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FEBRUARY 2024, E. R. MESSAGE

Greetings Fellow Elks,

A big thank you to all who helped reduce our delinquent list this last month. We are currently at 96.36% members paid which is one of the better percentages in the state! Keep up the good work!

The Elks apparel order form is located behind the bar. Ask the bartender for it when you're ready to make an order. Reminder, we will be turning in orders monthly.

Our Lodge participated in The Dictionary Project and on January 25th supplied brand new dictionaries to the fourth grade class at St. Andrews School. (see photo)

On February 18 and March 17, Murphysboro Lodge #572 will host ENF Shooting Matches at the Carbon Lake Gun Club. Contact Rick Ehlers (618-534-1689) to sign up. Enjoy raffles, drawings, and fun with fellow Elks!

The 28th Annual Dart Tournament to benefit Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation will be held Saturday, February 24th. Members, we need auction donations, as well a bidders! (Monetary donations are also welcome.) Volunteers are needed to make this major fundraiser a success. If you have ever wanted to help your lodge make a difference, this is your chance! Contact BJ Wyatt (618-967-9432) for donations, sponsorships, or questions.

Our Antlers are at it again. They are having a BBQ Fundraiser Easter weekend. Will you be having a houseful around Easter? They will be selling pulled pork by the pound and racks of ribs available for pickup on Saturday, March 30th. Please help support our Antlers program. They help support various Elks, veteran, and community programs with their time, effort, and fundraising.

There are limited tickets left for our Luck of the Lodge fundraiser being held on Saturday, March 9th. Get yours now, so you don't miss out on all the fun and good times!

Nominations for elected offices will be open at the February 7th Lodge Meeting. (If NO nominations for a given elected office are given on the 7th, those offices will continue open at the February 21st Lodge meeting.) Elections, if / as needed, will also occur on the 21st.

Well, it looks like February will bring several opportunities to volunteer like an Elk!

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 shall know them no more; but their virtues are written upon the tablets of love and memory.

HOLLY ARBEITER

January 11, 1980 – January 27, 2024

MESSAGE FROM LODGE SECRETARY

Members All - just a 'heads up' on a couple of items. The end of the 2023-2024 Elks Year will end on March 31. That means, of course, that 2024-2025 is just around the corner! With that, you will be seeing the mailing of dues notices (or for those not yet paid, a letter outlining the final steps upcoming, as per Grand Lodge statutes), which will arrive later this month. More details will appear in our March Newsletter.

It has been an excellent year, to date, in terms of initiation of new members. We are looking at a final initiation on February 28th, of around 10 or 11 candidates. It could be that #572 will see a record-high membership by years' end! That will likely be determined by how many of our current, 24 delinquent members, pay their 2023-2024 dues before March 31st. If you are one of this small, 3.6% group, please consider moving yourself to the 96.4% who are paid!

Have a good February, everyone. Don't forget to check out & hang up the Calendar in this newsletter.

BIRTHDAYS

- 2/1 Scott Cutler
- 2/1 Charley Mills
- 2/2 Michael Rothe
- 2/3 Michael Duncan
- 2/3 Tina Rathjen
- 2/3 Michelle Reames
- 2/3 Jeffery Williams
- 2/4 Dan Dallas
- 2/4 David Uffelman
- 2/6 Steve Zak
- 2/7 Curtis Thornton
- 2/7 Marty Will
- 2/8 Beau Nance
- 2/8 Gary Rowden
- 2/9 Patrick Lustig
- 2/10 Harold Gibbs
- 2/10 James Knott
- 2/12 Thomas Aken
- 2/13 Don Johnson
- 2/13 Mandy Sitton
- 2/13 Randy Stark
- 2/15 David Glen
- 2/15 John Tippy
- 2/16 Julie Schaldemose
- 2/17 Craig Mueller
- 2/17 David Smith
- 2/18 Justin Baril
- 2/18 Lee Chancey
- 2/18 Michael Schnautz
- 2/18 Larry Wachslicht
- 2/19 Kenneth Akins
- 2/21 Michael Hubbs
- 2/21 Eric Smith
- 2/22 Jeff Carter
- 2/22 Robert Chambers
- 2/22 Andrew Chylewski
- 2/22 Chris Guetersloh
- 2/22 Patsy Polete
- 2/22 Kevin Seyferth
- 2/23 Colin Clendenin
- 2/23 Tim Cobin
- 2/24 Michael Ewbank
- 2/25 Thomas Mills
- 2/26 Cheryl Endres
- 2/26 Chris Gray
- 2/26 Matthew Korando
- 2/27 Larry Brown
- 2/27 Jim Dallas
- 2/28 Neal Schemonia

**LUCK OF THE LODGE
RAFFLE UPDATE**

Many Elk members are still out & about with tickets for this **Saturday, March 9th event**. Details are available from sellers; printed on tickets; or found in our recent December Newsletter (Can be found on www.elks572.org, if you do not still have your mailed copy at home). Inquire of fellow Elks, to find a seller - or call/contact Sue Givens for information, at 618-534-8102.



Rene' Doody, Youth Activities Chairperson, presents 24 **WEBSTER'S DICTIONARY & THESAURUS** books to 4th Grade teacher, Kelly Barger, at St. Andrews School, in Murphysboro. In cooperation with **The Dictionary Project**, Lodge #572 purchased and then donated the books, to be given personally to each student in the class. A large label inside the front cover bears the Elks logo, and states the following: " This dictionary was generously donated by the Murphysboro Elks Lodge #572. Our Elks Lodge is built upon the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity."



Elks #572 Lodge Officer, Jay Wittenborn, presents a \$1,000 donation to John A. Logan Museum board president, Betsy Brown. Given in honor of Museum founder & director, Preston Michael Jones, the presentation was made at the recent Logan / Jones Memorial Breakfast, held at Murphysboro Middle School. Mike Jones was a member of Lodge #572.

QUEEN OF HEARTS UPDATE



She's still there...somewhere! So, come to the Club Room on Tuesday evening, enjoy meeting up with fellow Elks, and try some excellent food from our kitchen. Remember that the 50/50 is at 7:15 and draw for 2 dinners, at 7:30. Value of the Queen, as per this printing, is \$5,473.00 Here are recent results:

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| 01/02 | Michelle Eisenhauer | \$50 on Name Draw; No Win on Card Draw |
| 01/09 | Oliver Rathjen | \$50 on Name Draw; \$60 on Card Draw! |
| 01/16 | Michelle Eisenhauer | \$50 on Name Draw; No Win on Card Draw |
| 01/23 | Faith Anne Howard | \$50 on Name Draw; \$60 on Card Draw! |



VALENTINE'S DINNER SPECIAL

Wednesday February 14th

Crab Leg Dinner \$22.00

Crab Legs/8 oz Filet \$30.00

Crab Legs/10 oz Filet \$35.00

Smothered Chicken Breast \$15.00

All served with:

Choice of potato, Salad bar, Roll, and Special dessert

Limited regular menu available



MURPHYSBORO ELKS BENEFIT SHOOTING MATCHES

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH
CARBON LAKE CLUB

SUNDAY, MARCH 17TH
CARBON LAKE CLUB

Sign-up @ 12 noon
competition starts at 1:00 pm

(NO SCOPES OR PUCKER GUNS
ALLOWED
.670 MAXIMUM CHOKE)

EVENTS INCLUDE:

- VARIOUS RAFFLES
- 50/50 DRAWINGS
- FREE FOOD

QUESTIONS: Contact Rick Ehlers at
(618-534-1689)

(Proceeds will go toward our contribution
to the Elks National Foundation)

Even if you don't plan to shoot - Come enjoy
the raffle events, drawings and fun with
fellow Elks — all while helping our Lodge
meet our ENF per-capita for the year, and
qualify for our ENF Grants!



**28TH ANNUAL CCC DART TOURNAMENT
TO BENEFIT ILLINOIS ELKS CHILDREN'S
CARE CORPORATION**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH, 2024

BLIND DRAW / 501 / CRICKET / CHOICE

SIGN-UP 12:00-1:30 P.M.
PLAY BEGINS AT 2:00 P.M.

\$10.00 ENTRY FEE

GUARANTEED \$1000 PAYOUT!

FOOD PROVIDED AT 1:00 P.M. BY "GREAT BOARDS OF FIRE"

** PRIZE WHEEL **

** 50/50 DRAWING **

** GUN RAFFLE **

** BAR OLYMPICS **

** SILENT AUCTION (ITEMS NEEDED) **

** LIVE AUCTION AT APPROXIMATELY 6:00 P.M. **

MEMBERS: WE NEED

- AUCTION DONATIONS
- ELKS & THEIR GUESTS/FRIENDS IN ATTENDANCE
- BIDDERS AT AUCTION TIME
- BOARD SPONSORS

IF YOU WANT TO HELP YOUR LODGE MAKE A DIFFERENCE,
THIS IS YOUR CHANCE!

Donations, Sponsorships or Questions contact: BJ Wyatt at 618-684-3911

ELKS CLUB ROOM HOURS

MONDAY — THURSDAY **SATURDAY**
 2:00 P.M. ~ 11:00 P.M. 2:00 P.M. ~ 12:00 A.M.

FRIDAY **SUNDAY**
 2:00 P.M. ~ 12:00 A.M. 12:00 ~ CLOSE

February 2024

COMING EVENTS

March 9 Luck-of-the-Lodge Drawing
 March 17 ENF Shooting Match –Carbon Lake Club
 March 30 Antler BBQ (Pulled Pork & Ribs)
 March 30/31 Elk's Easter Bunny to be Hopping Around!
 April 14 South Dist. Elks Meeting at Benton #1234

Sun

Mon


Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

 <p>FOOD SERVICE MONDAY 5:00 P.M. — 8:00 P.M. TUESDAY — FRIDAY 5:00 P.M. — 9:00 P.M.</p>		<p><u>FEBRUARY 7TH</u> <i>Officer Nominations Open</i></p> <p><u>FEBRUARY 21ST</u> <i>Officer Election</i> <i>(Nominations also, if none on 7th)</i></p>	<p>1 COUNTRY FRIED STEAK \$12</p>	<p>2 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH \$13.00 FROG LEGS \$16.00 FISH & FROG LEGS COMBO \$16.00</p>	<p>3</p>	
<p>4 CLUB OPEN 12 - CLOSE</p>	<p>5 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES PREPARED BY VOLUNTEERS</p>	<p>6 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM TACO TUESDAY</p>	<p>7 HOUSE MTG. 7:00 PM LODGE MTG. 7:30 PM WINGS, APPETIZERS, SANDWICHES, SALAD BAR STUFFED PEPPERS \$11.00</p>	<p>8 ALL YOU CAN EAT FRIED CHICKEN \$13.00</p>	<p>9 PRIME RIB \$21.00</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11 SUPER BOWL CLUB OPEN 12 - CLOSE</p>	<p>12 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES PREPARED BY VOLUNTEERS</p>	<p>13 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM CHICKEN SALAD WRAP START DANCE LODGE HALL</p>	<p>14 WINGS, APPETIZERS, SANDWICHES, SALAD BAR VALENTINE DINNER (SEE NEWSLETTER)</p>	<p>15 SALMON \$13.00</p>	<p>16 CHICKEN ALFREDO \$12.00 SHRIMP ALFREDO \$13.00</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18 CLUB OPEN 12 - CLOSE</p>	<p>19 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES PREPARED BY VOLUNTEERS</p>	<p>20 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM POLISH SAUSAGE \$9.00</p>	<p>21 BOARD MTG. 6:45 LODGE MTG. 7:30 PM WINGS, APPETIZERS SANDWICHES, SALAD BAR BLACKENED TILAPIA \$12.00</p>	<p>22 ALL YOU CAN EAT FRIED CHICKEN \$13.00</p>	<p>23 RIBEYE \$22.00 FILET \$25.00 SIRLOIN TIPS \$16.00 GRILLED SHRIMP \$16.00</p>	<p>24 CCC BENEFIT DART TOURNAMENT</p>
<p>25 CLUB OPEN 12 - CLOSE</p>	<p>26 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES PREPARED BY VOLUNTEERS</p>	<p>27 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM ALL YOU CAN EAT SOUP & SALAD BAR \$12.00</p>	<p>28 WINGS, APPETIZERS, SANDWICHES, SALAD BAR CHICKEN FAJITAS \$10.00</p>	<p>29 STUFFED PORK CHOPS \$13.00</p>		