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APRIL 2020, E. R. MESSAGE

Hello, Elk Members All,

Hard to believe my E. R. year is over already. However, this last month of March, with the state shut down due to coronavirus, is not how I thought it would go. I'm sure everyone can say that last month is not what they thought it would be, for them, either. Elk Lodges in Illinois have been directed, by our State President and other State Officers, to basically "hold in place." Thus, installation of our new Lodge officers is now delayed to an undetermined time. We cannot hold Lodge or other meetings. Only necessary work by Treasurer & Secretary are ongoing. Bills have to be paid, and processing of dues must continue. We need to be positioned to reopen the Lodge, once we are allowed to do so by our governor, and Elk officials. Hopefully, we can get back to normal, soon. Until then, don't forget to check on family and neighbors.

Should the guidelines listed above allow, we hope to install our new, Lodge #572 Officers, some time this month. When you see one of them (when we are out and about again), thank them for their willingness to serve as a lodge officer. Until you serve as an officer, you can't really have an understanding of the sacrifice of time and energy it takes. So, I say "Thank You" to all past and present Officers!

By this time, you have all received your dues notice. Many of you have very promptly returned them, and the Secretary is processing them as time and conditions allow. Some of you have already received your new cards....ready to use when things return to normal! If you have not yet responded, please do so, as this is where most of the money comes from, to run our Lodge all year, and to pay required per-capita to National, State, and District.

Now, I want to also thank all of you who volunteered for one or more of our many events and activities we held this past year! Hopefully, you will be willing to do the same, this year. And, if you have been unable to help at an event in the past, please consider volunteering for one of our upcoming events.

In closing, let me say "Good Luck" to our new E. R., Christian Rose, along with all the new Officers who will be helping him through the 2020 - 2021 Elk year. And, finally, don't forget to support our local blood drives and thank a veteran, whenever you can!

Fraternally,
Richard Martin, E. R.

**JUST IN - LODGE #572 WINS
5-STAR WEBSITE AWARD!**

We are ONE of only THREE Lodges in the Nation, to receive this award! And, this is the 2nd year in a row to be selected as a 5-Star Website Lodge! Congratulations, Webmaster, Steve Zak! That said.....members all, go VISIT at elks572.org See for yourself, why we are in the top 3 in the country!!

Winner of the J & J Ventures' "Winter Spectacular Promotion" for Lodge #572 is member, Dana Modglin, Selected at random, from members who entered their names on a special promotion tablet in the Lodge Game Room, Dana won the Samsung 50" HDR Smart LED TV. She is pictured with her winning prize (it was a surprise) as awarded by Lodge Secretary/Gaming Mgr., Merle Evans.



BIRTHDAYS



- 4/1 Jesse Barge
- 4/3 Cynthia Fager
- 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 Thomas Ince
- 4/8 Troy Cripps
- 4/9 Jonathan Tremblay
- 4/9 Joanna Beth Tweedy
- 4/10 Richard Adams
- 4/10 Donald Payne
- 4/11 Fredia Doody
- 4/11 Gary Korando
- 4/12 Henry Leischner
- 4/13 Troy Biggs
- 4/14 Fred Gilbert
- 4/14 Leigh Ann Stokes
- 4/15 Cindy Covington
- 4/15 Jeff Marnati
- 4/16 Apryl Gordon
- 4/16 Robert Kirschbaum
- 4/16 Tina Lustig
- 4/17 Mark Wright
- 4/20 Cory Endres
- 4/20 Fred Schnautz
- 4/22 Edward Fisher
- 4/23 Steven Joiner
- 4/24 Cynthia Hobbs
- 4/24 Lamonte Miner
- 4/24 Daniel Parmley
- 4/24 Christine Paul
- 4/24 Robert Winters
- 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 Douglas Carr
- 4/29 Michael Desett
- 4/29 John Saunders
- 4/29 Clifford Tanner
- 4/30 Michael Layne



QUEEN OF HEARTS REPORT

It would be fair to say that the Queen of Hearts pretty much got a pass, this past month of March. Only one week, since the last Newsletter report, saw a draw. That was as follows:

3/10 **Janice Hines** \$25 Name Draw; No Win on Card Draw
 The current value of the Queen is **\$1,320.00**

The normal, 7 p.m. Tuesday night Queen of Hearts Raffle will resume, once we are allowed to open the Lodge and Club Room. 50/50 Raffle & Meal for 2 Drawings will likewise follow at 7:15 and 7:30 respectively. Our kitchen menu, of course, will resume for the Queen Raffle night. Watch our website (elks572.org) and face book, for updates, as they become available!



This year's Promise Grant provided \$2,500 in helping needy students to perform better in school. At tutoring sessions, and as opportunities arose, Elk Volunteers and cooperating school personnel distributed snacks, clothing, shoes, hygiene products, and needed school supplies to students who would otherwise not have had access to said items. Lodge #572 is supporting our youth!



IN MEMORY

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.

DAVID M. MIFFLIN

December 24, 1945 - February 14, 2020



Lodge #572 members have been serving noon meals & take-home boxes to Veterans, at the Haven, on Crab Orchard Lake, for 6 years now. These occur on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Over this time period, over \$12,500.00 in food has been provided, using our ENF Beacon Grants. Just one of many ways we are serving our area Veterans!



Member, Jeff Eliason and E.R., Richard Martin, present \$750 check (from ENF Gratitude Grant) to Megan Austin, Director of Murphysboro Food Pantry. An opportune time for Elks to help out our community, as families deal with economic fallout of the coronavirus situation.



Our \$2,000 ENF Spotlight Grant provided backpacks to needy Vets. Distributed in March, by Elk volunteers, and through cooperation with various veteran and community service groups, these “mini standowns” came at an opportune time, with the onset of the Cornaviris situation. The packs were stuffed full of food, hygiene, clothes, and household items. Lodge #572—serving our Veterans!





As indicated in an earlier newsletter, our \$2,000 ENF Gratitude Grant provided \$750 to an emergency appeal of from the Humane Society of Southern Illinois (see dog food in photo); and \$500 to the Historic Liberty Theatre. In photo at left, E. R., Richard Martin, is handing check to Theatre Board member, Mary LaRue. Lodge #572, supporting our community!

MESSAGE FROM LODGE SECRETARY

Even though the our Lodge is physically closed to members, Elk work continues, behind the scenes: Utilities, required certificate renewals, inventory monitoring, Grant applications, insurance renewals, Grand Lodge billings, Dues processing & Card issue, multiple end-of-year reports, miscellaneous applications, investigation of state / national programs resulting from coronavirus legislation, Newsletter / Website / Facebook production and entries, and on and on! And, to complicate matters, meetings cannot be held, and new Officers installation is on hold. Therefore, we hope our members will be understanding of the difficulties we are currently working with. And, we do appreciate all of you who have, and are sending in your 2020 - 2021 dues payments, knowing that some of you are dealing with uncertain income situations. Our goal is to keep necessary and required things going, so that once the current situation reaches a conclusion, we will be ready to roll, catch up on delayed requirements, and invite you to resume enjoying your Lodge and Club Room! Stay tuned through our website, facebook, and newsletter.