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SEPTEMBER 2019, E. R. MESSAGE

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Hello, members all, of Elks Lodge #572. Hope everyone has enjoyed a great summer. It has been a busy one for Officers, volunteers, and many of you who have been attending the Lodge, Club Room, and various events which have been offered. And, we are looking forward to an <u>even busier</u> Fall! Of course, this will require even more **volunteers**. If any of our upcoming events interest you, please consider volunteering to help. I promise that you will not regret it.

Starting Sept. 8th, NFL football is back. We will again be opening at noon on Sundays, to watch the games. A list is hanging in the club room, where you can sign up for a Sunday, to provide food to share with everyone. Even if you are not on the list for a given Sunday, feel free to bring a side dish to share. To kick things off, Darcie Hastings and I are providing fresh, fried chicken on the first week. So, why not join fellow Elks and cheer on your favorite team, while also enjoying some great food?

Our Flag Team has a busy couple of weeks coming up. On Saturday, Sept. 7th, we will be walking in Marion's annual "Veterans on Parade" event. Then, the following Saturday, our team will be participating in the Apple Festival Grand Parade. If **you** have any interest in helping with either (or hopefully both) events, just contact Steve Zak (618-924-5680 or szzk@elks572.org)......Two great opportunities to get involved and enhance your enjoyment of being an active Elk! Also, on Sept. 7th, we will be hosting both our local, #572 Soccer Shootout, and the South District Shootout, on the MSI fields adjoining our Lodge (See Article.). If you have, or know of any kids who would like to participate, bring them to the Lodge on the 7th. Flyers, with details, are also currently posted at the Lodge.

Looking a little further ahead, please mark your calendars for these upcoming events. On Saturday, Oct. 19th, we are planning a murder mystery event. Then, on Saturday, Nov. 16th, the "Beer & Chicken Dance" returns, after last year's event, at which a great time was had by all in attendance! Details on these Lodge activities will be forthcoming. Of course, we are always looking for new ideas in promoting fun events, to give our members more reasons to come to our Lodge. Therefore, if you have any ideas, please share them with an Officer. I am still looking for a volunteer to chair the New Year's Eve committee. If you are interested, please let me know.

I am happy to report that as of this writing, we have an A. E. D. unit on order (thanks to all who participated in the fish fry to fund this purchase). And, to help promote efficient management of our Club operation, we have ordered a point of sales system (P. O. S.). Hopefully, by the time you are reading this message, they are both in the Lodge and fully functioning.

Turning now to Elks helping out in our community - I am happy to announce that on August 10th, the Illinois Elks Children's Care Corp., Board of Directors **approved** our request for grant monies to help the Murphysboro Kiwanis Club fund installation of equipment and walkways, at Longfellow Park, which will be handicapped accessible or friendly. The amount of this C. C. C. grant is \$5,000.00! Furthermore, matching monies from Kiwanis International Children's Fund, and our local Murphysboro Kiwanis, will result in \$15,000.00 total, toward the Longfellow Park Project. Specifically, these funds will help in installing handicap swings and chimes, along with pouring wheelchair-accessible concrete walkways to the area. Here in Murphysboro, what a great demonstration of our motto, that ELKS CARE - ELKS SHARE!

Back to our Lodge calendar - don't forget about our weekly drawing on Monday nights and our Queen of Hearts drawing on Tuesday nights - both at 7 p.m. And, an additional note, that we are still accepting resumes for a club manager position. So, if you, or someone you know, are interested, get those resumes in.

Finally, let me close by asking that you don't forget to thank our veterans, and that you support our local blood drives!

Fraternally, Richard Martin, E. R.



IN MEMORY



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.

LONNIE JOE CHOATE

January 4, 1952 – August 14, 2019

GARY E. DENNISON

February 10, 1941 - July 16, 2019



- 1 Laura Cline
- 1 Beverly Conrad

HAPPY BIRTH-

- 1 Toni Kennedy
- 2 James Brasel Jr
- 2 Chardale Carroll
- 2 Michael Davis
- 2 Robert Hahn
- 3 Amanda Burton 3 Mike Mulholland
- 4 Erin Mileur
- 4 Ruth Scott 5 Stephen Jines
- 6 David Camden
- 6 Susan Moore
- 6 Oliver Rathjen
- 7 Shea Baker
- 7 Bruce Dallas
- 7 David Marks
- 8 Mike Ranev
- 10 Robert Biggs
- 10 Wm. Holloway 10 Larry Hornick
- 10 John Joiner
- 10 Darrell Knust
- 11 Robert Hardy
- 11 Sandra Schenk
- 11 Glenn Wilcox
- 12 Jeffery Eliasen
- 13 Robert Davenport
- 13 Chad Dewaard 14 Edward Heller
- 14 Antonio Ragland
- 15 Kathy Guetersloh
- 15 Eugene Novara
- 16 Brian Alexander
- 16 Bill Crawshaw
- 16 Tracev Ferguson
- 16 Gayl Page
- 17 Robert Martin
- 18 Robert Catt
- 18 Donald Daschka 18 Jeremy Norman
- 18 James Rodemaker
- 19 Darell Ewbank
- 19 Tina Phillips
- 19 Kimberly Stearns
- 20 Stacey Preston
- 20 Louis Strack
- 21 Richard Allison
- 21 Brad Etherton
- 21 Wayne Kimmel
- 22 Jim Stewart
- 23 Debbie Sauer 24 Les Hall
- 24 Jerry Willett 25 Robb Graeff
- 25 Judy Holley
- 25 James Lawder
- 27 Christopher Ahart
- 27 David Sullivan
- 29 Ashley Ferguson 29 Kurt Preslev
- 30 Julia Harper
- 30 Tara Landers
- 30 Gene Pettett

ILLINOIS ELKS CHILDREN'S CARE CORP. MAKES MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO MURPHYSBORO'S LONGFELLOW PARK PROJECT!!

Responding to a call from the Kiwanis Club of Murphysboro for Community Donations to install equipment that is more inviting to children of all ages and abilities, Elks Lodge #572, ON JULY 30TH, presented a request to the C. C. C. for possible assistance with this project. Working with "Friends of Murphysboro," and Kiwanis members, data on the project was forwarded to the Chatham office of our Illinois Elks, State Major Project.

Basically, this proposed \$36,000.00 upgrade for Longfellow Park was inspired by the recent success of the Water Feature & Splash Pad at the Park. It will include installation of 2, Zero-G style Chair Swings; an Adaptive Swing; and a Set of 7, Harmonic Chimes. In addition, sidewalks, meeting wheelchair width standards, will be constructed to connect areas of the park that currently lack pathways, and provide access to these new playground elements.

We have now been notified by Mr. Bill Block, Administrative Manager of the C. C., that at its August 10th meeting, the Children's Care Board voted to approve

a grant of \$5,000.00 for this project!

And, that's not all - This Elk donation is to be MATCHED by the Kiwanis Club of Murphysboro, and the Kiwanis International Children's Fund, in essence tripling the impact of the C. C, C. Donation! Therefore, we are looking at a total of \$15,000.00 being garnered for this upgrade of Longfellow Park.

ELKS CARE - ELKS SHARE!

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION MOST VALUABLE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

The ENF awards 2.44 Million annually to high school seniors nationwide. A total of 500 Scholarships range from 2 top awards at \$50,000 each - to 480 at \$4,000 each. Details: This MVS program is open to any high school senior who is a U.S. citizen. Applications are judged on Scholarship; Leadership; and Financial Need. Applications available online only and must be submitted online. For details or to access the application, visit enf.elks.org/mvs. Guidance Offices should have information. Selection of winners begins at the local Lodge level and continues through district, state and national judging. Lodge #572 contact is Don Siefert: 618-201-4184 or donnansief@aol.com

ENF EMERGENCY EDUCATIONAL GRANTS

Provides financial assistance to undergraduate children (under age 24) of deceased or totally disabled Elks in the form of renewable, one-year grants of up to \$5,000. Applications available by request between May 1 and Oct. 31 of academic year for which assistance is desired. For details, contact the ENF Office at 773-755-4732, or visit enf.elks.org.eeg. Lodge #572 contact for information is Don Siefert: 618-201-4184 or donnansief@aol.com

ENF LEGACY AWARDS

These 300 scholarships are worth \$4,000 ea., and are open to college-bound high school seniors who are children or grandchildren of dues-paying Elks. Applicants compete against other children & grandchildren from the state of their sponsoring Lodge. Judging based on core values of the ENF: Knowledge, Charity, Community Service, and Integrity. Applications available online starting September 1, 2019 and ending on January 31, 2020 at 11:59 a.m. Central Time. For details, visit enf.elks.org/leg. Lodge #572 contact for information is Don Siefert: 618-201-4184 or donnansief@aol.com



QUEEN OF HEARTS

Still elusive, the Queen is !! She has escaped detection through the August 20th drawing, which was the first at Level 3 (Meaning that name draws, if present, go to \$100; Jokers to \$200; and Aces & Kings to \$125). As of this writing, the Queen's value stands at \$6,270.00! And, our 50 / 50 draws have been running well over \$100 each week. Additionally, you will see many Elk friends in attendance on Tuesdays, and good food is to be had, from our kitchen staff! Here's the latest drawing results:

07/30 Linda Patrick, \$50 Name Draw; No win on Card Draw

08/06 Ashley Ferguson, \$50 Name Draw; No win on Card Draw

08/13 Bill Paul, \$50 Name Draw; No win on Card Draw

08/20 Bruce Francis, \$100 Name Draw; No win on Card Draw



Reminders

NOTE FROM LODGE SECRETARY

We still have a few Elks who do <u>NOT</u> have their <u>BLUE</u>, 2019-2020 membership cards in hand. Please take care of this, ASAP!





Helping fill bags with Elks Drug Awareness materials (including brochures, bookmarks, rulers, and coloring books) are (L - R): Brandon Francis, E. R of Herrin #1146; P.E.R., Darcie Hastings and E. R., Richard Martin, Murphysboro #572; and IEA State President, Greg Verdun, of Pontiac Lodge #1019. Over 200 of these items were prepared and handed out to children & their parents / foster parents at the recent DCFS Picnic on opening day of the DuQuoin State Fair. Elks also prepared over 1,400 sack lunches at this year's annual event.

Elks Care - Elks Share!

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 12:00 NOON. ~ 8:00 P.M. September 2019

COMING EVENTS

9/7 - FLAG TEAM IN VETERANS ON PARADE—MARION 9/17 - ELKS 572 VETERANS MEAL AT HAVEN 9/19-22 IEA STATE MTG., SPRINGFIELD 9/14 - FLAG TEAM IN APPLE FESTIVAL PARADE ELKS #572 SOCCER SHOOT 10/19 - MURDER MYSTERY EVENT 11/16 - BEER & CHICKEN DANCE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 ENJOY AN AF- TERNOON AT THE LODGE —OPEN AT 2:00 P.M.	CLUB OPEN WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00	3 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 50/50 7:15 BURGER BASKET, \$1.00 OFF	4 LODGE MTG. 7:30 PM HOT WINGS .65 EA & APPETIZER SPECIALS 6-9:00	5 RIB EYE STEAK, POT., SALAD BAR, ROLL \$16.95 ALL YOU CAN EAT CHICK- EN; INC, MASHED POT., GRAVY/VEG., ROLL \$10.00 or FULL MENU	6 ALL YOU CAN EAT CATFISH \$9.50 OR FULL MENU	7 FLAG TEAM AT- MARION VETER- ANS PARADE—
8 ENJOY AN AF- TERNOON AT THE LODGE WATCH- ING THE NFL GAMES	9 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00	10 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 50/50 7:15 BURGER BASKET, \$1.00 OFF	11 BOARD OF DIREC- TORS 7:00 PM HOUSE MTG. 7:30 HOT WINGS .65 EA & APPE- TIZER SPECIALS 6-9:00	12 RIB EYE STEAK, POT., SALAD BAR, ROLL \$16.95 ALL YOU CAN EAT CHICK- EN; INC, MASHED POT., GRAVY/VEG., ROLL \$10.00 or FULL MENU	13 SPAGHETTI W/ GARLIC BREAD & SALAD BAR OR FULL MENU	14 FLAG TEAM AT APPLE FESTIVAL PARADE
15 ENJOY AN AF- TERNOON AT THE LODGE WATCH- ING THE NFL GAMES	16 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00	17 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 50/50 7:15 BURGER BASKET, \$1.00 OFF	21 18 LODGE MTG. 7:30 PM HOT WINGS .65 EA & APPETIZER SPECIALS 6-9:00	19 RIB EYE STEAK, POT., SALAD BAR, ROLL \$16.95 ALL YOU CAN EAT CHICK- EN; INC, MASHED POT., GRAVY/VEG., ROLL \$10.00 or FULL MENU	20 CHICKEN & DUMPLINGS OR FULL MENU A STATE MTG.—SPR	21 NGFIELD
22 ENJOY AN AF- TERNOON AT THE LODGE WATCH- ING THE NFL GAMES	23 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00	24 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 50/50 7:15 BURGER BASKET, \$1.00 OFF	25 HOT WINGS .65 EA & APPETIZER SPECIALS 6-9:00	26 RIB EYE STEAK, POT., SALAD BAR, ROLL <u>\$16.95</u> ALL YOU CAN EAT CHICK- EN; INC, MASHED POT., GRAVY/VEG., ROLL \$10.00 or FULL MENU	27 BLACKENED TALAPIA & SALM- ON OR FULL MENU	28
29 ENJOY AN AF- TERNOON AT THE LODGE WATCH- ING THE NFL GAMES	30 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00	SERVING 5:00	Y & FRIDAY O PM ~ 9:30 PM O + SPECIALS O		BREAKFAST IS SERVED ANYTIME FROM 5:00 PM~ 9:30 PM EVERY THURSDAY & FRIDAY TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY	