



Christian County Elks #2777

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ELKS BUGLE

December 2021

2021 - 2022 OFFICERS

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Tom Shelton
Secretary
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Treasurer
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Rita Ege
Inner Guard
Shirley Smith
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Jan Bruenger
Esquire
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Charlie Falzone
Jeff Holt
Charlie Hopkins
Ernie Smith
Johnny Anderson

Exalted Ruler Thoughts

Greetings Fellow Members,

If you think November was busy, just wait for December. As you are reading this, don't forget the 50th Anniversary of the Elks Hoop Shoot competition starting Saturday Dec 4 at the OC in Ozark. Bring your kids over for some real fun and see just how many free throws they can make out of 25. They may move up the ranks and become a national champion!



In November we were thankful for family, friends and loved ones, but thankfulness, good deeds and charity continues throughout December and into the new year as Elks. Being an Elk means you donate food for our Veterans Food Baskets, then take time out to deliver the baskets to needy vets' families in our community on Dec 20. It means that you will travel to local cemeteries and lay wreaths on the graves of fallen Elks. Its what CC Elks do.

As we get closer to Christmas, bring your family and friends to the Lodge for First Annual Breakfast with Santa and Holiday Boutique Saturday Dec 18 starting at 9am. As the kiddos are visiting and getting photos with Santa, mom can grab a few last-minute items at the Christmas Boutique.

Finally, swagger into the Speakeasy for the Elks New Years Eve Party. LIVE music, surf-n-turf dinner, dessert bar and drink specials. Flappers and Gangsters will dance into 2022 at this Roaring 20's Theme party with prizes for Best Dressed. It's been a great year at 2777. Membership is up, finances are solid, and teamwork is on track. Thank you to everyone for your support, we are ready to turn the page to the new year!

Fraternally
Mike Klinger, Exalted Ruler

An Evening of Recognition

Eagle Scouts
Ethan Frye and
Gavin Reese

CC Elks
Tom Shelton PSP

On Nov 12, Christian County Elks 2777 hosted An Evening of Recognition. Two Eagle Scouts, Gavin Reese, and Ethan Frye from Troop 201 were honored for their dedication to Scouting with multiple Recognition Certificates. First, the Christian County Elks presented Elks Eagle Scout Achievement Certificates by Scout Leader and Loyal Knight Michael Sweet. Then Missouri Elks President Elect, Steve Green, presented Eagle Scout Achievement Certificates from Grand Exalted Ruler, T. Keith Mills. Scout Leader and Elk, Jason Factor, pinned each Eagle Scout with Grand Lodge Eagle Scout Feather and rounding out the honors State Representative for the 140th District, Tricia Derges, presented each Eagle Scout a State of Missouri Resolution recognizing their achievements. Topping off the evening, Tricia presented Past State President, Tom Shelton, with a State of Missouri Community Lifetime Achievement Resolution for his contribution to the community thru the Elks.



(left) Elk and Scout Leader, Jason Factor, pins Ethan Frye with Elks Eagle feather. (above) Loyal Knight and Scout Leader, Michael Sweet, introduces Eagle Scouts Ethan Frye and Gavin Reese along with their families.



Thanksgiving Dinner for Veterans



Christian County Elks had the honor to host veterans from our community for Thanksgiving dinner on Nov 17. The CC Elks Lodge donated the entire dinner to over 50 veterans. Fellow Elk Chris McQuay and Honor Flight of the Ozarks President Chris Stark gave an update on the next honor flight to Washington DC for veterans. CC Elks also donated \$500 to the Honor Flight. Thanks to Veterans Chairman, Denny Peterson, for organizing the event and to all the volunteers that took time out of their busy schedule to prepare and serve dinner.



Ozark Christmas Parade



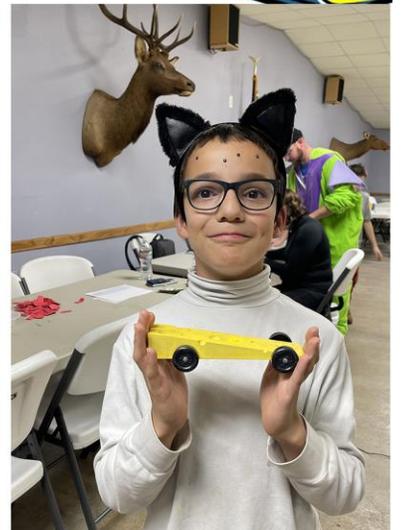
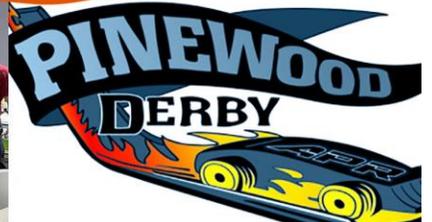
In November Christian County Elks #2777 joined in the 56th Annual Ozark Christmas Parade. Exalted Ruler Mike Klinger decorated his truck with elves in the bed and pulled the Missouri Elks Drug Awareness trailer. Thanks to member Charlie Harper for donning the ELROY costume and riding on the float. Loyal Knight, Michael Sweet, and his wife Felicia pulled a wonderfully decorated float depicted Whoville, packed with Elks and Cub Scouts from Troop 75. A second float followed with another scene from Whoville, also loaded with Scouts. As we traveled thru the parade route, the streets were jammed-packed with spectators and young kids yelling "Merry Christmas!" We are proud to have the CC Elks participate in the community parade and thanks to everyone who joined us. It was tooooooo much fun!



(above) Tawny Brown, (right) Alex Sweet and below 3 Blind Mice, Larry, Janey and Will Tuck. Best Costume of the night



What a great event in October at the Christian County Elks Halloween Costume Party topped off by a Pinewood Derby Race. 18 cars were purchased for \$25 each and raced based on weight. Scout Troop 201 was gracias to host the event with their Mega9000 track. Over \$500 was won by the competitors and ALL donated back to 2022 Back-to-School-Shopping-for-Kids! Big winners of the night were Alex Sweet, Fastest Car, and Tawny Brown, Best Bling Car, with "Sheila le Show". Cannot wait to do it again! Thanks to everyone who help make this event a huge success.



Veterans Report and Upcoming Events

Thanksgiving Veterans Appreciation Dinner was a tremendous success. We had forty-three veterans and guests plus two service dogs in attendance. A big thanks to the thirty plus Elks and helpers who showed up early to make this event a success. After dinner, an informative program on the Honor Flight of the Ozarks was presented by fellow Elk Chris McQuay and Honor Flight President and Founder Chris Stark. The Honor Flight funds and takes Veterans to Washington, DC where they tour all the War Memorials. Following the presentation, welcome bags were presented to the Veterans by Serenity (Chris McQuay's granddaughter). Serenity has raised \$55,000 thru her efforts at fundraisers. We also presented a \$500 check to the Honor Flight from the Veteran fund. A big thanks to Charley Falzone for heading up the annual Elks Veteran Benefit Golf Tournament in September to help fund our Veterans projects.

Elk Veterans gravesite Wreaths at Christmas. We will be placing these on Dec 4th at the Missouri Veterans Cemetery. Itus Virtus will be placing wreaths at the State Veterans cemetery. They will need help. They also have a nice ceremony and honor guard. Last time it was at 10 AM. If you know of an CC Elk Veterans resting place in the area, let me know and we will place a wreath. There is a signup sheet at the Lodge.

Veterans Christmas Food Baskets. We are now collecting food for our basket. Canned goods, dry goods, cereal, pasta, and sauce. Most everything is appreciated. But remember to check expiration dates. They must be after Dec 25th, 2021. The Scouts and Elks will be assembling baskets Dec 13 at the lodge at 6pm. Contact PER Charley Falzone for further information as to timing. We delivered thirty-one baskets last year and plan for more this year. Delivery of the food baskets will be on Dec 20th, so meet at the lodge at 9AM. Volunteers, please sign up at the Lodge at the end of the bar on the wall / two people per vehicle. And always remember to shoot a photo with a veteran and an Elk.

Denny Peterson, CC Elks Veterans Chairman



Final Days
Bring Donations to
the Lodge

Donate non-perishable food
at the Lodge for our Annual
Veterans Food Basket Drive

**Dec 13 Basket
Assembly by Scouts**

**Dec 20 Delivery
by Elks 9am at Lodge**



**Holiday
Boutique**

Saturday Dec 18
Bring the Kiddoes
to meet Santa while
Mom Shops at the
Elks Holiday Boutique

November New Member

Welcome our new member, Tara Rose, to Christian County Elks 2777. Tara lives and works in Branson and was sponsored by her mother, Susan Fox. Also joining in the fun is Tara's grandmother Frances Mae Johnson. Tara's grandfather was an Elk at the Vista California Lodge and she looks forward in following in her parents and grandparents foot-steps. (left to right) Frances, Susan, Tara and Exalted Ruler Mike Klinger



ELKS NATIONAL HOOP SHOOT FREE THROW CONTEST

A chance to get your name in the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF DEVELOPING GRITTY KIDS

When? Dec 4
Where? OC in Ozark
Who? Children ages 8-13 years old

Elks and friends, get your kids to try their hand at 25 free throws

See Jeff Holt for more information

Christian County Elks Cordially Invite You to a Decadent Year End Celebration

2021 New Year's Eve Party

Tickets on sale Nov 5
\$20

WELCOME to the SPEAKEASY
6pm Cocktails
7pm Dinner
7-10 Dancing
10-12 Wide Open!

Gangsters and Flappers

SPEAKEASY

Roaring 20s Theme

"LIVE" Tunes by Mr. D & Bonita ♦ Champagne Toast ♦ Drink Specials
Appetizers ♦ PER Steak & Shrimp, Salad and Dessert
Raffles & 50/50 ♦ SpeakEasy Best Dressed Contest

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

December Birthdays

1st Richard Smith 3rd Fred Welcome 3rd Sharon Wilson
4th Brian Pickens 4th La Mar Schrock 12th Cynthia Hickman 16th Steven Yates
19th Gregory Don 20th Thomas Shelton 20th Tony Thiebault
20th Raymond Womack 21st Douglas Hopkins 22nd Deana Layton
24th Dennis Bell 25th Andrew Hemphill 26th Diana Schweitzer
27th Jeff Nelson 29th Bruce Tangora 29th Elizabeth Womack
30th Justin Haymes 30th Dawna Southern 31st Danny Igou

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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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December 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Spaghetti \$5	3 PER Steak Night \$15	4 HOOP SHOOT At the OC 2pm
5	6 BUNCO 6:00 Dinner Spaghetti/Bread	7 6:00 Dinner \$5 7:00 Lodge Meeting	8	9 Pork Steaks \$5	10 Chicken Fried Steak \$10	11 Christmas Rental *Need Volunteers**
12 1:00 – 5:00pm Girl Scouts	13 Elks & Scouts Assemble Food Baskets 6pm	14 6:00 Dinner 7:00 Auxiliary Mtg	15	16 Steak House Grillers \$5 Chiefs vs Chargers	17 No Elks Dinner Shriners Christmas Party *Volunteers Needed	Breakfast w/Santa 18 Holiday Boutique 9a Shriners Christmas *Need Volunteers*
19	20 Food Basket Delivery Meet at Lodge at 9A	21 6:00 Dinner! \$5 7:00 Lodge Meeting	22	23 BLT's \$5	24 CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS	MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!!
26	27 BOD Meeting	28	29	30 Hamburgers \$5	PER Steak Night 31 NEW YEARS EVE PARTY 20\$	
					Social Hour 6pm Dinner Served 7pm	

Merry Christmas



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DETAILS

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To a Very Important Elk:



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Christian County Elks 2777 website. The top navigation bar is dark blue with white text for various menu items: SW District, MO Elks, Grand Lodge, ENF, Elks Programs, Veterans, Find a Lodge, Who Are Elks?, Elks History, Videos, and a Facebook icon. Below the navigation bar, the main header area features the text "Christian County Elks 2777" and "In the Heart of the Ozarks" on the left. On the right, there are two red boxes: one for "VISIT Christian County Elks" and another for "Lodge Hours" with a schedule: Tuesday-Thursday 4:30-9:30pm, Friday 4:30-9:30pm, Saturday TBA, and TBA Special Events. A secondary navigation bar below the header includes links for HOME, LODGE EVENTS, INBOX, CALENDAR, LODGE 2777, MEMBERSHIP, NEWSLETTER, RENT THE LODGE, and CONTACT US, along with a search icon. A dark blue banner below the navigation bar contains "BREAKING NEWS" and "Veterans Benefit" with a "4 weeks ago" timestamp. A large red call-to-action box is overlaid on the page, reading: "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 grid of featured images. The largest image is titled "June New Members" and shows four people standing in front of a wall with a mounted deer head. Below it is the text "New Members June 30, 2021". Other images include "July Newsletter" with a fireworks background, "June New Members" with a group of four people, "June Newsletter" with a golf ball on a green, and "April New Members" with a group of seven people.