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JANUARY 2021 E. R. MESSAGE

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Members All,

We have made it to see the end of 2020, and quite the year it has been. As we look forward to 2021, we may initially think of our charity fundraisers that are held annually in the coming months. Last year, our Children's Care Corporation Dart Tournament fundraiser brought in nearly \$20,000 to aid some of the less fortunate children throughout the state of Illinois. This year, we may see a delay in the timing of that tournament, which is typically held in February. Similarly, the annual shooting matches are a club favorite which occur around the months of January and February each year to support the Elks National Fund per capita, which funds the Community Investments Program responsible for the grant money we receive to provide local relief. The best way to stay posted about these events is to frequently check our Facebook page and website, which are managed very well by our own loyal members.

If you are looking to become more involved in the direction and operations of the Lodge, a great place to start is to attend the Lodge meetings in January and February. At the first meeting in February, nominations for the 2021 Lodge Officers will be entertained, which will lead to a vote at the following meeting. This is a great way to get more familiar with the meeting procedures and become acquainted with several of the members that will be maintaining positions on the board. Alternatively, reach out to myself, a Past Exalted Ruler, or a current Officer to find out more about what is involved in becoming a Lodge Officer. If you are currently delinquent, you must pay your dues by the end of March to maintain your membership, or attend any of our Lodge, House, or Board of Directors' meetings. I would like to thank the incredible 87.5% of our members who have already decided to support the Lodge, and I thank you all for your patience while we try to get through these restricted times.

Although we have not been able to fully open our doors in some time, the grant money that we have received from Grand Lodge is still being funneled out to support the community. For example, we have recently donated \$1,000 to brighten the lives of veterans living in local nursing homes with gift baskets coming from the Illinois President's Grant, and our dedicated volunteers were able to provide cookies to be included in gift boxes for veterans, and gift bags for children and START clients. Please browse the remainder of the newsletter to see articles on the other projects, including grants and scholarships, that we have in progress!

The twice-postponed building raffle has been drawn! Thank you to everyone who participated in the purchasing, and especially the selling, of these tickets. Almost \$1,700 dollars was raised to support the Building Fund, which will need to be capable of supporting the costly replacement of the air conditioning unit in the back hall as spring nears an end. Congratulations to the winners of this raffle: Norm Wayman, Kellie Ellis, and Phil Green who won the 500-, 250-, and 100-dollar prizes, respectively. Look forward to our next, quickly approaching fundraiser on January 7th which will be a ten-dollar chicken dinner with vegetables and mashed potatoes served curbside.

As we turn over the new year, let us look back on 2020 with gratitude for the things we have been fortunate enough to maintain. Continue to show kindness and generosity throughout these times; never underestimate the influence you have on those around you. The kind words and good deeds which you leave behind cannot be erased, nor do they cost much. Please consider registering to become an organ donor - it is one of the easiest ways to potentially save the life of another.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Christian Rose, E.R.



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.

BILLY KIE DALLAS

March 2, 1957 - December 10, 2020

RANDALL G. HEINS

January 26, 1935 - December 21, 2020

JAMES MICHAEL MILLS, PER

July 15, 1941— December 29, 2020



- 1 Tina Phoenix
- 3 Richard Martin
- 4 James Carlock
- 4 Chuck Grammer
- 4 Roland Wagner
- 5 Bradley Doerner
- 5 William Todd
- 5 Alvin Valdez
- 6 Heather Ferguson
- 6 Monica Nippe
- 7 Debra Tindall
- 8 Randall Beckman
- 8 Robert Knope
- 9 Mike Jones
- 10 Craig Stewart
- 11 Holly Arbeiter
- 11 Benjamin Reiman
- 12 Steve Kunce
- 13 Dan Pullis
- 13 Harold Sheffer
- 13 Bob Swetland
- 14 Cathy Mason
- 14 Dale Schimpf
- 15 Jack Huppert
- 15 Tonya Knust
- 15 Derek Pfeaster
- 15 Julie Roberts
- 16 Daniel Alstat
- 16 Russell Bogenpohl
- 17 Mary Strothmann
- 18 Truman Cashman
- 18 Michael Herron
- 19 Andrew Erbes
- 19 Carolyn Ihle
- 19 William Terry
- 20 Brian Davenport
- 20 Bruce Martin
- 22 David Ciganovich
- 22 Michael Wepsiec
- 23 Faye Lee
- 24 Marcia Butler
- 25 David McDowell
- 25 Richard Varner
- 26 Brian Korando
- 26 Edwin McLaughlin
- 27 Rick Polete
- 27 Praveen Sunny
- 30 Mark Pierson
- 31 Janice Ehlers
- 31 Kelsey Paul

**LOOK HOW YOUR LODGE IS USING ENF AND IEA GRANTS
TO SERVE AND SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY!**

Take a look at how we are a strong support element in the communities served by Lodge #572. By meeting our National Foundation (ENF) per capita goals this past year, we qualified for **\$12,500** in Grants, as follows:

Completed or in Progress:

Freedom Grant (\$2,500) -During this pandemic time, assisting Veterans and families of active Service Members, for basic living needs; housing; hygiene supplies; food; and Backpacks filled with basic-need items, for Homeless Vets.

Spotlight Grant (\$2,000) - To the Warming Center, in Carbondale, to house and assist the Homeless & those affected by Covid-19.

IEA (IL Elks Assoc.) State President's Grant (\$1,500) - \$1,000. to supply Christmas Gift Boxes to Veterans living in facilities, in Randolph County; and \$500 to the Snowflake Square Program (administered by Murphysboro Hometown Christmas and Murphysboro Schools, to assist with Christmas Gifts for children of needy families).

IEA Veterans' Grant (\$1,000) - \$500 to assist with purchase of new, flat-screen T.V.s at the Anna Veterans' Home; \$500 to the Haven, Veterans' Day Center on Crab Orchard Lake.

Just Approved and / or Now Beginning:

Gratitude (\$2,000) - To be distributed between the Jackson County Humane Shelter and St. Francis Animal Shelter to help ease pressures resulting from the pandemic; \$500 to Operation Rebound, in Carbondale, for their Outreach Program, which assists low income / homeless High School - age, alternative-education students with personal hygiene items, snacks, some clothing items, books, etc.; \$500 to to the local Family Outreach Program, administered by the Catholic Church, which assists needy and homeless in our area with hygiene items and diapers.

Beacon (\$3,500) - \$1,750 to the Murphysboro Food Pantry; \$1,750 to "SPIN," in Murphysboro, to assist those in need with clothes and a wide variety of basic, family items. Veterans will receive special attention.

Members all, of Elks Lodge #572 - yes, it has been a difficult and challenging year, due to Covid-19. Yes, we have had contests (example - Hoop Shoot) cancelled. Yes, our restaurant and Club Room operation has been greatly affected by mitigation guidelines. Yet, through all of this, you, as a **supportive ELK**, can look at what we **are** continuing to do, as a local Elk's Lodge. We believe you can be proud of what we **are** continuing to accomplish. **Elks Care - Elks Share!!**



Santa greeting & handing out Treat Bags to children / grand children of Elks, on Lodge parking lot, on December 13.



CURB SIDE CHICKEN DINNER !

Date: Thursday, January 7

Pick-Up Time Element: 5:30 - 800 p.m.

(At the Lodge Parking Lot)

Included: 1/2 Chicken; Mashed Potatoes; Vegetable; Roll

Price: \$10

To Pre-order: Call Lodge (After 2:00 p.m.) at 618-684-4541, or Text 618-521-6050.

Help your Lodge - Enjoy a good dinner!

LODGE #572 BRINGS CHRISTMAS CHEER TO AREA VETERANS AND MORE!

Lodge Veterans' Chairman, Steve Schemonia, would like to extend a hearty Thank - You to all Elks who helped with, first of all, in providing Christmas Gift Boxes to some special Veterans, this 2020 season! Despite the limitations of Covid 19, we managed to get some 25 boxes to our Haven Veterans, along with 12 to Craig's Manor and Three Springs Nursing Home , both in Chester. The Marion V.A. helped with distribution to Haven Vets; and PER, Ed Fisher, assisted Steve in delivering to the two Chester locations. In these 37 boxes, were found fruits & veggies; candy; cookies; sweat shirts; socks, gloves, and a Christmas card. Beautiful Roses donated the fruits & veggies, while our own Elk-member, "Cookie Bakers" provided over 40 Dozen cookies to choose from - Wow! In fact, there were enough cookies to allow inclusion in the goodie bags that Santa (Thanks, Jeff Carter!) gave out to Elks' Kids & Grand kids, on our parking lot, and which were eventually taken to START clients. Also, a Shout Out goes to Bob and Michele Allard for supplying and filling the goodie bags for the kids! Bottom line - once again, a great demonstration that at #572, Elks Care - Elks Share!



Janice Ehlers and Selina McBride add cookies to the great array provided by our members. These treats went mainly to Veteran Gift Boxes. Some cookies went to treat bags for kids, and for START clients; additional cookies found their way to Murphysboro Police and Fire, and to Jackson County Sheriff's Office and Jackson County Ambulance Service.



Member, Harold Sheffer, delivers Veterans' Christmas Gifts to Activities Director at Cedar Court, in Sparta



PER, Richard Martin, prepares Christmas Gift Bags for Veterans in Nursing Homes / Assisted Living Centers.