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APRIL 2017, E. R. MESSAGE

I would like to start out by thanking everyone for the opportunity to serve as Exalted Ruler for the up-coming Lodge year.

On Sunday, April 16th (Easter Sunday), our Lodge Easter Bunny will be visiting Liberty Village Nursing and Rehab Center. I will have the time in a few days if any of our members would like to join the Easter Bunny and helpers. For more information, or to join the Bunny Brigade, you can text or call me at 618-319-2657.

On Sunday, May 14th, we will be celebrating Mother's Day with our annual Mother's Day Brunch. Volunteers will be needed to help serve at this event. Also, I hope to see everyone come out to enjoy the wonderful meal that will be served.

I would also like to encourage our members to share any new ideas they have for Lodge events. I would be happy to entertain all suggestions.

Finally, I would like to thank all of our members and Lodge officers for their participation in the past years and hope I can count on everyone in the up-coming year. It is member participation that helps keep Murphysboro Lodge #572 as one of the top Lodges in the State!

Fraternally Submitted,
Debbie Sauer, E. R.



After being voted to candidacy status and completing their indoctrination session, we are very pleased to have received into membership on March 15, 2017, the following new members (left to right): Robert Richards, Daniel Alstat, Earl Imhoff, (Exalted Ruler, Joe Patrick), Charles Grammer, and Lauren Stoeleze.

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
 4/10 Jimmie Simmons
 4/11 Fredia Doody
 4/11 Gary Korando
 4/12 Henry Leischner
 4/13 Lofton Atnip, Jr.
 4/13 Troy Biggs
 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 Mark Wright
 4/19 Rebecca Atkinson
 4/19 David Watt
 4/20 Cory Endres
 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
 4/24 Robert Winters
 4/25 Tina Carter
 4/26 Gerald Cameron
 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 DOES IT AGAIN.....A MEMBERSHIP GAIN!!**

Starting the 2016 - 2017 year with 652 members, it appears we will **end the year at 659, for a gain of + 7**. Although our deceased member total unfortunately rose to 16, we **initiated 42**, affiliated 3, and reinstated 8, for a total of 53 additions. Added to the 16 deceased, were 9 others who transferred out or were dropped for other reasons - resulting in a total deduction of 25. At publication, it appears 21 will be dropped for non-payment of dues. Thus, our anticipated ending number of 659. Top recruiters for the year were: Jay Ziegler with 6; Bobby D. Skidmore and Merle Evans at 5 each; Roger Phoenix, Larry Elliott, and Steve Schemonia at 3. Congratulations, and furthermore, thanks to **ALL** who helped in so many ways, in the growth of our Lodge! Great Job, Everyone.

**ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION GOALS
REACHED BY LODGE #572**

Once again, we are please to report that our Lodge has reached the Grand Exalted Ruler's ENF goal of \$4.65 per-capita, and our State President's goal of \$5.50 per-capita for this Lodge year! As a result, we now qualify for \$3,500 in Gratitude and IEA grants, in addition to our \$2,000.00 Beacon Grant, which is funding Veteran meals at the Haven. In addition to individual contributions made directly to the ENF, by some of our members, the bulk of our total contribution currently comes from our Benefit Shooting Matches. Our volunteers worked hard this year, and many of you, our members, participated in or attended these ENF fund raisers. **Thanks, everyone.....job well done**, to help your Elk's Lodge provide services and programs to our communities!

**LUCK OF THE LODGE RAFFLE SEES ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR
AS A LODGE FUND RAISER!**

Our March 11th event saw excellent attendance throughout the event, including the large group who stayed to enjoy the Lewis Creek Band. All Raffle tickets were sold, resulting in a Lodge, net profit of \$7,970.00, which will go toward paying off cost of last December's emergency replacement of Htg. / Ac. Unit in Club Room, and help replenish our building maintenance fund. And, Congratulations to member, Holly Arbeiter, our First -Place Winner of \$5,000.00 (Ticket Seller was Jim Ferguson). Second-Place winner of \$1,000.00 was Nicole Olenkiewicz (Ticket sold by Marilyn Zak).

Thanks to all of you who purchased tickets, sold tickets, worked at the event, and / or attended on event day, and had a good time!

QUEEN OF HEARTS

03/07 Jane Rhoden: \$25 Name Draw; No Win on Card Draw
 03/14 Alan Bense: \$25 Name Draw; \$50 on Joker Draw
 03/21 Linda Patrick: \$25 Name Draw; No win on Card Draw
 03/28 Bruce Dallas : \$25 Name Draw; \$30 for an Ace Draw

Queen Value, as of this publication date, is \$1,000.00 Remember - Tickets are available in the Club Room. \$1 each - Try Your Luck!



HUNZIKERS GREENHOUSE FUNDRAISER

Saturday, April 22nd, on the Elk's Parking Lot

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

This fundraiser, for your Lodge, will feature some of the following, for your "Green Thumb" shopping pleasure:

6 Packs of Tomatoes, Peppers, Cabbage, Broccoli, Cauliflower, Lettuce, and assorted varieties in Trays of 8 - 6 packs:

\$2.00 per 6-Pack Tomatoes and Peppers in 4" Pots - assorted varieties:

\$1.00 ea. Zucchini, Cucumbers, Cantaloupe in individual peat pots:

\$0.25 ea. Geraniums: 4" Pots, \$2.50 ea. - 8" Pots, \$5.00 ea.

Hanging Baskets: \$10.00 ea.

Assorted Perennials (Butterfly Bushes, Daisies, Bleeding Hearts): \$5.00

Also, Patio Pots available, for anyone interested



"SOUP & JUKE"
JUST ABOUT HERE!



As featured in last month's Newsletter, this event will occur **April 8th, starting at 5:00 p.m.** (See March Newsletter, perhaps still on your Frig. or Bulletin Board...or at elks572.org) So far, Brave Elks have committed to these Soup Selections: Vegetable Beef, Broccoli Cheese, and Stuffed Green Pepper. We still need about 3 - 4 more soups, and maybe some Bread or Dinner Roll selections. (Possible additional Soups might include Potato; Chicken Noodle; Regular Chili or White Chicken Chili; Chicken & Dumplings; or ??????). Call Chris Paul (618-924-3507) and let her know! And, don't forget - the Jukebox will be playing, free!

FINAL RESULTS OF C.C.C.
DART TOURNNEY & AUCTION

We are pleased to report that \$10,754.91 was raised in our 22nd Annual Fundraiser for Children's Care! At Lodge #572

Elks Care ~ Elks Share!



NUTS, NUTS, nuts, nuts.....going, going, almost gone!

We can report that our Holiday Nut Sales, which began back in November, and funds our local Scholarship Program, has sold down to just under 2 cases of these "goodies" (pun intended): Walnuts, Pecan Halves, and Pecan Pieces. To help sell out these remaining selections, still residing at the Lodge, we are lowering the price from \$10 to \$8 per Bag. Consider for Easter Baking, Easter Baskets, etc. !!

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.

**April
2017**

COMING EVENTS

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
 Apr. 16 - Easter Bunny will visit Liberty Village Nursing Home
 Apr. 22 - Hunzikers Greenhouse Fundraiser 10:00 am to 3:00 pm in Elks Parking Lot
 May 14 - Mother's Day Brunch
 May 20-21 IEA State Mtg. @ Springfield

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 JOIN ELK FRIENDS IN THE CLUB ROOM	4 PORK LOIN SAND; FISH SAND \$7.50 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 pm	5 LODGE MTG. 7:30 PM INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS HOT WINGS .50 EA & APPE-TIZERS SPECIALS 6-8 PM	6 RIBEYE STEAK \$14.95 ALL YOU CAN EAT CHICKEN \$9.95 + FULL MENU	7 ALL YOU CAN EAT CATFISH \$8.50 + FULL MENU	8 SOUP & JUKE, COME & ENJOY WITH FELLOW ELKS IN CLUB ROOM 5:00 PM
9 SOUTH DIST. MEETING, BENTON LODGE #1234	10 JOIN ELK FRIENDS IN THE CLUB ROOM	11 MEXICAN NIGHT \$7.95 QUEEN OF HEARTS	12 BOARD OF DIRECTORS 7:00 PM HOUSE 7:30 PM HOT WINGS .50 EA & APPE-TIZERS SPECIALS 6-8 PM	13 RIBEYE STEAK \$14.95 ALL YOU CAN EAT CHICKEN \$9.95 + FULL MENU	14 OPEN FACE BEEF TURKEY; VEGGIES; ROLL \$8.50 + FULL MENU	15 STEAK NIGHT CLUB ROOM—5:30 - 8:00 PM RIBEYE \$16.95
16	17 JOIN ELK FRIENDS IN THE CLUB ROOM	18 PATTY MELTS, FF \$8.00 QUEEN OF HEARTS	19 LODGE MTG. 7:30 PM HOT WINGS .50 EA & APPE-TIZERS SPECIALS 6-8 PM	20 RIBEYE STEAK \$14.95 ALL YOU CAN EAT CHICKEN \$9.95 + FULL MENU	21 MEATLOAF; MASHED POT. & GRAVY; VEGGIES; ROLL \$8.50 + FULL MENU	22 PLANT SALE 10-3 ON PARKING LOT
23	24 JOIN ELK FRIENDS IN THE CLUB ROOM	25 LOADED BAKED POTATO: BURGERS, FF: FISH SAND, FF: \$7.50 QUEEN OF HEARTS	26 HOT WINGS .50 EA & APPE-TIZERS SPECIALS 6-8 PM	27 RIBEYE STEAK \$14.95 ALL YOU CAN EAT CHICKEN \$9.95 + FULL MENU	28 BREAKFAST NIGHT; BISCUIT & GRAVY \$8.50 + FULL MENU	29 B.H. RENTED ST. FRANCIS TRIVIA
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