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MARCH 2025, E. R. MESSAGE

Greetings, Fellow Elks,

Thank you, to all those who came out for another great ENF Shooting Match, fundraiser held at Carbon Lake Club this past month. Our final one will be held on March 16. Come out and join in the fun (Raffles & Drawings) and Elk fellowship. (No, you don't have to actually shoot to enjoy the afternoon!)

By the time this newsletter gets to you, our 29th Annual C.C.C. Dart Tournament & Auction will have taken place. B. J. Wyatt and Lynn Porter once again have put much time and effort into organizing and spearheading this event, which has allowed Murphysboro #572 to be one of the top Lodge contributors to our State Major Project, for so many years, now! And, how about our fine Elks who contacted & visited businesses for silent or live auction items, or for Board Sponsorships? Of course - accolades also go to organizations, businesses, and individuals who purchased sponsorships, or donated some very nice auction items! For the April Newsletter, we will have a better idea of much this fundraising event allowed us to forward to the Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation.

Tickets are nearly SOLD OUT for our upcoming Luck-of-the Lodge fundraiser on March 8th. Many of you, who have acquired your tickets, are eagerly anticipating a fun time, just around the corner. In addition to the Jackpot draws, there will be good food, raffles, and silent auction items. Then, the Route 3 Rambles will be on hand to close out the night!

Please support our Antlers on Sunday, March 23, in the Banquet Hall. They are holding a Fish Fry Fundraiser from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., featuring a fish dinner with baked beans, coleslaw, and hush puppies. Antlers are pre-selling tickets, and they are also available in the Club Room, or at the door. (See Separate Article.)

I am proud to say that our Lodge membership has surpassed 700 members at this point. With over **10 candidates** awaiting Initiation on March 12, we are pretty much assured of a membership gain on March 31. This 2024-2025 year began at 674 members, so any final number over that will be a gain. How much gain will still depend upon the final number of delinquents who must be dropped on or around March 28th. Whatever the gain number is - **THANK YOU to all members who have brought someone new** into the Lodge, this year!

Fraternally yours,
Todd Doody, Exalted Ruler



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.

LANDESS L. MILLS

May 13, 1927 - February 16, 2025

DAVID McDOWELL

January 25, 1947 - February 19, 2025

CORRECTION

The February, 2025, Elks #572 Newsletter incorrectly listed the Memorial entry for NORMAN BECKMAN as 'Norman Bedsman.' Norman was born on November 15, 1939 and passed away on January 20, 2025. We extend our apologies for this typographical error!



- 3/1 John Caldwell
- 3/1 Thomas Shields
- 3/1 Samantha Williams
- 3/1 Curt Pierson
- 3/2 Gary Raines
- 3/3 Jeff Daniel
- 3/3 Jakob Guetersloh
- 3/4 Michael Roberts
- 3/4 Emmett Whitacre
- 3/5 Richard Green
- 3/5 William Reardon
- 3/6 Donald Cochran
- 3/6 Herbert Dougan
- 3/6 Linda Patrick
- 3/6 Lawrence Reardon
- 3/6 Samantha Smith
- 3/8 Richard Ehlers
- 3/8 Joe Roth
- 3/11 Joan Cox
- 3/12 Andrew Belobraydic
- 3/12 Everett Blackwell
- 3/12 Audrey Eden
- 3/12 Brittney Hesper
- 3/12 Todd Lirely
- 3/12 David Trimble
- 3/13 Melissa Ferguson
- 3/13 Charles Johnson
- 3/14 Edward Miller
- 3/15 Bob Abbott
- 3/15 Scott Wheeler
- 3/16 Ted Baker
- 3/17 Diana Dietz
- 3/17 Danny Lawson
- 3/18 Robert Carlisle
- 3/18 Clay Cochran
- 3/18 Caitlin Doody
- 3/18 Charles Fisher
- 3/19 Alan Gordon
- 3/19 Gary Tennison
- 3/20 Fred Carter
- 3/20 Lori Graff
- 3/20 Craig Keller
- 3/20 Barbara Mileur
- 3/20 William Moeglin
- 3/20 Ted Rose
- 3/20 Michael Ryan
- 3/21 Benjamin Howard
- 3/21 Dennis Johnson
- 3/21 Brian Mifflin
- 3/22 Dale Alstat
- 3/22 Julie Cason
- 3/22 Dale Mifflin
- 3/22 Donald Rendleman
- 3/22 Tim Schenk
- 3/23 Kevin Bost
- 3/24 Robert Diehl
- 3/24 Terry Gerlach
- 3/24 Faithann Howard
- 3/24 Joy McAllister
- 3/24 Rick Raney
- 3/25 Eric Clendenin
- 3/26 Joseph Rains
- 3/28 Ray Burroughs
- 3/28 Seth Mileur
- 3/30 Russell Brown

- 3/26 Joe Rains
- 3/8 Ray Burroughs
- 3/28 Seth Mileur
- 3/30 Russell Brown



At this year's 29th C.C.C. Dart Tourney & Auction, event founder, Keith Roberts, returned to help out as auctioneer! As B. J. Wyatt holds a donated item for bid, fellow organizer, Lynn Porter records a sale and converses with auction volunteer, Mike Ewbank. Some of the Dart Boards & Sponsor Boards are seen in background.

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Mobile App on your phone, yet?
If not - Take a few minutes to do so! Give #572 as your Lodge.

NEW DUES BILLING PROCESS
NOW IN PROGRESS

Those of you who have opened your 2025 - 2026 Dues Notice, are aware of its new look. Many members have already mailed in their payment, or brought to the Lodge in person. A small number have chosen the on-line Credit Card option. Like anything new, there may be a few 'kinks' to work out, so do not hesitate to contact Lodge Secretary with questions (Phone number & email are on billing). **All cards will continue to be issued locally, by the Murphysboro Secretary!**

C.C.C. DART TOURNEY COMPETITION
and
GUN RAFFLE WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Winning First Place in this year's Tournament was the team of **Brad Oxidine** and **Seth Schemonia**. The win allowed them to share \$450 in prize money. Congratulations, Brad and Seth! On the Gun Raffle side, winner of the Smith & Wesson 9 mm pistol was **Amy Auton**, of Carbondale. And, for the 9 mm Tarus - the winner was **Faithann Howard**, of Murphysboro. Congratulations, Amy and Faithann, and thanks to all who purchased raffle tickets!

2025-2026 OFFICERS ELECTED OR APPOINTED

As prescribed by Grand Lodge Statutes, nominations were made at the February 5th Lodge meeting, and finalized by unanimous ballot or individual ballot, if needed, at the February 19th Lodge meeting. Here are Lodge #572 elected officers for the upcoming year:

- Exalted Ruler - Todd Doody**
- Leading Knight - Steven Zak**
- Loyal Knight - Jay Wittenborn**
- Lecturing Knight - Dennis Hartman**
- Secretary - Merle Evans**
- Treasurer - Sandy Schenk**
- 5-Yr. Trustee, Gene Schwebel**
- (Note - Continuing Trustees are:**
- 4-Yr. - Darcie Hastings**
- 3-Yr. - Jim Ferguson**
- 2-Yr. - Bob Hall**
- 1-Yr. - Jerry Willett**

The following positions have been appointed:

- Inner Guard - Dan Nolan**
- Esquire - Jeff Eliassen**
- Chaplain - Dianne Chamness**
- Tiler - (Appointment upcoming)**



BOARD #14 QUEEN IS FOUND!

At the drawing held on Tuesday, February 25, Miss Queen of Hearts was located, on the 34th card drawn. Winner of **\$8,657** (Before State & Federal Taxes) was **Mr. James Ferguson**. Congratulations to Jim, and thanks to all who have enjoyed participating (and other card wins) on board #14! Board #15 draws will begin on March 4th, starting at \$454. Here two other wins, since report in January Newsletter:

- 02/04 Jim Ferguson \$100 on Name Draw;
No Win on Card Draw
- 02/11 Todd Doody \$100 on Name Draw;
No Win on Card Draw
- 02/18 (No Draw, due to inclement weather)

Murphysboro Elks #572 Antlers

Fish Fry

FUNDRAISER

Sunday March 23, 2025

\$15

11 am - 2 pm

Murphysboro Elks Lodge
Banquet Room
1809 Shomaker Dr.
Murphysboro

Dine in or Carry Out!
To Go dinners must be picked up by 2 pm

Fish dinner includes baked beans, coleslaw, and hushpuppies!

Pre-sale tickets can be purchased at the club or an Elks Antler. Tickets can also be purchased at the door. Contact Rene Doody for questions.

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MURPHYSBORO ELKS BENEFIT SHOOTING MATCH

**SUNDAY, MARCH 16TH
CARBON LAKE CLUB**

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

**(NO SCOPES OR PUCKER GUNS ALLOWED
.670 MAXIMUM CHOKES)**

EVENTS INCLUDE:

- VARIOUS RAFFLES**
- 50/50 DRAWING**
- 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

ELKS CLUB ROOM HOURS	
MONDAY ~ THURSDAY 2:00 P.M. ~ 11:00 P.M.	SATURDAY 2:00 P.M. ~ 12:00 A.M.
FRIDAY 2:00 P.M. ~ 12:00 A.M.	SUNDAY 2:00—CLOSE
KITCHEN HOURS	
MONDAY SERVING	5:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.
TUESDAY—FRIDAY	5:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M.

March 2025

COMING EVENTS
April 1...New Elk Year Begins
April 6... South District Meeting @ Herrin Lodge #1146
April 20...Elks Easter Bunny Visits to Sr. Facilities
May 11....Mother's Day Brunch in Lodge Hall
May 18...II Elks Annual Meeting in Springfield
June 28-July 2....Grand Lodge , Kansas City, Mo.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>EVERY WEDNESDAY</u> WINGS APPETIZERS SANDWICHES SALAD BAR						1 CCC DART TOURNAMENT
2	3 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS	4 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM TACO TUES.	5 HOUSE MTG. 6:45 LODGE MTG. 7:30 BEEF & NOODLES \$12.00	6 CHICKEN IMPERIAL \$13.00 CANDIDATE ORIENTATION	7 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH \$13.00 FROG LEGS \$16.00 FISH & FROG LEGS COMBO \$16.00	8 LUCK OF THE LODGE DRAWING
9	10 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS	11 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM MEATBALLS SUB \$9.00	12 INITIATION 7:30 PM	13 ALL YOU CAN EAT CHICKEN \$13.00	14 GRILLED PORK CHOPS \$13.00	15
16 ENF SHOOTING MATCH @ CARBON LAKE M'BORO	17 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS	18 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM PORK NACHOS OR LOADED PORK POT. \$10.00	19 BOARD MTG. 6:45 LODGE MTG, 7:30 STEAK FAJITAS \$13.00	20 MEATLOAF \$12.00	21 RIB EYE \$22.00 FILET \$25.00 SIRLOIN TIPS \$16.00 GRILLED SHRIMP \$16.00	22
23 ANTLERS FISH FRY	24 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS	25 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM CHICKEN BACON RANCH SAND. OR WRAP \$9.50	26 SALMON PATTIES \$12.00	27 ALL YOU CAN EAT CHICKEN \$13.00	28 CHICKEN & DUMPLINGS \$13.00	29
30	31 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS					