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E. R. MESSAGE

Hello, Members All,

The past month has solidified the upward trend we have been seeing since our full reopening in the summer. The burger sales on Monday nights have steadily increased as the weekly drawings continue to gain popularity. The NFL season also began, which brought with it the return of the Sunday afternoon football crowd. Generous members donate entire meals which are free to all our patrons and their guests, and don't forget to ask the bartender about special deals on the day's worst team when you visit. As many know, the Queen took quite the defeat last month, but I would like to encourage everyone to continue coming to the Lodge on Tuesday night. The food specials are continuing to expand, and new servers are actively being hired to assist those that have been working tirelessly over the last few months.

The back hall rentals have been booking at an incredible rate, and I would like to thank Jerry Willet for his dedication to the proper handling of this business. It has become a much more efficient source of revenue and we have been able to maintain extremely economical prices for our members thanks to his hard work. If you are interested in booking the Lodge any time in the next year, please contact Jerry as soon as possible for the best chance at securing your date of preference.

The flag placement duty that was recently assumed from the Lions club has been met with a terrific response. Steve Schemonia has organized over a dozen members who were able to place flags at numerous businesses throughout Murphysboro to honor Labor Day. They were also able to secure additional posts for businesses which were not able to participate in the past. I think this is an excellent new venture and thank everyone involved in its execution.

I have been very pleased to see the progress of the physical improvements around the Lodge, as well. The new air conditioning system consisting of six mini split units has been fully installed and has operated flawlessly. If you have ever had an issue with the noise of the AC in the back hall, it has been resolved! We were also fortunate enough to have 88 interior lights replaced with much more efficient LEDs, along with the 11 exterior parking lot lights. An Ameren incentive program provided about 98% of the cost of this project, which will save the Lodge a substantial amount of money for many years to come. These improvements and the beginning of new programs has made the Lodge feel much more active and involved, and I look forward to maintaining this momentum through October.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,
Christian Rose, 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.

GEORGE SWAFFORD, JR., LIFE MEMBER

July 21, 1937 - September 8, 2021

DAVID FLOWERS

August 8, 1954 - September 19, 2021

YOUR REFERRAL NEEDED

As most all of you have observed, "Help Wanted" signs are up, everywhere, and have been since Covid-19 hit. Likewise, we are looking for more help with bartending & serving, at the Lodge. If you know someone who might be interested (friend, family member, relative, etc.), please encourage them to apply. Contact Steve Schemonia (618) 713-3248; or ER, Christian Rose (217) 855-7081.



10/1

Brenda Jones

10/1 Jim Nesler

10/3 Jason Jarrett

10/3 Marty Jones

10/3 Steve McBride

10/3 Fred Tackett

10/3 Alexander White

10/4 Clifford Mills

10/5 Terry Endres

10/5 Zach Fager

10/5 Bill Huppert

10/6 Dennis Heape

10/6 Laurie Holmes

10/6 John Tweedy

10/8 William Drone

10/9 Jody Craine

10/9 Roger Stuva

10/10 Patty Stokes.

10/11 Larry Griffin

10/13 John Hays

10/14 Greg Holthaus

10/14 Dana Modglin

10/15 Earl Balsano

10/15 Kim McGriff

10/16 Mike Guetersloh

10/16 Mike Hunsperger

10/16 Tim Ward

10/17 Kyle Tuttle

10/18 Keith Klaine

10/18 Steve Lather

10/18 Daryl Murphy

10/18 William Wyatt

10/19 Gerald Hysom

10/19 Stephanie Speiser

10/20 Kendra Leftwich

10/22 Steve Schemonia

10/23 Marilyn Zak

10/27 Luther Halliday

10/27 Larry Thetford

10/27 Tim Weathers

10/28 Amber Leslie

10/29 Kelly Stevens

10/31 Tom Guetersloh

10/31 Keith Roberts

10/3 Dale Schimpf II



Grand Lodge Public Relations & Membership Mgr., Rick Gathen, addresses Illinois Elk members at recent Fall Meeting in Springfield, as Lodge #572 Secretary / State Lapsation Chairperson, Merle Evans, looks on.

ELKS EMERGING STRONG FROM THE COVID-19 EXPERIENCE!

On September 25, Rick Gathen, Grand Lodge Public Relations and Membership Manager, spoke with Elks in attendance at the IRA Fall Meeting, in Springfield. Some of Rick's observations and comments, relevant to all Elk members, are as follows. Nation-wide, 91% of Elks are paid for 2021 - 2022. This is one of the better figures in recent years, as we enter the month of October! (By the way, at Murphysboro #572, we are currently at 92%.) Nationally, some 50,000 New Members have been initiated since this past April 1 - or stated another way, that is 273 new members per day, so far! (At #572, we have initiated 6, and expect to Orient another 6 or so on Tuesday, Nov. 9, with their Initiation scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 17th, making for a total of 12.) Given the Covid impact and its erratic continuation, why are these numbers so good? Gathen thinks that people recognize what the Elks do for Veterans, the Needy, Children, Homeless, and on and on! That is - we have continued our good works, despite Covid! And, Rick believes that people - inherently attracted to things that make them Happy, have found that meeting with and working with others, at our Elk Lodges, fulfills this need! Much of his discussion stressed that we need to come to our Lodges and Elk Activities / Events; bring guests and friends (potential new members), and enjoy being with, or working with fellow Elks. Gathen likes the concept of, and slogan " Let's Go ELK'in"!! Furthermore, we all need to remember that OUR MEMBERSHIP impacts Veterans, Community, Youth, and Homeless, as just mentioned. Rick had one particular statement that stuck out in my mind: "Future generations depend on the work we do today. Be Active yourself...!" Which should remind us - this is the 121st year of Elks #572 in Murphysboro, Illinois! We have been supporting the Murphysboro Community, doing Elk Charitable Work, and enjoying ourselves (ELK'in) for several generations now - Lets keep it up!

Merle Evans, Lodge #572 Secretary / State Lapsation Chair

NEW APPEARANCE SCHEDULED FOR ELKS #572 FLAG TEAM



We have recently been asked to take part in the **Chester Fall Festival Parade on Sunday, October 17th**. If you have carried the flag in the past and want to help again, or if you would like to join our gang, please contact Steve Zak, Flag Team coordinator, at (618)924-5680, and let him know that you are interested and want to participate. This is the perfect opportunity to show your patriotic spirit!



ELKS FLAG SERVICE NEWS

Anyone driving around the Murphysboro Community, this past Labor Day weekend, likely noticed that American Flags were stationed in front of many Businesses. It was out "First Time Out" in assuming the Flag Service from the Murphysboro Lions Club. With the help of some of the Lion members, we were able to achieve placement at many of the locations which have been using this service, along with some where it had been discontinued. As expected in this type of transition, we did miss a couple of long-time participants - our apologies! (Continuation invitations have been mailed to all businesses that were on the Lions' mailing list, and new business location possibilities are being contacted.)

QUEEN OF HEARTS REPORT

The Queen, on this Board #8, has survived detection, to date! (Perhaps she is a little more elusive than on the prior 2 Boards.) However, regardless of the Queen's value, the friendship and association with fellow Elks always is of great value - so why not plan to be on had for the Tuesday Queen Draw at 7 p.m., followed by 50/50 at 7:15 and Elks' Dinner for Two, at 7:30. Here is what happened, since last Newsletter report. On the Oct. 5th Draw, value of Queen will be \$609.

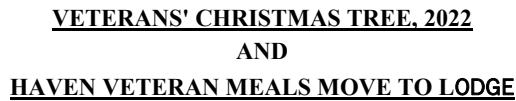
08/31 Shirley Summers \$25 on Name Draw; No win on Card Draw

09/07 Theresa Bastien \$25 on Name Draw; No win on Card Draw

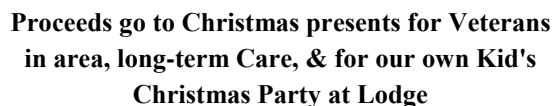
09/14 Todd Doody \$25 on Name Draw; No win on Card Draw

09/21 Merle Evans \$25 on Name Draw; No win on Card Draw

09/28 Jim Ferguson \$25 on Name Draw, No win on Card Draw



Thanks, in advance, from the Lodger #572 Veterans Committee



Elks Lodge #572 is pleased to provide support for this annual fund raiser for Wee Care of Jacob! This event will occur, at the Lodge on Sunday, November 14th. Time element for purchase/pick up of dinners is 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Particulars are chicken, potato salad; dessert—all for \$12. Carr Out or Dine-in. (No pre-orders, please.)

ELKS CLUB ROOM HOURS

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

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


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

SUNDAY
12:00—8:00 P.M.

October 2021

COMING EVENTS

Tuesday, Oct., 19th Haven Vets Meal at Lodge #572
Saturday, Nov. 6th Beer & Chicken Dance "Lewis Creek Band"
Sunday, November 7th So. Dist. Mtg, Murphysboro
Sunday, Nov. 14th, Wee Care of Jacob Chicken Dinner Fundraiser
Wednesday, November 17, D.D. Visit for #572
Saturday, January 15, Glow Bingo

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>MONDAY & TUESDAY SERVING 5:P.M.- 8 P.M. THURSDAY & FRIDAY SERVING 5 P.M.—9 P.M.</p>					<p>1 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH \$10.00 + BURGERS, SANDWICHES + APPETIZERERS</p>	<p>2 HALL RENTED</p>
<p>3 CLUB OPEN 12 P.M. NFL FOOTBALL FREE FOOD</p>	<p>4 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES PREPARED BY VOLUNTEERS</p>	<p>5 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM CHICKEN SOUP / GRILLED CHEESE \$7.00</p>	<p>6 LODGE MTG. 7:30 P.M. HOT WINGS APPETIZER SPECIALS 5-8 PM</p>	<p>7 SPAGHETTI CASSEROLE \$11.00</p>	<p>8 HAM STEAK DINNER \$12.00 + BURGERS, SANDWICHES +</p>	<p>9 "TED FEST" FUNDRAISER/ MARION ELKS #800 HALL RENTED</p>
<p>10 CLUB OPEN 12 P.M. NFL FOOTBALL FREE FOOD</p>	<p>11 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES PREPARED BY VOLUNTEERS</p>	<p>12 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM TACO TUESDAY</p>	<p>13 BOARD OF DIRECTORS 7:00 P.M. HOUSE MTG. 7:30 HOT WINGS</p>	<p>14 CHICKEN POT PIE \$11.00</p>	<p>15 PRIME RIB \$21.95 + BURGERS, SANDWICHES + APPETIZERS</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17 CLUB OPEN 12 P.M. FLAG TEAM AT CHESTER NFL FOOTBALL FREE FOOD</p>	<p>18 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES PREPARED BY VOLUNTEERS</p>	<p>19 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM ITALIAN BEEF OR CHILI/GRILLED CHEESE \$7.00 HAVEN VETS MEAL AT #572</p>	<p>20 LODGE MTG. 7:30 P.M. HOT WINGS APPETIZER SPECIALS 5-8 PM</p>	<p>21 FRIED CHICKEN DINNER</p>	<p>22 BLACKENED TILAPIA \$12.00 + BURGERS, SANDWICHES + APPETIZERS</p>	<p>23 HALL RENTED</p>
<p>24 CLUB OPEN 12 P.M. NFL FOOTBALL FREE FOOD</p>	<p>25 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES PREPARED BY VOLUNTEERS</p>	<p>26 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM TACO TUESDAY</p>	<p>27 HOT WINGS APPETIZER SPECIALS 5-8 PM</p>	<p>28 COUNTRY FRIED STEAK \$12.00</p>	<p>29 ALL YOU CAN EAT SPAGHETTI (ADULTS \$10/KIDS 12 & UNDER \$5.00) + BURGERS, SANDWICHES + APPETIZERS</p>	<p>30</p>
<p>31 CLUB OPEN 12 P.M. NFL FOOTBALL FREE FOOD</p>						