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ELKS BUGLE

August 2021

2021 - 2022 OFFICERS

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Treasurer
Jane Jackson
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Shirley Smith
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Jan Bruenger
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Trustees:
Charlie Falzone
Jeff Holt
Charlie Hopkins
Ernie Smith

Exalted Ruler Thoughts

Greetings Fellow Members,

Yes, the First Lady and I were in Tampa Florida for the Elks National Convention right when hurricane Elsa came tearing through the state. Luckily not much damage to the surrounding area and the convention went on as planned with an abbreviated closing ceremony. With more than 7,000 Elks viewing, T. Keith Mills of Idaho was elected as the new Grand Exalted Ruler of BPOE of the United States of America. The GER's theme this year's is "Meeting the Challenge".



Thank you to Missouri Elks State President, John Rinehart, First Lady Valerie, and their guests for joining us for steak dinner in July. John's motto this year is "Hit a Homerun for Elkdom". John spoke of the analogy in baseball allowing the runner to touch all four bases and score. In Elkdom, our four bases are Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity. Only when we use all four of our bases together can we truly make an impact on our communities and others.

Are you playing golf for veterans? Support our tournament, Veterans Benefit Golf Tournament, Sept 18 at Deer Lake Golf Course. Lunch is provided, awards and all monies raised go directly to veterans. Last year was a sell-out of all teams. YOU should be there. And get ready for Country Western Night in October! More details to come.

Finally, to all our members, we cannot be as successful as we are without YOU. Thanks for everything YOU do.

Fraternally
Mike Klinger, Exalted Ruler



Flag Day, an Elks Tradition

The Annual Elks Flag Day ceremony was celebrated on Saturday June 19 at Christian County Elks 2777 with Exalted Ruler Mike Klinger presiding. After ER Klinger welcomed all the members and guest, Lodge Chaplain Shirley Smith led everyone in the opening prayers followed by Lodge Treasurer, Jerry Fritchman, leading the attendees in the Star Spangle Banner and later in the ceremony all joined in with God Bless America. Participating in the ceremony was Esquire Jan Bruenger PER, Lodge Trustee Charles Falzone PER, Loyal Knight Doug Hickman, and Lecturing Knight Howard McCoy. ER Klinger and his team performed an impressive Flag Day ceremony with the history of the American Flag and the Retirement of Flags handed-off to Scout Troop #210 for the customary burning at our Lodge outdoor pavilion. Special guest speaker, Bob Sarver, Public Relations Director for Branson Veterans of America 913, spoke of the MIA/POW flag and many interesting facts regarding the Vietnam wall in Washington DC. Thanks to veterans that attended from many locations: Castlewood Senior Living, Century Pines Assisted Living, Branson Veterans of America 913, Ozark Veterans Coalition, and the CC Elks from Lodge 2777. Thank you to all that attended, the CC Elks Auxiliary for the fantastic brunch, to Scout Troop 201 for presenting the flags and Flag Retirement, to our veterans and first responders and a special thanks to Loyal Knight Doug Hickman for organizing the CC Elks Flag Day.



Troop #201 & Elks Flag Retirement

The U.S. Flag Code says, "The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning." When an American flag is worn beyond repair, it should be retired in a respectful manner. The Elks tradition is that of burning the worn and tatter flags in an impressive ceremony. Thank you to Boy Scout Troop #201 of Ozark for again performing the tradition of destroying the worn flags at the Elks Lodge 2777 firepit on our pavilion grounds. It is also a tradition to dedicate the final burning of a flag, this year the final flag was dedicated to Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler of CC Elks Dena Wolfe. Dena passed in 2020 and her husband, PDDGER Kevin, was on hand at the dedication of the final flag.



Elks CARE Elks SHARE



Back to School Shopping for Kids



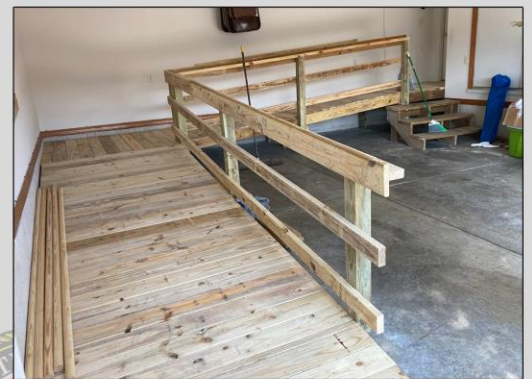
Charity Community Fellowship



4 Saturdays in July
260 Kids
\$26,000 in Grants and Donations
A Thousand Smiles



Elks & Vets Construct Ramp for Veteran in Need



Mission NOT Impossible

The CC Elks had a mission in July. Six veterans volunteered their time in Nixa to build a handicap ramp for Lyn and Bruce Prater. Two CC Elks, Charlie Hopkins, Lodge Trustee and Denny Peterson, Veterans Chairman, along with veterans Mike Egan, Rex Kraschi, Dennis Washam, and Al Michel built the much anticipated ramp for a veteran in need. The BPOE Freedom grant provided \$2500 which was enough to build two ramps for veterans. The Ozarks Veterans Coalition coordinated the building of the ramp. CC Elks, Charlie Hopkins, is President of the OVC. At the end of the weekend, this mission was well within the means of Elks and Veterans.



Auxiliary Report

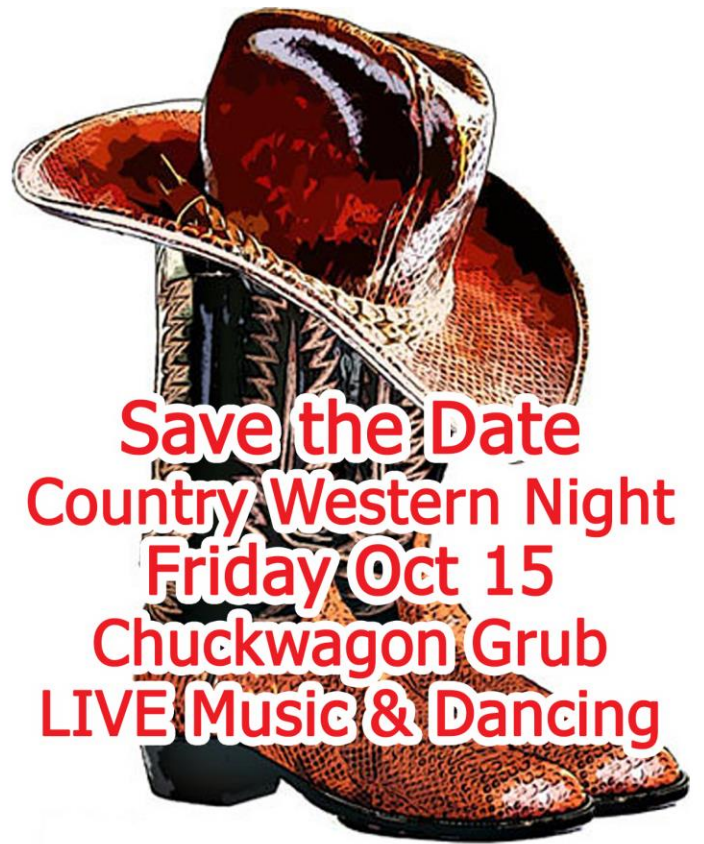
The Auxiliary meeting was held on July 13th, with 21 members present. The food was furnished by the K's thru the W's. The Secretary report was read and approved. The Treasurer's report was approved.

Rosie Reid has stepped down from the Friendly Call Girl position because of her many other obligations to other organizations. We will miss Rosie a great deal, she has been a mainstay in our Auxiliary for many years.

Mary asked for more volunteers for the Back to School Shopping trips at Walmart for the next three weeks. We have more students this year, so more Elks are needed to go with the shoppers. This is such a worthwhile event, you wouldn't be sorry to do this volunteering job.

We also need more volunteers to help with some of the scheduled events from outside organizations where we serve breakfast and/or lunches to the participating groups. The kitchen needs at least three people to function at these events. ER Mike told the group of the upcoming visit from the State President at our Lodge on July 23rd. This will be a special event, serving a steak dinner with trimmings for \$15 per person. The theme of the evening is Red and Black. Please wear red shirts in honor of veterans and black shorts or pants. This is always a great time, hope many of you can attend.

Mary



Save the Date
Country Western Night
Friday Oct 15
Chuckwagon Grub
LIVE Music & Dancing

Thank You Elks!
Family Style
Italian Dinner

Italian Night in June
 PER Charlie Falzone and Millie treated us to
 Manicotti & Meatballs
 Susan Fox great Antipasta Salad



Great Decorations and Italian Music filled the Lodge!



Thank You to Everyone Who Joined Us!






Veterans 2021 Schedule of Events

- June 18 Flag Day / Veterans Invited
- July 10 Ozark Veterans Coalition Steak Cook-Off Fundraiser
- July 11 Ozark Veterans Coalition Steak Cook-Off Fundraiser
- Sept 18 Elks Annual Golf Tournament Veterans Fundraiser
- Oct 2 Ozark Veterans Coalition Steak Cook-Off Fundraiser
- Oct 3 Ozark Veterans Coalition Steak Cook-Off Fundraiser
- Nov 17 Thanksgiving Dinner for Veterans at Lodge
- Dec - Christmas Wreath Placement MO Veterans Cemetery
- Dec - Christmas Food Baskets for Veterans

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

August Birthdays

- 2nd Billy Harrison 10th Christopher Reed 11th Joshua Parham
- 12th David Mullenburg 14th Ronnie Stahlman 16th Harvey Williams
- 10th Claudette Coley 20th Amber Carpenter 22nd Johnny Anderson
- 22nd Unet Brown 26th Deborah Rankin 27th Rommy Judge
- 27th Casey Moya 29th Georgann Brown 30th Charles Loofbourrow



With more than 7,000 Elks in attendance, T. Keith Mills was installed as the Grand Exalted Ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks of the USA at the Grand Lodge Convention in Tampa, Florida on July 5th, 2021. His theme this year is "Meeting the Challenge".

OZARKS VETERANS COALITION



A Special Thank You from
Ozarks Veterans Coalition
for all the wonderful help
at our Steak Cook-Off.
It was a GREAT event!

Charles O. Hopkins
President

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New Members for July

Seven new members were initiated into our order in July, and many are veterans. (back row left to right) Rex Krasche from Springfield, an ARMY veteran, John Elliott from Rogersville, an ARMY veteran, Michael Egan from Springfield, a Marine veteran, Rick Pfeifer from Highlandville, (front row, left to right) Will Tuck from Springfield, Veteran, Mary Krasche from Springfield and Dawn Soto from Springfield, an ARMY veteran. Exalted Ruler Mike Klinger and his officers performed the initiation with a full Lodge room of members.

Congratulations and wELkome to our Lodge!



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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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August 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 6:00 Dinner 7:00 Lodge Meeting	3 6:00 Dinner & Auxiliary Mtg	4	5 6pm Dinner: Sloppy Joes	6 6pm Social Hour & Dinner: PER Steak Night	7
8	9	10	11	12 6pm Dinner: Eggs, Ham, Biscuits & Gravy	13 6pm Social Hour & Dinner: Pork Steak	14 Rental
15	16 6:30 Orientation	17 6:00 Dinner 7:00 Lodge Meeting Initiation	18	19 6pm Dinner: BLT Sandwich	20 6pm Social Hour & Dinner: Beef & Potato Goulash	21 BBQ Steak Cookoff @ Spingfield Elks Mr D Dance 6:30
22	23	24 6:30 BOD Meeting	25	26 6pm Dinner: Spaghetti	27 6pm Social Hour & Dinner: Fried Fish	28 DD Clinic 10am Joplin Elks
29	30 No Meeting	31				

EVENTS

August 21st, Come support
CC Elks at the SW Steak
Cookoff!!



Every Thursday Night!!!

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To a Very Important Elk:



The screenshot shows the website homepage for Christian County Elks 2777. The top navigation bar includes links for SW District, MO Elks, Grand Lodge, ENF, Elks Programs, Veterans, Find a Lodge, Who Are Elks?, Elks History, and Videos. The main header features the lodge name "Christian County Elks 2777" with the tagline "In the Heart of the Ozarks". To the right, there is a "VISIT Christian County Elks" button and "Lodge Hours" information: Tuesday-Thursday 4:30-9:30pm, Friday 4:30-9:30pm, Saturday TBA, and Special Events. A secondary navigation bar includes links for HOME, LODGE EVENTS, INBOX, CALENDAR, LODGE 2777, MEMBERSHIP, NEWSLETTER, RENT THE LODGE, and CONTACT US. A search icon is also present. Below the navigation, there are news snippets: "BREAKING NEWS weeks ago Veterans Benefit C" and "4 weeks ago Poker Run for Dictionaries 4 wec". A large red call-to-action box in the center reads: "Follow CC Elks on Facebook and our Award Winning Website at www.ccelks2777.com for Updated Information on Events and Activities". The main content area is a carousel of featured images. The first image shows four people (three women and one man) standing together, with the caption "June New Members" and "New Members June 30, 2021". The second image shows fireworks over an American flag, with the caption "July Newsletter". The third image shows four people (three women and one man) standing together, with the caption "June New Members". The fourth image shows a golf ball on a green, with the caption "June Newsletter". The fifth image shows a group of people standing together, with the caption "April New Members".