



ELKS LODGE #572
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Members All

At the start of the Elk year, there were 653 members registered to Lodge #572. We are very appreciative of the 455 members who are currently paid in full, and we would like to work with anyone who has not yet been able to pay. These dues are an obligation of membership, but we also understand that these are difficult times for many. Similarly, missing 30% of our dues revenue has put a financial burden on our Lodge that is only made worse by the lack of operations. If the dues payment has simply slipped your mind, please send it in to the Lodge as soon as possible. If you are currently unable to pay these dues, please call me personally at 217-855-7081 and I will make note of your situation. We would like to work with our members in any way that we can.

As we eagerly await the reopening of our Lodge doors, allow me to quickly address some of the issues and concerns you may have. Phase 3 of the governor's reopening plan was set to begin on May 29th. This has allowed for groups of 10 or less to gather, and for bars and restaurants to offer limited outdoor dining with tables six feet apart. As you may expect, these restrictions are not suitable for profitable operations of our Lodge to resume. The earliest that Illinois can move into Phase 4 will be June 26th, where bars are allowed to reopen, but possibly under a contingency that the maximum number of patrons will be limited. We understand that this may pose an issue at our Lodge, and we plan to accommodate all members to the best of our ability. As we progress through Phase 3, we will continue to adapt our reopening plans to the guidelines suggested by the state government.


Ground has been broken at Longfellow Park! Some of the money that our generous members so willingly donate to the Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation is returning to Murphysboro in the form of a new handicap-accessible swing set! The total project includes two Zero-G style chair swings, an adaptive swing, harmonic chimes, and pathways leading to the new equipment. Murphysboro Lodge #572 has effectively brokered a deal between the IECCC, the Kiwanis Club, and the Park Board of Murphysboro to install this new equipment. To quote the Kiwanis, "Community donations received will be matched by the Kiwanis Club of Murphysboro and the Kiwanis International children's Fund, in essence tripling the impact of funds received locally." The Children's Care Corporation contributed \$5,000 to this project, leading to a total budget of \$15,000 to make Longfellow Park more accessible to everyone! This project has been in the works for some time now, and it is extremely exciting to see some progress being made.

On Thursday, May 14th, the Patriot's Bravo Company, with the assistance of some dedicated Elk volunteers, was able to operate an extremely efficient Pork Steak Dinner for curbside pickup. If you were not aware, the dinners cost ten dollars each and consist of a Pork Steak, Baked Beans, and Cole Slaw. If you missed it, there will be another Pork Steak Dinner ran in the same manner on Thursday, June 4th. There are only 200 available meals, so be sure to call or text your order in as soon as possible to either Darcie Hastings (618-521-6050) or Sue Givens (618-534-8102). I would like to thank all the members of the Patriots and Elks who volunteered their time to foster such a smooth operation.

I look forward to seeing you all back in the Lodge as soon as we can open the doors again. Until then, we hope that you participate and enjoy our curbside dinners, and don't hesitate to park the car and chat with some friends from a distance! Always strive to offer help when you can, say kind words, and make the world a better place. Remember: Elks Care, Elks Share!

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Christian Rose, E.R.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY 				
6/1 Lynn Porter	6/8 Randy Cauble	6/12 Kevin Stratton	6/18 William Listen	6/24 Diane Schwinn
6/1 Melinda Stuhrenberg	6/8 Tracy Hagston	6/13 Janice Porter	6/21 Peter Baird	6/26 David Degenhardt
6/2 John Ferguson II	6/8 Mark Williams	6/14 Barry Threlkeld	6/21 John Hudgins	6/28 Jonathan Guetersloh
6/3 Patrick Gladson	6/9 Gary Apgar	6/15 Mike Etherton	6/21 Jay Wittenborn	6/29 Cameron Donahue
6/3 Jeff Holloway	6/9 Travis Maynor	6/15 Jerry Worthen	6/22 Tim Hall	6/29 Elizabeth Kiel
6/3 Lisa Marks	6/9 Kevin Spring	6/16 Bethany Kerley	6/22 Donald Siefert	6/29 Thomas Welton
6/5 Scott Stanley	6/10 James Hand	6/16 Ray Whiteside	6/23 Bruce Francis	6/30 John Balsano
6/5 Patricia Wright	6/10 Shyler Mathis	6/17 Todd Doody	6/23 Janet Drone	
6/6 Kenneth Carr	6/11 E. J. Callahan	6/17 YeYo Granados	6/23 Billy Woosley	
6/6 Michael Dosch	6/12 Jim Hoppenstedt	6/17 Richard Pautler	6/23 Paul Zemlyn	
6/7 Kirk Caskey	6/12 Elisa Rea	6/18 James Craig	6/24 /Marimar Robertson	



As described in this Newsletter's E. R. Message, and more extensively in our September, 2019 Newsletter (See at elks572.org), the Longfellow Park playground upgrade is now under way - including the Swings / Chimes / and Walkways being installed to accommodate individuals with disabilities. Groundbreaking is pictured above, and includes (L - R): Bob Hall, Kiwanis Club Representative & Elk Member; E. R., Christian Rose; PER, Richard Martin; and Lodge Secretary, Merle Evans.