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MARCH 2017, E. R. MESSAGE

Members All,

Let me start my last newsletter of 2016-2017 by saying "Thank You" to all of our members of Murphysboro Lodge #572. Without the support of YOU, we would not have been able to accomplish all of the things we have, over the past year. Whether you helped out at a special event, visited our Club Room for a beverage or food, tried your luck in the game room, participated in the Queen of Hearts Raffle, or perhaps Luck-Of-The-Lodge Raffle, attended an ENF Benefit Shooting Match, helped with a Veterans' Meal at the Haven, volunteered for our Flag Team, participated in our Dart Tourney & Auction for C. C. C., played in a Bocci Ball Tourney, paid your dues promptly, sponsored a New Member, and on and on.....with your devotion as a supportive member of BPO Elks, and Lodge #572, you have certainly helped make our Lodge a Strong Lodge in our South District, and in Illinois!

Again this year, we have met our state and national ENF per-capita goals! We appreciate those of you who have submitted individual donations to the Elks National Foundation, and those of you who have participated and worked in our three ENF Shooting Matches! We will now be eligible for an additional \$3,500.00 in Gratitude and IEA Grant monies, beyond our \$2,000.00 Beacon Grant, being used at the Haven, for our Veterans.

Membership Dues: By now, you have received your member dues notice for 2017-2018 (And several of you have already responded.). Regular dues are \$66.25, and Life members are \$29.25. The New Lodge year will begin April 1st, and our new Officers will be installed on April 5th. We will have a dedicated and capable staff of Officers, many with past experience, who will be installed at the beginning of the April 5th Lodge Meeting. I believe we can have an excellent year, but our Officers will have to work on an unexpected financial challenge which resulted from the unfortunate, December failure of the Htg. / AC unit in the Club Room area of our building - resulting in an \$11,000.00 emergency expenditure. With this in mind, your dues statement allows for a voluntary donation toward this payment effort. So, be it large or small, you can top off your dues payment with a little extra, and it will help out - and be much appreciated! Additionally, any profits from the upcoming Luck-of-the-Lodge Raffle will be prioritized to this payment effort. Let's strive to eliminate this financial obligation, so that we can continue to focus more on our community support, and our important Elk programs!

Our final initiation of the year is planned for the Lodge meeting of Wednesday, March 15th, and will include some 6 candidates. On the other hand, as of this writing, we unfortunately still have 28 members who are delinquent, and are trending toward being dropped, following this second meeting in March, and prior to March 31st! A list of these delinquents is posted by the entrance door to the Club Room. If you see someone you know who is listed thereon, please consider talking to them, and encourage them to become current in their membership - before April 1.

Finally, I wish all members a pleasant experience in the Land of Elkdom, for the year, 2017 - 2018!

That is All,
Joe Patrick, Exalted Ruler



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.

DR. E. S. DEL CARMEN, Life Member

April 13, 1929 - January 27, 2017

HAROLD A. MEYER, Life Member

October 10, 1925 - February 15, 2017

AUDREY SAUER

October 11, 1934 - March 2, 2017

BIRTHDAYS

3/1 John Caldwell
 3/1 Jack Camden
 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
 3/6 Linda Patrick
 3/6 Lawrence Reardon
 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 Thomas Shields
 3/14 Joe Sendek
 3/15 Bob Abbott
 3/15 Scott Wheeler
 3/17 Danny Lawson
 3/18 Jennifer Canning
 3/18 Clay Cochran
 3/18 Charles Fisher
 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 Ted Rose
 3/20 Michael Ryan
 3/21 Benjamin Howard
 3/21 Dennis Johnson
 3/21 Brian Mifflin
 3/21 Justin Moniger
 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

QUEEN OF HEARTS

01/31 B. J. Korando: \$100 Name Draw; \$200 on Joker Draw
 02/07 Brad Jarrett: \$200 Name Draw; No win on Card Draw
 02/14 Jason Buser: \$200 Name Draw; No win on Card Draw
 02/21 Joe Summers: \$200 Name Draw; No win on Card Draw
 02/28 **BRUCE DALLAS** **CONGRATULATIONS - QUEEN DRAW!!!**
 (Not Present = 1/2 of full Queen Value)
Amount won: \$5,080.00

Note: New Queen Raffle Board begins on 3/7/17, at stage 1 level, and a \$1,000.00 Queen value! Remember, you can find Queen of Hearts Raffle guidelines, posted in the Club Room; in a folder by the Ticket Deposit Box; or on our website: elks572.org.

2017 - 2018 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 - Debbie Sauer****Leading Knight - Darci Hastings****Loyal Knight - Mike Guetersloh****Lecturing Knight - Bill Paul****Secretary - Merle Evans****Treasurer - Sandy Schenk****Trustee (5-Yr.) - Patty Stokes****Trustee (4-Yr.) - Joe Patrick****Trustee (2—Yr.) - Bob Allard****(Note - Continuing Trustees are: Michelle Allard and Jim Ferguson)****APPOINTED (By E. R. - Elect, Debbie Sauer):****Tiler - Linda Patrick****Inner Guard - Larry Elliott****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. - Debbie Sauer. Installation will occur at 7:30 p.m., April 5, 2017 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 HERE
SATURDAY, MARCH 11

\$5,000 1ST PLACE PRIZE
\$20 DONATION
8 ADDITIONAL WINNERS

PARTY & DRAWINGS IN LODGE HALL
3-5 PM
(OPEN TO THOSE WITH TICKET STUBS)

LEWIS CREEK BAND FOLLOWS,
AFTER COMPLETION OF DRAWINGS

NOTE: As of publication time, the only remaining tickets, available for sale would be from those unsold & returned on March 1, from our volunteer sellers. A few may be available at the door - but no certainty. To check on ticket availability & updates call Diane Chamness (618-684-4541) or (618-201-6812), or Steve Schemonia (618-713-8458).

NEW LODGE YEAR
CARD & KEY CARD REMINDERS

As **APRIL 1** begins the 2017 - 2018 Lodge year, the new, **PURPLE** key Cards will, on said date, be required to operate all 3 carded doors affiliated with the Club Room.

Remember, a current membership card is required for attendance at All Lodge meetings; House; and Board of Directors meetings. Any member who is not paid by April 1, falls into the "Delinquent" category - so #572 Elks all - please work to take care of this basic and important obligation of membership!

C.C.C. DART TOURNEY & AUCTION
REPORT

As our 22nd Annual Tournament & Auction occurred so late in the already-short month of February, results are still being collected and tabulated. However, as of this publication date, we are looking at a preliminary, net result of \$10,600.00! A final figure will appear in our April Newsletter. Thanks, in advance, to all who helped and participated in various ways. And, we certainly want to thank chairman, B. J. Wyatt, for all the time and effort he contributed, as chairman of our major fundraiser for our Illinois Elks, Children's Care Corp. Stay Tuned!



RE-SCHEDULED EVENT
IN THE CLUB ROOM ON
SATURDAY, APRIL 8TH,

WE WILL HAVE A
"SOUP & JUKE" (JUKEBOX) EVENT!
5 till all the Soup is gone!!

SHARE YOUR FAVORITE SOUP, BREAD, OR DINNER ROLLS. WE NEED 8 to 10 PEOPLE TO BRING IN THEIR DELICIOUS SPECIALTIES. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL, CHRIS PAUL AT (618-924-3507)



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. ~ 8:00 P.M.

March 2017

COMING EVENTS

Mar. 9 - Indoctrination, Lodge Hall 6:30 pm
 Mar. 11 - Luck of the Lodge
 Mar. 15 - Initiation at Regular Lodge Mtg., 7:30 pm
 Apr. 1 - New Elk Year, 2017-2018, Begins - New Key Cards in Effect
 Apr. 8 - "Soup & Juke" (Jukebox) 5:00 pm till all Soup is gone
 Apr. 9 - So. Dist. Elk Mtg. @ Benton #1243
 May 20-21 IEA State Mtg. @ Springfield

Sun

Mon







Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

 <p>THURSDAY & FRIDAY SERVING 5:30 PM ~ 9:00 PM</p>			<p>1 LODGE MTG. 7:30 PM</p> <p>HOT WWINGS .50 EA & APPETIZER SPECIALS 6-8 PM</p>	<p>2 10 OZ RIB EYE <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 \$8.50</p> <p>"+ FULL MENU"</p>	<p>4 HAPPY HOUR 12-4 PM</p>
<p>5 HALL RENTED</p>	<p>6 JOIN ELK FRIENDS IN THE CLUB ROOM (HAPPY HOUR 3- 8 PM)</p>	<p>7 BURGER, FF; FISH, FF. \$7.50 PLUS TINA'S SPECIALS </p>	<p>8 BOARD OF DIRECTORS 7:00 PM HOUSE MTG. 7:30</p> <p>HOT WWINGS .50 EA & APPETIZER SPECIALS 6-8 PM</p>	<p>9 10 OZ RIB EYE <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 MOSTACCIOLLI, SALAD, GARLIC BREAD \$8.00 "+ FULL MENU"</p>	<p>11 LUCK OF THE LODGE 3-5; PARTY & DRAWINGS; LEWIS CREEK BAND TO FOLLOW</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>13 JOIN ELK FRIENDS IN THE CLUB ROOM (HAPPY HOUR 3- 8 PM)</p>	<p>14 BURGER, FF; FISH, FF. \$7.50 PLUS TINA'S SPECIALS </p>	<p>15 LODGE MTG. & INITIATION 7:30 PM</p> <p>HOT WWINGS .50 EA & APPETIZER SPECIALS 6-8 PM</p>	<p>16 10 OZ RIB EYE <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 CORN BEEF & CABBAGE AND ALL THE FIXINS \$8.95 "+ FULL MENU </p>	<p>18 STEAK NIGHT RIB EYE \$16.95 5:30 - 9:00 PM HAPPY HOUR 12- 4 PM</p>
<p>19 HALL RENTED</p>	<p>20 JOIN ELK FRIENDS IN THE CLUB ROOM (HAPPY HOUR 3- 8 PM)</p>	<p>21 BURGER, FF; FISH, FF. \$7.50 PLUS TINA'S SPECIALS </p>	<p>22</p> <p>HOT WWINGS .50 EA & APPETIZER SPECIALS 6-8 PM</p>	<p>23 10 OZ RIB EYE <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 BLACKENED TILAPIA, RICE, VEGS, ROLL \$8.95 "+ FULL MENU"</p>	<p>25 HALL RENTED HAPPY HOUR 12- 4 PM</p>
<p>26 HALL RENTED</p>	<p>27 JOIN ELK FRIENDS IN THE CLUB ROOM (HAPPY HOUR 3- 8 PM)</p>	<p>28 BURGER, FF; FISH, FF. \$7.50 PLUS TINA'S SPECIALS </p>	<p>29</p> <p>HOT WWINGS .50 EA & APPETIZER SPECIALS 6-8 PM</p>	<p>30 10 OZ RIB EYE <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>31 FRIED RICE, SWEET & SOUR CHICKEN OR SHRIMP, EGG ROLL \$8.95 "+ FULL MENU"</p>	