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E. R. MESSAGE — JUNE

Greetings, Fellow Elks,

Great things are happening at Murphysboro Elks Lodge #572! The Illinois Elks Association Conference was recently held in Springfield, and it was an awesome time for our Lodge! We won the following awards: State wide Lodge of the Year for 2025-26; Illinois Elks C.C.C. 1st Place for Gross Contributions State wide totaling \$20,152.50; Illinois Elks C.C.C. 1st Place in the South District for Gross Contributions totaling \$20,152.50; Illinois Elks C.C.C. 1st Place in South District for Per Capita Contributions totaling \$27.31 per Member; Todd Doody won E.R. of the Year for the second year in a row; Dianne Chamness won the Veteran Volunteer Award; and the South District won State wide District of the Year! You can view the plaques which are on a table at the entrance to the gaming room. This once again speaks volumes for our Lodge and our Members! I would like to thank Rick and Cathy for their hard work in our hospitality room during this conference.

Our annual Mother's Day Brunch was an overwhelming success! Our 10 volunteers worked extremely hard to feed 276 people, of which 133 Mothers enjoyed a well deserved meal! This has turned into a great event, and is growing every year! Thanks to all of you wonderful Mothers for everything that you do for your families!

Several of our volunteers, led by Steve Schemonia, put out over 200 American Flags throughout town for the Memorial Day weekend. As usual, there have been nothing but positive comments and heartfelt thanks from Veterans and other citizens for the beautiful display. Another great tradition by our Lodge it's volunteers!

At this year's Murphysboro High School Senior Awards Night, the Murphysboro Elks Lodge #572 \$1,000 scholarship was awarded to Aniya Proctor. The two \$500 Antlers scholarships were awarded to Macey Alexander and Brayden Wilson. The monies for the two \$500 Antlers scholarships was raised by our very own Antlers Members! Congratulations to these very deserving scholarship recipients, and we wish them continued success in their upcoming collegiate endeavors.

We have orientation and initiation for another class of new Lodge members in June. Please continue to recruit new Members. Our hard working Members are what make our Lodge so successful!

Lastly, thank you to Misty and her staff for the wonderful meals that are served at our Lodge; to our bar tending staff; and to our Monday night Burger volunteers!

Fraternally yours,

Jay Wittenborn
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 shall know them no more; but their virtues are written upon the tablets of love and memory.

RICHARD A. GRAFF
July 8, 1943 – April 22, 2026

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

01 Porter, Lynn E
01 Stuhrenberg, Melinda
02 Ferguson II, John
03 Gladson, Patrick
03 Holloway, Jeffrey W
03 Marks, Lisa
04 Mezo, Kevin W
05 Grither, Benjamin
05 Mowell, Darrell
05 Stanley, Scott
05 Wright, Patricia
06 Carr, Kenneth C
06 Dosch, Michael
07 Caskey, Kirk S
07 Elwell, Stephen
07 Hill, Fallon
08 Bizzell, John
08 Cauble, Randy L
08 Hagston, Tracy L
08 Williams, Mark
09 Apgar, Gary
09 Spiller, Kassandra
09 Spring, Kevin E
10 Hand, James L
10 Mathis, Shyler
12 Hoppenstedt, Jimmy
12 Rea, Elisa
12 Stratton, Kevin
13 Porter, Janice F
14 Threlkeld, Barry G
15 Etherton, Mike
16 Whiteside, Raymond A
17 Doody, William Todd
17 Granados, Yeyo
17 Pautler, Richard A
17 Whitacre, Justin
18 Craig, James L
19 Schafer, Kenton
20 Jones, Jaide H
20 Popejoy, Randall G
20 Wongamon, Henry J
21 Baird, Peter
21 Hudgins, John O
21 Wittenborn, Jay
22 Edgar, Timothy D
22 Hall, Tim
22 Siefert, Donald W
22 Streuter, Robert E
23 Drone, Janet K
23 Francis, Bruce
23 Woosley, Billy Joe
24 Eicher, Jeri
24 Robertson, Marimar
24 Schwinn, Diane
26 Degenhardt, David J
28 Guetersloh, Johnathan
28 Piquard, Gary D
29 Donahue, Cameron
29 Kiel, Elizabeth
29 Welten, Thomas E
30 Fager, Dennis A

QUEEN OF HEARTS INVITES YOU TO LOOK FOR HER!

Join with fellow Elks and enjoy Queen of Hearts Drawing, 7:00 p.m. each Tuesday. Always Friendly Elks, Good Food, Queen Draw Fun - along with additional 50/50 option and issue of 2 Meal Certificates for \$15 each! Miss Queen's value, as of this Newsletter printing, is \$1,579.

Here are recent drawing results:

5/05/26	Ryan Schuler	\$25 on Name Draw	No Win on Card Draw
5/12/26	Jim Ferguson	\$25 on Name Draw	\$30 Win on Card Draw
5/19/26	Mark Popejoy	\$25 on Name Draw	No Win on Card Draw
5/26/26	Teresa Hughes	\$25 on Name Draw	\$30 Win on Card Draw

Illinois Elks Association Members Group

Members All - If you want to enhance being updated on Elks and Elk Activities / Lodge Events here in Illinois...please consider joining this private, MEMBERS ONLY Facebook group. It has recently grown to 334 participants, since being created on September 27, 2025! To join, you must first put in your Lodge number (572) and your member number (On your Membership Card). Then you are good to go! (Posting allowed, subject to Elk Moderator approval. See guidelines.)
Murphysboro Elks - Let's be in the Know!

Fundraiser for Lodge member Bob Roach

There will be a fish fry in the back hall on Saturday June 13 to benefit member Bob Roach, who was inured during a winter storm.

A fish dinner will be served 4:00 - 7:30 (or until sold out) including french fries, colesaw, and hushpuppies for \$15 per adult, \$10 for kids 12 and under

Silent auction 4:00 - 8:00

50/50 drawing at 9:00

Live music by Route 3 Ramblers 7:00 - 10:00

Gun raffle for a Ruger 10/22

Tickets available at the door or in advance. For more information, call 618-534-9468

Lodge #572 Returns From IEA State Meeting Highly Decorated



PER Todd Doody holds awards received from the Illinois Elks State Association:

- Exalted Ruler of the year 2025-2026
- Lodge of the year 2025-2026

Lodge Chaplain Dianne Chamness holds her Veteran Volunteer Award 2025-2026



E.R. Jay Wittenborn holds awards received from the Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation (CCC):

- First Place in the State for Gross Contributions 2025-2026 - \$20,152.50
- First Place in the South District for Gross Contributions 2025-2026 - \$20,152.50
- First Place in the South District for Per Capita Contributions - \$27.31 per member

Our camping spaces recently hosted Elks from Florida, who were traveling around the country. We are currently the only Elks lodge in Illinois with camping accommodations



ELKS CLUB ROOM HOURS MONDAY ~ THURSDAY 2:00 PM ~ 11:00 PM FRIDAY 2:00 PM ~ 12:00 AM KITCHEN HOURS MONDAY TUESDAY—FRIDAY SATURDAY 2:00 PM ~ 12:00 AM SUNDAY 12:00 — CLOSE 5:00 PM — 8:00 PM 5:00 PM — 9:00 PM		June 2026		COMING EVENTS July 5-8...Elks National Convention in Chicago		
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
EVERY WEDNESDAY WINGS APPETIZERS SANDWICHES SALAD BAR	1 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS	2 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM TACO TUESDAY	3 HOUSE MTG 6:45 PM LODGE MTG 7:30 PM SWEET & SOUR CHICKEN \$14.00	4 MEATLOAF \$13.00	5 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH \$13.00 FROG LEGS \$16.00 FISH & FROG LEGS COMBO \$16.00	6 FLAG TEAM IN AMERICA 250/LOGAN 200 PARADE
7 DISTRICT MEETING AT MARION LODGE LAKE PROPERTY	8 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS	9 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM BACON BLUE CHEESE OR BACON GARLIC BURGER \$11.00	10 LASAGNA \$12.00	11 ALL YOU CAN EAT FRIED CHICKEN \$15.50	12 POT ROAST \$14.00	13 LODGE BOCCE TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER FOR BOB ROACH IN BACK HALL
14	15 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS	16 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM HOMEMADE SLOPPY JOE \$10.00	17 BOARD MTG 6:45 PM LODGE MTG 7:30 PM STEAK FAJITAS \$14.00	18 ORIENTATION 6:30 CHICKEN CORDON BLEU \$14.00	19 RIBEYE \$23.00 FILET \$25.00 SIRLOIN TIPS \$17.00 GRILLED SHRIMP \$17.00	20
21	22 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS	23 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM ITALIAN BEEF \$11.00	24 INITIATION 7:30 CORNEB BEEF & CABBAGE \$14.00	25 ALL YOU CAN EAT FRIED CHICKEN \$15.50	26 PORK MEDALLIONS \$14.00	27
28	29 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS	30 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM POLISH SAUSAGE \$10.00				