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## MARCH 2015, E. R. MESSAGE

Members All,

Another Elk year will come to a close at the end of this month of March. It has been a good year for Elks Lodge #572. We have moved forward on reducing the building mortgage at our lending institution, and hopefully we can finish it off in 2015 - 2016. A very big Thank You to All who have helped in this effort (More information forthcoming, next month)!

Thanks to our having written for, and received, an ENF Beacon Grant, we are now well into a program to help the disabled Veterans who visit the Haven, located just off Rt. 13, on Crab Orchard Lake. In fact, we have just completed our 2nd session of providing meals (and good companionship while doing so) to those needy Veterans who attend sessions on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. We hope to continue this support of area veterans, for a long time to come!

As you have been seeing in this publication, on our website, and on flyers, our 20th Annual C. C. C. Dart Tournament & Auction is at hand. This is our largest Fund Raiser of the year for our Elks State Major Project. If you would like to be a Board Sponsor, donate an Auction Item, or help in any way whatever, give Tournament Chairman, B. J. Wyatt (618-684-3911); Lynn Porter (618-534-5722); or the Lodge (618-684-4541) a call - or contact a Lodge Officer in person. And, of course, we need YOU there, on March 7th, to participate in auctions, meat wheels, raffles, or even in the Dart competition, itself.

The Luck of the Lodge drawing will be held on the 14th of this month. If you have not purchased any tickets yet, just ASK at the Bar, or call the Lodge. This is the Raffle that may help put us over the top in paying off the mortgage this next year - and wouldn't that be a great feeling.

We are trying to put together another Lodge Cruise. If you would be interested, or want to give input on where your interests are, please contact me at the Lodge. On past cruises, we have always had a great time, and it is a good way to meet a lot of good Elk members.....so on this possible option, let's talk.

As always, February was the month for Lodge Officer nominations and elections for the coming year. Elected offices filled are announced elsewhere in this Newsletter (Appointed positions will be included in the April Newsletter). There will be some new faces, and as always, and as should be with Chair Progressions, some not so new. Please give all of the 2015 - 2016 Officers a helping hand when you can. They give up so much of their personal time to help keep our Lodge going! As Officers, we try to do what is right or best for the Lodge. That said, sometimes we don't satisfy everyone, but please help us out....by maybe talking to the Officers, or coming to a Lodge, House, or Board of Directors Meeting to voice your opinion. The Bar is not the best place for these discussions!

Finally, strive to remember that we are ALL ELKS and are here to help and support each other.  
Elks Care - Elks Share!

Steve Schemonia, E. R.

**BIRTHDAYS**

3/1 John Caldwell  
 3/1 Jack Camden  
 3/2 Robert Bateman  
 3/2 Billy Dallas  
 3/2 Gary Raines  
 3/3 Jeff Daniel  
 3/4 Emmett Whitacre  
 3/5 Richard Green  
 3/6 Donald Cochran  
 3/6 Herbert Dougan  
 3/7 Mike Dickerson  
 3/8 Richard Ehlers  
 3/9 Marvin Rust  
 3/10 Sylvester Stiegman  
 3/11 Joan Cox  
 3/11 Steve Ridings  
 3/12 Andrew Belobraydic  
 3/12 Everett Blackwell  
 3/12 Todd Lirely  
 3/12 David Trimble  
 3/13 Melissa Ferguson  
 3/13 Charles Johnson  
 3/13 William Phillips  
 3/13 Thomas Shields  
 3/14 Joe Sendek  
 3/15 Bob Abbott  
 3/15 Scott Wheeler  
 3/17 Danny Lawson  
 3/16 Clay Cochran  
 3/18 Charles Fisher  
 3/18 Jennifer Ihle  
 3/18 Travis Smith  
 3/19 Alan Gordon  
 3/19 Gary Tennison  
 3/20 Fred Carter  
 3/20 Lori Graff  
 3/20 Craig Keller  
 3/20 William Moeglin  
 3/20 Michael Ryan  
 3/21 Benjamin Howard  
 3/21 Dennis Johnson  
 3/21 Brian Mifflin  
 3/22 Dale Alstat  
 3/22 Dale Mifflin  
 3/22 Tim Schenk  
 3/23 Kevin Bost  
 3/23 Adam Korando  
 3/24 Robert Diehl  
 3/24 Terry Gerlach  
 3/24 Joy McAllister  
 3/25 Esequiel Reyes  
 3/25 Frederick Thompson  
 3/26 Joseph Rains  
 3/28 Jerry Nance  
 3/30 Russell Brown  
 3/30 Shawn Imhoff

**LODGE #572 GAINS IN MEMBERSHIP!**

Congratulations, Murphysboro #572, for again achieving a gain in membership for this 2014-2015 Lodge year, which will end on March 31. We began the year, last April 1, with 618 members. We are currently at 636, of which only 13 (2.1%) are delinquent (See posting at Lodge, website, or February Newsletter for list. As requested last month, if you know anyone on this list, please encourage them to get their dues obligation taken care of, before the end of this month. Some of these have indicated they intend to do so.). Also, several candidates await Indoctrination on Thursday (3/12/15) and Initiation at the Wednesday (3/18/15) Lodge Meeting. Thanks to all Officers and members who have helped in so many ways, in achieving this membership increase!



Our Lodge provided a meal to needy veterans attending a counseling/therapy session at the Haven on Crab Orchard Lake on February 17th. Money for the meal came from an ENF Beacon Grant earned by our Lodge's fundraising efforts for the ENF; labor was provided by our members. If you can help out, let us know - volunteers are appreciated by us and the veterans we serve...*"As long as there are veterans, the Elks will never forget them."*

**ELK #572 PEANUT ROLLS**

You read it correctly - after a lengthy pause (several years), Lodge PERs and some brave volunteers are again going to host a Peanut Roll Bake / Sale! Any proceeds from this effort will go directly to assist in Lodge Mortgage reduction. You can purchase these delicious items in packages of 6, for \$5.00 Orders need to be placed by Friday, March 27th. Pick-up of your order can occur on after 2:00 p.m. on Monday, March 30th, at the Lodge. You can place your Order in person at the Club Room; by calling PER, Darcie Hastings, at 618-521-6050; or call the Lodge, at 618-684-4541. And, as you munch these delicious morsels, you will have equal satisfaction, knowing that you are helping reduce, maybe not weight, but our building mortgage!!

**2015 - 2016 ELECTED OFFICERS OF #572**

From nominations received at the February 4 and 18 Lodge Meetings, the following, elected positions were filled for the coming year

**Exalted Ruler - Steve Schemonia**

**Leading Knight - Joe Patrick**

**Loyal Knight - Seth Schemonia**

**Lecturing Knight - (Open)**

**5-Year Trustee Michele Allard**

**Secretary - Merle Evans**

**Treasurer - Sandy Schenk**

**(Tiler, Inner Guard, Chaplain, and Esquire will be appointed by incoming E. R.)**



**LUCK OF THE LODGE RAFFLE**

**\$5,000 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE PRIZE  
\$20 DONATION  
ONLY 800 TICKETS SOLD  
PRIZES AWARDED TO  
(9) WINNERS & (9) SELLERS**

**DRAWING & COCKTAIL PARTY FOR TICKET HOLDERS**

**3/14/2015**

**(Party 3:15 5:00 pm; Drawings Start 4:00 pm)**

**LEWS CREEK BAND LIVE 5:00 9:00 PM**

**TICKET SALES ARE NEARING COMPLETION  
DON'T WAIT TOO LONG TO GET YOURS!**



**20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
CHILDREN'S CARE DART TOURNAMENT  
SAT., MARCH 7, 2015**

**BLIND DRAW/CHICAGO STYLE  
\$11.00 ENTRY FEE**

**SIGN-UP 12:00 – 1:30 P.M. - PLAY BEGINS AT 2:00 PM**

**GUARANTEED \$500 PAYOUT!**

**EVERYBODY WELCOME  
FOOD PROVIDED AT 1:00 BY:  
“ GREAT BOARDS OF FIRE”**

**LIVE AUCTION - THROUGHOUT THE TOURNA-  
MENT, SILENT AUCTION, RAFFLES AND MEAT  
WHEEL**

**DONATIONS, SPONSORSHIPS or QUESTIONS: CALL  
MURPHYSBORO ELKS 618-684-4541  
OR  
BJ WYATT 618-684-3911**

**BINGO VOLUNTEERS**

- 03/02 M. Leslie, J. Clover (Givens)
- 03/09 J. Wayman, J. Erbes (Evans)
- 03/16 C. DeWulf, C. Canning (Paul)
- 03/23 K. Evans, J. Clover (Hines)
- 03/30 M. Leslie, C. Myers (Givens)
- 04/06 K. Evans, J. Clover (Evans)

**PULL TAB VOLUNTEERS**

- 03/02 T. Ferguson, S. Schemonia
- 03/09 T. Ferguson, S. Wheeler
- 03/16 G. Wilcox, D. Siefert
- 03/23 M. Sherman, S. Schemonia
- 03/30 T. Ferguson, (T.B.A.)
- 04/06 L. Brown, S. Wheeler

**ELKS ENF  
SHOOTING MATCH  
(UNIQUE-ALL INDOOR!)**

**CHESTER EAGLES  
(PUCKER GUNS & SCOPES ARE ALLOWED)**

**SUNDAY MARCH 15, 2015  
SIGN-UP BEGINS AT 12 NOON**

**10 MATCHES  
50/50 DRAWINGS  
MEAT WHEEL**

**FREE FOOD**

**FOR MORE INFORMTION CONTACT:  
RICK EHLERS  
618-534-1689**



**RE-SCHEDULED  
ELKS ENF SHOOTING MATCH  
(NO PUCKER GUNS & SCOPES ALLOWED)**

**CRAZY JOE'S FISH HOUSE**

**SUNDAY MARCH 22, 2015  
SIGN-UP BEGINS AT 12 NOON**

**10 MATCHES  
50/50 DRAWINGS  
MEAT WHEEL**

**FREE FOOD**

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# March 2015

## ELKS CLUB ROOM HOURS

MONDAY ~ THURSDAY  
2:00 P.M. ~ 11:00 P.M.  
A.M.

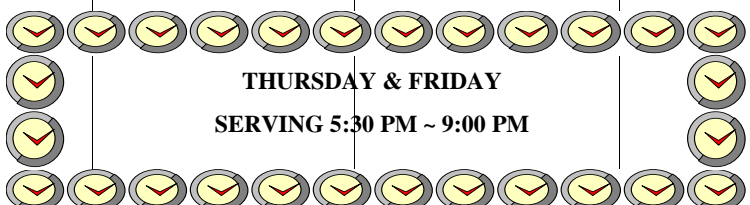
FRIDAY  
2:00 P.M. ~ 12:00 A.M.

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

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

## COMING EVENTS

Mar. 7 ....C.C.C. Benefit Dart Tournament - Sign-up begins at 12:00 Noon  
Mar. 14....Luck of the Lodge Raffle  
Mar. 15....Shooting Match @ Chester Eagles  
Mar 17.....Veterans Dinner at Haven  
Mar. 22....Re-Scheduled Shooting Match @ Crazy Joe's Fish House  
Mar. 30....Peanut Roll Orders Ready to Pick-Up

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 BINGO 7:00 P.M.SPECIAL 5:30— 8:00 PM BBQ SAND. W/FRIES \$4.50 & FULL BINGO MENU	3 CHILI MAC OR CHILI DOGS \$7.00	4 LODGE MTG. 7:30 PM HOT WINGS .50 EA. 6-8 P.M (Eat in or take out)	5 10 OZ RIB EYE \$14.95 1/2 FRIED CHICKEN INC. MASHED POT., GRAVY/ VEG. & ROLL SALAD BAR \$8.00 ...1/4 FRIED CHICKEN \$6.95	6 SPECIAL! ALL YOU CAN EAT CATFISH W/FRIES, SLAW & HUSH PUPPIES \$8.00 + LENT SPECIALS	7 20TH ANNUAL CCC DART TOUR- NEY & AUCTION
8	9 BINGO 7:00 P.M.SPECIAL 5:30— 8:00 PM BBQ SAND. W/FRIES \$4.50 & FULL BINGO MENU	10 BUILD A BURGER, FF \$7.50	11 BOARD OF DIRECTORS 7:00 PM HOUSE MTG. 7:30 HOT WINGS .50 EA. 6-8 P.M	12 10 OZ RIB EYE \$14.95 1/2 FRIED CHICKEN INC. MASHED POT., GRAVY/ VEG. & ROLL SALAD BAR \$8.00 ..1/4 F. CHICKEN \$6.95 INDOCTRINATION 6:30 PM	13 PORK STEAK, GARLIC MASH POT., VEG, ROLL \$9.95	14 LUCK OF LODGE PARTY IN HALL 3-5 PM (RAFFLE AT 4:00)
15 ELKS ENF SHOOTING MATCH CHESTER EAGLES SIGN-UP AT 12:00 PM	16 BINGO 7:00 P.M.SPECIAL 5:30— 8:00 PM BBQ SAND. W/FRIES \$4.50 & FULL BINGO MENU	17 TURKEY CLUB, FF \$7.50  VETS DINNER HA- VEN	18 LODGE MTG. & INITIATION 7:30 PM HOT WINGS .50 EA. 6-8 P.M (Eat in or take out)	19 10 OZ RIB EYE \$14.95 1/2 FRIED CHICKEN INC. MASHED POT., GRAVY/ VEG. & ROLL SALAD BAR \$8.00 ...1/4 FRIED CHICKEN \$6.95	20 CHICKEN PARME- SAN, SIDE SPA- GHETTI, VEG., GAR- LIC BREAD \$8.95	21 BACK HALL RENTED TRIVIA
22 ELKS ENF SHOOTING MATCH CRAZY JOE'S FISH HOUSE—SIGN-UP 12:00 NOON	23 BINGO 7:00 P.M.SPECIAL 5:30— 8:00 PM BBQ SAND. W/FRIES \$4.50 & FULL BINGO MENU	24 STEAK SAND- WICH, FF \$8.50	25 HOT WINGS .50 EA. 6-8 P.M (Eat in or take out)	26 10 OZ RIB EYE \$14.95 1/2 FRIED CHICKEN INC. MASHED POT., GRAVY/ VEG. & ROLL SALAD BAR \$8.00 ...1/4 FRIED CHICKEN \$6.95	27 CHICKEN & DUMPLINGS, MASHED POT., VEG, ROLL \$8.00	28 BACK HALL RENTED
29	30 BINGO 7:00 P.M.SPECIAL 5:30— 8:00 PM BBQ SAND. W/FRIES \$4.50 & FULL BINGO MENU	31 MEXICAN NIGHT	 <p>THURSDAY &amp; FRIDAY SERVING 5:30 PM ~ 9:00 PM</p>			