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Happy New Year Lodge #572!!

Was that a busy December or what?! It was such a pleasure to see so many of our Brothers and Sisters in Elksdom in fellowship with each other and sharing our Brotherly Love with others this Christmas season.

I would like to thank any Elk members and Antlers that came out to help in any way at our Hoop Shoot. We had a good number of participants from Murphysboro as well as other area lodge communities. Our winners will be representing us at Anna High School on Saturday, January 4th at 10:30 am. Wish them Good Luck!

The Antlers would like to thank everyone who has contributed warm clothing to their Veterans project over the last few weeks. They will be making their delivery during the New Year's week to the VA in Marion.

What a great turnout of cookies for our annual Cookie Exchange! Several were taken to The Haven the next morning for our Veterans to enjoy. Thank you!

We had a great Elks Kids' Christmas Party with at least 15 kiddos having fun playing games, winning prizes, making crafts, and more. Santa showed up to double check his Naughty/Nice List. Thank you Antlers for making it so much fun for the kids!

Many thanks once again to all the Elk and Antler members that helped with the START Christmas Party! Special thanks to Diane Chamness for putting together this event for these special individuals and their caregivers at Christmastime. It was a packed house! Santa made another appearance to hear all the wishes that filled the dreams of these 'youngsters'!

Consider attending any of the following upcoming Elks meetings/events: M'boro Lodge #572 Lodge meetings on 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 7:30 pm; South District Meeting on Sunday, Jan. 12 at DuQuoin Lodge; Beer & Chicken Dance in Lodge Hall, on Saturday, Jan. 18; ENF Shooting Match #1 on Sunday, Jan. 19 at Carbon Lake Club; IEA Mid-Winter Meeting January 24-26 in Springfield; Antlers Fish Fry on Sunday, Feb. 2 at M'boro 572 Banquet Room; and ENF Shooting Match #2 on Sunday, Feb. 16 at Carbon Lake Club.

Wishing you all a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year!!

Sincerely and Fraternaly Yours,
Todd Doody, Exalted Ruler

Spreading Holiday Generosity

Harold Sheffer (below) and Bob Hall delivered Christmas gifts purchased with the \$1000 IEA State Veterans Grant to area veterans.



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.


STANLEY A. SCHNEIDER
December 26, 1942 — December 03, 2024



Lodge 572, along with some of the officers, donated over \$500 for items left on the DCFS "Community Christmas Trees" in the area.

In addition, a \$2000 ENF Spotlight Grant for Veterans & Youth in Need was used to provide clothes, socks, blankets, food, and hygiene products to needy individuals identified by the Warming Center, Good Samaritan House, area VFW locations, and other support agencies.

- 4 Dobyons, Mildred
- 4 Grammer, Chuck
- 4 Wagner, Roland
- 5 Doerner, Bradley K
- 5 Todd, William E
- 6 Nippe, Monica Ann
- 7 Tindall, Debra Denise
- 8 Beckmann, Randall G
- 8 Knope, Robert
- 10 Eisenhower, Merinda
- 10 Karg, Michael
- 10 Stewart, Craig E
- 11 Johnson, John H
- 11 Reiman, Benjamin
- 12 Kunce, Stephen T
- 12 Rosemet Christopher M
- 13 Boucher, Tanya R
- 13 Pullist Dan
- 13 Sheffer, Harold
- 13 Swetland, Bob
- 14 Schimpft Dale R
- 14 Wilson, Shirley
- 15 Huppert, Jack W
- 15 Knust, Tonya
- 15 Novara, Constance
- 15 Pfeaster, Derek S
- 15 Roberts, Julie
- 15 Istat, Daniel T
- 16 Bogenpohl, Russell
- 16 Strothmann, Mary
- 18 Cashman Truman D
- 18 Griswold, Troy
- 19 Erbes, Andrew F
- 20 Ihle, Carolyn
- 19 Terry, William A
- 19 Tweedy, Joe
- 20 Davenport, Brian
- 20 Martin, Bruce M
- 22 Ciganovich, David
- 22 Wepstec, Michael
- 23 Lee, Faye E
- 24 Brown, Andrew J
- 24 Butler, Marcia R
- 25 McDowell, David L
- 25 Varner, Richard
- 26 Korando, Brian J
- 27 Polete, Rick P
- 27 Sunny, Praveen
- 27 Wright, Hugh T
- 28 Schemonia, Ronald E
- 29 Perschbacher, David
- 30 Pierson, Mark
- 31 Ehlers, Janice




QUEEN OF HEARTS ALIVE & WELL INTO THE NEW YEAR

Having not been found on 12/31/2024, the Queen enters 2025, still hidden & elusive, at a value of \$7,384. Good food options, friendly, fellow Elk members — come join in at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays! Here are results since last Newsletter:

12/03	Billy Korando	\$100 on Name Draw; \$125 on Card Draw
12/10	Bruce Francis	\$100 on Name Draw; No Win on Card Draw
12/17	Tammy Ryan	\$100 on Name Draw; No win on Card Draw
12/24	(Christmas Eve — No Drawing)	
12/31	Steve Shields	\$100 on Name Draw; No win on Card Draw

This year's Hoop Shoot winners were: (front row) Landon Haltman (10/11 First Place), Makenzie Niemeyer (12/13 Second Place), Addison Ratz (8/9 First Place), Addison Ruebusch (10/11 First Place), Greyson Roberg (8/9 Second Place), (middle row) Will Petrowske (8/9 First Place), Carson Bowles (12/13 Second Place), Cash Hargis (10/11 Second Place), Briseida Keeton (8/9 Second Place), (back row) Jake Dunn (12/13 First Place), Harlow Ebers (12/13 First Place), (not pictured) Makenzie Turini (10/11 Second Place).





29th Annual Dart Tournament to benefit Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation
Saturday February 22nd, 2025

Watch for full details as they become available!
 Members: we will need auction donations, bidders, and volunteers.
 Question: contact Lynn Porter (618)534-5722 or BJ Wyatt (618)684-3911

MURPHYSBORO ELKS ENF BENEFIT SHOOTING MATCHES

Sunday, January 19 Carbon Lake Club
Sunday, February 16 Carbon Lake Club

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

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

Each event includes various raffles, 50/50 drawings, and 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!



After being voted to candidacy status and completing their orientation session, we are very pleased to have received into membership on December 11, 2024 the following new members (left to right): Randy Mileur, Carol Ann Stewart, Todd Doody (Exalted Ruler), Steven Ebersohl, John Johnson II, Celia Forsythe, Bradley Padgett, Dianna Heller, Heath Koberstein, and Justin Halteman.

The use of our Lodge Hall and kitchen were recently donated for the annual "Cookies with Mrs. Claus," an annual event held by Murphysboro Main Street.



Jolly old Saint Nick made an appearance at our Lodge recently for the kids Christmas party (left) and the START Christmas party (below)



Beer & Chicken Dance
 Saturday January 18th
 Chicken by BJ Korando & Crew
 Music by Makanda Mafia
 Watch for more details on Lodge Facebook, website, and flyers in Lodge

South District Elk members placed wreaths at the graves of Veterans at the Mounds National Cemetery. Sales of wreaths in our Club Room contributed \$186 to this effort.



LUCK OF THE LODGE
RAFFLE UPDATE
 Many Elk members are selling tickets for this March 8th event. Sales are reported to be very brisk! (Remember - only 900 will be sold.) For information contact: Sue Givens, at 618-534-8102.

LODGE 572 PROVIDES CHRISTMAS FOR HAVEN VETERANS

The veterans would like to say "Thank You" to each and every Elk member at the Murphysboro Lodge. You have made this a very special Christmas for all of them. The Elks donated a nice Christmas dinner for the veterans and their care givers. They also had a third grade class from Marion Washington School visit with the veterans and make them feel special. The Elks fed about sixty people total. It was a great day for the veterans, but also a great day for the Elks. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped and to all the Elks who bought gifts.



Elks Care, Elks Share, Steve Schemonia

Antlers Fish Fry Fundraiser



Sunday, February 2nd 11:00—2:00
 Lodge 572 Club Room (dine in or pickup)
 Fish dinner plate with baked beans, coleslaw, and hushpuppies
 Tickets available from the Antlers, Todd Doody or Rene' Doody

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

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

January 2025

COMING EVENTS
 Feb 16...ENF Shooting Match @ Carbon Lake, Murphysboro
 Feb 22...CCC Dart Tournament
 March 8...Luck of the Lodge Drawing
 April 6...South District Meeting @ Herrin Lodge #1146

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>EVERY WEDNESDAY</u> WINGS APPETIZERS SANDWICHES SALAD BAR			1 NEW YEARS DAY CLUB OPEN KITCHEN CLOSED NO MEETINGS	2 HOUSE MTG. 6:45 PM LODGE MTG. 7:30 PM HAM STEAKS \$12.00	3 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH \$13.00 FROG LEGS \$16.00 FISH & FROG LEGS COMBO \$16.00	4 District Hoopshoot, Anna
5	6 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS	7 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM TACO TUESDAY	8 LODGE MTG. FOR INITIATION 7:30 pm LASAGNA \$12.00	9 ALL YOU CAN EAT CHICKEN \$13.00	10 HALF-RACK RIB DINNER \$15.00	11
12 South District Meeting @ DuQuoin Lodge #884	13 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS	14 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM ITALIAN BEEF \$9.50	15 BOARD MTG. 6:45 LODGE MTG. 7:30 PM POLISH SAUSAGE & KRAUT \$11.00	16 MEATLOAF \$12.00	17 RIBEYE \$22.00 FILET \$25.00 SIRLOIN TIPS \$16.00 GRILLED SHRIMP	18 Beer & Chicken Dance with music by Makanda Mafia
19 ENF Shooting Match @ Carbon Lake Club, Murphysboro	20 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS	21 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM HORSESHOE \$9.00	22 BEEF STROGANOFF \$13.00	23 ALL YOU CAN EAT CHICKEN \$13.00	24 PORK STEAK DINNER \$14.00	25
IEA STATE MEETING IN SPRINGFIELD, IL						
26	27 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS	28 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM CHICKEN SALAD WRAP OR SANDWICH \$9.00	29 COUNTRY FRIED STEAK \$12.00	30 SALMON \$12.00	31 CHICKEN & DUMPLINGS \$13.00	