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E. R. MESSAGE — OCTOBER

Greetings All,

I hope you all enjoyed the wonderful 75th Murphysboro Apple Festival! And I hope everyone who attended saw the beautiful American flags throughout town. As usual, a big thank you to Steve Schemonia and his crew for installing and taking down the dozens of flags yet again. This is a very visible and popular patriotic event for Lodge #572.

Lodge #572 Officers will be attending the Fall Illinois Elks Association conference in Springfield on the weekend of 09/25 through 09/27. There will be continuing education and information on how to continue and advance Elks Lodges across the State of Illinois. We will have an update on this conference in the next newsletter.

We hope everyone really likes the new chairs in the clubroom! It's a wonderful addition, and was made possible by a very giving Lodge #572 Member, as these chairs were donated at no cost to our Lodge! Thank you to the anonymous Member, your extremely generous donation is greatly appreciated!

Please help spread the word about our upcoming Glo Bingo event that will take place on October 17th! Ask a board member or bartender about purchasing tickets. This will be a very fun event. Please show your support.

Lastly, please continue to recruit new members! We have another orientation/initiation coming up to bring approximately 10 new Members into Lodge #572. Please help us continue to grow!

Fraternally yours.
Jay Wittenborn, E.R.



Watch for the appearance of our annual **Veteran's Christmas Tree** in the Club Room. It will have cards bearing names of Veterans, with an item or two they would enjoy and appreciate as a Christmas gift. Choose a card, purchase and wrap the requested items, and return them to the Lodge by December 4th. (be sure to put the veteran's name on any gift you are providing.) Questions? See or call Steve Schemonia at 618-713-3248.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

01 Jones, Brenda Kay
01 Mileur, Anthony D
01 Nesler, James S
02 Reeves, Kevin
03 Jarrett, Jason D
03 McBride, Steve
03 Mifflin, Angie
04 Mills, Clifford
05 Endres, Terry
05 Fager, Zachary
06 Heape, Dennis A
06 Holmes, Laurie
06 Tweedy, John
07 Voss, Keith A
08 Burke, Susan
08 Draves, Robert W
08 Drone, William L
09 Craine, Jody
09 Stuva, Roger
10 Stokes, Patty
11 Griffin, Larry A
13 Hays, John H
14 Holthaus, Gregory Lee
14 Leonard, Timothy
14 Modglin, Dana
15 Donnigan, Kelly A
15 McGriff, Kim
16 Guetersioh, Michael
16 Heins, Christine
16 Hunsperger, Michael D
17 Tuttle, Kyle
18 Klaine, Keith H
18 Lather, Stephen J
18 Murphy, Daryl P
18 Wyatt, William J
19 Hysom, Gerald L
19 Speiser, Stephanie A
22 Falat, Steve J
22 McGriff, Rhese
22 Schemonia, Steve
23 Padilla, Jeffrey W
23 Zak, Marilyn S
25 Blacklock, Daniel R
26 Raines, Carol A
27 Doerfler, Kimberly
27 Mann, Richard M
27 Thetford, Larry D
27 Weathers, Timothy A
29 Bodeker, Roberta J
29 Bryant, Veneta
29 Stevens, Kelly E
30 Dailey, Earl R
30 Shields, Kevin
30 Steele, Wayne J
31 Roberts, Keith W
31 Schimpf, Dale R

MISS QUEEN OF HEARTS LOOKING FOR OCTOBER ELKS!

You heard it right! We know that she enjoys a good crowd of friendly Elks on hand at the Club Room, to have fun, enjoy the warm Elk commaradere, maybe a good food selection, favorite drink, and chance to uncover her whereabouts! Discovery attempts all failed through September 22. But, there were Name Draw Winners; 50/50 Winners; and Meal Voucher Winners. The Queen, as of this publication, is worth $3,216. Here are recent drawing results:

9/01	Mark Popejoy	$25 on Name Draw	No Win on Card Draw
9/08	Ryan Schuler	$25 on Name Draw	No Win on Card Draw
9/15	Bruce Francis	$25 on Name Draw	No Win on Card Draw
9/22	Gary Rowden	$25 on Name Draw	No Win on Card Draw

Happenings at the Haven

We were at the visitor center at Crab Orchard Lake. There were 21 veterans there, along with 6 caregivers. We also had 9 Elks there to serve and be with the veterans. We are looking forward to October. The veterans have a great time and as always took home a full basket of fruit and personal items. Anyone who would like to help please call me, Steve Schemonia, at 618-713-3248. Thanks.

Elks Flag Service

We put the flags out for Labor Day and left them out through the Apple Festival. We had a lot of positive comments about the Apple Festival. Everyone seems to enjoy the flags. We will put the flags out again for Columbus Day. Anyone wanting to help please contact me, Steve Schemonia, at 618-713-3248 or see Bruce Dallas or Kevin Stratton. Thanks.

Note

There will be a chicken dinner fundraiser held in the back hall on Saturday, October 24th. Watch for more details on the Lodge Facebook page and/or flyers in the Lodge.

ENF GRANTS IN FULL SWING AT MURPHYSBORO LODGE #572

Members All - Here is what Your Membership is helping the Murphysboro Elks Organization do in our Community and surrounding area, just through Elks National Foundation (ENF) Community Service Grants, alone. Our **Freedom Grant** is targeting needy Veterans, to the tune of $1,000. In similar fashion, our $2,500 **Spotlight Grant** is searching out and assisting both Veterans and youth who are in need. Then, the **Gratitude Grant** is assisting three community organizations in carrying out the work they do for families and individuals, to the tune of $3,500 (Details will appear in November Newsletter.). For the 12th year in a row, the **Beacon Grant** is supporting Veterans who attend the Haven, a Day Center for Vets, located on Crab Orchard Lake. Our monthly meal events there, will total $4,000 by the end of this Lodge year. Finally, our Lodge receives another $3,000 in ENF Grants, by way of the Illinois Elks Association. ***All of these Grants total $14,000!!*** Again, be proud of your membership - without which these things would not be possible. At Murphysboro #572, and throughout the Nation, Elks Care - Elks Share!

GLO-BINGO

Saturday, October 17, 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 Rene' Doody
(618)201-3126

Proceeds will go to PER association
for Lodge improvements

Do you have a child or grandchild you think would be a good Elk when they become old enough to join? Do you wish they had something better to do than play with their phones? They can get involved now — if they are at least 12 years old — by joining the Antlers program. This is the "junior Elks" program where young people can take part in many of the same things we do as Elks. Antlers hold meetings, take offices, conduct fundraisers, and help out our community through charitable donations.
This is a great opportunity for those not old enough to join the Elks to see what the Elks are about. Several of our Antlers have become full Elks members when they turned 21. Your child or grandchild could be next. Ask any officer about how they can join.



ELKS CLUB ROOM HOURS

MONDAY — THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2:00 PM ~ 11:00 PM	2:00 PM ~ 12:00 AM
SATURDAY	SUNDAY
2:00 PM ~ 12:00 AM	12:00 — CLOSE

KITCHEN HOURS

MONDAY	5:00 PM — 8:00 PM
TUESDAY — FRIDAY	5:00 PM — 9:00 PM

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COMING EVENTS

November 8...South District meeting @ Carbondale Lodge
November 18...District Deputy Visit
November 22...local Hoop Shoot @ Murphysboro High School

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
EVERY WEDNESDAY ***WINGS APPETIZERS SANDWICHES SALAD BAR***				*1* ***LASAGNA $13.00***	*2* ***ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH $13.00 FROG LEGS $16.00 FISH & FROG LEGS COMBO $16.00***	*3*
4	*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*** ***SMOKED TURKEY BREAST & DRESSING $13.00***	*8* ***ALL YOU CAN EAT FRIED CHICKEN $15.50*** ***ORIENTATION FOR MEMBERSHIP CANDIDATES***	*9* ***½ RACK RIB DINNER $18.00***	*10*
11	*12* ***WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM*** ***BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS***	*13* ***QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM*** ***MEATBALL SUBS $10.00***	*14* ***ROTISSERIE CHICKEN $14.00*** ***INITIATION OF NEW MEMBERS***	*15* ***MEATLOAF $14.00***	*16* ***RIBEYE $24.00 FILET $25.00 SIRLOIN TIPS $17.00 GRILLED SHRIMP $17.00***	*17* ***FLAG TEAM IN CHESTER FALL FESTIVAL PARADE*** ***GLO-BINGO IN THE LODGE HALL***
18	*19* ***WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM*** ***BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS***	*20* ***QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM*** ***CHICKEN BACON RANCH SANDWICH OR WRAP $12.00***	*21* ***BOARD MTG. 6:45 LODGE MTG. 7:30 PM*** ***ALL YOU CAN EAT SOUP & SALAD $13.00***	*22* ***ALL YOU CAN EAT FRIED CHICKEN $15.50***	*23* ***PORK STEAK DINNER $15.00***	*24* ***CHICKEN DINNER FUNDRAISER***
25	*26* ***WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM*** ***BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS***	*27* ***QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM*** ***ITALIAN BEEF $11.00***	*28* ***CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE $14.00***	*29* ***SALMON $14.00***	*30* ***CHICKEN & DUMPLINGS $14.00***	*31*