory of Terry Givens!**

ELKS CLUB ROOM HOURS

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

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

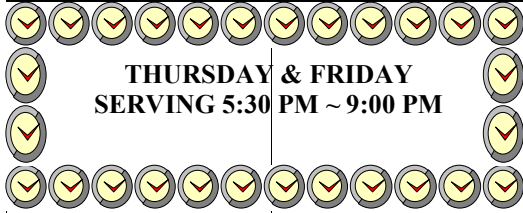





FRIDAY
2:00 P.M. ~ 12:00 A.M.

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

March 2016

COMING EVENTS

- 3/10 - Indoctrination Session, 6:30 p.m.
- 3/12 - Luck of Lodge Party 3~5 p.m. D.J. Zak to follow
- 3/19 - Fish Fry/Birthday Party in Hall with Lewis Creek Band
- 3/23 - Initiation 7:30 p.m.
- 4/1 - New Elks Lodge Year Begins
- 4/6 - Installation of New Officers

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>THURSDAY & FRIDAY SERVING 5:30 PM ~ 9:00 PM</p>		<p>1  QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 MEAT BALL SUB, FF. \$7.00</p>	<p>2 LODGE MTG. 7:30 PM HOT WINGS .50 EA. 6-8 P.M (Eat in or take out)</p>	<p>3 10 OZ STRIP STEAK \$14.95 1/4 FRIED CHICKEN \$6.95 1/2 FRIED CHICKEN \$7.95 INC. MASHED POT., GRAVY/VEG., ROLL & SALAD BAR</p>	<p>4 ALL YOU CAN EAT CATFISH \$8.50</p>	<p>5 BACK HALL RENTED STYLE SHOW</p>
6	7	<p>8  QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 CHILLY DOGS OR SLOPPY JOE'S FF \$7.50</p>	<p>9 BOARD OF DIRECTORS 7:00 PM HOUSE MTG. 7:30 HOT WINGS .50 EA. 6-8 P.M</p>	<p>10 10 OZ STRIP STEAK \$14.95 1/4 FRIED CHICKEN \$6.95 1/2 FRIED CHICKEN \$7.95 INC. MASHED POT., GRAVY/VEG., ROLL & SALAD BAR</p> <p style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">INDOCTRINATION 6:30</p>	<p>11 TUNA CASSE-ROLE SALAD, ROLL OR PORK LOIN W/ MASHED POTATO, GRAVY, ROLL \$7.95</p>	<p>12 LUCK OF LODGE IN HALL</p>
13	14	<p>15  QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PHILLY STEAK & CHEESE & FF \$7.50</p>	<p>16 LODGE MTG. 7:30 PM HOT WINGS .50 EA. 6-8 P.M (Eat in or take out)</p>	<p>17 10 OZ STRIP STEAK \$14.95 1/4 FRIED CHICKEN \$6.95 1/2 FRIED CHICKEN \$7.95 INC. MASHED POT., GRAVY/VEG., ROLL & SALAD BAR</p>	<p>18 BLACKENED TILAPIA ON BED OF RICE, VEGGIE, ROLL \$8.95</p>	<p>19 BACK HALL RENTED BIRTHDAY PARTY, BENEFIT FOR C.C.C. LEWIS CREEK BAND</p>
20	21	<p>22  QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PATTY MELT, FF \$7.50</p>	<p>23 INITIATION 7:30 HOT WINGS .50 EA. 6-8 P.M (Eat in or take out)</p>	<p>24 10 OZ STRIP STEAK \$14.95 1/4 FRIED CHICKEN \$6.95 1/2 FRIED CHICKEN \$7.95 INC. MASHED POT., GRAVY/VEG., ROLL & SALAD BAR</p>	<p>25 SAUTED SHRIMP, RICE & VEGGIE, ROLL \$9.00</p>	<p>26 BACK HALL RENTED</p>
27	28	<p>29  QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 MEXICAN NITE \$7.95</p>	<p>30 HOT WINGS .50 EA. 6-8 P.M (Eat in or take out)</p>	<p>31 10 OZ STRIP STEAK \$14.95 1/4 FRIED CHICKEN \$6.95 1/2 FRIED CHICKEN \$7.95 INC. MASHED POT., GRAVY/VEG., ROLL & SALAD BAR</p>		