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LODGE MESSAGE

Members All,

I can't believe that it is already December! Here's hoping that you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday, spent with loved ones.

I feel like I was just writing my first ER message, yesterday. November was a great month, though, including our visit from Craig Smith, District Deputy, who had nothing but wonderful things to say about our Lodge. During the meeting associated with that visit, we also initiated 11 new members into #572. It is great to know that our Lodge is alive and thriving. We have new member applications coming in almost every meeting. Thank you, sponsors!

The first Sunday in December, Lodge Officers performed the Annual Memorial Service for all those members we have lost this past year, and December 3 saw a Celebration of Life for ER / PER, Richard Martin. I hope to have seen some of you at one of these events. It is important for us not to forget our fallen members, and hopefully our Memorial Service brought some peace to the relatives and friends of the loved ones lost.

Coming up this month, we will be hosting our annual 'Cookie Exchange.' Bring a dozen cookies and take a dozen - but remember to bring a few extra dozens for our Veterans. This event will take place at the Lodge, starting at 6 p.m. on Monday, December 12. See you there, Cookie Bakers!

Have a wonderful December and for those so inclined, be sure to keep an eye on our Facebook page to see what's going on that might not have made it into the newsletter. We will have a Twitter page up and running, along with an Instagram profile as well. Soon, you will be able to follow us on all your favorite platforms. I wish you happy holidays, filled with love, joy, and laughter!

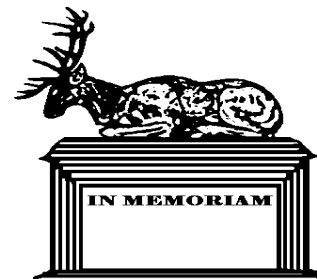
Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year to You and Yours,
Nicole Hertter, Exalted Ruler

ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE DECEMBER 4, 2022

IN MEMORY

"An Elk is never forsaken, never forgotten.
Their virtues are written on the Tablets of Love and Memory"

Aug. 12, 1951	Michael J. Martin	Mar. 19, 2021
Sep. 1, 1931	Beverly Conrad	Dec. 23, 2021
Aug. 25, 1939	Mary Alice Moss	Jan. 20, 2022
Aug. 28, 1964	Clay T. Brewer	Feb. 19, 2022
June 30, 1927	John W. Balsano	Apr. 1, 2022
Aug. 14, 1953	Philip G. Green	Apr 22, 2022
Dec. 22, 1920	Warren Grammer	June 12, 2022
Jan. 6, 1984	Heather Ferguson	July 27, 2022
Sep. 18, 1936	Donald Daschka	Aug. 5, 2022
Nov. 2, 1929	Wiley E. Bost	Aug. 8, 2022
Jan. 3, 1962	Richard Martin	Sep. 25, 2022
Aug. 10, 1951	Greg Hughes	Oct. 2, 2022



In keeping with the laws of our Order, these members were remembered, in memorial services, which were held on the first Sunday of December, 2022, at 11:30 a.m., in the Lodge Hall. Thanks to all members who attended!

- 02 Eaton, John R
- 02 Kidd, Donald R
- 03 Ellis, Jordan
- 03 Klink, Larry
- 03 Reichert, Mary Ann
- 03 Ziegler, Harry
- 04 Evans, Renee E
- 04 Huppert, Gary
- 04 Miles, Larry R
- 05 Raines, Justin
- 06 Huppert, Darryl R
- 07 Ellis, Kellie S
- 07 Jones, William E
- 07 Reardon, Daniel K
- 07 Tuttle, Kevin
- 08 Sadler, Lonnie
- 08 Tillitt, Nancy C
- 09 Hill, Jeffrey W
- 10 Anstett, Jack
- 11 Bastien, Jared D
- 11 Stein, Glenna M
- 12 Sutton, William K
- 13 Burke, Patrick J
- 14 Rhoden, Jane M
- 14 Vallino, John R
- 15 Clover, Jacqueline D
- 16 Daniel, Marilyn S
- 16 Lewsader, Michael
- 16 Spears, Geoffrey A
- 18 Ferguson, Buddy
- 19 Humm, Mike T
- 20 Parnell, Kenneth R
- 22 Doerr, Bruce A
- 22 Givens, Sue
- 22 McClure, David Lee
- 22 Schemonia, Seth
- 24 Hall, Bob
- 24 Hertter, Nicole L
- 24 Mandis, Janet
- 24 Rushing, Dillon W
- 25 Balsano, Joseph A
- 25 Flowers, Paul H
- 26 Schneider, Stanley A
- 27 Hunziker, Mary Lou
- 27 McClure, Charles O
- 27 Wright, Jerry
- 28 Bilderback, Daniel W
- 28 Lindsey, Jackie
- 28 Quigley, Larry R
- 29 Ryan, Tammy
- 29 Wright, Janie
- 30 Roberts, Brian L

QUEEN OF HEARTS UPDATE

The Queen on Board #12 is still out there, as of this publication! Relax with Elk friends - enjoy some good food - pick your favorite number. 7:00 p.m., with 50/50 at 7:15 and dinner draw at 7:30. Here are recent results: (Queen value stands at \$1,353.00)

11/01	Selena McBride	\$25 on Name Draw; No Win on Card Draw
11/08	Sue Givens	\$25 on Name Draw; \$30 on Card Draw (\$55 Total)
11/15	Bob Hall	\$25 on Name Draw; No Win on Card Draw
11/22	Jim Ferguson	\$25 on Name Draw; No win on Card Draw
11/29	Sharee Swanson	\$25 on Name Draw; No win on Card Draw



Kids Christmas Party

Sunday, December 18th

1:00 — 3:00 PM

There will be hot dogs, cupcakes, games, and treat bags for the kids

Parents, grandparents, and invited guests are welcome!

There will also be a very special guest (Santa Claus)



**ELKS #572 - WHAT WE ARE DOING IN OUR COMMUNITY
A CURRENT OVERVIEW**

As the Christmas season is upon us, here is an encapsulation of how we are active in communities served by our Lodge:

ENF Beacon Grant: \$2,000 for Haven meals and \$2,000 to Murphysboro Food Pantry.

ENF Gratitude Grant: \$1,000 to Snowflake Square program of Hometown Christmas; \$500 to Murphysboro Junior Football; \$500 to Murphysboro Senior Citizen Center.

ENF Freedom Grant: \$3,000 to coordinate with community entities, to help families of active Military, or Veterans.

ENF Spotlight Grant: \$2,000 for modified stand down, for area veterans in need.

Illinois Elks Association Veterans Grant: \$1,000 for requested Christmas Gifts from Vets in Residential facilities in Randolph & Jackson counties.

Illinois Elks Association State President's Grant: \$500 for START Christmas Party; \$500 for Old Depot on Main Street; \$500 for VFW / National Guard Christmas Gathering at Elks Lodge; \$500 for Murphysboro School Dist. / Murphysboro Community-sponsored 'Comfort Closet' (items for needy youth).

Haven Gift Tree, in Club Room: Individual gift requests from the Haven Veterans

The above projects represent over \$14,000 in support of our communities, youth, and veterans. Elks Care - Elks Share. Be proud you are a member!

HOOP SHOOT

Murphysboro High School
Sunday December 11

Registration at 1:30 p.m.
Competition starts at 2:00 p.m.

Those Elks wanting to help...leave a message with Chris Germann (618-967-0529)

Lodge Secretary will also have a sign-up sheet
(See Secretary at Lodge, or call 618-303-1693).



After being voted to candidacy status and completing their indoctrination session, we are very pleased to have received into membership on November 16, 2022, the following new members (left to right): Kenneth Howard, Juanita Reed, Zane Fisher, Therishia Ernsting, Mildred Dobyms, Troy Griswold, Exalted Ruler Nicole Hertter, Earl Dailey, Eliza Meade, Dennis Hartman, Shirley Wilson, and Brittney Heser

ELKS FLAG SERVICE

Our final Flag Placement for this Calendar (Not Elk) year occurred for Veterans' Day. It has been a successful year, and we are anxious to proceed as 2023 comes into view. Our crew of volunteer Elks deserve a hand for getting out there and getting it done! If you have questions, or want to join in, let me know. Steve Schemonia, Flag Service Chairman

HAVEN UPDATE

Veterans attending the Haven enjoyed a traditional Turkey - Dressing - Trimmings meal. They enjoyed it tremendously, and importantly, send their thanks to our Elks Lodge! We will provide them a nice Christmas dinner on Tuesday, December 13. Be sure to have your Christmas Gifts turned in the 1st week of December. Thanks to EVERYONE who took a name from the tree in our Club Room and purchased the gifts they requested. And, our Veterans at the Haven wanted to say "Thank You" to all Elks Members who come to the Day Center each month...it shows that ELKS CARE - ELKS SHARE!! Steve Schemonia, Lodge Veteran's Chair

Elks Cookie Exchange

Monday, December 12th
6:00 PM

Bring a dozen, take a dozen.

Bring extra dozens of cookies for our Veteran's Christmas Baskets.



LAST OF MEMBER-HELD BUILDING BONDS RETIRED

In addition to the major Bank Loan obtained for construction of the current Elks #572 Lodge Home on Shomaker Drive, completed in 1996, several Lodge members came forward, at the time, to purchase individual Bonds, of varied amounts. All were paid off over the years, except for 7, which remained in effect until November 1, 2022.

We would like to acknowledge and extend our appreciation to the estate of James D. Carlock, 49-year Life Member of our Lodge, who passed away on April 5, 2021. Jim left a portion of his estate to Lodge #572. Said funds were used to pay our final Bond holders their year's interest, plus return of principal.

Thanks to this gracious designation by one of our fine Elks of #572, member-held building bonds are now history!