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E. R. MESSAGE — NOVEMBER

Greetings All,

Last year, our Murphysboro Lodge #572 lead the entire state in membership gain! Let's ALL work on another strong year! At this point in the current year, we have brought in 20 new or renewed members, but unfortunately lost 7 to death. At the upcoming December 16th Lodge meeting, we be initiating up to 11 new Elks! Thanks, Sponsors!! Know someone who might like to join? Talk to them! Applications are available at Lodge — contact myself, Lodge Officers, or Secretary Merle with questions. Keep it rolling!

Our Lodge Hall rental calendar is very full, for the months of November and December. We provide a very reasonable and popular venue for our Members, and also work with many community entities and families for their Fund Raising events. A good example is the upcoming Chicken Dinner and auction for Wee Care of Jacob (See posters & other social media information) which proved to be so successful in their last effort held in our Lodge Hall!

Our monthly START dances in the Lodge Hall just got off to a great start for this fall's schedule. Dianne Chamness reports that some 100 clients were in attendance for the opening October Halloween Dance event. What a turnout!

All members — watch for a mailing, headed your way soon, regarding a proposed Solar Installation, on the North-West portion of the Lodge roof. Lodge Board of Directors have been studying proposals for almost 2 years now, and have voted to present a proposal, as per Grand Lodge Statute 16.050, to Lodge #572 membership, for consideration to move to the next level (Grand Lodge). So, please look for this informational letter that will soon be headed your way!

Hoop Shoot - winners from preliminary contests being held at individual schools, from Red Bud to Murphysboro, will come to Murphysboro High School on Sunday, November 22nd. Registration begins at 1 pm. We do need helpers - contact myself; Secretary, Merle Evans; or Hoop Shoot Coordinator, Chris Germann (618-967-0529), if you would like to lend a hand!

Required Officers of our Lodge (E.R, Leading Knight, Secretary, & Trustee) will be traveling (a short distance) to Carbondale Lodge #1234, on Sunday, November 8, for the next South District Elks Meeting. It is important that Lodge #572 stay abreast / current on all Elk items. Speaking of the District — our annual District Deputy Visit will occur prior to and during our Lodge meeting on Wednesday, November 18. Welcome, in advance, D. D. and Team!

As always, I would like to thank all of the volunteers who donate their time and energy to Lodge #572 and wish all our Elks a happy Thanksgiving!

Fraternally yours,
Jay Wittenborn, E.R.



Christmas Cookie Exchange

Monday, December 7th 6:00-8:00 PM

Bring a dozen, take a dozen

Please consider bringing extra cookies for the veterans

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

01 Nordstrom, Suzanne M
01 Siefert, Richard M
01 Smith, Timothy W
02 Dallas, Marla Kay
03 Allard, Michele R
03 Lindsey, Meagan R
03 Mileur, Gregory A
04 Stanley, Angela
05 Cripps, Michael N
05 Falaster, Mary
07 Granados, Jenny R
08 Fox, William C
08 Hoppenstedt, Pamela R
11 Dilday, Robert
11 Giffin, Jerry R
11 Williams, Robert M
12 Erbes, Julie Tindall
12 Ferguson, Steve
12 Hastings, Darcie
12 Stewart, Travis
13 Adkisson, Allyssa
13 Lazerus, Christine
13 McGee, Steven L
13 Preston, Amy
14 Hughes, Teresa
14 McRoberts, Kim
15 Egbert, Blake
16 Bloodworth, Casey
16 Martin, Olivia M
16 Meadows, Kenneth
16 Ziegler, Jay K
17 Richards, Robert L
18 Brown, James D
18 Green, Shannon
18 Padgett, Jordan R
19 Brooks, Ryan M
19 Uffelman, Scott D
20 Hanna, Angie
20 Hines, Janice
20 Novara, Charles A
20 Sanders, Kathryn E
21 Voss, Neil P
22 Evans, Kendra Sue
22 King, Virginia E
22 Kupferer, Thomas W
23 Barringer, Ricky
23 Cramer, Michelle
23 Derington, Louis
23 Phoenix, Roy Lee
23 Schemonia, Katheryne
24 Gordon, Chris B
24 Mallory, Allison
24 Popejoy, William M
24 Sullivan, David R
25 Clover, Jeffrey
25 Niesel, Michael
25 Sabella, Nicholas
25 Tuttle, Tammy
26 Reeder, Ronald W
27 Holley, Raymond N
28 Brewer, Donald L
28 Gale, Allen
29 Ferguson, Theodore J
29 Fink, Ossie
29 Hulick, Donald A
29 Melvin, Joe A
29 Summers, Shirley J

QUEEN OF HEARTS UPDATE

We are always looking for friendly, sociable, fun-loving Elks to join in on the Tuesday night Queen Drawing! The weather is cooling down, so why not come on down? Since the October Newsletter update, here's how things have progressed. The current value of the Queen, as of this publication date, is $3,833.

9/29	Rene' Doody	$25 on Name Draw	No Win on Card Draw
10/06	Steve Ferguson	$25 on Name Draw	No Win on Card Draw
10/13	Mike Guetersloh	$25 on Name Draw	No Win on Card Draw
10/20	Mike Sherman	$25 on Name Draw	No Win on Card Draw



Happenings at the Haven

Watch for the appearance of our annual **Veteran's Christmas Tree** in the Club Room. It will have cards bearing the names of 33 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 **November 28th** (*please note – this date is earlier than the one in last month's newsletter due to a schedule change*). **Be sure to put the veteran's name on any gift you are providing.** Questions? See or call Steve Schemonia at 618-713-3248.

Elks Flag Service

We will put the flags along Walnut Street for Veterans Day. If you are a veteran, thank you for your service. If you know a veteran thank them for their service. Anyone wanting to help please contact me, Steve Schemonia, at 618-713-3248 or see Bruce Dallas or Kevin Stratton. Thanks.

Hoop Shoot

This year's local Hoop Shoot competition will take place at Murphysboro High School on Sunday, November 22nd. Registration begins at 1:00 PM. Helpers are needed — contact Hoop Shoot Coordinator, Chris Germann (618-967-0529), if you would like to lend a hand!





Your Lodge #572 was pleased to make a recent $1,250 donation to the Murphysboro Senior Citizen's Center, by way of our ENF Gratitude Grant. Exalted Ruler, Jay Wittenborn (L) presents the check to Director David R. Smith as Treasurer Sandy Bullar, looks on. Your Elks Lodge at work in the Community!



$1,250 of our 2026-2027 ENF Gratitude Grant enabled our Lodge to be a Diamond Level Sponsor for the "Raddle the Blues Fest" at Raddle. This event raises money for "Sandra's Comfort" which assists families with bills resulting from cancer. Elks helping those in need!

Wee Care of Jacob will hold their annual Chicken Dinner Fundraiser in our Lodge Hall on Saturday, November 14th.

Food 4:00-7:00 PM - Silent auction 4:00-7:00 PM - Live auction 8:00 PM

All proceeds benefit underprivileged children in our greater area

After completing their orientation, we initiated into our Order on October 14th the following six new members (L-R): Shannon Clark, Allysa Adkisson, ER Jay Wittenborn, Page Rushing, Heather Bean, Christopher Yearack, and Paul Posey. Be sure to introduce yourself and make them feel welcome.



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**

November 2026

COMING EVENTS

December 6...Elks Memorial Service @ 11:30 am
December 7...Christmas Cookie exchange
December 16...Initiation Ceremony for new members

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 ***EVERY WEDNESDAY*** ***WINGS APPETIZERS SANDWICHES SALAD BAR***	*2* ***WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM*** ***BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS***	*3* ***QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM*** ***TACO TUESDAY***	*4* ***HOUSE MTNG 6:45 LODGE MTNG 7:30*** ***CHICKEN CORDON BLEU $14.00***	*5* ***BEEF STROGANOFF $14.00***	*6* ***ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH $13.00 FROG LEGS $16.00 FISH & FROG LEGS COMBO $16.00***	*7*
8 ***SOUTH DISTRICT MEETING @ CARBONDALE LODGE #1234***	*9* ***WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM*** ***BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS***	*10* ***QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM*** ***POLISH SAUSAGE $10.00***	*11* ***GRILLED PORK CHOPS $14.00***	*12* ***ALL YOU CAN EAT FRIED CHICKEN $15.50***	*13* ***SALMON $15.00***	*14*
15	*16* ***WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM*** ***BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS***	*17* ***QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM*** ***GYROS $12.00***	*18* ***BOARD MTNG 6:45 LODGE MTNG 7:30*** ***CHICKEN PARMESAN $14.00***	*19* ***COUNTRY FRIED STEAK $14.00***	*20* ***RIBEYE $23.00 FILET $25.00 SIRLOIN TIPS $17.00 GRILLED SHRIMP $17.00***	*21*
22 ***HOOP SHOOT @ MURPHYSBORO HIGH SCHOOL 1:00 PM***	*23* ***WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM*** ***BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS***	*24* ***QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM*** ***GOULASH $12.00***	*25* ***STEAK FAJITAS $14.00***	*26* ***THANKSGIVING DAY LODGE CLOSED***	*27* ***POT ROAST $14.00***	*28*
29 ***BAKING WITH MRS. CLAUS***	*30* ***WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM*** ***BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS***					