



# Christian County Elks #2777

## ELKS BUGLE

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Loyal Knight

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Jan Bruenger

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Ernie Smith

Frank Smith

Jeff Holt

Ted Chambers

### EXALTED RULER MESSAGE

May is now upon us and we start turning our attention to membership. Renewing your dues is very important to our Lodge since we are a small Lodge in terms of numbers of members. Most of the money that comes in goes directly to our Lodge's general account to pay our monthly bills. Please take the time to send your dues payment if you have not done so. Thanks, goes to more than one hundred members who have already paid!

Try to get up to the Lodge when you are able. We've begun some Poker Play on Thursday evenings after Jeff's \$5 meal. There has been some good attendance recently on Friday evenings as well. Most of all come to our Lodge meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. This is when the business of the Lodge is discussed----new input is needed and welcomed!!

Fraternally,

Scotty Butler, ER

### ELK OF THE YEAR



**Denny Peterson, Congratulations!!!**

## AUXILIARY NEWS

The April meeting of the Auxiliary was held on April 9th at the Lodge. Outgoing President Sheila Rogers installed -the new officers for the coming year. President - Mary Angell, Vice-President - Janie Butler, Secretary – Dena Wolfe and Treasurer - Jan Bruenger.

A short meeting followed. Voletta Anderson will be the Sunshine Lady again this year. The decorating committee will consist of Claudette Coley, Chairman, Mary Jo Marshall and Karol Simpson.

Anyone who would like to help with this committee, please contact Claudette. Mary will be forming other committees before the next meeting and will be asking for others to serve.

All thoughts and ideas on making the Auxiliary run smoothly will be appreciated. Contact Mary if you would be willing to serve on any of the new committees.

The Auxiliary's primary function is to help the Lodge in any way it can. In the past, money has been raised for many of the needs of the Lodge. We also function as a social group. Our meetings are very short and the food that we bring once a month to our meetings is great.

This is an invitation to all who would wish to join. Please contact Mary if you are interested.  
Mary Angell, President

## ENF REPORT

We have the numbers from Lodge year 2018-2019 that cut off on March 31<sup>st</sup>: WE ARE No. 1 IN THE STATE!! Thank you ALL so much for helping us to reach this goal. One person in particular sent money in at the last moment to jump us ahead in the standings. Thank you to Sheila Rogers for her generous donation just in time for the cut off.

We are well on our way to this year's goal. Keep those Purple Pigs and donations coming in. Right now, we have enough money to take 91 children shopping in July AND we have just received word that our Promise and Beacon Grant applications have been approved! I will put sign up sheets on the Bulletin Board for each of the Saturday's in July. If you have never shopped with us, please give it a try. It is so humbling to help a struggling family and get a hug of gratitude.

I have added Flag Day to our list of upcoming Community Events. My apologies for failing to include that date last time. Flag Day is on a Friday this year, and will begin at Noon. Our Ceremony tells the history of every flag that has flown over these United States of America, and the Boy Scouts do an excellent job of presenting each flag. We will serve a free lunch after the ceremony, and then weather permitting we will go outside to the fire pit and retire flags. If you have any flags that need retiring, please bring them to the Lodge prior to June 14<sup>th</sup>. If you have any Veteran friends, please invite them to join us. This is a day for them as well.

## Following is a list of upcoming Community events

### THIS MONTH!!!

**Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> – Annual Kite Day & Community Appreciation Day**  
(10:00am – 2:00pm on Lodge Grounds)  
**Free Hot Dogs, Hamburgers/Cheeseburgers, Soft Drinks**  
**Kites, Bounce House, Fire Truck, Ambulance, D.A.R.E. Vehicle**

### **COMING SOON:**

**Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup> - Smoke At The Barn BBQ Contest And Fundraiser For Autism**  
(11:00am – 6:00pm on Lodge Grounds)  
Great BBQ (come vote for your favorite), Live Music, Silent Auction, Bingo,  
Bounce House, Kids Games

**Friday June 14<sup>th</sup> Flag Day Ceremony** Begins at Noon. See above for more details

**Saturday July 6<sup>th</sup> - Back To School Shopping at Nixa Walmart** (9:30am – Noon or when finished)

- Saturday July 13<sup>th</sup> - **Back To School Shopping at Nixa Walmart** (9:30am – Noon or when finished)
- Saturday July 20<sup>th</sup> - **Back To School Shopping at Ozark Walmart** (9:30am – Noon or when finished)
- Saturday July 27<sup>th</sup> - **Back To School Shopping at Ozark Walmart** (9:30am – Noon or when finished)
  
- Saturday Sept 14<sup>th</sup> **Annual Veterans Benefit Golf Tournament** (9:00am Deer Lake Golf Course)

Thanks for your support; you really are the B.P.O.E. (Best People On Earth)!

Respectfully,  
Ms. Jerry L. Fritchman, PER

ENF and Fundraising Chairman

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

The solar panels seem to be doing the job!! We received 76 KW and delivered 97KW. Solar panel installation on the Pavilion is coming soon!

Jeff Holt

**VETERANS REPORT**

I have returned from Florida to re-assure my duties. The next Veterans activity will be Flag Day. If you know any Veterans, please invite them to our Flag Day Ceremony, along with their Spouse, Children and Grandchildren.

We are thinking of having a BBQ this summer for the Veterans. Any input is appreciated. We still have four Veteran’s badges that need picked up: Danny Cazier, William Crawford, Jason Allen and Jed Pelate.

It also would be nice to see you at the Lodge!!

Denny Peterson

**From the OTC Foundation:**

Ms. Steele,

On behalf of Ozarks Technical Community College and the OTC Foundation, thank you for providing the Christian County Elks Lodge #2777 Scholarship to OTC students this semester. Our scholarship committee selected three eligible recipients for awards in the Spring 2019 semester for a total award amount of \$1,500.

Thank you for supporting OTC and our students. Your generosity is crucial to our mission of providing accessible, affordable educational opportunities that transform lives and strengthen our community. Nearly two-thirds of our students qualify for financial aid. Not only does college attendance become a reality thanks to scholarships, our research shows that those receiving scholarships also perform better than their peers by an average of 0.6 in GPA (24% better). We’re excited to share how your support makes a positive impact in the lives of the students we serve.

Amy Bacon,  
Executive Director,  
OTC Foundation





1<sup>st</sup> Anthony Leciejewski  
 4<sup>th</sup> Lee Blevins  
 7<sup>th</sup> Donald Strange  
 8<sup>th</sup> Tammy Boak  
 13<sup>th</sup> Jerry Fritchman  
 13<sup>th</sup> Gary Stark

15<sup>th</sup> Jacalyn Deans  
 17<sup>th</sup> Anna Moore  
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