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January 2020

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Trustees:
Ernie Smith
Frank Smith
Jeff Holt
Ted Chambers
Bill Beauchamp

THOUGHTS FROM THE EXALTED RULER

A new year is upon us, but a little reflection on December speaks volumes about our little Lodge. Two virtues Elks Practice are Charity and Brotherly Love. December was full of both – Thanks go to all our volunteers who assisted in our rentals making them successful. Thanks goes to our Lodge for financially helping our two deaf members take their talented daughter to Texas to compete in softball games for just the elite few in our country. Thanks to the Auxiliary for donated good taken to Freedoms Rest, the Christmas Wreaths hung at the Veterans Cemetery and the ten Christmas baskets given to Veteran’s families here in Christian County. This is really who we are when you really think about it – a great organization with a big heart.

Let’s get the New Year started off right – come to the Lodge when you can and support our efforts and events.

Fraternally,
Scotty Butler, ER

NEW OFFICER



Brian Klein has been promoted from Lecturing Knight to Loyal Knight. Brian has been a dedicated member since joining in 2016.

Pictured at left is Brian and Scottie Butler, ER

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER

Welcome New Member Gary Estes!

The Christian County Elks #2777 performed the time-honored tradition of initiation in November and welcomed one new member into the Order. Gary Estes, proposed by Judy Chambers, has been a resident of Ozark for over 30 years and for six years was a teacher in the local school system. Currently Gary is an auctioneer selling cows and other livestock and has traveled the world presenting his trade. Gary thanked the Elks of allowing him to become a member and pledged to support the community and especially helping veterans. Welcome Gary!

By Mike Klinger, PER



Photo

(L to R) Proposer Judy Chambers, new member Gary Estes and Exalted Ruler, Scotty Butler.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND EXALTED RULER VISIT

Christian County Elks 2777 were honored to host District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler from the Stockton Elks #2858, Josh Coots, at our December meeting. Prior to the meeting Josh did the required Lodge inspections then spent social time visiting Lodge members followed by enjoying dinner provided by the Lodge. During the meeting, Josh briefly spoke of the Grand Exalted Ruler, Bob Duitsman, insights of membership growth and keeping our Lodge in good sound, financial condition. Joining Josh at the visitation was Esquire to the DDGER, Virgil Bevans, of Greenview Elks #2857 and his wife Rhonda.



ELKS LAY WREATHS FOR FALLEN HEROES

PEARL HARBOR DAY, DECEMBER 7TH, IS A DAY THAT MANY PAY TRIBUTE TO OUR FALLEN HEROES AT MEMORIAL PARKS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. THIS YEAR CHRISTIAN COUNTY ELKS VETERANS CHAIRMAN DENNY PETERSON, PDDGER DENA WOLFE AND TED ULIBARRI VISITED THE MISSOURI VETERANS CEMETERY IN SPRINGFIELD TO LAY WREATHS FOR OUR FALLEN HEROES INCLUDING A FEW CC ELKS THAT HAVE LEFT US.

The Honor Guard firing their rifles. The first person in the line is Ted Ulibarri, an Elks 2777 Lodge Member.



Denny Peterson, Elks Lodge 2777 Veterans Chairman, placing a wreath on Jack Kennon's Wall Plaque. Jack was a 2777 lodge member and opened and closed the Mo Veteran Cemetery daily prior to his passing in 2017.



Ted Ulibarri and Dena Wolfe of CC Elks Lodge 2777

ANNUAL ELKS MEMORIAL SERVICE

Elks Annual Memorial Service

“We shall meet, but we shall miss him. There will be the vacant chair. But though we no more possess him, still our hearts his memory bear. But a while ago we gathered, friendship beaming in each eye. Now the golden cord is severed, he has passed to realms on high” - The Vacant Chair

During the first week of December, Elks lodges throughout the country take time from their busy schedules to play tribute to the members lost during the year. During this year Christian County Elks #2777 lost two members, Perry Coley and Lee Blevins. Exalted Ruler, Scotty Butler presided over the ceremony, Past State President and Lodge Secretary, Tom Shelton read the names of the departed, Chaplain Mary Angell lead everyone in prayer with Leading Knight, Charlie Falzone, Loyal Knight, Mike Klinger PER and Lecturing Knight, PDDGER Sheila Rogers placing offerings to our absent members.



2 nd	Lucus Moore	21 st	Robert Dyer
6 th	Michael Ward	22 nd	Lynn Morris
11 th	Christopher Taff	26 th	Charles Hopkins
12 th	Alorizo Gonzalez	27 th	Michael Chambers
18 th	Wandal Heatherly	27 th	Randy Mitchell
20 th	Robert Bradford	30 th	Michael Pfander

SCHOLARSHIP RESULTS

The judging is complete for the Elks scholarship program. We have six (6) exceptional applicants proceeding to the district judging in late January. There are three males and three females. We sure hope that these applicants will move from district and compete at the state level. It would be wonderful if one of them would win one of the lucrative national scholarships. I believe we have had one applicant in the past who won a small scholarship from the state contest.

The students are:

Blake Wright from Monet high school
Ethan Smith from Smith Academy high school
Ryan Highfill from Spokane high school

Megan Surface from Ozark high school
Grace-Anne Stein from Ozark high school
Isabella Portis from Ozark high school.

These applicants have received a letter from me and Jennifer Deweert regarding the good news that they won from lodge #2777 and explaining the next process at district competition in late January. The other applicants who were not selected have received a letter thanking them for applying and wishing them the best of luck in their search for scholarships to aid in financing their college education.

Sandy Moya, scholarship chairperson along with Jennifer Deweert

ANNUAL HOOP SHOOT RESULTS

Christian County Elks held their annual Hoop Shoot Competition over the weekend at the Ozark Community Center. Seven young men and 2 young women competed by shooting 25 free-throws, 10 the first round then finished up with 15. First place in each age category will move onto the SW Missouri District Hoop Shoot Competition in January. Second place will serve as an alternate if the first- place winner is unable to compete. Congratulations to all that competed. Elk Hoop Shoot builds friendships, comradery and strengthens the competitive spirit.

Thanks to CC Elks District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, Jeff Holt, for organizing the event and to all others that helped with scoring and on the courts.



9 Participants at the 2019 CC Elks Hoop Shoot – Front Row: Thomas Freeman, Kylan Pickren, Braylon Smith, Kam Ray Ruttledge, Jacob Caffey, Joshua Caffey. Back Row: Ava Klinger, Bella Emerson and Sterling Stine

The Christian County Elks Lodge #2777 held their annual Elks National Hoop Shoot on Saturday, December 14, 2019 at the OC in Ozark. Nine participants attended the Hoop Shoot with boys and girls competing within age groups ranging from 8 years old to 13 years old. First place winners will go on to the District Hoop Shoot to be held on January 18, 2020 at Springfield Catholic High School. They will be competing against winners from 9 other Elks Lodges in the Southwest District of Missouri. Winners from that Hoop Shoot event will move onto the State level competition in St. Louis.

When the competition got underway, the 8-9 years old Boys Division was a battle between twins, Jacob Caffey and Joshua Caffey. Joshua, who is one-minute younger than Jacob, won the battle by one basket making 19 out of 25 shots. The 10-11 years old Girls Division was won by Bella Emerson. The 10-11 years old Boys Division was a shoot-out between Kylan Pickren, Kam Ray Ruttledge, Thomas Freeman and Braylon smith. Kylan and Thomas finished 1st and 2nd. The 12-13 years old Girls Division was won by Ava Klinger and Sterling Stine won the 12-13 Boys Division. The Division winners will now compete in January for District honors.

District Hoop Shoot Chairman Jeffrey Holt said, "This competition is all about comradery, skill and building character – or what the Elks call Grit. It is really a great program, and if any of our kids get to go on to State, the Elks pay their way along with their families, and it's a great time." Winners of the State Hoop Shoot go on to Nationals to be held on April 18, 2020 in Chicago. Each year, the names of the six National Champions are inscribed in the [Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame](#). Two of the Frank Hise National Champions are in attendance when the inductees are honored at the Enshrinement Ceremony.



OH NO!!!! LOOK WHO WAS ABSENT AND MISSED OUT WHEN THEIR NAMES WERE CALLED AT THE MEETING!!

DEBBIE DYER AND GARY STACK

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JANUARY 11TH, 2020 COOK OFF 1PM – 4PM
JUDGING AT 3PM SETUP 11AM

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TRUST WILL BE DIVIDED EQUALLY AMONG
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Happy New Year!

Christian County Elks 2777

**May 2020 be a Safe, Healthy
and Prosperous Year**



Mission Statement

To inculcate the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity; to recognize a belief in God; to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its Members; to quicken the spirit of American patriotism; to cultivate good fellowship; to perpetuate itself as a fraternal organization, and to provide for its government, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America will serve the people and communities through benevolent programs, demonstrating that **Elks Care - Elks**

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