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## E. R. MESSAGE

Members All,

First of all, let me speak about the Illinois Elks Association, Fall State Meeting, which concluded on September 22. Our Murphysboro Lodge was honored to be the sponsor of yet another C.C.C. Scholarship recipient in the field of Physical / Occupational Therapy. **Miranda Skorch**, of Sheller, IL., was announced as this year's winner of the Kenny Beltz Scholarship Award, in honor of Mr. Beltz, who, as a Herrin Elk Member, exerted endless efforts on behalf of the C.C.C. and children in need! Miranda is currently an outstanding student at Maryville University. We were pleased to see her awarded an extra \$2,000, as were other special scholarship winners. It was smiles all around, at the Saturday Night Banquet.

I would like to thank our members who have sponsored candidates, not only for several years now, but so far this year, as well. Another large candidate class is scheduled for initiation on Wednesday, October 9. While membership loss has been a problem in Illinois for the last 20 years, that is not the case, here at #572! Our Lodge has done a great job at both promoting new membership, and retaining members. Keep up the good work, sponsors - let's hit and surpass the **700 mark** this year!!

Accolades are due to our Flag Team and their continued efforts with carrying the Flag in area parades. This fall, they represented lodge #572 proudly at the Marion, Veterans on Parade event, and at the Apple Festival Parade. The Chester Fall Festival Parade is upcoming. Additionally, some of our members helped Marion's Flag Team at the recent Honor Flight Welcome Home. It makes me proud to see people honor the Flag as it is presented or passes by.

Now, closer to home, we would like to applaud our Antlers group, who have helped with the Flag Team; the Antlers Monday Night Burger Team; Lodge events and fundraisers; and volunteering with Sandra's Comfort, a local organization based in Rockwood, which helps cancer patients in our area. Additionally, the Antlers do their own fundraising for projects they donate to, throughout the year. They will soon be doing another fundraiser to secure monies for the purchase of K9 first aid / rescue kits. The Veteran Committee chairperson at the IEA Fall Meeting expressed a need for warm clothing for Illinois Vets, so look for an Antler-sponsored Laundry Basket (near the game room door in club room) in which you can place donations of sweatshirts and sweatpants. Our #572 Antler group is growing in membership, as is our Lodge, but are always looking for more new members, ages 12 - 20. So, if you have any kids or grand kids who would perhaps like to join, there are Antler applications in the Club Room. And, we would like to congratulate Logan Heller, the latest Antler, who upon turning 21, has chosen to enter Elkdome!

I would like to recognize the efforts of all Lodge Officers, members of the Board of Directors, and Elk members of #572 who have participated in the process of securing bids; completing paperwork; and working with Grand Lodge to make it possible to resurface our 27-year-old parking lot. This has been a long-time project!

The "Endorsed" candidate for Grand Exalted Ruler, 2025-2026, is Bryan Klatt, from DeKalb Lodge #765, here in Illinois. Bryan is scheduled to be installed at the next Grand Lodge, in Kansas City, in July 2025. Contact myself or Secretary, Merle, if you would like a ticket for the fundraiser being held on Saturday, November 2, at the Benton Lodge, to help raise funds for Bryan's year as Grand Exalted Ruler.

Finally, I really appreciate all of our members who worked on Selena McBride's recent fundraiser, in any way! This effort really demonstrated Brotherly Love and Charity for our fellow Elk. Also, reinforcing our Grand Exalted Ruler, Douglas A. Schiefer's theme, "Elkdom's Heart for America."

Sincerely and Fraternaly,  
Todd Doody, Exalted Ruler





10/1

- Brenda Jones
- 10/1 Anthony Mileur
- 10/1 Jim Nesler
- 10/3 Kevin Reeves
- 10/3 Jason Jarrett
- 10/3 Steve McBride
- 10/4 Clifford Mills
- 10/5 Terry Endres
- 10/5 Zach Fager
- 10/6 Dennis Heape
- 10/6 Laurie Holmes
- 10/6 John Tweedy
- 10/7 Keith Voss
- 10/8 William Drone
- 10/9 Jody Craine
- 10/9 Roger Stuva
- 10/10 Patty Stokes.
- 10/11 Larry Griffin
- 10/13 John Hays
- 10/14 Greg Holthaus
- 10/14 Dana Modglin
- 10/15 Earl Balsano
- 10/15 Kim McGriff
- 10/16 Mike Guetersloh
- 10/16 Mike Hunsperger
- 10/17 Kyle Tuttle
- 10/18 Keith Klaine
- 10/18 Steve Lather
- 10/18 Daryl Murphy
- 10/18 William Wyatt
- 10/19 Gerald Hysom
- 10/19 Stephanie Speiser
- 10/22 Steve Falat
- 10/22 Steve Schemonia
- 10/23 Marilyn Zak
- 10/25 Daniel Blacklock
- 10/26 Carol Raines
- 10/27 Richard Mann
- 10/27 Larry Thetford
- 10/27 Tim Weathers
- 10/29 Kelly Stevens
- 10/30 Earl Dailey
- 10/30 Kevin Shields
- 10/30 Wayne Steele
- 10/31 Keith Roberts
- 10/31 Dale R. Schimpf



Thanks to our strong membership support, Lodge #572 just awarded a \$500 donation to the Murphysboro Senior Center, using funds from the IEA State President's Grant Program. Presenting Lodge check to Center Director, Sandra Bullar (L) is Leading Knight, Sue Givens. *Elks support our Community!*

**ILLINOIS ELK IS ENDORSED**  
**CANDIDATE FOR**  
**GRAND EXALTED RULER**

Following the Grand Lodge convention in Austin, this past July, current Grand Lodge Secretary, Bryan Klatt was announced as the "Endorsed Candidate" for Grand Exalted Ruler, 2025 - 2026. Bryan is a member of Dekalb IL Lodge #765. and has been Grand Secretary for a number of years. Mr. Klatt is to be installed at Grand Lodge, in Kansas City, this next July session, and will preside at Grand Lodge in Chicago, in July, 2026. Illinois Elks will need to raise funds to support our state's candidate for the position of National President. On Friday evening, November 2, 2024, a Bryan Klatt 'Meet & Greet' Fundraiser will be held at Benton Lodge #1234. Doors open at 5:00 p.m., with Dinner at 6:30. Raffles & Music will be a part of the evening. Here is a chance to meet our next National Leader. Limited tickets (\$30 ea.) are available here at Lodge #572. See E. R., Todd Doody, or Secretary, Merle Evans, for Tickets.



MY ELKS

Have YOU placed the 'My Elks' Mobile App on your phone, yet?

If not - Take a few minutes to do so! Give #572 as your Lodge.



Responding to a recent appeal from the John A. Logan Museum, which is "currently experiencing growing pains and badly needs to build an addition to display artifacts and have space for all of the presentations and events that we have offered over the years," Lodge #572, using IEA Grant funds, has just donated \$500 to the museum. Accepting our donation check are (L - R) Board President, Betsy Brown, and Curator/Director, Laura Varner. *Elks support our Community!*

**LODGE #572 MEMBERSHIP REPORT OCTOBER 1, 2024**

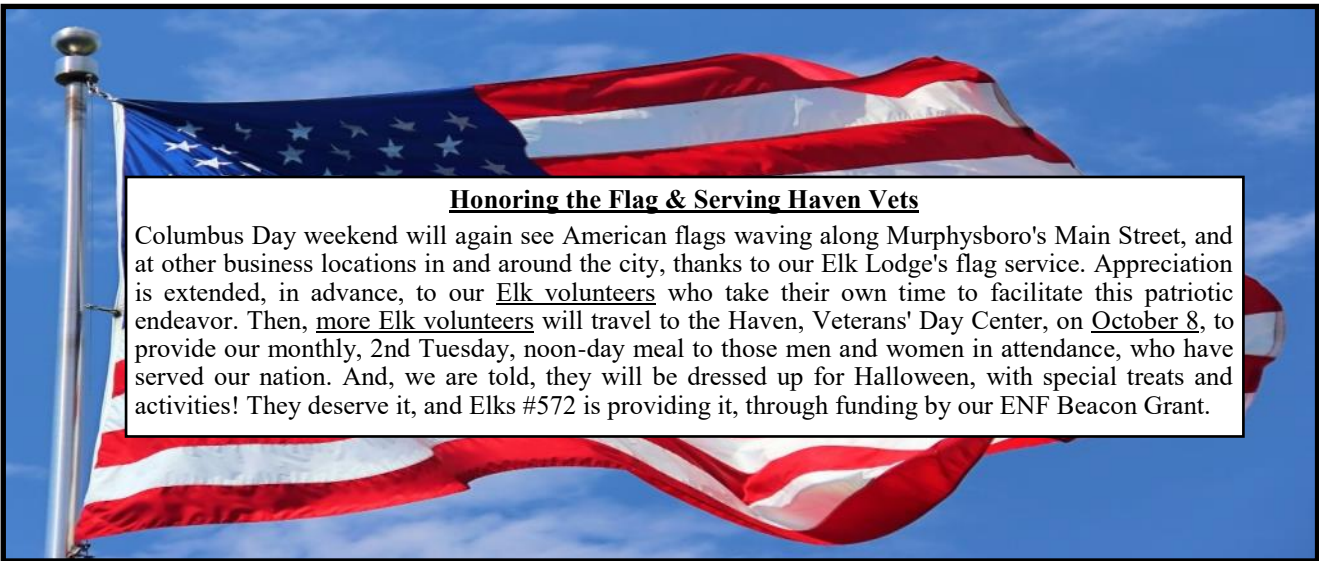
As mentioned in this Newsletter's E. R. Message, we are looking at adding in the range of 12 - 15 new members at the upcoming initiation on Wednesday, October 9! To date, our Lodge has initiated 15, affiliated 1, and reinstated 4, for a total of **20 added**.

Our current membership stands at **691**. So, we should surpass 700 on October 9th! And, over 5 months remain in this Lodge year, which will end on March 31, 2025. Therefore, we have time for you, our members, to recruit and sponsor more new candidates for membership.

We do have, at this point, too many delinquent (Unpaid since April 1) members. The number is **62**, or 9.2 %. A reminder was mailed to all delinquents on August 1. More contacts are planned, via regular mail; email; text; or possibly phone call. Member deaths are also an unfortunate, yearly reduction in membership numbers - but this varies greatly (stands a 3, to date for this year).

Therefore, while delinquency, membership deaths, and transfers out are a yearly, variable factor - **NEW MEMBERS MUST ALWAYS BE INITIATED FOR A LODGE TO MAINTAIN OR GROW ITS MEMBERSHIP!** So, Members All - always be ready to invite and sponsor New Candidates!! Help #572 Grow! Help our Elks South District Grow! Help Illinois Elks Grow!

Merle Evans, Secretary



**Honoring the Flag & Serving Haven Vets**

Columbus Day weekend will again see American flags waving along Murphysboro's Main Street, and at other business locations in and around the city, thanks to our Elk Lodge's flag service. Appreciation is extended, in advance, to our Elk volunteers who take their own time to facilitate this patriotic endeavor. Then, more Elk volunteers will travel to the Haven, Veterans' Day Center, on October 8, to provide our monthly, 2nd Tuesday, noon-day meal to those men and women in attendance, who have served our nation. And, we are told, they will be dressed up for Halloween, with special treats and activities! They deserve it, and Elks #572 is providing it, through funding by our ENF Beacon Grant.

**MEMBERSHIP NOTICE**

Due to higher product pricing from our distributors, there will be an increase of \$0.25 on all Beer and Alcoholic Beverage, beginning October 1, 2024

**PAINT POUR CLASS DATE ANNOUNCED**

**Tuesday, Nov. 5, at 6:00 pm, in Lodge Hall. Visit Cathy Johnson Roe, or Crafted (Murphysboro) for more information. This table class is back by popular demand. (Deadline to sign up is October 25th.)**

**Grand Lodge Board of Trustees Approve Parking Lot Project**

On Sunday, September 22, 2024, Lodge #572 Secretary was notified by PGER / State Sponsor, Lou Sulsberger, and Steven A Davis, Board of Grand Trustees, that our Parking Lot Renovation Proposal has been approved. Work will commence almost immediately, and take 2-3 days. For those members desiring to help out with purchase of a \$2,500 Member Bond (16 to be sold), as per details published to membership earlier, the first, in-person, first—come, first - serve option, at Lodge Secretary's Office, will occur on Tuesday, Oct. 15, from 6 - 8 p.m. (Check or Cash must be submitted at time of purchase.) Should any Bonds remain unsold after this date, a second option will be held on Thursday, Oct. 17, again from 6 - 8 p.m.

**QUEEN REMAINS HIDDEN!**

Elks have been gathering and enjoying the Queen of Hearts search, on Tuesdays, at 7:00 pm, along with the 7:15 50/50 Drawing and 7:30 Free meal Draw. And, excellent food options are always at hand. As of this Newsletter publication, the Queen's value has risen to \$4,695.00! Here are results, since those reported in last Newsletter:

- ★ 9/03 Shirley Summers \$50 on Name Draw; No Win on Card Draw
- ★ 9/10 Kellie Ellis \$50 on Name Draw; \$60 on Card Draw!
- ★ 9/17 Debbie Sauer \$50 on Name Draw; No Win on Card Draw
- ★ 9/24 Craig Mueller \$50 on Name Draw; No Win on Card Draw

**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 5:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.  
 TUESDAY—FRIDAY 5:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M.

# October 2024

**COMING EVENTS**

Nov. 2.....Benton Elks — Bryan Klatt Meet & Greet  
 Nov. 3.....District Meeting at Carbondale #1243  
 Nov. 22.....CCC Clinic, Marshall Browning, Du Quoin 2-4 pm  
 Dec. 1.....Local Hoops Shoot Finals, MHS, 2:00 pm  
 Dec. 1.....IL Elks CCC Scholarship Applications open online

| Sun   | Mon  | Tue   | Wed   | Thu   | Fri   | Sat |
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| <p><b><u>EVERY WEDNESDAY:</u></b><br/> <b>WINGS</b><br/> <b>APPETIZERS</b><br/> <b>SANDWICHES</b><br/> <b>SALAD BAR</b></p> |  | <p>1 <b>QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM</b></p> <p><b>TACO TUESDAY</b></p>  | <p>2 <b>HOUSE MTG. 6:45 PM</b><br/> <b>LODGE MTG. 7:30 PM</b></p> <p><b>BEEF STROGANOFF \$12.00</b></p> | <p>3 <b>ORIENTATION 7:00 P.M.</b></p> <p><b>SMOTHERED CHICKEN \$12.00</b></p> | <p>4 <b>ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH \$13.00</b><br/> <b>FROG LEGS \$16.00</b><br/> <b>FISH &amp; FROG LEGS COMBO \$16.00</b></p>   | 5   |
| 6   | <p>7 <b>WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM</b></p> <p><b>BURGERS &amp; FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS</b></p>   | <p>8 <b>QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM</b></p> <p><b>START DANCE IN BACK HALL</b><br/> <b>MEATBALL SUBS \$9.00</b></p> | <p>9 <b>INITIATION 7:30 PM</b></p> <p><b>BLACKENED TALAPIA \$12.00</b></p>                              | <p>10 <b>ALL YOU CAN EAT CHICKEN \$13.00</b></p>                              | <p>11 <b>BOURBON BROWN SUGAR PORK CHOPS \$15.00</b></p>   | 12  |
| 13  | <p>14 <b>WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM</b></p> <p><b>FLAGS OUT FOR COLUMBUS DAY</b><br/> <b>BURGERS &amp; FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS</b></p> | <p>15 <b>QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM</b></p> <p><b>ITALIAN BEEF \$9.00</b></p>                                      | <p>16 <b>BOARD MTG 6:45 PM</b><br/> <b>LODGE MTG. 7:30 PM</b></p> <p><b>SHRIMP ALFREDO \$12.00</b></p>  | <p>17 <b>CHICKEN POT PIE \$9.00</b></p>                                       | <p>18 <b>RIB EYE \$22.00</b><br/> <b>FILET \$25.00</b><br/> <b>SIRLOIN TIPS \$16</b><br/> <b>GRILLED SHRIMP \$16.00</b></p> | 19  |
| <p>20 <b>FLAG TEAM IN CHESTER FALL FESTIVAL PARADE 2:00 P.M.</b></p>  | <p>21 <b>WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM</b></p> <p><b>BURGERS &amp; FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS</b></p>  | <p>22 <b>QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM</b></p> <p><b>CHICKEN BACON RANCH \$9.50</b></p>                               | <p>23 <b>SALISBURY STEAK \$13.00</b></p>  | <p>24 <b>ALL YOU CAN EAT CHICKEN \$13.00</b></p>                              | <p>25 <b>POT ROAST \$12.00</b></p>  | 26  |
| 27  | <p>28 <b>WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM</b></p> <p><b>BURGERS &amp; FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS</b></p>  | <p>29 <b>QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM</b></p> <p><b>CHILI CHEESE DOGS \$9.00</b></p>                                 | <p>30 <b>SOUP &amp; SALAD \$12.00</b></p>   | <p>31 <b>MEATLOAF \$12.00</b></p>   |   |     |