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MARCH 2005 NEWSLETTER



BIRTHDAYS

- 3/1 John Caldwell
3/1 George Hicks
3/2 Billy Dallas
3/2 Claude Osburn
3/2 Gary Raines
3/3 Bob Abbott
3/3 Jeff Daniel
3/3 Ronald Flowers
3/3 Emmett Whitacre
3/3 Richard Green
3/5 Leroy Harding
3/5 Finns Stiegman
3/5 James West
3/5 Harry Wright
3/6 Donald Cochran
3/6 Robert Dixon
3/6 Herbert Dougan
3/6 William Ridgeway
3/6 Jack Shepard
3/7 Mike Dickerson
3/8 Jeff Block
3/9 David Prichett
3/10 Sylvester Stiegman
3/11 Geoff Bachmann
3/12 Everett Blackwell
3/12 Audrey Fiden
3/13 Melissa Ferguson
3/13 Edward Koenig
3/13 John Pittman
3/14 Joel Congiardo
3/15 Scott Wheeler
3/18 Charles Fisher
3/19 Alan Gordon
3/19 Gary Tension
3/20 Lori Graff
3/20 Craig Keller
3/20 William Moeglin
3/21 Dennis Johnson
3/22 Dale Alstat
3/22 Micky Bearden
3/22 Donald Rendleman
3/22 Tim Schenk
3/23 Kevin Bost
3/23 Howard DeRossett
3/23 Roger Heern
3/23 Bobbie Whitacre
3/26 Joseph Rains
3/26 Dave Scott
3/27 Betty Decoursey
3/28 Raymond Burroughs
3/28 Terry Egbert
3/29 Bruce Long
3/30 Russell Brown

E. R. MESSAGE

March is the final month of the Lodge year, so now is the time to thank all of those who served as officers this year, and who gave up their 2 or 3 Wednesdays for meetings, initiations, etc. And to all members who helped in any way with a most successful 04-05, I extend my sincere gratitude, and will do so more specifically on the evening of March 30 (see article). At this point, I cannot predict if we will have a net gain or loss in membership for the year, but delinquent members have been sent a final letter asking their intentions, and a sizeable number of candidates are being prepared for the year's last initiation, March 23. The slate of officers for 05/06 has been elected, with only 2 appointments open at this point. I trust they are all ready for a busy, productive year and proving at #572, Elks Care, Elks Share!

This year's 10th C.C.C. Dart Tournament and Auction, un-

der the capable leadership of Keith Roberts, was once again a solid success, with very strong participation. Please take time to read Keith's information as presented elsewhere in the newsletter. And, of course, we recognize Phyllis Rath, who again went above and beyond to personally bring us over \$4,000!

The amount of material contained in this newsletter being quite extensive, I will keep this message short - such that you can (and hopefully will) read about all the options and events available this March, 2005! And, keep in mind that you may (as some already have) pay your 05/06 dues anytime. We will send statements to everyone in the next few days, except where we have already received and recorded a payment. Dues remain the same (\$59.75), and any additional amount will be gratefully accepted and applied to extra Building Loan and/or Bond Payment. Keep in mind that only so long as is the Lodge in

a strong condition, can we support benevolent programs and provide members with enjoyable options and activities!

Merle, Evans, E. R.

2005-2006 OFFICERS

Elected at the Feb. 16, 05 meeting were:

Exalted Ruler-Merle Evans
Leading Night-Norman Wayman

Loyal Knight-John Love
Lecturing Knight-Wm. Paul
Secretary-Renee Evans

Treasurer-Sandy Schenk
Inner Guard-Richard Martin
(Appointed)

Tiler-Robt. Allard
5-yr. Trustee-Bob Graeff

4-yr. Trustee-Walter Poole
(Esquire & Chaplain appointments not yet announced)

THANK-YOU AWARDS DINNER

The Lodge will host a Thank you dinner on Wed., March 30, for members who have made so many significant contributions to #572 during the past year. Cash bar begins at 6:00 p.m., with dinner at 6:30. Following the meal, we will concentrate on verbal ac-

knowledgements for those present who have put their shoulder to the wheel in any appreciable way during the 04/05 year. Also, a few special awards, including Elks of the Year, will be given.

All members are welcome to attend, regardless of

whether or not you worked directly for the Lodge. (We would ask you to sign up with Lee Blake, for purposes of meal preparation.) Members to be recognized will receive a direct invitation and request for intentions to attend or not.

**10th ANNUAL
CRIPPLED CHILDREN'S
DART TOURNEY**

OVER \$14,000 REACHED

68 players participated: Winning
Team was Jim Ferguson and
Terry Egbert

**"SPECIAL" THANKS TO THE
FOLLOWING SPONSORS:**

Phyllis Rath of "Just One More -
Funding Support
Great Boars of Fire - Providing Food
Carbondale Trophy - Trophies
Schwebel Printing - Printing Needs
Buddy Buddy Ent. - Pool Table
for Raffle
Hughes Auto Sales - Vacation
for Raffle
Silkworm - Art Work for Event
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Tom Miller - WJPF Radio -
Media Coverage

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Richard Green
DA-Nite
American Legion Paul Stout #127
Craine Heating & A/C

"DART BOARD" LOCATIONS

Murphysboro Elks
Key West
DA-Nite
J.K.'s Nite Club
Midland Inn



**DANCE TO THE MUSIC
OF
"THE RIVER'S EDGE
BAND"**

FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2005

8:00 P.M. ~ 12:00 Midnight

\$5.00 PER PERSON

**SNACKS PROVIDED
CASH BAR**

FOR INFO: 684-4541

**DINNER SPECIAL IN
ELKS CLUB ROOM**

**INDIVIDUAL POT ROAST
BEER STEWED
W/CARROTS
CELERY & ONION
BAKED POTATO
SALAD BAR**

\$7.95

5:00 P.M. ~ 9:00 P.M.



**ST. PATRICKS DAY
DART TOURNAMENT**

**BLIND DRAW/CHICAGO
STYLE**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 19TH
\$10.00 ENTRY FEE**

**YOUR CHOICE
CORN BEEF & CABBAGE
or
BBQ PLATE
\$4.00**

SERVED 4:00 - 6:00 - P.M.

**SIGN-UP 1:00 ~ 2:30
PLAY BEGINS 3:00 P.M.**

GUARANTEED \$500 PAYOUT

**ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE
CALL
MURPHYSBORO ELKS
684-4541**

**OR
KEITH ROBERTS 687-3359**

BINGO WORKERS


3/7 J. Love, P. Gillmore
3/14 B. & P. Weinhoffer
3/21 C. Paul; M. K. Ziegler
3/28 B. Bost; R. Borgsmiller

PULL TAB WORKERS

3/7 J. Rosson; J. Pittman
3/14 M. & D. Fager
3/21 S. & A. Stanley
3/28 J. Love; J. Rosson



March 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 LYNN'S SPECIAL POTATO SOUP GRILLED CHEESE SALAD	2 LODGE MTG. 7:30 HOT WINGS .25 EA. 6-8 P.M.	3 STEAK SPECIAL! 1/2 FRIED CHICKEN INCL. POT. SALAD ROLL \$3.00	4 SPECIAL ALL YOU CAN EAT CATFISH W/FRIES, SLAW & HUSH PUPPIES \$7.95	5
6	7 BINGO 7:00 P.M. CLUB ROOM SPECIAL SLICED BBQ ON PRESSED BUN FRIES & SLAW \$4.75 (+BINGO MENU)	8 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 LYNN'S SPECIAL CHICKEN DIFAN SALAD	9 TRUSTEE MTG./HOUSE COM- MITTEE 7:00 P.M. HOT WINGS .25 EA. 6-8 P.M.	10 STEAK SPECIAL! 1/2 FRIED CHICKEN INCL. POT. SALAD ROLL \$3.00	11 SPECIAL INDIVIDUAL POT. ROAST, BEEF STEAK W/ CARROTS, ONIONS, BARED POT. SALAD \$48.95 *THE RIVER'S EDGE BAND 6:00 P.M. IN HALL	12 FREE FISH FRY W/FRIES, SLAW & HUSH PUPPIES 4:00 P.M.—7
13 NASCAR LAS VEGAS	14 BINGO 7:00 P.M. CLUB ROOM SPECIAL SLICED BBQ ON PRESSED BUN FRIES & SLAW \$4.75 (+BINGO MENU)	15 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 LYNN'S SPECIAL BEEF & NOODLES POTATO & CORN	16 LODGE MTG. 7:30 HOT WINGS .25 EA. 6-8 P.M.	17 STEAK SPECIAL! 1/2 FRIED CHICKEN INCL. POT. SALAD ROLL \$3.00 <u>INDOCTRINATION</u> 7:00 P.M.	18 SPECIAL! SAUTEED FILET OF SALMON W/ VEG., RICE PILAF & SALAD BAR \$9.95	19 ST. PAT'S DART TOURN. FOOD SPECIAL 4:00 P.M.—6:00 P.M.
20 NASCAR ATLANTA	21 BINGO 7:00 P.M. CLUB ROOM SPECIAL SLICED BBQ ON PRESSED BUN FRIES & SLAW \$4.75 (+BINGO MENU)	22 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 LYNN'S SPECIAL CHILI GRILLED CHEESE	23 INITIATION 7:00 P.M.	24 STEAK SPECIAL! 1/2 FRIED CHICKEN INCL. POT. SALAD ROLL \$3.00	25 SPECIAL CHICKEN PARMESAN ON PASTA W/SALAD BAR & GARLIC TOAST \$8.95	26 END OF SEAS- ON DART TOURN. & FOOD SPECIAL
27 HAPPY EASTER 	28 BINGO 7:00 P.M. CLUB ROOM SPECIAL SLICED BBQ ON PRESSED BUN FRIES & SLAW \$4.75 (+BINGO MENU)	29 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 LYNN'S SPECIAL CHICKEN & DUMPLINGS	30 ELKS AWARDS & THANK YOU DINNER 6:30 P.M. HOT WINGS .25 EA. 6-8 P.M.	31 STEAK SPECIAL! 1/2 FRIED CHICKEN INCL. POT. SALAD ROLL \$3.00	**FULL MENU THURS. & FRI. SERVED 5:00 P.M.—9:00 P.M.	

FUTURE CRUISE NEWS!

Lodge #572's pioneering Caribbean Cruise, this past January, was a tremendous success, as most are aware. Many members have expressed regret that they were unable, for various reasons, to participate in this first-ever Elks offering. Due to such responses, we have now made special arrangements with our "Sister Cruise Lodge" in Crestwood, MO., to join their January 8, 2006 Cruise to Aruba, Curacao, St. Thomas, & St. Maarten. The Crestwood Elks package includes flight from St. Louis to San Juan, Puerto Rico, & return. (Depending on number interested transportation to St. Louis maybe included, or at the least, avoidance of airport parking fees, by going to the Crestwood Lodge and boarding their bus to Lambert.) In San Juan, group will board Royal Caribbean ship, Adventure of the Seas, for the Cruise. Members of #572 can buy in at Crestwood's special group rate, which includes port taxes, air fare, on-board Cocktails parties, and complimentary wine. Here are the prices: Inside Cabin - \$1,514; Outside \$1,714; Balcony \$1,863. If you are interested, contact Norm Wayman, Merle Evans, or Lee Blake, and additional details will be procured for you!



AND MORE!!!

As a result of interest created by our recent cruise, many of you have requested that your Lodge look into an Alaskan Cruise. In response to this high interest level, your Lodge voted, at the Feb. 16 meeting, to explore the possibility of said event, in the late summer of 2006! Start thinking about it now! We are presently securing information on options and negotiating for possible packages with the various Cruise Lines. Once our initial planning stages are completed, we will provide information to the membership. Even now, you can discuss your interests, comments, or preferences to Cruise Chairman, Norm Wayman, or any other officer. If you, the members of #572, are supportive of this Cruise to Alaska, it will likely become a reality! (p.s. — we are planning a "picture party" for the Jan. 05 Cruise participants, and anyone else interested, in the near future!)

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Ten members of #572 attended I.E.A. Winter Meeting in Springfield. L-R: Melissa Ferguson, Renee Evans, Kendra Evans, Michael Evans, Dodie Stratton, Merle Evans, Anita Harris, Craig Harris, Barbara Dallas, and Bruce Dallas.



Anita Harris proudly displays I.E.A. Award for competing as Lady Elk of the Year Nominee from South District. Husband, Craig Harris (L) and E.R., Merle Evans (R) accompany Anita