



# Christian County Elks #2777

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## ELKS BUGLE

**July 2020**

### 2020 - 2021 OFFICERS

Charlie Falzone  
Exalted Ruler  
Julie Tope  
Leading Knight  
Brian Klein  
Loyal Knight  
Doug Hickman  
Lecturing Knight  
Tom Shelton  
Secretary  
Jerry Fritchman  
Treasurer  
Howard McCoy  
Tiler  
Rita Ege  
Inner Guard  
Dena Wolfe  
Chaplain  
Jan Bruenger  
Esquire  
Trustees:  
Ted Chambers  
Jeff Holt  
Charlie Hopkins  
Ernie Smith  
Mike Klinger

### EXALTED RULER THOUGHTS

Here we are in the month of July the middle of summer a beautiful time to be in the Ozark's, most of us will be enjoying the nice weather at the lakes, beaches or on vacation. Please use caution during this time and stay safe.

We had our second annual poker run on June 13th we rode for 268 miles visiting two Elk lodges and raising money to support our dictionary project for 3rd grader in Christian county , it was a good time for all who participated. On June 14th we celebrated Flag Day at the lodge where the Boy Scouts retired 28 Flags, a big Thank You to the Boy Scouts and all the people who helped with the cooking, cleaning and the set up and who participated in the ceremony.

July is also the time to recognize independents day we will be having a celebration at the lodge on the 4th please join us for fun and games, if you would like to contribute, bring your fireworks to give us a bigger bag on the 4th.

Fraternally,  
Charlie Falzone, ER

### AUXILLIARY REPORT

The June Auxiliary meeting was attended by 20 members. The Secretary's report was read and approved. The Treasurer's report was also read and approved. The Auxiliary is having a raffle for a 4th of July wreath. This beautiful patriotic wreath was donated by Joanne Angell (my talented daughter) for a money maker of the month. You will have an opportunity to purchase tickets at the Poker Run and Flag Day Ceremony events or any scheduled happening at the Lodge. As always, all funds that the Auxiliary collects will go to help the Lodge with the various charities. The tickets are sold for \$1.00 or 6 tickets for \$5.00. Anyone interested in joining the Auxiliary please contact me at 848-2763.  
Mary Angell, President



Our friend Bill Beauchamp (left) recently resigned as a trustee. Bill is former ER and great fellow with many talents that have benefited our Lodge. Thanks Bill and Geri for all you do and have done in the past. Replacing Bill now is Charlie Hopkins. Charlie recently joined our Lodge and has brought a wealth of talent and some new blood that is very welcomed. The Lodge has been blessed having both of these members. Thank you Bill and congratulations Charlie. Fraternally, Scotty Butler PER

### Ozark Veterans Coalition

To all Christian Count Elks and families. If you have any aluminum cans around your house, please bring them to the Elks Lodge and put them by the back door in a sack for the Veterans. We take them, sell the cans and use the money to help Veterans in our area. Also, if you have any old appliances or scrap metal, call me and I will come by and haul away to be sold benefiting the Veterans. Thanks, Charles Hopkins, Ozark Veterans Coalition 417-693-6298

**SAVE the DATE**  
**Veteran's Benefit**  
**Golf Tournament**  
 Sponsored by Christian County  
 Elks #2777  
**Saturday September 19th**  
**Deer Lake Golf Course**

(below) New Auxiliary Officers with Mary Angell, President, Jan Bruenger, Treasurer and Dena Wolfe, Secretary.



**Join Christian County Elks at the**  
**Independence Day**  
**Celebration July 4th**  
**Starts at 6:00pm**  
**\$5 PP, Kids under 12 FREE**

**Pavilion Party!**  
**Bring your Lawnchairs**  
**& Fireworks**  
**Games!**  
**Fireworks!**  
**Potluck!**

**BBQ Hamburgers**  
**Hot Dogs**  
**Cold Drinks**  
**Potluck (bring a dish to share)**



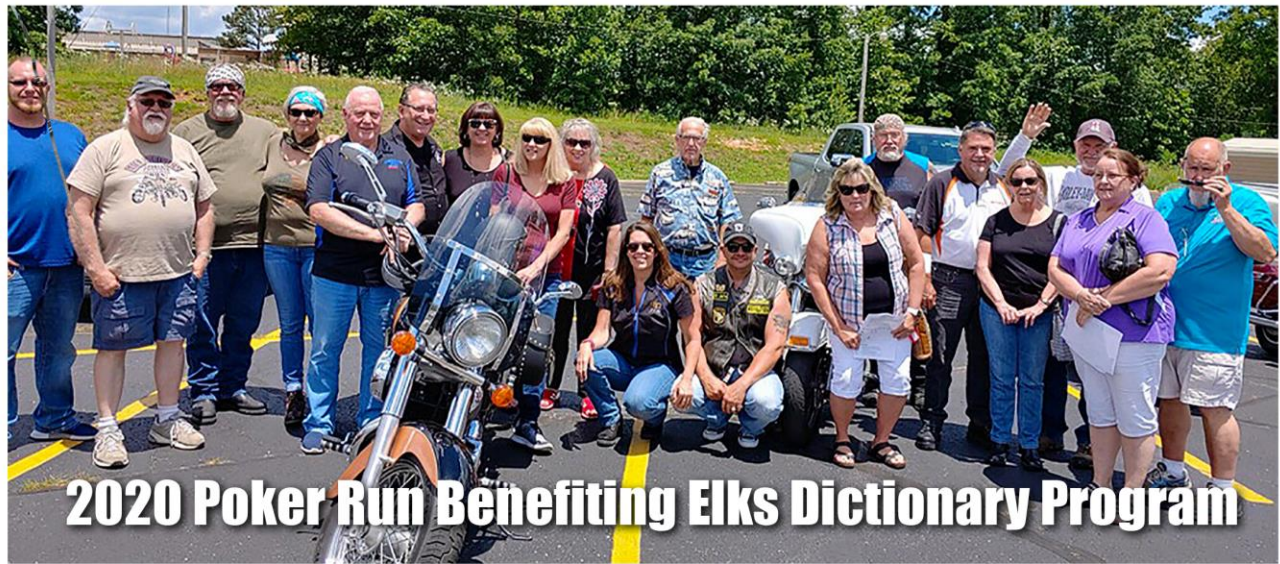


On Sunday, June 14, our Nation's Flag Day, the Christian County Elks #2777 hosted two impressive ceremonies. The first ceremony took place in the lodge room for Flag Day, led by Exalted Ruler Charles Falzone. Charlie opened the open meeting with a brief description and purpose of Flag Day. Past Exalted Ruler, Scotty Butler, then gave the guests a detailed presentation about the history of the American flag. As each flag entered the lodge room, the flag history was introduced and a scout from Troop 201 presented the flag of that era. ER Falzone then called on Leading Knight, Scotty Butler PER, Loyal Knight, Tom Shelton PSP, Lecturing Knight Charlie Hopkins and Lodge Esquire, Jan Bruenger to read important purpose and the meaning of our flag. Lodge Chaplin, Mary Angell, lead us in prayer at the opening and ending of the ceremony. At the ending of the ceremony, Lodge Esquire, Jan Bruenger, passed on the soiled and retired flags to a scout member making the flags now ready for the ceremonial burning. The Christian County Elks Flag Day ceremony was attended by 20 Elks and 23 Scouts and their leaders. All In attendance then left the lodge room and worked their way to the outdoor pavilion area where the Scouts and leaders would retire 28 flags in ceremony number two.

Elks flag retirement ceremony was part two of Flag Day June 14th. Taking place at the Christian County Elks outdoor pavilion, 23 scouts and their leaders performed the ceremonial retirement of 28 flags. A scout member read to the guests the purpose of burning of flags in the retirement process. Each flag was then gently placed in the fire pit and burned to ashes as everyone saluted. All grommets are removed and will be handed out to veterans at future ceremonies. Any retired or worn-out flag can be dropped off at any Elks Lodge in the country and the Elks will take the responsibility of proper retirement of that flag. Thank you to the scouts and leaders of the Ozark United Methodist church Troop 201.







(below) Youngbloods' Aaron Bassett with Exalted Ruler Charlie Falzone and Dictionary Chairman Jan Bruenger



Saturday, June 13, Christian County Elks #2777 held their Second Annual Poker Run benefiting the Elks National Dictionary Program. CC Elks Dictionary Chairman, Jan Bruenger, stated "with this good turn-out, the Elks raised over \$500 for special dictionaries for third-graders in the Ozark school system". Motorcycles, cars and trucks all participated in the Poker Run that covered well over 250 miles. Everyone drew their first Poker card at the CC Elks then traveled up Hwy 65 to Youngbloods Motorsports who hosted everyone with coffee and warm donuts. Thank you Sales Manager, Aaron Bassett, of Youngbloods Motorsports for the hospitality.

Then it was onto West Plains Elks lodge where Exalted Ruler Liz Ford greeted everyone with open arms. Pick a Poker Card, grab a quick cold drink and onto Alton Thayer Elks. Exalted Ruler, Paula Richardson, had the lodge door "wide-open" when the group arrived. Everyone mingled with local Elks, pulled their fourth Poker card and onto the home stretch. Everyone's fifth Poker card was picked back at CC Elks with Springfield Elks #409, Linda Hrdlicka as the big winner with three-of-a-kind. Second place went to CC Elks Trustee, Mike Klinger, with a pair of Aces. The day ended with pulled pork sandwiches, potato salad and strawberry shortcake. CC

Elks Exalted Ruler, Charlie Falzone, thanked everyone who participated and donated to the Elks Dictionary Program.



## ENF FUTURE EVENTS

I am in the process of applying for Walmart Grants for our Back To School Shopping for Needy Kids program. We currently plan on taking kids shopping Saturdays in July and August at both the Nixa and Ozark stores:

Nixa Dates - Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> – Garden Center 9am – Noon & Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup> – Garden Center 9am – Noon

Ozark Dates –Saturday, August 1st - Garden Center 9 am –Noon & Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> - Garden Center 9 am – Noon

Last year we ended up taking 253 children shopping and spent a total of \$24,940.03, so we have some big shoes to fill to do as good or better than last year. And this year, these kids are really going to need the help.

Due to the coronavirus the ENF has locked our Grant Applications until August 1<sup>st</sup>. Right now, Least Of These has scheduled 185 children for shopping (A-T) so we may fall short of funds. I would love to open the shopping for (U-Z). If you plan on donating NOW is the time. Please ask your Employer and business contacts if they can help us this year!

Thank you for all that you do. Please keep all our Members in your thoughts and prayers, and hope that everyone stays safe.

Fraternally,

Jerry Fritchman, PER, Treasurer  
ENF and Benevolent Trust Chairperson



**Don Kemper missed the meeting and lost the drawing and the \$\$\$..... Sometimes it pays to attend the meetings!!!!**

2<sup>nd</sup> Mary Angell  
2<sup>nd</sup> Ernie Smith  
6<sup>th</sup> Jerry Ducker  
7<sup>th</sup> David Jackson  
10<sup>th</sup> Steve Hebbert

11<sup>th</sup> James Green  
14 Suzanne Igou  
18<sup>th</sup> Rita Ege  
18<sup>th</sup> Chris Klein  
19<sup>th</sup> Mark Fesperman

21<sup>st</sup> Mary Fritchman  
21<sup>st</sup> Robin McMeekin  
23<sup>rd</sup> Ronald Johnson  
25<sup>th</sup> Jay Johnson  
29<sup>th</sup> Donna Yates  
31<sup>st</sup> Douglas Hickman

### 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 Share**.

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Saturday TBA Special Events

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**BREAKING NEWS** 4 hours ago **ENF Mission** 2 days ago **Spring Convention Schedule** 2 days ago **National in Baltimore** 3 days ago **Kylan Pickren to Regionals** 2

**FEATURED**

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Inbox, Lodge Events, Lodge Info February 22, 2020

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To a Very Important Elk:

