



**2023 - 2024
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March Dining & Events

- *Friday, March 1st – Fish Fry -6pm
- *Friday, March 8th – Fish Fry – 6pm
- *Friday, March 15th – Fish Fry – 6pm
- *Monday, March 18th – Calcutta
- *Wednesday, March 20th – Installation of Officers Meeting
- *Friday, March 23rd – Fish Fry – 6pm
- *Friday, March 29th – Fish Fry – 6pm

March & April Fish Fry Committees

- Mar
- 1 Lee Freeman, Jen Worisek, Kyle Krantz, Tom Williams
 - 8 Fill In*****
 - 15 Matt Walden, Randy McIlravy, Ken Callahan
 - 22 Travis Anderson, Chuck Hulett, Clint Hoffman, Kurtis Sharp
 - 29 Ryan Samo, Jason Hyde, Willie Harris
- April
- 5 Ron Higgins, Nick Jannings, Todd Stalker
 - 19 Ryan Hoyt, Brad Stehr, Kyle Krantz

We will not be having celebrity bartenders scheduled for Saturdays anymore.

If a member would like to volunteer to bartend on a Saturday afternoon, contact a member of the board.

March Birthdays

- 2 Larry Bailey
- 4 Joel Weis
- 6 Richard Anderson
Carl Schuler
- 7 Jack Davis
- 8 Ronnie Kelly
- 9 Dave Abildtrup
Doug Thatcher
- 11 Kyle Wilson
- 12 Dave Palma
Andrew Gordon
- 16 Donald Irelan
- 17 Shawn Stephens
- 19 Dr. Roger Turk
- 20 Mike Briner
- 22 Steve Churchill
Jerry Weese
- 23 Dennis Hopkins
- 25 Allan Higgins
- 26 Shawn Lauer
- 28 Russell Booth
- 31 Mark Shepherd
Jon Thompson

Greetings fellow Elks,

It is the last month of our lodge year and thus the end of my time as your Exalted Ruler. I would like to take this time to thank everyone who helped make this an awesome year! Now let's keep the momentum going and show our support for Tyler Mahan who will be taking over as Exalted Ruler at the end of the month.

March 18th, we have Calcutta and also a free steak dinner for anyone who entered the 13-run baseball pool last year. Come up and get your steak and drinks and sign up for the 2024 season. Calcutta is a huge event that greatly supports our lodge and has been ran by the Turner family for years. March 20th will be our installation of officers meeting, come up Wednesday evening for social drinks and congratulate our officers on their new positions. We also have our famous fish fry every Friday during Lent. Thank you for supporting your local lodge.

This month's shoutout goes to Eric Shawler. He has consistently served and supported the lodge for many years now. He has been integral in recruiting new members, which we need. He also offers support in running the lodge, making money saving changes, etc. You will see him at the lodge for most of our events, supporting Creston every way possible. Give him some props and enjoy a beverage with him the next time you are at the lodge!

Good news is we are closing the gap on past due memberships, with the number down to 23. There is one month to get this taken care of, so let's finish strong! As you see on our Facebook page and have heard in the newsletters, the lodge has provided substantial benefits to the community! We need memberships and active members to make this possible. Jean Vanier says it best, "One of the marvelous things about community is that it enables us to welcome and help people in a way we couldn't as individuals." Let's continue to push forward and help our community the best that we can!

Fraternally yours,

Ryan Samo, Exalted Ruler Creston #605

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Please contact Deb Veitz with any questions at 641-344-1155.

March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Fish Fry - Lee Freeman, Jen Worisek, Kyle Krantz, Tom Williams	2 No Celebrity Bartender No Saturday Night Dining
3	4 Closed	5 Closed	6 Gov Body 7pm Lodge Meeting 8pm Clubroom Open 5-8pm	7 Closed	8 Fish Fry – TBA	9 No Celeb Bartender No Saturday Night Dining
10	11 Closed	12 VFW Meeting	13 Clubroom Open 5-8pm PER Meeting 7pm	14 Closed	15 Fish Fry – Matt Walden, Randy McIlravy, Ken Callahan	16 No Celebrity Bartender No Saturday Night Dining
17	18 Calcutta	19 Closed	20 Installation of Officers & Lodge Meeting 8pm Clubroom Open 5-8pm	21 Closed	22 Fish Fry – Travis Anderson, Chuck Hulett, Clint Hoffman, Kurtis Sharp	23 No Celeb Bartender No Saturday Night Dining
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