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E. R. MESSAGE — JANUARY

Happy New Year Members All of Lodge #572!!

What an incredibly full and rich December for our Lodge! It was such a pleasure to see so many of our Brothers and Sisters in Elkdom in fellowship with each other and sharing our Brotherly Love supporting others this Christmas season.

I would like to thank any Elk members and Antlers who 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-Jonesboro High School on Saturday, January 10th at 10:00 am. Wish them Good Luck!

Also, big thanks to any Elk members who shopped for and/or contributed to a Veteran, a foster child in need, or a wreath at the National Cemetery. We had so many opportunities to help others, and I am very proud of the good works Lodge #572 has done this holiday season.

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!

Our Elks Kids' Christmas Party was a hit! The kids had fun playing games, winning prizes, eating snacks, and more. Santa showed up to receive a few last minute requests. Thank you, Antlers, for making it so much fun for the kids! (Thank you also to the MMS Beta Club member who face-painted a few kiddos!)

Many thanks once again to all the Elk 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. The Kitchen Help serving up enormous chicken legs was TOP NOTCH! We had a full house even though the weather was frigid that evening. Santa made another appearance to hear all the wishes that filled the dreams of these 'youngsters'! They were delighted to see him!

Consider attending any of the following upcoming Elks meetings/events: Murphysboro Lodge #572 Lodge meetings on 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 7:30 pm; South District Meeting on Sunday, January 4 at Anna-Jonesboro Lodge; ENF Shooting Match #1 on Sunday, January 18 at Carbon Lake Club; IEA Mid-Winter Conference February 13-15 in Springfield; ENF Shooting Match #2 on Sunday, February 15 at Carbon Lake Club; CCC Dart Tournament on Saturday, February 28 in Lodge #572 Banquet Hall; and Luck of the Lodge on Saturday, March 28 in Lodge #572 Banquet Hall.

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

Sincerely and Fraternally Yours,
Todd Doody, Exalted Ruler

ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE REPORT



As do all Elk Lodges in the nation, the first Sunday in December, 2025 saw Murphysboro #572 holding its annual Memorial Service to remember and honor those members who passed away since the 2024 service. Beginning at 11:30 am, in the Lodge Hall, tribute was given by current and former officers to the following seven departed members: Michael L. Duncan, David L. McDowell, Landess L. Mills, Norman E. Beckman, Larry G. Hornick, Jackie Lindsey, and Stanley A. Schneider.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

04 Dobyms, Mildred
04 Grammer, Chuck
04 Wagner, Roland
05 Doerner, Bradley K
05 Todd, William E
06 Nippe, Monica Ann
07 Tindall, Debra Denise
08 Beckmann, Randall G
08 Knope, Robert
10 Eisenhauer, Merinda
10 Karg, Michael
10 Stewart, Craig E
11 Johnson, John H
11 Reiman, Benjamin
12 Kunce, Stephen T
12 Roseme, Christopher M
13 Boucher, Tanya R
13 Pullis, Dan
13 Sheffer, Harold
13 Swetland, Bob
14 Schimpf, Dale R
14 Wilson, Shirley
15 Huppert, Jack W
15 Knust, Tonya
15 Novara, Constance
15 Pfeaster, Derek S
15 Roberts, Julie
17 Strothmann, Mary
18 Cashman, Truman D
18 Griswold, Troy
19 Erbes, Andrew F
19 Ihle, Carolyn
19 Terry, William A
19 Tweedy, Joe
20 Davenport, Brian
20 Martin, Bruce M
22 Ciganovich, David
22 Wepsiec, Michael
23 Lee, Faye E
24 Brown, Andrew J
24 Butler, Marcia R
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 SURVIVES 2025!

Our Lodge #572, Board #16 Queen avoided detection through December 23, and will be alive and well as January 2026 arrives, providing not located on December 30th. Come start the New Year off, right, and resolve to be present on Tuesdays, at 7:00 p.m. for our drawings. Good food and friendly Elks always in good supply! Here are the December results, to date. (As of this Newsletter publication, Miss Queen's value stands at \$3,996.00.)

12/02	Merle Evans	\$25 on Name Draw;	No Win on Card Draw
12/09	Jane Rhoden	\$25 on Name Draw;	No Win on Card Draw
12/16	Nancy Helsley	\$25 on Name Draw;	\$30 Win on Card Draw
12/23	Ashley Doody	\$25 on Name Draw;	No Win on Card Draw



Hoop Shoot Results

First Place Winners, by Age Group (Row 1, L-R): 8-9 Myles Norman, Murphysboro & Ellanore Forsting, Chester; 10-11 Kazden Norman, Murphysboro & Natalie Guethle, Chester; 12-13 Addison Ruebusch, Red Bud & Jake Dunn, Chester. Second Place Winners (Row 2, L-R): 8-9 Cody Surman, Chester & Eleanor Shields, Red Bud; 10-11 Josie Hickman, Red Bud & Kaden Hecht, Steelville; 12-13 Blake Petrowshe, Chester & Jacey Duffy, Murphysboro. First-Place winners (or 2nd as back-up) will next compete in District at Anna-Jonesboro, on Saturday, January 10th. Good Luck to all our local Murphysboro #572 winners! And, **Thank You** to all Elk Volunteers who helped out with our local shoot!

MURPHYSBORO ELKS ENF BENEFIT SHOOTING MATCHES

Sunday, January 18 Carbon Lake Club
Sunday, February 15 Carbon Lake Club
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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!

The Spirit of the Holidays at Lodge #572



Lodge #572 Members' response to the Christmas tree requests from Haven Veterans filled a van, as Veterans' Chairman, Steve Schemonia, adds one more!



Our Elks and Elk Helpers (IDPH Region 5) combined gift purchase efforts so as to make Christmas a little brighter for Children in Need! Elks Care - Elks Share!!



South District Elks again placed Wreaths at the National Veterans' Cemetery in Mounds. (Our Lodge's monetary donation was by the paper wreath purchases made in Club Room.) Lodge #572 members, Darcie Hastings, and Mike Layne, are on very left side of group.

Luck of the Lodge Raffle tickets are now being sold

The drawing and party for ticket holders will take place on Saturday, March 28th

\$5,000 1st place prize — \$20 per ticket — only 900 tickets will be sold

Prizes awarded to 9 winners & 9 sellers

If you want to help sell tickets, contact Steve Schemonia 618-713-3248.

ELKS CLUB ROOM HOURS

MONDAY — THURSDAY 2:00 PM ~ 11:00 PM
 FRIDAY 2:00 PM ~ 12:00 AM
 SATURDAY 2:00 PM ~ 12:00 AM
 SUNDAY 12:00 — CLOSE
KITCHEN HOURS
 MONDAY 5:00 PM — 8:00 PM
 TUESDAY — FRIDAY 5:00 PM — 9:00 PM

January 2026

COMING EVENTS

February 10...Veterans meal @ the Haven
 February 13-15...Illinois Elks Mid-Winter Conference @ Springfield
 February 15...ENF shooting match @ Carbon Lake Club
 February 28...Annual CCC Dart Tournament
 March 15...ENF shooting match @ Carbon Lake Club
 March 28...Luck of the Lodge Raffle Drawing

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>EVERY WEDNESDAY</u> WINGS APPETIZERS SANDWICHES SALAD BAR				1 KITCHEN CLOSED	2 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH \$13.00 FROG LEGS \$16.00 FISH & FROG LEGS COMBO \$16.00	3
4 ELKS SOUTH DISTRICT MEETING @ ANNA-JONESBORO LODGE	5 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS	6 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM TACO TUESDAY	7 HOUSE MTG. 6:45 PM LODGE MTG. 7:30 PM LASAGNA \$12.00	8 ALL YOU CAN EAT FRIED CHICKEN \$15.50	9 PORK STEAK DINNER \$14.00	10 ELKS SOUTH DISTRICT HOOP SHOOT @ ANNA-JONESBORO HIGH SCHOOL
11	12 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS	13 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM HOMEMADE SLOPPY JOES \$10.00 VETS MEAL @ HAVEN	14 COUNTRY FRIED STEAK \$13.00	15 SALMON PATTIES \$13.00	16 RIBEYE \$23.00 FILET \$25.00 SIRLOIN TIPS \$17.00 GRILLED SHRIMP \$17.00	17
18 ENF SHOOTING MATCH @ CARBON LAKE CLUB	19 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS	20 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM ITALIAN BEEF \$11.00	21 BOARD MTG. 6:45 LODGE MTG. 7:30 PM STEAK FAJITAS \$14.00	22 ALL YOU CAN EAT FRIED CHICKEN \$15.50	23 LONDON BROIL \$18.00	24
25	26 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS	27 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM HORSESHOE \$11.00	28 MEATLOAF \$13.00	29 PORK ROAST \$14.00	30 CHICKEN CORDON BLEU \$14.00	31