



MURPHYSBORO ELKS LODGE #572
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JULY 2006 NEWSLETTER

#572 NAMED LODGE OF THE YEAR 2005-2006



BIRTHDAYS

- 7/1 Michael Mugge
- 7/3 Randall Fricke
- 7/5 Kevin Beavers
- 7/5 Mark Fager
- 7/5 Todd Grissom
- 7/6 Melvin Berger
- 7/6 Joseph Summers
- 7/7 Mike Clutts
- 7/7 Bruce Dallas
- 7/8 Richard Graff
- 7/10 Thomas Jones
- 7/11 Richard Crain
- 7/12 Anthony Herring
- 7/12 Kenneth Moore
- 7/12 James Rees
- 7/13 Merle Evans
- 7/14 Gilbert Snyder
- 7/15 Ben Balsano
- 7/15 Shawn McClure
- 7/15 James Mills
- 7/16 John Grimes, Jr
- 7/17 David Clarke
- 7/17 Bob DuBois
- 7/17 Eugene Hagler
- 7/17 John Hudson
- 7/17 Sharon Purcell
- 7/19 Dan Nolan
- 7/19 Bert Ozbern
- 7/19 John Reid
- 7/20 Ronald Dolwick
- 7/21 Karen Etherton
- 7/21 Donald Gregory
- 7/21 George Swafford
- 7/22 Mark Davis
- 7/24 Lon Chaney
- 7/24 Robert Clinton
- 7/25 Connie Whitehead
- 7/26 John Marks
- 7/26 Walter Poole
- 7/26 Tricia Weinoffer
- 7/27 Terry Cochran
- 7/28 Carol Czmyrid
- 7/29 Gary Davis
- 7/29 Ann Sherman
- 7/30 Doug Volner

Members All, you may well be **proud** to belong to the Illinois Lodge of the Year, as announced at the IEA Annual Convention in Springfield! Of the 78 Lodges across the state, #572 ranked #1 as a result of total score points in these 10 areas: Membership gain; Low Lapsation; National Foundation; Crippled Children's Contribution; Reports & Audits completed on time; Initiation performance; District & State Meeting attendance by required officers; Program participation (i.e., Hoop Shoot, Soccer Shoot, Easter Bunny, Drug Awareness, Americanism Essay, Lady Elks

& Elk of Year Nomination, etc.).

Look at the many ways in which **YOU**, our members, were able to help, from paying your dues or encouraging another to do so, to proposing a member. From giving to C.C. C. or ENF, to serving as committee Chair or helper of Elk activities. And, certainly many points rested upon your 05-06 officers meeting their many obligations.

Lodge #572 also earned Lodge Of The Year in 1997-98. Our beautiful new plaque can now take its place along side. And there is more. **THE SUPER SOUTH DISTRICT**, headed by Vice President,

Scott Ohlemacher of Metropolis #1428, was named #1 of the 8 IEA districts in Illinois! Congratulations to Scott, all South District Officers, and certainly to all that our 12 Lodges did to earn this top ranking.

Finally, based on criteria similar to that for Lodge of the year, P.E.R. Merle Evans was selected as Illinois Exalted Ruler of the Year for 2005-2006.

Thumbs up, everyone (A celebration at #572 is being planned.) Now, think 2006-2007!!

PROPOSED CHESTER MERGER PROGRESS REPORT

Members present at the June 7 Lodge Meeting of #572 voted **UNANIMOUSLY** to accept the proposed merger. Members present at the #1629 Lodge meeting of June

14 likewise voted **UNANIMOUSLY** to accept the merger. Necessary paperwork has now been forwarded to the Grand Lodge level. If approved by both the Grand Trustees and

passed on the Grand Lodge Convention Floor in Orlando, Florida, this July, the merger will then occur.

MENU

NEW! TUESDAY MENU

SERVING

6:00 - 8:00 P.M.

**SIDES: SLAW \$1.50
ONION RINGS \$3.00
FRENCH FRIES \$1.50**

**OLD FASHION HAMBURGER
1/2 LB. ON A
TOASTED BUN
W/FRIES \$5.00**

**BBQ SANDWICH
SLICED & ON A TOASTED BUN
W/FRIES & SLAW \$5.00**

**CATFISH SANDWICH 4 oz. FILET
ON A HOAGIE BUN
W/FRIES \$5.00**

**GRILLED CHICKEN BREAST
SERVED ON A HOAGIE BUN
W/FRIES \$5.00**

**6oz. RIBEYE SANDWICH
SERVED ON A HOAGIE BUN
W/FRIES \$6.50**

GRILLED CHEESE \$2.00

**ELKS CLUB ROOM HOURS
MONDAY~FRIDAY
1:00 P.M. ~ 12:00 A.M.**

**SATURDAY
12:00 P.M. ~ 1:00 A.M.**

**SUNDAY
12:00 ~ 10:00 P.M.**



COMMUNITY FLAG DAY A SUCCESS!

Murphysboro's First Annual Community Flag Day Service, which was co-sponsored by Elks Lodge 572 and several other organizations, was a success. We were honored to bring our support to this community effort and proud that so many Lodge members helped set it up and also participated in the Service. Mark your calendar for Saturday, June 9, 2007, for the Second Annual Community Flag Day Service."

WEEKLY DRAWING

- 5/30 James Mills \$500 NR
Jason Buser \$500 RNP
- 6/6 Leon Bryan \$500 NR
Tricia Weinoffer \$446 RNP
- 6/13 Ron Dolwick \$500 NR
Dennis Heape \$338 NR
- 6/20 Russell Bogenpohl \$500 NR
H. F. Peebles \$450 NR

BINGO WORKERS

- 7/3 NO BINGO
- 7/10 C. Czmyrid, C. Paul
- 7/17 M. K. Ziegler; J. Clover
- 7/24 J. Love; P. Gillmore
- 7/31 V. Freeman; B. Bost

PULL TAB WORKERS

- 7/3 NO BINGO
- 7/10 J. D. Carlock; G. Wilcox
- 7/17 J. Pittman; J. Rosson
- 7/24 S. & A. Stanley
- 7/31 D. Siefert; B. Balsano



ELKS LODGE #572

July 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 NASCAR DAYTONA
2	3 NO BINGO	4 CLUB ROOM OPEN 12-10 PM (No Drawing or Kitchen Service)	5 NO LODGE MTG. HOT WINGS .25 EA. 6-8 P.M	6 10 OZ RIBEYE <u>\$11.95</u> 1/2 FRIED CHICKEN INCL. POT, SALAD ROLL..\$5.00	7 SPECIAL ALL YOU CAN EAT CATFISH W/FRIES, SLAW & HUSHPUPIES \$7.95	8
9 NASCAR CHICAGO	10 BINGO 7:00 P.M. CLUB ROOM SPECIAL SLICED BBQ ON PRESSED BUN FRIES & SLAW \$5.00 (+BINGO MENU)	11 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 SPECIAL! 6oz. RIBEYE SANDWICH W/FRIES \$6.50	12 TRUSTEE MTG./HOUSE COMMIT- TEE 7:00 P.M. HOT WINGS .25 EA	13 10 OZ RIBEYE <u>\$11.95</u> 1/2 FRIED CHICKEN INCL. POT, SALAD ROLL..\$5.00	14 SPECIAL! SAU- TEED FILET OF SALMON W/VEG., RICE PILAF & SALAD BAR \$9.95	15 BACK HALL RENTED
16 NASCAR NEW HAMPSHIRE	17 BINGO 7:00 P.M. CLUB ROOM SPECIAL SLICED BBQ ON PRESSED BUN FRIES & SLAW \$5.00 (+BINGO MENU)	18 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 SPECIAL! 6oz. RIBEYE SANDWICH W/FRIES \$6.50	19 LODGE MTG. 7:30 HOT WINGS .25 EA. 6-8 P.M	20 10 OZ RIBEYE <u>\$11.95</u> 1/2 FRIED CHICKEN INCL. POT, SALAD ROLL..\$5.00	21 SPECIAL! CHICKEN PARME- SAN ON PASTA W/ SALAD BAR & GAR- LIC TOAST \$8.95	22 BACK HALL RENTED
23 NASCAR POCONO	24 BINGO 7:00 P.M. CLUB ROOM SPECIAL SLICED BBQ ON PRESSED BUN FRIES & SLAW \$5.00 (+BINGO MENU)	25 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 SPECIAL! 6oz. RIBEYE SANDWICH W/FRIES \$6.50	26 HOT WINGS .25 EA. 6-8 P.M	27 10 OZ RIBEYE <u>\$11.95</u> 1/2 FRIED CHICKEN INCL. POT, SALAD ROLL..\$5.00	28 SPECIAL! 16 oz PORK CHOP BAKED SWEET POT., SALAD BAR \$9.95	29 NASCAR TRIP MADISON, IL BUS LEAVES LODGE PARK LOT @ NOON
30	31 BINGO 7:00 P.M. CLUB ROOM SPECIAL SLICED BBQ ON PRESSED BUN FRIES & SLAW \$5.00 (+BINGO MENU)					

E. R. MESSAGE

As many of you know, we have a great volunteer staff. However, as we grow and activities are added, we need more good Elks to step forward. We need at least six people for the Soccer Shoot on Sept. 2nd at the Super Block in Carbondale, at 8:30 a.m., to keep score and chase the balls. Members with young kids could really help. We also need a washer tournament chairperson, and one of our good members would like to have a "Pitch" card tournament. Members who are interested, please let me know so we can get out flyers and set up times. I can get the brackets and explain how they work.

We are hosting the S. Dist. Golf Tourn. to be played @ Hickory Ridge on 8/27/06. Starting time is 9:00 a.m., with food and beverage served on the course, followed by a Prime Rib dinner at our Lodge. Entry fee is \$70 per person, six-person teams. Closest to pin, straight drive and team putting competition. Also, we will have a skin game and team prizes. Look for flyers in our Lodge.

Please note the award Merle received as the E. R. of the year. He is quite modest about the award. However, he earned this through diligence and hard work. When you see Merle, pat him on the back and shake his hand.

Finally, our second-best employee ever is getting married on August 19th in Rock Island @ St. Mary's Catholic Church. Holly Dekeyrel is marrying Tony Pompa, both members of our Lodge. If you are interested in attending, details for reservations etc. are by our daily sign-up sheet. We will have a card to sign, in our Lodge, if you would like to thank her for being a part of our life. Finally, with reference to the second best employee, all the rest of our employees are tied for first!!

Norm Wayman, E. R.

P.S., your E. R. is walking her down the aisle!

ILLINOIS ELKS CRIPPLED CHILDREN'S YARD SALE

Thanks to the spirit of Elkdom, over \$2,500, which sets a new record almost doubling the old one, was raised by Lodge 572 for the Illinois Elks Crippled Children's program at the 3rd Annual Yard Sale held on June 17! And many local families in need will benefit by receiving the unsold clothing and household items.

The event was made even more special by a surprise early morning visit from a young woman who received her hydraulic wheelchair from the Elks Crippled Children's program. She was thankful for the financial help and proud that she was awarded her high school degree while standing with wheelchair assistance.

Several people worked "hard for the money," especially Patsy Roberts, Nita (and Lee, too) Blake, Judy Moore, Lynn Porter, Amy Elfers, Carol Czymrid, Bruce and Barbara Dallas, Kevin Stratton, Mike "Hunker" Herron, and Mike Sherman. The Lodge is appreciative of their labors.

The Lodge also would like to extend a "Thank You" to all who donated items for the Yard Sale, those who shopped, and to WINI and the Murphysboro American for their support of the Illinois Elks Crippled Children's program.