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Members All,

July has been very busy! Some of our Elks #572 Flag Team volunteers, along with other South District Elk members, represented us well at a Thrillbillies game in Marion. Here at the Lodge, we donated the Hall to the Red Cross for a blood drive. Thanks to all Elks who helped in any way!

Another BIG event in July was our yearly, Richard Martin Memorial Golf Scramble. Per Richard's wishes, earnings from this event (just over **\$5,000**) will go to our Lodge Building Fund - more specifically, this year, to the Parking Lot Renovation project. We want to send out a Big 'Thank You' to all members who helped with this Benefit Scramble in any fashion - such as: workers and volunteers at the course; being hole sponsors; obtaining hole sponsorships; helping with dinner / awards at the Lodge....and certainly to those who supported the event by golfing. Finally, congratulations to all winners!

Our Lodge's MHS Teen-of-the-Year winners were announced and honored during the Golf Scramble dinner. Congratulations to Kylie Martin and Liam Fox!..They were each given plaques and monetary awards during the event. This included being South District winners, and 3rd place winners in Illinois (See photo and caption elsewhere in this Newsletter.).

Our hard-working Antlers finally took time out, at the end of July, from doing fundraising for area charities. For the first time since they were chartered in 2022, they did something 'just for fun' for themselves. They went to Holiday World, Splashin Safari! They also recently added three new members. Our Antlers group have several projects coming up for Fall. If you know a young person who would like to know more about becoming an Antler, there are flyers posted in the Lodge Club Room, and applications are available from the Antler folder at the Bar.

Our 2024 - 2025 Elks theme was revealed at Grand Lodge convention in Austin. It is "**Elkdom's Heart for America.**" I would just like to say that our Lodge really fits this theme well! When it comes to HEART, the Elks of Murphysboro #572 show a lot of HEART for our Lodge, and for our community, all year long!!!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Todd Doody, Exalted Ruler

MEMBERSHIP IS FOCUS OF ILLINOIS
LODGES THIS 2024-2025 YEAR

When Lodge #572 left the old Lodge home on Main Street in Murphysboro, Fall of 1996, membership stood at **273**. Since our move to Shomaker Dr., we have had only 2 or 3 years without a gain - and Covid played a part in that! Our gain last year was 15, and the year before that, 14. This year started with 674 members on April 1. Through Initiation & Reinstatement, 13 have already been added. Deaths have claimed 3, so net gain, to date, is 10 - putting our current membership at **684** !! We are poised to initiate 12 or so on August 14, with more applications in progress for another class, a little later. As you can see, **700 is clearly possible!** So, members all - got someone who you might speak with and sponsor for membership? Get that application in hand, and help them fill it out!

(Unfortunately, we do have a delinquency rate of 12.61%, just below the state average. If you have not yet paid for this year - additional contact and reminders are coming your way!)

How about our own South District? Our gain of 15 last year contributed to an increase in the 'Super South' of 45! Now, for Illinois, as a whole, our state has not seen an increase in 20 years!! You will see a lot of hard work, by our State Leadership Team, directed toward making this year, the year of **REVERSAL** on that trend.

So, how can we, at #572 help at the state level? Remember, our positive number, as for any Lodge, goes into the Illinois effort. Let's end in excess of 700 at Murphysboro #572, and all the while support Elks, state wide!



- 1 John Allard
- 1 Don Grammer
- 1 Margaret Walker
- 2 Venita Freeman
- 3 Denis Overturf
- 4 James Taylor
- 6 Ryan Edwards
- 7 Linda Harnetiaux
- 7 Shawn Stearns
- 8 Daniel Baker
- 8 Alan Bense
- 8 Kenneth Jarrett
- 9 Wm. Korando
- 10 Joey Bastien
- 10 M. Garlinghouse
- 10 Keith Mile
- 11 Dennis Brock
- 11 Megan Hysom
- 12 Dianne Chamness
- 12 Butch Cheatham
- 13 Naomi Hewitt
- 14 John M. Tweedy
- 14 Tamara Walker
- 15 Terry Bower
- 15 Richard Counce
- 15 Jim Jenkins
- 16 Michael Bergant
- 16 Cody Gould
- 16 Steve Kimbro
- 16 Steve Swafford
- 17 Sheree Swanson
- 18 Richard Layne
- 19 Zane Fisher
- 19 Brent Middendorf
- 19 David Nance
- 20 Paul Dondi
- 20 Robert Fenwick
- 20 Lloyd Hanna
- 20 Kevin Huffman
- 21 Curt Graff
- 21 Daisy Grammer
- 21 Corey Jarrett
- 21 Jerry Miller
- 22 Carl Cauble
- 22 Albert Gale
- 23 Rachel Nehring
- 23 Alan Sabo
- 23 Angela Webb
- 24 Brian Blaise
- 24 Lynn Elwell
- 25 Michael Evans
- 25 Brenda Law
- 25 Charles McCann
- 25 William Paul

- 25 Michael Evans
- 25 Brenda Law
- 25 C. McCann
- 25 Bill Paul
- 27 D. Bencoter
- 27 A. Brenning
- 27 Tim Rogers
- 27 Chad Rose
- 27 Ed Taylor
- 28 Robin Blake
- 28 Steven Hale
- 29 B. Clover
- 29 Barb. Dallas
- 31 Neal Hammer
- 31 Gabe Shepard

LODGE #572 SERVING VETERANS

On the 2nd or 3rd Tuesday of each month, noon-day meals continue to be served by Lodge volunteers, via use of our ENF Beacon Grant. But there is **MORE!** Currently, the Beautiful Roses company is donating potatoes, other vegetables, and fruits to our Elks Lodge - which we then send home with Haven attendees (Maybe say thanks if purchasing Roses from one of their locations.). Also, our Lodge Veterans Chair, Steve Schemonia, is a VAVS Veterans Representative for the Haven, and our area - and as such, is able to routinely provide these Vets with personal items which they cannot afford for themselves. Some \$300 in VAVS funding is available monthly, as needed. Then, our ENF Freedom Grant provides \$1,000 for use with area Vets who are identified as needy or homeless. Don't forget - your Elk membership helps maintain a strong Lodge, which then supports all we are able to do for our Veterans! Elks Care - Elks Share!

FLAG SERVICE BUSY!

The combination of Flag Day weekend and Forth-of-July Week kept our patriotic Elk volunteers busy getting Old Glory out there, waving proudly in the breeze, throughout the Murphysboro community! This effort requires a good, reliable crew, and importantly, shows everyone that **ELKS love the American Flag**, and all it stands for and represents. Praise from residents continues to pour in. Great job, everyone!

QUEEN OF HEARTS REPORT

Have an enjoyable time on Tuesday evenings - join fellow, friendly Elk members in the Lodge Club Room, for the Queen Raffle at **7:00 p.m.** Then, at 7:15, the 50/50 Raffle is drawn, with Dinner for 2 being pulled from Queen tickets, at 7:30. All the while, good menu items are available from our Elks' kitchen! Here is the latest information on Queen results, up to publication time, with her value standing at **\$2,870.00:**

- 7/02 Jane Rhoden, \$25 on Name Draw; No Win on Card Draw
- 7/16 Merle Evans, \$25 on Name Draw; No Win on Card Draw
- 7/23 Mike Sherman \$25 on Name Draw; No Win on Card Draw



Murphysboro High School Seniors, **Kylie Martin** and **Liam Fox**, hold plaques for **Elks Teen of the Year Awards**, along with checks resulting from the honors earned. Presenting these items, at our Lodge on July 13, is Past District Deputy, Craig Smith. For the local Lodge win, Kylie & Liam each received \$100; for the South District win, \$500 each; and for 3rd Place in the State, \$500 each. Total win for each recipient = \$1,100. Congratulations to these deserving young individuals



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MY ELKS

Elk Members & Spouses: Have Lodge information on upcoming events; Monthly Calendar entries; #572 Newsletter; Illinois Elks Assoc. Website; Grand Lodge Website access; and more - **at your fingertips, literally!** Add this *mobile App* to your **Phone**, to go along with our Website (Elks572.org); face book posts; and paper copies of monthly Newsletter. (And, you can also access information from the Anna-Jonesboro and Marion Lodges, which utilize the **My Elks App**.) Go to your App Store and get it done...join 56 of our members who are already active, as of this Newsletter publication!



A Putting Green was placed in Lodge Club Room for our participation in this year's Murphy Caddy Shack Crawl. We are pleased to work with other organizations and businesses in the community. Proceeds from this year's event went to the NubAbility Athletics Foundation. Thanks to our Elk volunteers who helped out!

ELKS CLUB ROOM HOURS

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

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

KITCHEN HOURS
MONDAY SERVING 5:00 P.M. — 8:00 P.M.
TUESDAY—FRIDAY 5:00 P.M. — 9:00 P.M.

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

SUNDAY
12:00—CLOSE

August 2024

COMING EVENTS

September 7(Sat)Flag Team at Veterans on Parade, Marion
September 14(Sat) ...Flag Team in Apple Festival Parade
September 18 - 22IEA State Meeting, Springfield
November 3....District Meeting in Carbondale #1243

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i><u>EVERY WEDNESDAY</u></i> WINGS APPETIZERS SANDWICHES SALAD BAR				<i>1 PORK STEAK DINNER \$13.00</i>	<i>2 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH \$13.00 FROG LEGS \$16.00 FISH & FROG LEGS COMBO \$16.00</i>	3
4	<i>5 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM</i> <i>BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS</i>	<i>6 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM</i> <i>TACO TUESDAY</i>	<i>7 HOUSE MTG. 6:45 PM LODGE MTG. 7:30 PM</i> <i>SALMON PATTIES \$12.00</i>	<i>8 AYCE FRIED CHICKEN \$13.00</i> <i>Orientation in Hall, 7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>9 POT ROAST \$13.00</i>	10
<i>11 DIST. MTG. /DD CLINIC AT CAIRO #651</i>	<i>12 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM</i> <i>BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS</i>	<i>13 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM</i> <i>CHICKEN BACON RANCH SAND./WRAP \$9.50</i>	<i>14 GRILLED PORK CHOPS \$13.00</i> <i>Initiation in Hall, 7:30 p.m.</i>	<i>15 BEEF STROGANOFF \$12.00</i>	<i>16 RIBEYES \$22.00 FILETS \$25.00 SIRLOIN TIPS \$16.00 GRILLED SHRIMP \$16.00</i>	17
18	<i>19 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM</i> <i>BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS</i>	<i>20 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM</i> <i>HORSESHOE \$9.00</i>	<i>21 BOARD MTG. 6:45 LODGE MTG. 7:30 PM</i> <i>BLACKENED TILAPIA \$12.00</i>	<i>22 AYCE FRIED CHICKEN \$13.00</i>	<i>23 PORK TENDERLOIN MEDALLIONS \$14.00</i>	24
25	<i>26 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM</i> <i>BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS</i>	<i>27 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM</i> <i>ALL YOU CAN EAT SOUP/SALAD \$12.00</i>	<i>28 CHICKEN PARMESAN \$12.00</i>	<i>29 HAM STEAKS \$12.00</i>	<i>30 PRIME RIB \$22.00</i>	31