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DECEMBER 2017 E. R. MESSAGE

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Members All,

I would like to start out by saying that I hope ALL of you had a Happy Thanksgiving! That said, the upcoming month of December is at hand and promises to be a very busy month for our Lodge. On The First Sunday (12/3), as do all Lodges across the country, we will conduct the Annual Memorial Ritual for our Departed members, esp. those who have passed away since our service in December, 2016. This short service (about 20 minutes) will begin at 1:30, in the Lodge Hall. All members who wish to attend, are welcome!

Our own **Local Hoop shoot** will take place on Sat., Dec. 9th., at Murphysboro High School. Can you help? See article in this Newsletter, for details.

It appears that our Holiday Nut Sales for a local scholarship is going great! These **fresh** selections, straight from Georgia, make great stocking stuffers - as well as good snacks to bring to Holiday Parties. Speaking of parties - our annual "Kids Christmas Party" will be held on Sunday, Dec. 17 (Again, see article for details.). Please feel free to bring children, grandchildren, and friends. Hot Dogs & Chips will be served, while games and art projects continue for all the kids. (I have it from a good source that a Special Visitor will be arriving around 2:00.) The Annual START Christmas Dinner & Party will follow, in the early evening, as per article information. Volunteers are needed for both of these important events. If you are interested in helping, see Club Manager, Dianne.

Reminder - only ONE Lodge meeting in December - that being Wednesday, the 20th, at 7:30 p.m. This will also be Initiation for three new members! While there is NO Lodge Mtg. on the 6th, the Board of Directors and House Committee **do** meet, as per normal, on the 2nd Wednesday (13th), starting at 7:00 p.m. All Members Welcome!

Please help us with planning, staffing, and coordination in the Club Room, especially in this busy month. If you are planning a sizeable gathering of Elks and / or guests in the Club Room, please let Dianne know, in advance.

Don't forget about our New Year's Celebration, with Lewis Creek Band. Then, when January, 2018, enters the scene, so do our benefit Shooting Matches for the ENF (See coming events on calendar.)

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

Fraternally, Debbie Sauer, Exalted Ruler

**LODGE #572 SUPPORTING
OUR COMMUNITY**

We are pleased to announce, so appropriate in this Christmas Season, the following donations: From our State, ENF Grant award, \$250 to Cub Scout Pack #112 and \$250 to the Murphysboro Food Pantry. And, directly from our Lodge, \$100 to the Murphysboro Community Christmas Dinner, and \$100 to the "Bah-Humbug Club" of First Bank & Trust, for Christmas Gifts to children in needy families. Elks Care - Elks Share!



**"An Elk is never forsaken, never forgotten.
His virtues are written on the Tablets of
Love and Memory"**

RICK SHEPARD

June 28, 1952 ~ November 12, 2017



IN MEMORY

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12/07/1953	Randy Bateman	01/16/2017
08/08/1952	Deon Carson	01/04/2017
07/14/1931	Elizabeth Chaundy	06/16/2017
04/13/1929	Edilberto Del Carmen	01/27/2017
12/09/1953	Chuck Fager	12/02/2016
12/06/1949	John E. Ferguson	04/11/2017
02/22/1933	Barbara Gillooly	08/12/2017
10/10/1925	Harold Meyer	02/15/2017
12/09/1943	Ray Pritchett	08/11/2017
10/11/1934	Audrey Sauer	03/02/2017
06/28/1952	Rick Shepard	11/12/2017
06/28/1928	Carl Stoker	06/25/2017
04/19/1943	David Watt, Jr.	10/02/2017

Lodge Officers will conduct this very meaningful **RITE** at 1:30 p.m. **SUNDAY, DEC. 3 IN THE LODGE HALL**. We hope you will make this an Elk Member priority!

- 12/2 John Eaton
- 12/2 Donald Kidd
- 12/3 Larry Klink
- 12/3 Mary Ann Reichert
- 12/4 Renee Evans
- 12/4 Gary Huppert
- 12/4 Larry Miles
- 12/4 Michael Adams
- 12/5 Justin Raines
- 12/6 Darryl Huppert
- 12/7 Kellie Ellis
- 12/7 Daniel Reardon
- 12/7 Kevin Tuttle
- 12/8 Nancy Tillitt
- 12/9 Jeffrey Hill
- 12/9 Ashley Hosselton
- 12/9 Sterling Stiegman
- 12/11 Tom Coleman
- 12/11 Glenna Stein
- 12/12 William Sutton
- 12/13 Patrick Burke
- 12/14 Jane Rhoden
- 12/15 Jacqualine Clover
- 12/16 Marilyn Daniel
- 12/16 Michael Lewsader
- 12/16 Geoffrey Spears
- 12/18 Buddy Ferguson
- 12/19 Mike Humm
- 12/20 Thomas Cox
- 12/20 Kenneth Parnell
- 12/20 Brad Rife
- 12/22 Bruce Doerr
- 12/22 Sue Givens
- 12/22 Warren Grammer
- 12/22 David McClure
- 12/22 Charles Murphy
- 12/22 Seth Schemonia
- 12/24 Bob Hall
- 12/24 David Mifflin
- 12/24 Dillon Rushing
- 12/25 Joseph Balsano
- 12/25 Hudson Mugge
- 12/26 Stanley Schneider
- 12/27 Charles McClure
- 12/27 Jerry Wright
- 12/28 Dan Bilderback
- 12/28 Jackie Lindsey
- 12/28 Larry Quigley
- 12/29 Tammy Ryan
- 12/29 Janie Wright
- 12/30 Brian Roberts

QUEEN OF HEARTS UPDATE

- 10/31 Debbie Sauer: \$50 Name Draw; No Win on Card Draw
- 11/07 Tammy Ryan: \$50 Name Draw; No win on Card Draw
- 11/14 Sue Givins: \$100 Name Draw; No win on Card Draw
- 11/21 Janice Hines: \$100 Name Draw; \$125 win on Ace Draw

As of this Publication date, Queen value is at \$6,032.00 with 17 cards remaining on the Board. Where is she? We will keep looking, each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.!



KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

*** BEGINNING AT 1:00**

WITH HOT DOGS, CHIPS, SOFT DRINKS, etc.

***VARIETY OF KID'S GAMES TO FOLLOW**

***FINALE WILL BE THE ARRIVAL OF SANTA**

AT APPROX. 2:00 PM

(North Pole is far away—so he could be a few minutes early, or a few minutes late!)

DADS, MOMS, GRANDPARENTS, ARE WELCOME!

Members You May Invite Guests, Too!

(Member Volunteers needed

See Club Manager, Dianne).



Gary and Amy Kline from Amynta Kennels brought their service dogs Nikki and Pheobe to spend the evening with the folks at the Start Dance. After a demonstration, the clients were able to interact with the dogs by walking them at a heel around the Lodge. This was the first time many of these folks have had this type of interaction with a dog.

Lodge #572 has just awarded \$1,000.00 from our Illinois Elks Association, ENF Gratitude Grant, to Amynta Kennels, which is located in Murphysboro. They are working with the Illinois Dept. of Corrections, in a joint effort to rescue dogs from area shelters, and with the help of prisoners, train the selected animals as Companion, Therapy, and Service Dogs.

Elks Care - Elks Share!

**CCC DART TOURNY PLAN-
NING TIME IS
HERE**

Chairman, B. J. Wyatt would like for everyone to start planning for our Annual Fund Raiser, which will occur on Feb. 24, 2018. We will need Board Sponsors; Silent & Live Auction items; Event workers; Dart participants; Elks to attend, and more. First planning meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tue., Jan. 9, in Club Room, following Queen of Hearts Drawing. Veteran helpers, AND NEW Elk Members / Spouses, welcome to join in and **help. Get your Thinking Hats on!**

**ELK CLUB ROOM
GIFT
CERTIFICATES
ARE AVILABLE
FOR STOCKING
STUFFERS!
(ASK IN
CLUB ROOM).**



ANNUAL START CHRISTMAS DINNER

On Sunday, Dec. 17, again we will provide the clients of START, as well as some from Shelter Workshops in surrounding counties (i.e., those who also attend our monthly dances), with a Christmas Meal and Party. All volunteers needed, see Club Manager, Dianne, if you can help!! (Doors open at 5:30, meal at 6:00, Santa to follow.)



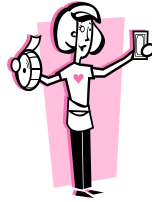
NUT NOTES

They're going fast! If you haven't placed your order yet, you need to do so. Selections include: Pecan Halves, Pecan Pieces, Cashews, (\$11 ea.) and English Walnuts, Whole Almonds, Gourmet Mix, Chocolate-Covered Pecans, Praline Pecans, and Pistachios (\$10 ea.) Purchase, in person, at the Lodge, during Club Room Hours, or call Chris Paul at 618-924-3507. Remember, any proceeds go to a Local Scholarship for a "C" student at Murphysboro High School.

KEY CLUB

TOY & FOOD DRIVE

Your Lodge is a collection point for the MHS Key Club, Christmas Toy, Coat & Food Drive. A box is located to right of Club Room entry door! Tues., Dec. 5th final drop off date.



TICKETS NOW ON SALE
LUCK OF THE LODGE RAFFLE
(THESE MAKE GREAT STOCKING STUFFERS)
\$5,000 1ST PLACE PRIZE
\$20 DONATION

ONLY 800 TICKETS SOLD
PRIZES AWARDED TO
(9) WINNERS & (9) SELLERS
DRAWING & PARTY
FOR TICKET HOLDERS

3/10/2018

SEE TICKETS OR FLYERS FOR
COMPLETE DETAILS
(IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO
PARTICIPATE IN SELLING
TICKETS, SEE
DIANNE CHAMNESS)

Mail-In Request Ticket

Cut me out & mail me in !!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Include \$20 Check / Ticket

MAIL TO:

Elks Lodge #572

Luck of the Lodge

P. O. Box 787

Murphysboro, IL 62966

Actual, Numbered Ticket Stub will
be mailed back to you.

LODGE HOOP SHOOT WILL

NEED VOLUNTEERS

The date of this year's Lodge #572 Hoop Shoot is **Saturday, December 9, 2017**. Location is Murphysboro High School, with Registration beginning at 12:30 p.m., and the actual competition starting at 1:00 p.m. Contestants will be the local school winners, from schools in both Randolph and Jackson Counties. (Packets containing information, rules, scoring sheets, and directions on school winners advancing to the Murphysboro Lodge, local competition, were sent out in early November, to the various schools in our area.) Our Lodge chairman, Chris Germann, will need help with registration, score keeping, and rebounding, on the 9th. If **YOU** are able to help, please plan on being at the High School Gym by 12:15 p.m. For other questions, you can reach Chris at 618-967-0529.



NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY TO

FEATURE

LEWIS CREEK BAND!

Tickets are now on sale for New Year's Eve at the Lodge. Hall Doors will open at 7:00 pm, and Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 8:00 p.m. The LEWIS CREEK BAND will begin at 8:30, and play into the New Year. Tickets for the Party and Dance are \$20 per person. Members and Guests - Plan on a fun evening at Elks #572, and get your tickets in hand!



ELKS CLUB ROOM HOURS

MONDAY ~ THURSDAY
2:00 P.M. ~ 11:00 P.M.

SATURDAY
2:00 P.M. ~ 12:00 A.M.

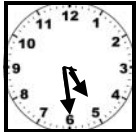



FRIDAY
2:00 P.M. ~ 12:00 A.M.

SUNDAY
2:00 P.M. ~ 10:00 P.M.

December 2017

COMING EVENTS

Jan. 7 - So. Dist. Elks Mtg.; DuQuoin #884
 Jan. 13th - Dist. Hoop Shoot Anna-Jonesboro High School
 Jan. 26-28 IEA Mid-Winter Mtg., Springfield
 ENF Shooting Matches: Jan. 7 @ Shiloh Hill; Jan. 21 & Feb. 25 @ Crazy Joes
 Feb. 24 CCC Dart Tournament

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	THURSDAY & FRIDAY SERVING 5:30 PM ~ 9:00 PM		..		1 ALL YOU CAN EAT CATFISH \$8.50 1/2 FRIED CHICKEN \$9.50	2 BACK HALL RENTED
3 ANNUAL MEMO- RIAL SERVICE 1:30 PM	4 LUNCH 11:00 AM TO 2:00 PM WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00	5 HORSESHOE QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 50/50 7:15	6 <u>NO LODGE MTG.</u> HOT WWINGS .50 EA & APPETIZER SPECIALS 6-8 PM	7 RIB EYE STEAK \$15.95 ALL YOU CAN EAT CHICKEN; INC, MASHED POT., GRAVY/VEG., ROLL & SALAD BAR \$10.00	8 PORK ROAST 1/2 FRIED CHICKEN \$9.50	9 SHOOP SHOOT MHS GYM 12:30 PM (VOLUNTEERS NEEDED)
10 HALL RENTED	11 LUNCH 11:00 AM TO 2:00 PM WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00	12 POLISH SAU- SAGE & KRAUT QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 50/50 7:15	13 BOARD OF DIREC- TORS 7:00 PM HOUSE MTG. 7:30 HOT WWINGS .50 EA & AP- PETIZER SPECIALS 6-8	14 RIB EYE STEAK \$15.95 ALL YOU CAN EAT CHICKEN; INC, MASHED POT., GRAVY/VEG., ROLL & SALAD BAR \$10.00 <u>ORIENTATION</u>	15 BBQ CHICKEN 1/2 FRIED CHICKEN \$9.50	16
17 KID'S CHRIST- MAS PARTY 1:00 & START DINNER 6:00 PM	18 LUNCH 11:00 AM TO 2:00 PM WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00	19 LASAGNA QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 50/50 7:15	20 LODGE MTG. & INITIATION 7:30 PM HOT WWINGS .50 EA & APPETIZER SPECIALS 6-8 PM	21 RIB EYE STEAK \$15.95 ALL YOU CAN EAT CHICKEN; INC, MASHED POT., GRAVY/VEG., ROLL & SALAD BAR \$10.00	22 ITALIAN BEEF 1/2 FRIED CHICKEN \$9.50	23
24 CLUB OPEN 2-6 PM	25 CLUB CLOSED 	26 BBQ PORK STEAK QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 50/50 7:15	27 HOT WWINGS .50 EA & APPETIZER SPECIALS 6-8 PM	28 RIB EYE STEAK \$15.95 ALL YOU CAN EAT CHICKEN; INC, MASHED POT., GRAVY/VEG., ROLL & SALAD BAR \$10.00	29 MEATLOAF 1/2 FRIED CHICKEN \$9.50	30
31 NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION— LEWIS CREEK BAND	1 CLUB ROOM OPEN 4-8 (NO FOOD)	 BREAKFAST IS SERVED ANYTIME FROM 5:30 ~ 9:00 PM EVERY TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY				 COMING FEB. 24