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E.R. MESSAGE MAY 2016

The month of April is over, Spring is here, and the temperature is slowly rising. So, it's time to plant & maintain gardens, mow yards, take care of all that Spring cleaning (uck!), and for many parents / grandparents, get the kids to baseball, soccer, etc.! You'll be driving all over the place! So, after all those chores and driving you may not feel like cooking. Solution? Come to the Lodge, where you will find great food and good times. Say "Hello" to Tina and Jane - they will be very happy to take care of your appetite! Oh, yes, a bit of additional, good news. On Wednesday nights, along with our popular Hot Wings, Tina has prepared a list of appetizers. Come enjoy some wings, choose a couple of appetizers, and share with friends!

Once again, your Elk's Lodge will have a Mother's Day Brunch on **Sunday, May 8th**. We serve a great meal, and Mom's eat free! (See related article in this Newsletter.) Also, we will need volunteers to help prepare / serve / and clean up. Let me, or our manager, Dianne, know, and we will get you scheduled in...it's as easy as 1,2,3!

Then, remember that on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, we provide (via our ENF Beacon Grant) a meal for disabled Vets at the Haven, on Crab Orchard Lake. They do appreciate the food, and visiting with volunteers from our Lodge. If YOU would like to volunteer, just let me know. I will give you details and directions.

Next, we are asking for helping hands with the Annual Bleyer's Fishing Day for special populations, on Wednesday, May 11th. It is held at the Bleyer Lake property on So. Country Club Road. There are usually around 800 people signed up to fish! Imagine the help needed! (See related article.)

Several of your Lodge Officers (including all those required) will be attending the Illinois Elks Association (IEA) Convention in Springfield, May 20 - 22. We will be reviewing the Elk's year just completed, and furthermore learning new ideas to help our members and Lodge #572. (Also, stay tuned, in our next Newsletter, for any special announcements to come from this Springfield meeting...there might be one!)

Golfers - Attention! Mark this upcoming event on your advance calendars. On August 13, at the Jackson Country Club, we will be hosting the Annual Elks South District, Benefit Golf Scramble. Once again, we will need lots of help, in addition to those who will be swinging the Irons! The associated meal and awards ceremony will be here at the Lodge - so volunteers will also be needed for that aspect of the event. More information will be forthcoming.

In closing, those of you who are still not paid (delinquent) on your 2016 - 2017 dues, let's get your membership paid up! We have already paid your National, State, and District Per-Capita dues, so not only were your dues delinquent on April 1 - you need to be responsible and help out your Lodge with reimbursement for the monies already forwarded on your behalf! Do the right thing...get it done!

Final thought - **Moms**, have a happy Mother's Day. We will be looking forward to **seeing** many of you at the Mother's Day Brunch!

Joe Patrick, E. R.

The Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation and the South District Elks Lodges will be holding the next **Children's Orthopedic Clinic** on **Friday, May 27th** from 2:00 — 4:00 pm. Location is Marshall Browning Hospital in Du Quoin. Examinations are by appointment only. If you know someone who could benefit from this free service, please have them call 1-800-272-0074 during normal business hours to schedule an appointment

BIRTHDAYS

03 James Deming
 03 James Rosson
 05 Michael Barone
 05 Scott Imhoff
 06 Douglas Carr
 07 Virgil Blind
 07 Michael Sherman
 08 Rebecca Stokes
 09 Beth Hartmann
 09 William Ryan
 10 Dale Korando
 12 Julio Figueroa
 13 William Jones
 13 Landess Mills
 13 Linda Polete
 14 Michael Marks
 15 Pamela Reed
 17 Russell Miner
 17 Ron Tuttle
 18 Mike Bastien
 18 Phillip Cline
 18 James Ferguson
 18 Donald Keipp
 18 Keith Rendleman
 19 Lauralee Ryan
 20 Tamara Gamrat
 21 Robert Allard
 21 Debbie Humm
 22 Larry Elliott
 22 Eric Sumner
 23 Blake Canning
 25 Dan Leslie
 25 Norman Wayman
 26 Josh Cochran
 28 Richard Blake
 28 Keith Harris
 29 Christopher German
 30 Joseph Bastien



PROGRESS REPORT ON MORTGAGE REDUCTION

The Officers of Lodge #572 would like to extend their sincere appreciation to so many of our members who, along with their timely dues payments, have graciously sent in additional donations for our Bank Mortgage reduction! While last year's contributions were excellent, this year's pace has been even better - as of calculations totaled on 4/8/16, we had received \$3,331.50 in extra loan reduction contributions from some 147 of you, our supportive members. Then, on April 21, we paired this amount with our regular, monthly mortgage payment of \$2,000.00, and an additional \$1,000.00 from Queen of Hearts Raffle proceeds, such that a total of \$6,331.50 was paid. Result? Our outstanding loan amount is now down to \$6,537.85! (And, extra contributions continue to accompany dues payments.) YOU, our members, are making it happen!

ELK STUDENTS OF THE YEAR AT CHESTER HIGH SCHOOL

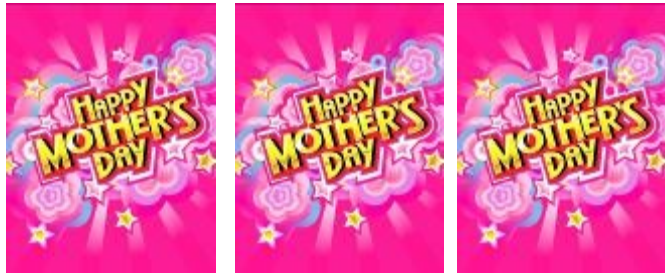
Working in conjunction with your Lodge, the Student Services Office at Chester High School has announced this year's Elk Students of the Year. Selected from some 18 Elk students of the month, during the 2015 - 2016 school year, the following individuals are the winners: Elizabeth Hefferman and Lucas Dorion. These two students will each be presented letters of congratulations from Lodge #572, along with a check for \$100.00, at the Chester High School Honors Night, on Wednesday, May 11. Congratulations, Elizabeth and Lucas - Murphysboro Elks salutes your hard work and wishes you success in your futures!

TO THE "GANG OF 116"

Yes, your 2016 - 2017 membership became Delinquent as of April 1, 2016! If we follow Grand Lodge statutes closely, as well as Lodge #572 By-Laws, your Club Room privileges are no longer in force, and you certainly cannot attend a Lodge meeting or have input, therein. And, you cannot visit other Lodges, while traveling, on vacation, etc. So, what to do? Grab that original dues notice, maybe lying on a desk or table since February, and send in your payment! Or, come to the Lodge and make your payment. If there is an unusual circumstance, see the Lodge Secretary, to explore options. (You will be receiving correspondence on your delinquency situation!)

Also, as the Queen of Hearts Raffle has grown to be a very popular option at the Lodge, remember the rules on this (A full set of which is prominently displayed on our website, www.elks572.org, as well as posted and otherwise available in the Club Room.) affect you as follows: **you** are **not eligible** to play the Queen of Hearts Raffle until your dues have been paid up for at least one month!!!

So, for many, many reasons - Please get your dues obligation taken care of. It is the first element of Responsibility in Elk Membership!



MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

MAY 8, 2016

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

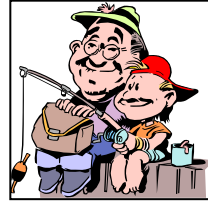
IN THE BACK HALL
EVERYONE INVITED

MOTHERS EAT FREE

ADULTS \$6.00

CHILDREN UNDER 12 \$3.00

*volunteers are needed for this event
please contact Joe Patrick or Diane Chamness
if you would like to help*



**WANTED:
VOLUNTEERS FOR**

**FISHING EXPEDITION
FOR SPECIAL POPULATIONS**

WED, MAY 11, 2016

8:30 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

BLEYER'S LAKE

FOR MORE INFORMATION

CONTACT ELIZABETH

BY PHONE AT 549-2181

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Mortgage Burning Party On The Horizon

The Lodge mortgage payment is \$2,000.00 per month (\$24,000.00 per year). However, thanks to a profitable club room, hall rentals, video gaming, annual Luck of the Lodge raffle, generous donations from our members, and now the Queen of Hearts, we have been paying roughly \$16,000.00 in extra mortgage payments for the last three years. We **anticipate paying off the mortgage in the next two or three months.**

Mortgage Balance:	
March 25, 2013	\$137,660.00
March 21, 2014	\$90,707.50
March 18, 2015	\$50,185.59
March 21, 2016	\$10,041.26
Current	\$6,537.85

Once the mortgage is paid off, we can then pay off remaining bonds held by our members, an interest-free bond from the Oldenhage Fund, and an interest-free loan from a member totaling just under \$58,000.00. Over the past year, we have paid off one \$5,000.00 bond held by members.



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.

JAMES C. GILMORE

May 16, 1967 - April 22, 2016

LODGE #572 BOCCI TOURNAMENT

COMING IN JUNE

In the planning stage is a Lodge Bocci Tournament. It is scheduled for Saturday, June 11, at the Bocci Park here in Murphysboro. Details about sign-ups, time elements, etc. will be forthcoming: on flyers, in our June Bulletin, and at www.elks572.org. Bocci players (and supporters) all — stay tuned — keep an eye out!

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.

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COMING EVENTS

5/27 CCC Orthopedic Clinic, Marshall Browning Hospital, Du Quoin
5/30 Memorial Day - Lodge & Club Room closed
6/11 Bocci Tournament
July 3-6 Grand Lodge Convention, Houston, Texas
8/13 South District Golf Scramble, Jackson County Country Club

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 COME IN AND CHECK OUT OUR DRINK SPECIALS!	3  QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 SLOPPY JOE OR MAID-RITE W/ FRIES \$7.50	4 LODGE MEETING 7:30 PM WINGS & APPETIZERS 6-8 P.M. (Eat in or take out)	5 10 OZ STRIP STEAK \$14.95 1/4 FRIED CHICKEN \$6.95 1/2 FRIED CHICKEN \$7.95 INC. MASHED POTATO, GRAVY, VEGETABLE, ROLL & SALAD BAR	6 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH \$8.50 TRIVIA NIGHT FISH FRY	7 KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY IN CLUB ROOM BACK HALL RENTED
8 MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH	9 COME IN AND CHECK OUT OUR DRINK SPECIALS!	10  QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 MEXICAN NIGHT \$7.95	11 BOARD OF DIRECTORS 7:00 PM HOUSE MTG. 7:30 WINGS & APPETIZERS 6-8 P.M. (Eat in or take out)	12 10 OZ STRIP STEAK \$14.95 1/4 FRIED CHICKEN \$6.95 1/2 FRIED CHICKEN \$7.95 INC. MASHED POTATO, GRAVY, VEGETABLE, ROLL & SALAD BAR	13 SPINACH OR BEEF LASAGNA, SALAD & GARLIC BREAD \$8.50	14 BACK HALL RENTED
15	16 COME IN AND CHECK OUT OUR DRINK SPECIALS!	17  QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PATTY MELT & FRIES \$7.50 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin-top: 5px;">VETS MEAL — HAVEN</div>	18 LODGE MEETING 7:30 PM WINGS & APPETIZERS 6-8 P.M. (Eat in or take out)	19 10 OZ STRIP STEAK \$14.95 1/4 FRIED CHICKEN \$6.95 1/2 FRIED CHICKEN \$7.95 INC. MASHED POTATO, GRAVY, VEGETABLE, ROLL & SALAD BAR	20 TILAPIA, RICE, VEGETABLE & ROLL \$8.95 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: 100%; text-align: center; margin-top: 5px;">IEA STATE MEETING</div>	21 BACK HALL RENTED
22 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin-top: 5px;">IEA STATE MTG</div>	23 COME IN AND CHECK OUT OUR DRINK SPECIALS!	24  QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 HOT ROAST BEEF W/ CHEESE & FRIES \$7.50	25 WINGS & APPETIZERS 6-8 P.M. (Eat in or take out)	26 10 OZ STRIP STEAK \$14.95 1/4 FRIED CHICKEN \$6.95 1/2 FRIED CHICKEN \$7.95 INC. MASHED POTATO, GRAVY, VEGETABLE, ROLL & SALAD BAR	27 BABY BACK RIBS, POT. SALAD, BAKED BEANS 1/2 RACK \$9.00 FULL RACK \$14.00	28 BACK HALL RENTED
29	30 MEMORIAL DAY LODGE & CLUB ROOM CLOSED	31  QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 CHILI MAC W/ GARLIC BREAD \$7.50		 <p>THURSDAY & FRIDAY SERVING 5:30 PM ~ 9:00 PM</p>		