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## APRIL 2016, E. R. MESSAGE

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Murphysboro Lodge #572 is ending another year. (How time flies!) Thank you, to all #572 Members, for making 2015 - 2016 a great year.

New Lodge Officers will assume their duties on the 6th of April, at 7:30 p. m., prior to the opening of the regular Lodge meeting. Officers cannot run the Lodge, alone. They need your help. Even an hour or two of volunteering would be appreciated.

We held the 21st Annual Children's Care Corporation Benefit Dart Tournament & Auction on 2/27/16. And, as always, it was a great success, with over \$10,000.00 being earned. Thanks to those who participated, donated, sponsored, or volunteered to work. A special thanks to B. J. Wyatt, for a 2nd time of chairing this event. Great job, B. J.! (And, members, if you didn't make it to the tournament, you can still purchase some very attractive T-Shirts, which are on display and available for purchase in the Club Room.) That reminds me - we are down to just a few bags of Praline or Cinnamon Nuts, from the Holiday Nut sale for a scholarship to an MHS Senior of average G.P.A. Inquire in the Club Room.

On March 12th, we held the 4th Luck of the Lodge Raffle. We sold all 800 tickets and had an outstanding turn out for the drawing and party. After all payouts, we were able to forward an additional \$8,151.00 toward our Bank Mortgage. As of this message, our loan is now down to \$13,801.40. Total payoff of this mortgage is within reach, this Lodge year! Again, thanks to all who bought and sold raffle tickets.

On March 19th, Members Dale Alstat, Fred Carter, and Rick Ehlers celebrated their birthdays and sponsored a fish fry / birthday party, in the Lodge Hall. (Happy belated Birthday, guys!) The fantastic Lewis Creek Band was on hand to provide music for the evening. All proceeds were donated to the Illinois Elks C. C. C., in honor and memory of Terry Givens. Dale, Fred, and Rick say "Thank You" to all who participated and shared in the evening. Total net income for the event was **\$1,500.00**. (Added to the Dart Tournament income, this meant that we were able to forward over \$11,500 to our state's major project, from just these two activities.)

We are looking forward to another successful and productive year at #572. Please come to our meetings, which are a good place to share opinions, ideas, and keep informed with what is happening in the Lodge. Support the BPOE and enjoy your membership!

Joe Patrick, E. R.



After being voted to candidacy status and completing their indoctrination session, we are very pleased to have received into membership on March 23, 2016, the following new members: (front row) Donna Jean Dalton, Kenneth Jarrett, Scott Cutler, Linda Patrick, Amber Leslie, (back row) Michael Niesel, Johnathan Guetersloh, Steve Schemonia (Exalted Ruler), Chris Guetersloh, Sue Givens, Ted Rose.

## BIRTHDAYS

4/1 Jesse Barge  
 4/2 John Quigley  
 4/2 Jason Spears  
 4/3 David Phillips  
 4/3 Edward Tennant  
 4/4 Jerald McClerren  
 4/4 Roger Phoenix  
 4/6 Mike Uffelman  
 4/7 John Grammer  
 4/7 Sharon Leggans  
 4/8 Troy Cripps  
 4/8 Gary King  
 4/9 Jonathan Tremblay  
 4/10 Richard Adams  
 4/10 Donald Payne  
 4/11 Fredia Doody  
 4/11 Gary Korando  
 4/13 Lofton Atnip, Jr.  
 4/13 Troy Biggs  
 4/13 Edilberto Del Carmen  
 4/14 Fred Gilbert  
 4/14 Mary Korando  
 4/14 Leigh Ann Stokes  
 4/16 Tracy Ferguson  
 4/16 Robert Kirschbaum  
 4/16 Tina Lustig  
 4/17 Eden Thorne  
 4/17 Mark Wright  
 4/19 Rebecca Atkinson  
 4/19 David Watt  
 4/20 Fred Schnautz  
 4/21 Jeremy Pierce  
 4/22 Max Doerr  
 4/22 Edward Fisher  
 4/22 Donald White  
 4/23 Steven Joiner  
 4/23 Lucy Mitchell  
 4/24 Cynthia Hobbs  
 4/24 Daniel Parmley  
 4/24 Christine Paul  
 4/25 Tina Carter  
 4/27 Paul Polete  
 4/27 John Uffelman  
 4/24 Kathy Lynn Wills  
 4/28 Marty Davis  
 4/28 Richard Williams  
 4/29 Robert Bolinski  
 4/29 Michael Desett  
 4/29 John Saunders  
 4/29 Clifford Tanner  
 4/30 Michael Layne



### LODGE #572 HAS STRONG MEMBERSHIP GAIN FOR 2015 - 2016!!

Starting the year off with 632 members, we are ending the year (March 31st) at **651**, for a **GAIN of 19!** Thanks to many good new-member sponsors, we **initiated 36!** Also, 3 transferred in from other Lodges; and 5 were reinstated, for a **total in of 48.** The Lodge lost 9 to death; 1 transferred out; 3 took absolute Dimits; and 16 delinquents have just been dropped for NPD (Non Payment of Dues), for a total out, of 29. To everyone who had a hand, in any way, with this gain - Thank You! Now, let's turn our attention to a good year, 2016 - 2017, and work for yet another membership increase!

### QUEEN OF HEARTS



03/01 Gary Rowden : \$100 Name Draw; No win on Card Draw

03/08 Robin Taylor: \$100 Name Draw; No win on Card Draw

03/15 Bobby Skidmore: \$100 Name Draw; \$125 on Ace Pick

(Total win of \$225.00)

03/22 Mike Sherman: \$100 Name Draw; No Win on Card Draw

03/29 Mike (Hunker) Herron: \$200 Name Draw; No Win on Card Draw

As of this writing, Queen Raffle, on 03/29/2016, reached a value of \$9,000. Stage 4 is now in effect, and name draws have increased to \$200; Joker picks go to \$400, if present; and Ace or King card picks are now at \$250, if present. Remember, Rules / payout schedules for the Queen of Hearts Raffle can be found on our website (elks572.org), and they are posted in the Club Room.



At Lodge #572 Volunteer Appreciation Night, E.R, Steve Schemonia, presents 2015-2016 Elk of the Year Award to member, Chuck Fager. Congratulations, Chuck, and Thank You for your commitment and service to our Lodge!



Receiving G.E.R Outstanding Service Commendation awards are Dan Leslie and Larry Thetford.



Lodge #572 Drug Awareness Chairperson, Chris Paul, is assisted by member, Diane Chamness, in preparing some 200 Drug Awareness handouts for children attending the March 26th Easter Egg Hunt at Riverside Park. Included in attractive, Blue, Elks Drug Awareness Program Bags were crayons, book markers, erasers, pencils, and rulers—all bearing anti-drug statements or messages from the Elks.

**LODGE #572 OFFICER UPDATE**

Last month's Newsletter listed all elected and appointed Officers for 2016 - 2017, except for the Leading Knight position, which was still open. At the March 2nd Lodge meeting, PER, Debbie Sauer, accepted a nomination for the Leading Knight position, and was then elected to said office. As statutes do not allow a member to simultaneously hold 2 elected or appointed offices, Debbie then resigned her 2-yr. Trustee position. PER, Jim Ferguson, was then nominated for, and elected to the 2-yr. Trustee position. Thanks for agreeing to help out our Lodge, with your time and commitment, Debbie and Jim. All Lodge Offices and committee chairs are now filled!

**EASTER BUNNY REPORT**

A "Busy Bunny" was our #572 Rabbit, this year! After an early appearance in the M'Boro St. Patrick's Day Parade, The Elks Bunny rested up for an appearance at Riverside Park on Saturday, 3/27, with the MHS Key Club Easter Egg hunt. Then, on Easter Sunday, he visited Liberty Village in Carbondale. "Bunny Seth" hopped about and brought Smiles & Cheer to some 50 Village residents. His entourage also included E. B. Chairperson, Debbie Sauer, and E. R. Steve (and Sharon) Schemonia. Also delivered, were \$300.00 in supplies for the Village's Activity Room. Job well done!



Our own Lodge #572 member, Deputy Michael Marks, with McGruff the Crime Dog, Elroy and his Key Club escort, at the 2016 Easter Egg Hunt at Riverside Park in Murphysboro.



Elroy encourages young Easter Egg Hunters at Riverside Park!

**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.

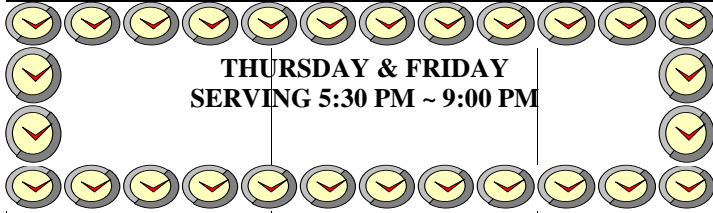




**SATURDAY**  
12:00 P.M. ~ 12:00

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

**April  
2016**

**COMING EVENTS**

- 4/6 INSTALLATION NEW OFFICERS OF LODGE #572
- 4/10 SOUTH DIST. ELKS MTG., METROPOLIS #1428
- 5/8 MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH
- 5/20 IEA ANNUAL MTG., SPRINGFIELD

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p><b>THURSDAY &amp; FRIDAY</b> SERVING 5:30 PM ~ 9:00 PM</p>					1 <b>ALL YOU CAN EAT CATFISH</b> \$8.50	2 <b>ST FRANCIS TRIVIA</b>
3 <b>REMEMBER CLUB ROOM OPENS AT 12:00 NOON</b>	4 <b>COME IN AND CHECK OUR MONDAY DRINK SPECIALS!</b>	5  <b>QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 STEAK SAND. W/FF \$9.00</b>	6 <b>OFFICER INSTALLATION LODGE MTG. 7:30 PM HOT WINGS .50 EA. 6-8 P.M</b>	7 <b>10 OZ STRIP STEAK \$14.95</b> 1/4 FRIED CHICKEN \$6.95 1/2 FRIED CHICKEN \$7.95 INC. MASHED POT., GRAVY/ VEG., ROLL & SALAD BAR	8 <b>COUNTRY FRIED STEAK, CORN, MASHED POTATO, ROLL \$8.00</b>	9 <b>TASTE OF SOUL</b>
10 <b>SOUTH DIST. MTG. METROPOLIS LODGE #1428 CLUB OPENS AT 12:00 NOON</b>	11 <b>COME IN AND CHECK OUR MONDAY DRINK SPECIALS!</b>	12  <b>QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 BUILD A BURGER W/FF \$7.50</b>	13 <b>BOARD OF DIRECTORS 7:00 PM HOUSE MTG. 7:30 HOT WINGS .50 EA. 6-8 P.M</b>	14 <b>10 OZ STRIP STEAK \$14.95</b> 1/4 FRIED CHICKEN \$6.95 1/2 FRIED CHICKEN \$7.95 INC. MASHED POT., GRAVY/ VEG., ROLL & SALAD BAR	15 <b>MEATLOAF, MASHED POTATO, VEGGIE, ROLL \$9.00</b>	16 <b>BACK ROOM RENTED</b>
17 <b>REMEMBER CLUB ROOM OPENS AT 12:00 NOON</b>	18 <b>COME IN AND CHECK OUR MONDAY DRINK SPECIALS!</b>	19  <b>QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 SMOKED SAUSAGE W/FF \$7.50</b>	20 <b>LODGE MTG. 7:30 PM HOT WINGS .50 EA. 6-8 P.M (Eat in or take out)</b>	21 <b>10 OZ STRIP STEAK \$14.95</b> 1/4 FRIED CHICKEN \$6.95 1/2 FRIED CHICKEN \$7.95 INC. MASHED POT., GRAVY/ VEG., ROLL & SALAD BAR	22 <b>SHRIMP SKEWERS W/RICE &amp; VEGGIE, ROLL \$9.00</b>	23
24 <b>REMEMBER CLUB ROOM OPENS AT 12:00 NOON</b>	25 <b>COME IN AND CHECK OUR MONDAY DRINK SPECIALS!</b>	26  <b>QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 TURKEY CLUB W/FF \$7.50</b>	27 <b>HOT WINGS .50 EA. 6-8 P.M (Eat in or take out)</b>	28 <b>10 OZ STRIP STEAK \$14.95</b> 1/4 FRIED CHICKEN \$6.95 1/2 FRIED CHICKEN \$7.95 INC. MASHED POT., GRAVY/ VEG., ROLL & SALAD BAR	29 <b>OPEN FACE TURKEY, MASHED POTATO, GREEN BEANS, ROLL \$8.00</b>	30 <b>BACK ROOM RENTED</b>