

ELKS LODGE #572 APRIL 2004 NEWSLETTER

E. R. MESSAGE

April begins the new Elk year. As some of you may recall, the May 03' bulletin required an *insert* for a *long* E. R. message, which identified several targeted goals for 2003-2004. So, here is a "State of the Elks" address, for #572: 1) 100% of new members were reviewed by the appointed investigation committee & 100% underwent full indoctrination. 2) Elks becoming "Good Elks" by finding at least one way to be involved - we have had tremendous increase of members pitching in, as noted at our 3/31 Thank-You dinner! Still room for more growth, however! 3) Sound financing is *on track* with all funds solvent, a \$15,000 line of credit *paid in full*, and attention being focused on targeted maintenance needs and mortgage reduction. 4) Organized, efficient Lodge Meetings are a *reality*, with official openings & closings. Meeting time has often not exceeded 1 hour, and rarely

reach beyond 1½ hours. 5) New House Committee structure has been excellent, allowing both Trustees & House to meet on one Wednesday, instead of two. These meetings have been relatively short, and their efficiency has thus greatly reduced Lodge meeting time! 6) Up-date computer system - Lodge has voted to transfer to "ELMS", a nation-wide software designed solely for Elk-Lodges. Data transfer to occur in coming months! 7) Hall Rental & Catering - Lee Blake has refined the mechanics of the rental procedure to where the process is smooth and consistent. (Members, spread the word that the Elk's Hall is a great place to hold an event, and our catering is excellent!) 8) Variety of activity - Julie Roberts and committee have been fantastic; Trivia has grown in popularity (next one is May 1); Mystery Dinner Theatre became a reality (we are planning another one); Dances and fund-raising events were well planned; monthly

calendar has been full of activities!

In conclusion, I personally feel that we have been very successful in reaching our goals in 2003-2004. We now enter 2004-2005 with an eye toward *continuing* our progress. The May E. R. Message will focus on ways to do so, and perhaps even challenge us with some new goals!

Merle Evans, Exalted Ruler

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The following individuals, having been elected to candidacy and having undergone indoctrination, were initiated into Lodge #572 on March 24, 2004. Please say welcome to our new members (sponsor in parenthesis): **CHAD CARSON** (Deon Carson); **JACK CROSSLEY** (Lee Blake); **ALLEN (BUTCH) GALE** (Duffy McBride); **DAVID PRITCHETT** (Lee Blake); **MICHAEL WHITLOCK** (Dale Alstat).

CENTENNIAL BOOK 1904-2004

The Illinois Elks Assoc. has published its 100-years Centennial Book, which includes a variety of informational items about the Elks in this state, including historical notations, along with photos, data, and history of the various individual lodges. A copy is available for you to scan, while in the Club Room, or you can check one out, for a few days, from the Lodge office. It's very informative for the inquisitive Elks!

C.C.C. UPDATE

We can now report that our Lodge has exceeded the \$28,000.00 mark for our 2003-2994 effort toward our State Major Project, the ILL. Elks Crippled Children's Corp. What an example of team work and extra-ordinary dedication on behalf of Keith & Julie Roberts and all those who helped so much. Our May Newsletter will provide pictures and details. Stay Tuned!

PLAN AHEAD JUNE YARD SALE

We know it's a few weeks away, but YOU can NOW start setting aside donations to a planned ELKS YARD SALE SAT., JUNE 12! Good chance for you to create some extra space around your house, while helping your Lodge's Programs. For now, just start saving items - we'll give you more details in the May & June Newsletters!



TEXAS HOLDEM RAFFLE

SATURDAY, MAY 15
SIGN-UP @ 11:00 A.M.
PLAY STARTS @ 12:00 NOON

Share of proceeds goes to Elks Crippled Children's Corp. Event will include Benefit 50/50 Drawings and Silent Auction. Advance Sign-Up in Club Room!



INTRODUCING OUR NEW CHEF

We are pleased to announce that Mr. **ANTHONY LAWRENCE GATES** has joined #572 as Head Chef. Anthony received his Associate of Arts Degree in Hospitality Management from Columbus State Community College, in Ohio. He is a Certified Chef with the American Culinary Federation. Mr. Gates has 12 years experience as a chef/cook in fine dining restaurants in the Columbus area!

WEEKLY DRAWING

- 3/2 Theresa Bastien NR \$76
3/9 Ty Hollman R/NP \$151
3/16 Charles Heller R/NP \$147.50
3/23 Lucy Mitchell NR \$157.75

BINGO WORKERS

- 4/5 G. & J. Raines
4/12 M. & R. Evans
4/19 V. Freeman, L. Jones
4/26 P. Weinoffer, C. Myers

PULL TAB WORKERS

- 4/5 J. Pittman, J. Love
4/12 D. Siefert, B. Balsano
4/19 J. D. Carlock, G. Wilcox
4/26 L. Pittman, B. Graeff



BIRTHDAYS


- 4/3 Jason Tweedy
4/4 Jerald McClerren
4/6 Mike Uffelman
4/7 John Grammer
4/8 James Howard
4/8 Michael Lane
4/10 Cheryl Myers
4/10 Donald Payne
4/12 Fred Faus
4/13 Lofton Atnip, Jr.
4/13 Charles Crews
4/13 Edilberto Del Carmen
4/13 John Emerson
4/14 Fred Gilbert
4/14 Hubert Miller
4/14 Leigh Ann Stokes
4/15 Jack Parks
4/15 Randall Stearns
4/15 James Zimmer
4/16 Robert Kirschbaum
4/17 Mark Wright
4/19 Jerry Ward
4/20 Fred Schnautz
4/22 Max Doerr
4/22 Donald White
4/23 Lucy Mitchell
4/24 Christopher Doerner
4/24 Daniel Parmley
4/25 Lester Blake
4/27 Paul Polete
4/27 John Uffelman
4/28 Richard Williams
4/29 Joseph Purcell
4/30 Michael Layne



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April 2004 MONTHLY PLANNER



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <u>STEAK SPECIAL!</u> ***** 1/2 FRIED CHICKEN INCL. POT, SALAD ROLL..\$5.00	2 <u>SPECIAL!</u> ALL YOU CAN EAT CATFISH <u>\$7.95</u> Or ORDER FROM MENU	3
4 NASCAR TEXAS ***** S. DIST. MTG. @ CHESTER	5 <u>BINGO</u> 7:00 P.M. BINGO MENU ALSO AVAIL- ABLE IN CLUBROOM	6 <u>WEEKLY DRAWING</u> 7:00 LYNN'S SPECIAL! 6:00 BEEF STROGANOFF	7 <u>LODGE MTG. 7:30</u> HOT WINGS .25 EA. 6-8 P.M.	8 <u>STEAK SPECIAL!</u> ***** 1/2 FRIED CHICKEN INCL. POT, SALAD ROLL..\$5.00	9 <u>SPECIAL!</u> ALL YOU CAN EAT CATFISH <u>\$7.95</u> Or ORDER FROM MENU	10
11 <u>EASTER</u> 	12 <u>BINGO</u> 7:00 P.M. BINGO MENU ALSO AVAIL- ABLE IN CLUBROOM	13 <u>WEEKLY DRAWING</u> 7:00 LYNN'S SPECIAL! 6:00 CHICKEN & DUMPLINS	14 <u>TRUSTEE MTG. HOUSE COMMITTEE</u> 7:00 P.M. HOT WINGS .25 EA. 6-8 P.M.	15 <u>STEAK SPECIAL!</u> ***** 1/2 FRIED CHICKEN INCL. POT, SALAD ROLL..\$5.00	16 <u>SPECIAL!</u> ALL YOU CAN EAT CATFISH <u>\$7.95</u> Or ORDER FROM MENU	17
18 NASCAR MARTINSVILLE	19 <u>BINGO</u> 7:00 P.M. BINGO MENU ALSO AVAIL- ABLE IN CLUBROOM	20 <u>WEEKLY DRAWING</u> 7:00 LYNN'S SPECIAL! 6:00 CAVATINI	21 <u>LODGE MTG. 7:30</u> HOT WINGS .25 EA. 6-8 P.M.	22 <u>STEAK SPECIAL!</u> ***** 1/2 FRIED CHICKEN INCL. POT, SALAD ROLL..\$5.00	23 <u>SPECIAL!</u> ALL YOU CAN EAT CATFISH <u>\$7.95</u> Or ORDER FROM MENU	24
25 NASCAR TALLADEGA	26 <u>BINGO</u> 7:00 P.M. BINGO MENU ALSO AVAIL- ABLE IN CLUBROOM	27 <u>WEEKLY DRAWING</u> 7:00 LYNN'S SPECIAL! 6:00 PORK STEAK	28 HOT WINGS .25 EA. 6-8 P.M.	29 <u>STEAK SPECIAL!</u> ***** 1/2 FRIED CHICKEN INCL. POT, SALAD ROLL..\$5.00	30 <u>SPECIAL!</u> ALL YOU CAN EAT CATFISH <u>\$7.95</u> Or ORDER FROM MENU	5/1 TRIVIA NITE 7:00 PM

MURPHYSBORO ELKS LODGE #572

TRIVIA NIGHT

SATURDAY, MAY 1

7:00 P.M.

PRIZES & SURPRISES

EVERYONE WELCOME

(WE WANT THIS TO BE A FUN EVENT
THAT EVERYONE CAN ENJOY)

\$10 PER PERSON TO PLAY
BRING YOUR OWN TEAM

OR

WE WILL HELP PLACE YOU ON A TEAM
MINIMUM 6 - MAXIMUM 8 PEOPLE PER TEAM

TEAM ORGANIZERS
PLEASE ADVANCE REGISTER YOUR INTENT TO
BRING A TEAM BY CALLING (684-4541)
OR STOPPING BY CLUB ROOM

PLAY BEGINS AT
7:00 P.M. SHARP
(WE SUGGEST ARRIVING BY 6:30 P.M.)

SNACKS PROVIDED
KITCHEN WILL BE OPEN WITH SELECT ITEMS

BPOE

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