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Greetings, Fellow Elks,

I would like to say Happy New Year to all Lodge #572 members, and here's wishing you and your families a prosperous 2024!

December started off with a nice Memorial Service, in the Lodge Hall, to honor our fallen Elks. On a brighter note, we held our Lodge Hoop Shoot at Murphysboro High School on December 10th. Congratulations to all our winners, who will advance to the District at Anna-Jonesboro High School on January 13th. And, our appreciation is extended to area schools that participated by holding their preliminary contests (esp. Chester, Steelville, and Red Bud), along with Elks and Antlers who helped carry out the Lodge #572 Shoot at MHS (See photo of winners in this Newsletter.).

Under the heading of Community Service, we donated our Hall & Kitchen to the Murphysboro Hometown Christmas 'Cookies With Mrs. Claus' event, which saw a great turnout. And, speaking of Cookies, our own, annual 'Cookie Exchange' was very successful. There will never be a shortage of Christmas cookies for our members and the Veterans to enjoy!

Several of our Elks helped serve the Christmas dinner and had fellowship with Veterans at the Haven. They were caroled by grade school students from Marion, who also helped pass out all the gifts to the Veterans (See Photo of Tree & Gifts.). Thanks, Steve Schemonia & volunteers. Speaking of what serving Veterans - a shout out goes to Harold Sheffer, Bob Hall, and Bill Moeglin, for hand delivering some \$1,000 of gifts to those Vets residing in assisted-living facilities in Randolph and Jackson counties, using our IEA Grant monies.

Although suspended for a period by the Covid pandemic, our annual 'Children's Christmas Party' made a return to the Lodge Hall on Dec.16th. The kids in attendance enjoyed fun; food; and a visit from Santa (We just need more children to be brought to this event, year up-coming!) And, later in the day, START clients were on hand, as our Lodge's annual Christmas Party for these individuals returned. Wow - a busy month of Elk Caring - Elk Sharing!

The week before Christmas, our Lodge grew by 10 New Members! (See Photo.) With this fine increase, our Lodge membership now stands at 684 members - a new high for Lodge #572. Thank you, **Sponsors!** Applications are in for 7 more candidates, along with 2 potential, incoming transfers. Remember - the Lodge year does not end until March 31, 2024, so while time is getting short, you can still propose someone & get the application in to the Lodge Secretary. **Let's add some more!** We are probably looking at 2 more initiations before the Elk year ends. That said...we still have 40 members on the delinquent list. It is posted at the Lodge - take a look - see if there is someone there whom you might be able to talk to, and encourage to get their membership current, before they have, by statute, to be dropped by, or during the final week of March!

The Elks National Foundation has issued a certificate of commendation to **Jim Ferguson**, for having surpassed the **\$2,000 mark in personal donations to the ENF**. It was presented at the December 20th Lodge meeting & Initiation. Great job, Jim - Congratulations!

The final 3 months of the 2023 - 2024 Lodge year are shaping up to be very busy. Volunteers - we will need you for the C.C.C. Dart Tournament; the Luck-Of-The-Lodge; two ENF Benefit Shooting Matches; Flag Service; Monday Cook Teams; Veteran support, and much more. And, February brings the time for Lodge Officer nominations. So - thanks to **ALL** who have done so much, the first 9 months of this Lodge year. I encourage you to continue! New members, you can step up, join in, and help provide service, as well, so as to maintain Murphysboro Lodge #572 as a **STRONG LODGE** in the **Super South**, and in the **State of Illinois!**

Fraternally yours,
Todd Doody, 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 no more; but their virtues are written upon the tablets of love and memory.

JEFF BROWN

August 15, 1963 — December 2, 2023

LUTHER L. HALLIDAY

October 27, 1929—December 4, 2023

4 Mildred Dobyns
 4 Chuck Grammer
 4 Roland Wagner
 5 Bradley K Doerner
 5 William E Todd,
 6 Monica Ann Nippe
 7 Debra Denise Tindall
 8 Randall Beckmann
 8 Robert Knope
 10 Craig E Stewart
 11 Holly Arbeiter
 11 Benjamin Reiman
 12 Stephen T. Kunce
 13 Dan Pullis
 13 Harold Sheffer
 13 Bob Swetland
 14 Dale R Schimpf
 14 Shirley Wilson
 15 Jack W Huppert
 15 Tonya Knust
 15 Constance Novara
 15 Derek S Pfeaster
 15 Julie Roberts
 16 Daniel T Alstat
 16 Russell Bogenpohl
 17 Mary Strothmann
 18 Truman D Cashman
 18 Troy Griswold
 19 Andrew F Erbes
 19 Carolyn Ihle
 19 William A Terry
 20 Brian Davenport
 20 Bruce M Martin
 22 David Ciganovich
 22 Michael Wepsiec
 23 Faye Lee
 24 Marcia Butler
 25 David McDowell
 25 Richard Varner
 26 Brian Korando
 27 Rick Polete
 27 Praveen Sunny
 27 Hugh Wright
 30 Mark Pierson
 31 Janice Ehlers



QUEEN OF HEARTS LOCATION UNKNOWN

At least until this Newsletter printing! The search continues each Tuesday night, at 7:00 p.m. Come on in to the Club Room, meet up with fellow Elks, have some good food, and join in on the hunt. Also, 50/50 at 7:15 and Free Dinner draw at 7:30. **Queen is now worth \$4,753.00 !** Drawing results, since the last Newsletter, are:

11/28	Nancy Helsley	\$50 on Name Draw; No Win on Card Draw
12/05	Steve Schemonia	\$50 on Name Draw; \$60 on Card Draw!
12/12	Carl Cauble	\$50 on Name Draw; No Win on Card Draw
12/19	Mike Sherman	\$50 on Card Draw; No Win on Card Draw
12/26	Jim Ferguson	\$50 on Card Draw; No Win on Card Draw



This year's Hoop Shoot winners were: (front row) Lilyana Hess (8/9 2nd place), Briseida Keeton (8/9 1st place), Cabri Hartmann (12/13 2nd place), Morgan Nanney (12/3 1st place), (back row) Bowen Brandt (8/9 2nd place), Will Petrowske (8/9 1st place), Jake Dunn (10/11 2nd place), Billy Allison (10/11 1st place), Liam Guthman (12/13 2nd place), Lane Diewald (12/13 1st place). There were no shooters in the girls' 10/11 age group.



JUST SCHEDULED ENF SHOOTING MATCHES

Detailed information to follow in February Newsletter and on Flyers. Dates are: Sunday, **February 18th** and Sunday, **March 17th**. Location: Carbon Lake Club, Murphysboro. Put these dates on your calendars - proceeds from these events help or Lodge meet the required Elks National Foundation per-capita, so that we will be eligible for next year's ENF Grants.

ELK #572 APPAREL NOW READY TO ORDER!!

The Order Forms have arrived, in our Club Room. Come on in and check out all the items and choices available. The options are numerous! Included are short-sleeve & long-sleeve Polos; Hoodies; Wind Breakers; 3/4 Zip Fleece; Full-Zip Hoodies; Hats; and Beanies. Many of you have been asking - we are making it possible!



After being voted to candidacy status and completing their orientation session, we are very pleased to have received into membership on December 20, 2023 the following new members (left to right): Roderick Gordon, Joshua Fuller, Caitlin Doody, Larry Fallaster, Samantha Smith, Jake Ferguson, April Blessing, Michael Lemasters, William Archer, Kyle Tripp, E.R. Todd Doody.



**FLAG SERVICE
PREPARES FOR
A NEW CALENDAR YEAR**

Elks Lodge #572 is going into its 3rd year of providing American Flag placements in the community on various holidays, after taking over the service from the Murphysboro Lions Club in the summer of 2021. Volunteers - be ready to go! And, if you are not already on the current list of helpers, please contact Sterve Schemonia at 618-713-3248, or leave Steve a message at the Lodge.

**LUCK OF THE LODGE
RAFFLE UPDATE**

Many Elk members are out selling tickets for this March 9th event. Sales are reported to be very Brisk! (Remember - only 800 will be sold.) Inquire of fellow Elks, or contact:

Sue Givens, at 618-534-8102.



Ashley Runge representing Snowflake Square (part of Murphysboro Hometown Christmas) accepts a \$500 check from E. R. Todd Doody. Donation made possible by a portion of Lodge #572 ENF Gratitude Grant.

**LODGE #572 PROVIDES HAVEN VETERANS
A GREAT CHRISTMAS**



Thank You, to all Elks who took a name from the Veterans' Tree in the Club Room and filled that Veteran's wishes. They were all very happy that someone cared about them! Our Elks Christmas event was the only one that some of these individuals would have. Also, all #572 Volunteers deserve a round of applause for giving up a day a month to help these Vets better enjoy their life. I wish all of our Elk members could have seen the faces of these Veterans. Great job, volunteers of the Murphysboro Lodge - showing once again that Elks Care - Elks Share!

Steve Schemonia, Veterans' Chair

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 — CLOSE

January 2024

COMING EVENTS

FEB. 18.....SHOOTING MATCH, AT CARBON LAKE, MURPHYSBORO
FEB. 24....CCC BENEFIT DART TOURNAMENT
MAR. 9LUCK-OF-THE-LODGE DRAWING
MAR. 17 ...SHOOTING MATCH, AT CARBON LAKE, MURPHYSBORO

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 NOTE: NEW PLATE SPECIALS ON WEDNESDAY	2 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM TACO TUESDAY	3 HOUSE MTG. 6:45 PM LODGE MTG. 7:30 PM HOT WINGS APPETIZERS SANDWICHES SPAGHETTI \$10.00	4 CHICKEN & DUMPLINGS \$13.00	5 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH \$13.00 FROG LEGS \$16.00 FISH & FROG LEGS COMBO \$16.00	6
7 SO. DIST. ELKS MTG. ANNA JONESBORO CLUB OPEN 12—CLOSE	8 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES PREPARED BY VOLUN TEERS	9 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM BBQ BAKED POTATO \$9.50	10 HOT WINGS APPETIZERS SANDWICHES SALAD BAR MEATLOAF \$12.00	11 ALL YOU CAN EAT FRIED CHICKEN \$13.00	12 PORK STEAKS \$14.00	13
14 CLUB OPEN 12 - CLOSE	15 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES PREPARED BY VOLUN TEERS	16 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM BACON BLUE CHEESE OR GARLIC BUTTER BACON BURGER \$9.50	17 BOARD MTG. 6:45 LODGE MTG. 7:30 PM HOT WINGS, APPETIZERS SAND. SALAD BAR ROTISSERIE CHICKEN \$12.00	18 HAM STEAKS \$13.00	19 RIBEYE \$22.00 FILETS \$24.00 SIRLOIN TIPS \$16.00 GRILLED SHRIMP \$16.00	20
21 CLUB OPEN 12 - CLOSE	22 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES PREPARED BY VOLUN TEERS	23 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM MEATBALL SUBS \$9.00	24 HOT WINGS APPETIZERS SANDWICHES SALAD BAR LASAGNA \$12.00	25 ALL YOU CAN EAT FRIED CHICKEN \$13.00	26 CHICKEN IMPERIAL \$13.00	27
IEA MID WINTER MEETING, SPRINGFIELD						
28 CLUB OPEN 12 - CLOSE	29 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES PREPARED BY VOLUN TEERS	30 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM HORESHOES \$9.00	31 HOT WINGS APPETIZERS SANDWICHES SALAD BAR BEEF & NOODLES \$9.00	 <p>FOOD SERVICE MONDAY 5:00 — 8:00 P.M. TUESDAY — FRIDAY 5:00 — 9:00 P.M.</p>		