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E. R. MESSAGE — MAY

Greetings, Fellow Elks!

We recently held our latest Volunteer Appreciation banquet. I would like to thank all of those who participate in, and have participated in volunteering for our many activities. Our Lodge would not be this successful without YOU! Also during this banquet, B.J. Wyatt was named Elk of the Year. B.J. has been instrumental for many years in the success of our annual dart tournament, which raises thousand of dollars each year for the Children's Care Corporation. If you see B.J., please thank him and congratulate him.

With Memorial Day fast approaching, Steve Schemonia and his crew will be placing dozens of American flags throughout Murphysboro. If you are able, Steve can always use some extra help with this wonderful program.

Our Lodge Officers will be going to the Elks State Convention the second weekend of May. We hope to have a chance of our Lodge being recognized once again for our Members' commitment to our charitable causes, fundraising efforts, and community service .

We continue to make gains in our Lodge membership. We are fast approaching 750 members! Please continue to recruit new members. Murphysboro Lodge #572 is now the 4th largest Lodge in the State of Illinois!

Our annual Mother's Day Brunch will be on May 10th from 9:00am to 12:30pm. We have been having great attendance at these events for our Elk Moms. Let's continue that tradition!

Lastly, the Queen of Hearts was found! Congratulations to Merle Evans for choosing the winner!

Fraternally,
Jay Wittenborn, E.R.

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.



SUE GIVENS

December 22, 1948 – April 25, 2026

MAY BIRTHDAYS

01 Bridges, Joseph
01 Craig, Dylan
01 Pittman, William J
04 Camfield, Tyler B
04 Howard, Kenneth G
05 Barone, Michael S
05 Imhoff, Scott
07 Sherman, Michael E
08 Pulcher, Thomas E
08 Stokes, Rebecca Bess
09 Hartmann, Beth
09 Koberstein, Heath
10 Heins, David
10 Korando, Dale E
10 Roach, Robert J
12 Figueroa, Julio Garcia
12 Rogers, Beth E
13 Bastien, Joseph J
13 Jones, William Ray
13 Polete, Linda K
14 Marks, Michael T
14 Phoenix, Jesy
16 Mason, Loreen
17 Fuller, Joshua R
17 Miner, Russell L
17 Murray, David
17 Penrod, Randy
18 Bastien, Mike
18 Ferguson, James C
19 Bowers, LauraLee
19 Nelson, Christopher
20 Bower, Robert
21 Allard, Robert H
21 Humm, Debbie
22 Ernsting, Therashia
22 Sumner, Eric
23 Canning, Blake B
23 Guetersloh, Marvin
24 Maynor, Christopher
24 Witthoft, Jennifer L
25 Wayman, Norman R
27 Rowald, Greg A
28 Blake, Richard L
28 Doody, Christopher
28 Harris, Keith C
29 Eisert, Charlie
29 Germann, Christopher
30 Cox, Roy Richard

Flag Team

The flag team will be carrying our 30' x 20' American flag in the America 250/Logan 200 Parade on June 6th. On June 13th we will present the flag during the National anthem and demonstrate folding the flag at the start of the annual Lodge Bocce tournament. Volunteers are needed. If you would like to help, contact Steve Zak 618-924-5680.

QUEEN OF BOARD #16 DISCOVERED!!

For the pulling of 35 Cards, Miss Queen of Hearts was, all the while, hiding under Card # 16. Selecting the Queen's whereabouts was member Merle Evans. Amount of win was \$8,257, following a donation of \$588 back to new Board #17, such that starting amount on May 5 would be an even \$1,000. Here are other results from April Drawings:

4/06	LeAnn White	\$50 on Name Draw	\$60 Win on Card Draw
4/13	Teresa Bastien	\$50 on Name Draw	No Win on Card Draw
4/20	Ashley Doody	\$50 on Name Draw	No Win on Card Draw
4/27	Merle Evans	Queen Uncovered!!	\$8,257

Again...New Board #17 begins on Tuesday, May 5, at an even \$1,000. Come join in on the New Search, all the related drawings, and share the fun with fellow Elks!



During the recent volunteer appreciation dinner, Lodge member and CCC chairman B.J. Wyatt was named as Elk of the Year for our Lodge. His work in continuing our annual dart tournament as our major fundraiser for the Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation (CCC) has helped our Lodge earn numerous awards and recognition around the state. He will now be considered for Elk of the Year for the South District, and possibly for Elk of the Year for the state.

MOTHERS DAY BRUNCH

MAY 10, 2026

9:00 am—12:30 pm

in the Lodge Hall

For all Elk Families

and their guests

MOTHERS EAT FREE

Adults \$10.00

Children 3—12 \$5.00

(under 3, free)

Happenings at the Haven

The veterans had a great time hunting Easter eggs. Everyone found a lot of eggs. We had a great meal afterwards. Each veteran took home a fruit, veggie, and nut basket. They also received many personal items they can use. We had several Elk Easter bunnies helping hide the eggs and several Elks helped with the prizes in the eggs. Thanks one and all. Elks Care — Elks Share.

Anyone wanting to help with the Haven please call Steve Schemonia 618-713-3248.

Elks Flag Service

We will start putting out flags again in May for Memorial Day. Weather permitting, we will put out flags May 22nd and pick them up May 26th. Anyone who would like to get involved please call Steve Schemonia 618-713-3248.

GLO-BINGO

Saturday, May 16, 2026

Doors open 6:00pm

Bingo starts 7:00pm

Over \$1000 in cash prizes

\$25 in advance / \$30 at the door
includes 6 bingo cards for 10 games

For tickets go to glo-bingo.com/events
or contact Darcie 618-521-6060

Todd 618-201-4773

Jay 618-559-3464

Proceeds will go to PER association for
Lodge improvements

Luck of the Lodge Report

The numbers are in — this year's Luck of the Lodge raffle brought in a net profit of \$9,688.81. Congratulations to the winners and thank you to everyone who bought or sold tickets and assisted in any way making this year's raffle a great success!

ELK MEMBERS - DID YOU KNOW?

As mentioned elsewhere in this Newsletter, Lodge #572 now stands as the 4th largest Lodge, of 64 in Illinois. Here is how the numbers stack up, currently: Jacksonville: 1,057; Springfield: 965; Beardstown: 759; then Murphysboro at 737! Look at our GROWTH the last 5 years, based on April 1 Membership gain for each year:

2021-2022 = +16

2022-2023 = +15

2023-2024 = +39

2024-2025 = +24

2025-2026 = +41

Thanks, Sponsors & those working to obtain reinstatements. Great Job!

How does our Lodge Serve the Community? Here are some figures for the year just ended:

Volunteer Service Hours = 2,438

Miles Driven by Volunteers = 4,017

Non-Cash Donations (Food / Clothing / Hall Donated, etc.) = \$24,933

Cash Donations (Inc. ENF Grants, etc.) = \$30,982

Thanks, all who helped, and Thanks, to all faithful Members! Elks care — Elks share!!

ELKS CLUB ROOM HOURS	
MONDAY —THURSDAY 2:00 PM ~ 11:00 PM	SATURDAY 2:00 PM ~ 12:00 AM
FRIDAY 2:00 PM ~ 12:00 AM	SUNDAY 12:00 — CLOSE
<u>KITCHEN HOURS</u>	
MONDAY	5:00 PM — 8:00 PM
TUESDAY—FRIDAY	5:00 PM — 9:00 PM

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COMING EVENTS
June 7...Illinois Elks South District Meeting @ Marion Lodge
June 13...Annual Lodge Bocce Tournament
July 5-8...Elks National Convention in Chicago

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>EVERY</u> <u>WEDNESDAY</u> WINGS APPETIZERS SANDWICHES SALAD BAR					1 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH \$13.00 FROG LEGS \$16.00 FISH & FROG LEGS COMBO \$16.00	2
3	4 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS	5 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM TACO TUESDAY	6 HOUSE MTG. 6:45 PM LODGE MTG. 7:30 PM POLISH SAUSAGE & KRAUT \$13.00	7 BEEF STROGANOFF \$14.00	8 PRIME RIB \$22.00	9
10	11 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS	12 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM GOULASH \$11.00	13 COUNTRY FRIED STEAK \$13.00	14 ALL YOU CAN EAT FRIED CHICKEN \$15.50	15 RIBEYE \$23.00 FILET \$25.00 SIRLOIN TIPS \$17.00 GRILLED SHRIMP \$17.00	16 GLO BINGO IN BACK HALL
17	18 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS	19 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM MEATBALL SUB \$10.00	20 BOARD MTG. 6:45 PM LODGE MTG. 7:30 PM STUFFED PEPPERS \$13.00	21 HAM STEAKS \$13.00	22 SALMON \$14.00	23
24	25 MEMORIAL DAY LODGE CLOSED	26 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM CHICKEN BACON RANCH SANDWICH OR WRAP \$12.00	27 BLACKENED TILAPIA \$13.00	28 ALL YOU CAN EAT FRIED CHICKEN \$15.50	29 CHICKEN & DUMPLINGS \$14.00	30
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