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E. R. Message

Mothers' Day Brunch turned out to be a wonderful event for everyone. Our members who helped plan and prepare would like to thank all the moms, and their family and friends, for being there. It was very pleasing to see everyone in good conversation and enjoying a good meal. Also, to mothers who were unable to attend this year - you are all welcome to join us next year! Additionally, I would like to give a special thanks to the cooks, servers, keeper of the door, our photographer, and all those who prepared the night before (Our Banquet Room looked great!). In my mind and heart, you will not be forgotten. Remember, every day is Mothers' Day. It is just nice to set aside one day to tell moms "Thank You" for your nourishing, care, and the love you have given us over the years!

Officers and guests of Elks #572 recently traveled to Springfield for the IEA State Convention. For me, as Exalted Ruler, it was an honor to be the one who accepted your awards. I believe I wore out the carpet, going from my seat to the podium (See related photo.). It was also an honor to witness our own, Chuck Fager, receive the IEA Elk-Of-The-Year award (See photo). As to the IL Elks Children's Care Corp., Great job, by so many of our members, throughout the year, in achieving the goal of again being the **#1 Lodge in Illinois**, in supporting our State, Major Project!

Looking ahead - everyone come to the Pancake Breakfast, in our Lodge Hall, on Saturday, June 18, 7:00 - 11:30 a.m. This event is a Benefit for Christie McIntosh, a single mother of three, who is in a battle with lung cancer. (Christie is the daughter of members, Rick and Janice Ehlers.) Come out and enjoy the Breakfast! A free-will donation will be accepted, and much appreciated.

Great update on our Bank Mortgage Loan! Following a 5/19/2016 payment of \$3,165.25 (combination of regular monthly payment, Queen of Hearts proceeds, and more member donations with dues payments) our balance due is now below \$1,000.00! We will conclude this final payment in early June - stay tuned for official announcement in the next Newsletter!

At this time, I would ask all Elks of Murphysboro Lodge #572 to take a moment and reflect on "**Why I became a member of the BPOE.**" For me, it's Benevolence. We have great opportunities to help our communities, veterans, therapy service children, and any Elk in good standing, who is in need of assistance. Come to the Lodge and get involved. Volunteer your time; bring and share your ideas. You will be surprised how good it will make you feel to know you helped someone in need!

On a final note - Let's visit the Rumor Mill. As with any organization, the rumors will always be better than what really happened, or what was really said. Sitting at the Bar, or perhaps out on the golf course, discussing what was heard, and everyone chiming in, will always get peoples' attention. First of all. Lodge business should never be conducted at the Bar. If you really want to know what's going on, attend a meeting. Bring your concerns to the Lodge floor. To find when these meetings are being held, refer to the calendar in the Newsletter. furthermore, any decisions made by Officers, Trustees, or myself are not made for personal gain. **These decisions are made in the best interest of our membership, and our Lodge!**

I am honored to be your Exalted Ruler for the 2016 - 2017 Elk Year. If you have any suggestions, compliments, or complaints, feel free to speak to me, or e-mail to patrick6765@gmail.com I am committed to having an open door policy!

Fraternally yours, Joe Patrick, E. R.

★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

6/1 Lynn Porter
 6/1 Melinda Stuhrenberg
 6/2 John Ferguson II
 6/3 Patrick Gladson
 6/3 Jeff Holloway
 6/3 Lisa Marks
 6/5 Patricia Wright
 6/5 Scott Stanley
 6/6 Kenneth Carr
 6/6 Michael Dosch
 6/7 Kirk Caskey
 6/8 Randy Cauble
 6/8 Mark Williams
 6/9 Gary Apgar
 6/9 Travis Maynor
 6/9 Kevin Spring
 6/10 James Hand
 6/11 E. J. Callahan
 6/12 Jim Hoppenstedt
 6/12 Kevin Stratton
 6/13 Janice Porter
 6/14 Barry Threlkeld
 6/15 Mike Etherton
 6/15 Jerry Worthen
 6/16 Ray Whiteside
 6/17 YeYo Granados
 6/17 Richard Pautler
 6/17 John Reiman
 6/18 James Craig
 6/18 Barbara Hay
 6/19 Tommy Glisson
 6/19 Shelly Kelley
 6/19 Morgan Teas
 6/20 Dwight Westphal
 6/21 John Hudgins
 6/22 Tim Hall
 6/22 Donald Siefert
 6/23 Bruce Francis
 6/23 Michael Nulty
 6/23 Janet Polete
 6/23 Billy Woosley
 6/23 Paul Zemlyn
 6/24 Lloyd Moore
 6/24 Marimar Robertson
 6/26 David Degenhardt
 6/26 Robert Mills
 6/28 Johnathan Guetersloh
 6/28 Rick Shepard
 6/28 Carl Stoker
 6/29 Elizabeth Kiel
 6/29 Thomas Welten
 6/30 John Balsano



After being selected as Elk of the Year for our Lodge, Chuck Fager was then selected as Elk of the Year for our district, and for the state of Illinois! Chuck received his award at the State Convention in Springfield on May 21st. Shown in the photo is Illinois Elks State President Dr. Dennis Gerleman, Lodge 572 member Chuck Fager, and PGER F. Louis Sulsberger during the presentation.



At the Illinois Elks State Convention, Lodge 572 was recognized once again for the hard work providing funding for the charitable work done by our state philanthropy, the Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation. Our Lodge received three awards: 1st place in per capita for the South District, 1st place in gross contributions for the South District, and 1st place in the state for gross contributions. Congratulations and thank you to all our members that made this possible!! Shown in the picture is Exalted Ruler Joe Patrick holding this year's award plaques.



LODGE PARTICIPATION IN FLAG DAY

On Saturday, June 11th, the Elks #572 Flag Team will be presenting our large, American flag for the singing of the National Anthem, at the Bocci Ball Courts, near the entrance to Riverside Park. Time is 9:45 a.m. The symbolic representation of each flag fold will be explained, as the flag is refolded by our Team. The Honor Guard of American Legion Post #127 will on hand for a 21-gun salute. (An Elk-sponsored, Bocci tournament will follow.) All Elk members are invited and encouraged to attend!

Previously held on the John Logan Museum grounds, this year's Flag retirement will be held at the Elks Lodge - in the area immediately to the east of our building, and near the Patriots-Bravo building. (We can use some Elk volunteers to help the Patriots with this retirement ceremony!) For those wishing to bring old flags to be retired, you may do so from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00, on the 11th.

QUEEN OF HEARTS RAFFLE

04/05 Brad Jarrett: \$200 Name Draw; No win on Card Draw
 04/12 Brad Jarrett: \$200 Name Draw; No win on Card Draw
 04/19 Barb Brannon: \$200 Name Draw; No win on Card Draw
 04/26 Don Keipp \$400 Name Draw; \$500 for King (\$900 Total)
 05/03 Brad Jarrett: \$400 Name Draw; \$500 for Ace (\$900 Total)
 05/10 Barb Brannon: \$400 Name Draw; No win on Card Draw
 05/17 Larry Thetford: \$400 Name Draw; \$500 for King (\$900 Total)
 05/24 Lori Elliott: \$400 Name Draw; \$500 for King (\$900 Total)

As of this writing, Queen value is approximately \$15,000.00!

Note to Delinquent Members - Remember that if you are still on the June 1, CLMS Delinquent list, you (and your Spouse / Significant Other Card holder) are not eligible to play until July 1, and only then, provided you are not on the July 1 CLMS list!

#572 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

At the Murphysboro High School Senior Awards Night, held on May 12, the hard work of our members, who sold and / or purchased items from our Holiday Nut Sales campaign, came to a conclusion with the awarding of our own, \$600.00 Scholarship. The recipient of this year's scholarship is Jyaire Goodwin, who will attend John Logan College this fall, majoring in Vocal Performance. Thank you, all Elks who helped out, and congratulations to our 2015-2016 winner!

ELK LEADERSHIP POSITIONS FILLED

At the recent, Annual Convention of the Illinois Elks Association in Springfield, our own Debbie Sauer (PER and current Leading Knight) was installed as South District, Senior Trustee. Congratulations, Debbie! Also, for the upcoming year, Lyndal Qualls (Metropolis #1428) will be our District Vice President. Serving as Grand Lodge Officer for the South, will be DDGER, Jeremy Cook (Harrisburg #1058). Your new state president is Ray Summers, of Champaign-Urbana Lodge #2497. Lodge Secretary, and PDDGER, Merle Evans, will be serving as state membership & lapsation chairman, and auditor for the DDGER.



Volunteers serve Breakfast at Lodge, Mothers' Day Brunch. It is our volunteers who make things happen!

"GANG OF 116" UPDATE

As mentioned in our May Newsletter, some 116 members were delinquent at that time.

BEWARE - your numbers are falling! That means 27 of your fellow Gang Members have deserted, by paying their dues! Depart the "sinking ship" by doing likewise, yourself!

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

June 5 - Dist. Mtg., Marion Elks Lake Property
 June 11 - Flag Retirement at Lodge & Flag Team Presents at Bocci Courts
 July 3-6 Grand Lodge Convention, Houston TX
 Aug. 13 - South Dist Golf Scramble, Jackson Country Club & Elks #572
 Aug. 14 - South Dist. Meeting at Lodge 572

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>THURSDAY & FRIDAY SERVING 5:30 PM ~ 9:00 PM</p>			<p>1 LODGE MTG. & INITIATION 7:30 PM HOT WINGS .50 EA. 6-8 P.M <i>Appetizer Specials</i></p>	<p>2 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>3 ALL YOU CAN EAT CATFISH, FRIES, SLAW, HUSHPUPIES \$8.50</p>	<p>4 HALL RENTED</p>
<p>5 SOUTH DIST. ELKS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING—MARION LODGE LAKE PROPERTY</p>	<p>6 COME IN AND CHECK OUR MONDAY DRINK SPECIALS!</p>	<p> 7 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 CHICKEN LITTLES W/TATOR TOTS \$7.50</p>	<p>8 BOARD OF DIRECTORS 7:00 PM HOUSE MTG. 7:30 HOT WINGS .50 EA. 6-8 P.M <i>Appetizer Specials</i></p>	<p>9 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>10 SPAG. W/ MEATBALLS, SALAD, GARLIC BREAD \$8.00</p>	<p>11 HALL RENTED BOCCI TOURN. AT RIVERSIDE COURTS</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>13 COME IN AND CHECK OUR MONDAY DRINK SPECIALS!</p>	<p> 14 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 CHICKEN CLUB W/ SMOKED GOUDA & BACON & FRIES \$8.00</p>	<p>15 LODGE MTG. 7:30 PM HOT WINGS .50 EA. 6-8 P.M (Eat in or take out) <i>Appetizer Specials</i></p>	<p>16 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>17 CHICKEN POT PIE, SALAD & ROLL \$8.00</p>	<p>18 BREAKFAST FUND RAISER 7AM—12PM <hr/>BACK HALL RENTED</p>
<p>19</p>	<p>20 COME IN AND CHECK OUR MONDAY DRINK SPECIALS!</p>	<p> 21 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 BABY ELK BURGERS & FRIES \$7.50</p>	<p>22 HOT WINGS .50 EA. 6-8 P.M (Eat in or take out) <i>Appetizer Specials</i></p>	<p>23 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>24 HAM STEAK, AU GRATIN POT., VEGGIE & ROLL \$8.50 <hr/>BACK HALL RENTED</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p>	<p>27 COME IN AND CHECK OUR MONDAY DRINK SPECIALS!</p>	<p> 28 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 SLOPPY JOES & FRIES \$7.50</p>	<p>29 HOT WINGS .50 EA. 6-8 P.M (Eat in or take out) <i>Appetizer Specials</i></p>	<p>30 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>		