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APRIL 2023, E. R. MESSAGE

Hello Fellow Elks,

I would like to start by thanking our outgoing Officers and Committee Chairpersons for their time and commitment in the past Lodge year. Additionally, I would like to thank any members who have stepped up with their time and talents in the past year to make Murphysboro Elks Lodge #572 such a great Lodge! As we move into a new Lodge year, I am grateful to all those who are making a commitment of their time and talents again, or for the first time, as Lodge Officers and / or Committee members.

It was outstanding to see all the support from so many of our members and our community for another successful Luck of the Lodge event, last month - thank you, everyone! Likewise, it was another banner year for our 27th Annual Dart Tournament for Illinois Elks Children's Care, and for our contributions to the Elks National Foundation - by both individual member contributions during the year, and of course, our benefit shooting matches.

Over the last couple of months, we have been making changes / additions to the menu that have been well received. It's always nice to see the friendly camaraderie among fellow Elks when our dining room is full of members and their guests enjoying a good meal!

I am especially proud of our Junior Antlers, which is an Elks program. We are one of the few Lodges in the state with this program and are the pioneer Lodge in the Southern portion of the state. Our #572 Antlers have already participated in several service-related projects.

I know that I have a lot of work to do to measure up to ERs of the past. I will work hard and do what I can to make sure we have a great year for all the members of Murphysboro Elks Lodge #572. I am also depending on a lot of help, so please volunteer when you are available. I think you'll have a good time and make some lasting bonds along the way! I know I have...

Fraternally yours,
Todd Doody, E. R.

After being voted to candidacy status and completing their indoctrination session, we are very pleased to have received into membership on March 22, 2023 the following new members (left to right - front row) Jeri Eicher, Barbara Mileur, Rene Doody, Teresa Hughes, John Sprading, Jerry Crawford, Anthony Mileur, Cody Gould, Brian Blaise (back row) Patrick Poiter, William Frost, Richard Clover, Andrew Chylewski, Terry Bower, Danny Gould, and Robert Dilday.





4/1 Jesse Barge
 4/2 Jason Spears
 4/3 Edward Tennant
 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 Tweedy
 4/10 Richard Adams
 4/11 Fredia Doody
 4/11 Gary Korando
 4/14 Mike Barone
 4/14 Fred Gilbert
 4/14 Leigh Ann Stokes
 4/15 Mike Beckman
 4/15 Jeff Marnati
 4/15 Harry Raines
 4/16 Apryl Gordon
 4/16 Robert Kirschbaum
 4/16 Tina Lustig
 4/17 Mark Wright
 4/20 Cory Endres
 4/20 John Farrish
 4/20 Fred Schnautz
 4/21 Dennis Hartman
 4/22 Garrett Cook
 4/23 Steven Joiner
 4/23 Lucy Mitchell
 4/23 Tina Phoenix
 4/24 Cynthia Hobbs
 4/24 Lamonte Miner
 4/24 Daniel Parmley
 4/24 Christine Paul
 4/27 Paul Polete
 4/28 Marty Davis
 4/28 Richard Williams
 4/29 Robert Bolinski
 4/29 Michael Desett
 4/29 John Saunders
 4/29 Clifford Tanner
 4/30 Michael Layne

2023 LUCK OF THE LODGE EVENT ENJOYS ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR

All tickets were sold, a great crowd enjoyed this 11th year of the "LOL," and many stayed to enjoy the Dirt Water Fox Band. Here are the prize winners, and sellers in parenthesis: 1st - Trent Eppenheimer \$5,000 (Jim Ferguson); 2nd - Marcia Butler - \$1,000 (Kellie Ellis); 3rd - Barb Clemons - \$500 (Jim Ferguson); 4th - Hugh T. Wright III - \$250 (Jim Ferguson); 5th - Geof Bambic - \$250 (Beth Francis); 6th - Zak Cason - \$100 (Orval Rowe); 7th - Kim Grammer - \$100 (Faithann Howard); 8th - John Tweedy - \$100 (Faithann Howard); 9th - Jackie Welch - \$100 (Tonya Knust). Thanks, everyone who purchased tickets!

27th ANNUAL DART TOURNAMENT & AUCTION ENJOYS ANOTHER GREAT SUCCESS!



Headed by Chairman, B. J. Wyatt, along with the assistance of Lynn Porter and several hard-working Elks, Lodge #572 again hosted a major event to raise money for the Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation (C.C.C.). Over 50 businesses & individuals purchased \$100 Dart Board Sponsorships; items were donated for both the silent auction, and live auction, called by Blake Canning; Various Raffles were drawn; a Meat Wheel was spinning and a Lottery Basket was a popular attraction. Proceeds from C.C.C. Coin Boxes and on-site Calendar sales were thrown in for the day. **All total, some \$14,393.00 was forwarded to the Children's Care office in Chatham!** This amount will add to the year's amount already there, from Ho-Do Annual Appeal, state-wide drawing, calendar sales, and other #572 member donations and contributions. Thanks, everyone who participated in any way - proving once again, that Elks Care - Elks Share!

Wanted New Antler Recruits

We are looking to add new youth to our Elk Antlers organization! Know a young person (s) who might be interested? For information, call E.R., Todd Doody at 618-201-4773; Rene' Doody at 618-201-3126; or Darcie Hastings, at 618-521-6050

MOTHERS DAY FREE WINE TASTING

Tuesday, April 18, 6:p.m. in Lodge Hall. for Members & Guests.

Details on Flyers at Lodge, or our face book page!



Winning top honors at this year's C.C.C. Benefit Dart Tourney was the team of Brad Oxendine (Ox) and Kerri Newsom.



Lodge #572 Loyal Knight, Sue Givens, presents a \$500 check to Sandy Bullar, President, Murphysboro Senior Center. This award made available by the Elks ENF Gratitude Grant.



Thanks to an IL. Elks, State President's Grant, Lodge #572 Secretary, Merle Evans (R) , presents a \$500 check to (L-R), Kelsey Wright, Murphysboro Main Street Treasurer, and Scott Evans, Board Member, for use in restoration of Murphysboro's historic **Old Depot**.

COMMENTS FROM LODGE SECRETARY

Members of Lodge #572, there are a couple of things of which you can be proud. First, #572 WILL SEE A **GAIN IN MEMBERSHIP** FOR 2022-2023! We began the year at 643, and despite 11 deaths, will end the year at **655!** Thanks, all you Sponsors...Great job! Our delinquent numbers have been reduced to only 22, or just 3.4% Second accolade - your response to dues payments for 2023 - 2024 has been excellent, to date. In fact, the Lodge Secretary's Office has been "swamped" with payments. Work is progressing as fast as possible, but not all of you who paid prior to April 1 will have your new (Light Tan) Key Cards in hand by **April 1**, when the Card Readers for Club Room doors will be changed. (Hang on to your old, purple cards, just for verification that your membership for 2022-2023 was active.) You will need to "Buzz in" until your card arrives in the mail, or is at the Club, via your request. Finally, do remember that **ONLY** in the month of April, do we suspend the rule that you must be paid by the first day of the month, to participate in Weekly / Thursday / Queen Night drawings. So, no need to panic about April Drawing eligibility. (The rule does return, May 1.) Thanks, everyone!

QUEEN OF HEARTS STILL OUT THERE

To date, on our current Board, the queen has evaded being found! Why not plan to visit the Club Room, and enjoy Elk friends & some good kitchen selections while participating in the SEARCH? Don't forget, also, that the 50/50 Drawing occurs at 7:15, and Dinner for Two draw at 7:30. Now, here are the results, since our last Newsletter was published. Miss Queen, as of 3/28, is now worth **\$3,996.00** (For those not mathematically inclined, that's almost 4 Grand!).

03/07 Jim Ferguson \$50 Name Draw; No Win on Card Draw
 03/14 Rick Lavell \$50 Name Draw; No Win on Card Draw
 03/21 Bob Hall \$50 Name Draw; No Win on Card Draw
 03/28 Jim Ferguson \$50 Name Draw; No Win on Card Draw



Members of Elks #572 Antlers, Madison Bell and Jaden Milton, provided help with the ENF Benefit shooting Match held at the Carbon Lake Club in Murphysboro. This is just one of many instances where Antler members have assisted with Lodge events!

ELKS CLUB ROOM HOURS

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

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

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

SUNDAY
12:00 — CLOSE

April 2023

COMING EVENTS

May 17-21... IEA Annual Meeting in Springfield, IL
May 14...Mother's Day Brunch
May 26... Flag Service Places Flags in Murphysboro
June 4... South District Meeting –Marion #800 Lake of Egypt
June 13... Flag Service Places Flags in Murphysboro
June (TBA) Lodge Flag Day

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2 CLUB OPEN 12 - CLOSE	3 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES PREPARED BY VOLUNTEERS	4 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM TACO TUES.	5 HOUSE MTG. 7:00 PM OFFICER INSTALLATION/ LODGE MTG. 7:30 HOT WINGS APPETIZER SANDWICHES SANDWICHES	6 HAM STEAKS \$11.00	7 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH \$13.00 FROG LEGS \$16.00 FISH & FROG LEGS COMBO \$15.00	8
9 CLUB OPEN 12 - CLOSE	10 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES PREPARED BY VOLUNTEERS	11 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM EASTER BUNNY AT HAVEN BBQ BAKED POTATOES \$8.00	12 HOT WINGS APPETIZERS SANDWICHES	13 ALL YOU CAN EAT CHICKEN \$11.00	14 PRIME RIB \$18.95	15
16 CLUB OPEN 12 - CLOSE SOUTH DIST. MTG. HERRIN LODGE	17 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES PREPARED BY VOLUNTEERS	18 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM MOTHERS WINE TASTING 6:00 PM SMOKED CHICKEN SANDWICH \$8.50	19 BOARD MTG. 6:45 LODGE MTG. 7:30 PM HOT WINGS APPETIZERS SANDWICHES	20 BEEF STROGROFF \$11.00	21 RIB EYE \$20.95 FILET \$25.00 SIRLOIN TIPS \$14.00 GRILLED SHRIMP \$16.00	22
23 CLUB OPEN 12 - CLOSE	24 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES PREPARED BY VOLUNTEERS	25 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM SLOPPY JOES \$8.00	26 HOT WINGS APPETIZERS SANDWICHES	27 ALL YOU CAN EAT CHICKEN \$11.00	28 STUFFED PORK CHOPS \$13.00	29
30 CLUB OPEN 12 - CLOSE						