



Christian County Elks #2777

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ELKS BUGLE

March 2022

2021 - 2022 OFFICERS

- Michael Klinger
Exalted Ruler
- Doug Hickman
Leading Knight
- Michael Sweet
Loyal Knight
- Howard McCoy
Lecturing Knight
- Tom Shelton
Secretary
- Jerry Fritchman
Treasurer
- Jane Jackson
Tiler
- Rita Ege
Inner Guard
- Shirley Smith
Chaplain
- Jan Bruenger
Esquire
- Trustees:
Charlie Falzone
Jeff Holt
Charlie Hopkins
Ernie Smith
Johnny Anderson

Exalted Ruler Final Thoughts

Greetings Fellow Members,



It has been a wonderful year and we have a lot to be proud of at our Lodge. As this Elk year winds down let us continue the momentum we have generated. Our membership has grown to over 200, that is over a 30% increase this year. Keep bringing friends to our Lodge for dinner and events, they may catch the excitement like you. It is reported in every meeting that our bank balances are solid and the best they have ever been. That is profitable dinners and events that are well managed. Our members continue to contribute to the Elks National Foundation keeping our Lodge #1 in the State of Missouri for per capita donations. Remember, your donations to ENF gives our Lodge leverage to receive multiple grants from Grand Lodge, supporting our community, children, and veterans. Speaking of events, do not miss two big ones this month. Friday March 18 we will celebrate St. Patrick's Day with corned beef, cabbage, potatoes and more. Dress-up in your greenest-garb and win a prize. Friday March 25 is the annual Exalted Ruler Awards event and Installation of New Officers. ER Mike Klinger will pass the ER jewels onto new ER Elect Doug Hickman, and we all wish him and his officers the best. Finally, thanks to everyone! Thanks to everyone who helps with events, helps in the kitchen, helps behind the bar, everyone who brought in a new member, everyone who donates to ENF, our veterans who help in our community. No support is too small from preparing a Friday Night dinner salad for everyone to desserts, from setting silverware out for an event to clearing dirty plates. It all must be done from A to Z to be successful. And we have been highly successful this year. Thank You!

Fraternally
Mike Klinger, Exalted Ruler

Congratulations to Our New Lodge Officers Elks Year 2022- 2023

Exalted Ruler Doug Hickman

Leading Knight Michael Sweet

Loyal Knight Howard McCoy

Lecturing Knight Janey Tuck

Esquire Larry Tuck PER

Chaplain Jan Bruenger PER

Secretary Tom Shelton PSP

Treasurer Jerry Fritchman

5-Year Trustee Mike Klinger PER

3-Year Trustee Charles Harper

Officer Installation March 25

6pm Ceremony 7pm Dinner

Farewell Speech and Exalted Ruler Awards by Mike Klinger PER

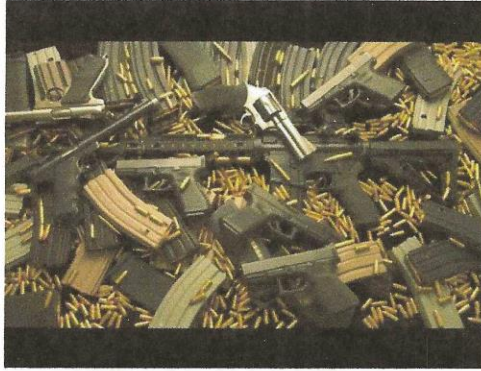
Incoming Exalted Ruler Doug Hickman Acceptance Speech

Scouting Around by Jason Factor



The annual Klondike Winter Camp and Race was held at Camp Arrowhead in Marshfield, Jan 21-23. Scouts construct sleds and then race them against other Units. They also participate in team-building activities. It is always a lot of fun and the scouts utilize and improve their cold weather camping skills. CC Elks has adopted Troop 201 and Pack 75





Members and Friends Stop By!
Gun & Knife Show
Our 16th Year

Christian County Elks Lodge #2777
2401 N. 17th Street, Ozark Missouri
(Access via outer road in front of Ozark Chevrolet)

BUY-SELL-TRADE

Cinnamon Rolls
Biscuits & Gravy
Puller Pork Sandwich
Hamburgers
Hot Dogs
and More!

SHOW DATES
MARCH 4-6, 2022
JUNE 3-5, 2022
SEPTEMBER 23-25, 2022

SHOW HOURS

Friday 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

24-Hour Security Provided

All Guns Must Be Checked at The Door
Breakfast & Lunch Available on Saturday & Sunday
Lunch Available on Friday
50/50 Drawing Sunday at 3:00 p.m.

ADMISSION

\$7 Donation Per Person (good for all three days) - Under 12 Free
Law Enforcement Officers Free Admission
Active Military Free Admission
Ambulance/EMT Free Admission

TABLES AVAILABLE

Over 75 Tables of Guns, Knives, Ammo & Accessories

All Gun & Knife Show Proceeds Benefit Elks' Charitable Projects

For More Information And Table Rentals:

Jerry (417) 693-2090
Ernie (417) 818-5244

ATF has approved this gun show
MASKS RECOMMENDED



Christian County Elks #2777 welcomed 5 new members February 1. (left to right) Dale and Cathy Roller, Tricia Derges, Tina and Earl Campbell and Exalted Ruler Mike Klinger. The Rollers and Campbells are also Shriners in the Ozark / Springfield area and Tricia is our Representative of the 140th District for the State of Missouri. WELKome!!!

February New Members

Congratulations to our three newest members on February 15 (left to right) Julia Holt, Cecil Davidson, Kellie Radtke and ER Mike Klinger. All three members have frequented the Lodge on numerous occasions and decided now is a great time to join and help support veterans and children. Husband and wife, Julia and Cecil, live in Springfield and Kellie in Ozark. Our Past Exalted Rulers performed the time-honored initiation of our new members. Thanks to Leading Knight, Kevin Wolfe PDDGER, Loyal Knight Charles Falzone PER and Lecturing Knight Larry Tuck PER.



Christian County Elks #2777 hosts
Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show
at the Sertoma Duck Race
Saturday June 17



Proceeds Benefit Elks National Foundation
Supporting Children & Veterans
See Mike Klinger PER for more details

Grand Lodge Announcements: Medical School Standouts!

We are proud to announce the recipients of the 2021 Gunther and Lee Weigel Medical School Scholarship—Adam Tucker, Derek Riffert, Jacky Chu, Jessica Phan, Jyotsna Bitra, Lindsey Kroboth, Lydia Smeltz, Marjorie Fitzsimmons, Marlena Pigliacampi, and Shiv Patel. These 10 scholars will each receive \$22,000 for medical school.



This year was the most competitive pool of applicants yet. Some point to the “Fauci Effect” as a reason for the uptick in medical school applicants—an unprecedentedly large cohort of young scholars watching a pandemic unfold and stepping up to serve on the front line. Yet we know that no matter the year, Elks scholars are always looking to selflessly serve others using their passion for medicine.

Thanks to the generosity of the late Mrs. Lee Weigel, these dreams will be realized for our new ten recipients with less of a financial burden.

“I am extremely honored to be one of this year's recipients,” says Marlena Pigliacampi. “As a scholar and an Elk, I feel so grateful to be a part of this wonderful family that keeps on giving and looking out for others. I cannot wait to have the ability to pass it on to future generations.”

Over the course of the next year, we'll showcase each scholar. Stay tuned!

The Gunther & Lee Weigel Medical School Scholarships are \$22,000 scholarships offered to Elks scholars (current or alum) entering their first year of medical school. The scholarship was established through the generosity of the late Lee Weigel, widow of Gunther Weigel. †



Please Join Families, Friends and Members for the Annual Christian County Elks #2777

Installation of Officers Friday March 25

Installation of New Officers 6pm followed by Friday Night Family Dinner at 7pm

Join in the FUN!

Special Friday Night Dinner

St. Patrick's Day Party

**Friday March 18th
Slow-Cooked Corned Beef & Cabbage + Potatoes**

Dinner \$15

**Social Hour 6pm
Dinner 7pm
Drink Specials!**

Christian County Elks 2777





Mike Egan

Ozark Veterans Coalition build Handicap Access Ramp

CC Elks and members of the Ozark Veterans Coalition constructed a handicap ramp for Mr. Sainato of Rogersville. Mr. Sainato has been struggling for years and the Elks have solved a huge problem.

Mike Egan, Doug Hickman, Charlie Hopkins, Rex Krasche and Gary Bockman donated their time to help a veteran in need.



Charlie Hopkins

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Owner / Agent

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March Birthdays

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|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 2nd Kaylyne Woodburne | 4th Mike Klinger | 4th Kenneth Lovan |
| 9th Tara Bruenger | 10th Robin Deweerdt | 12th Michael Bell |
| 16th Rickie Love | 18th Bill Beauchamp | 22nd Brenda Mings |
| 26th Patrick Steele | 28th Debbie Tangora | |
| 30th Dorothy Phillips | 31st Ron Caughlan | |

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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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March 2022

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|----------------------------------|--|---|-----------|--|--|--|
| | | 1 6:00 Spaghetti \$5 7:00 Lodge Meeting | 2 | 3 Sloppy Joes \$5 Scouts helping w/Gun show setup | 4 GUN SHOW No Elks Dinner | 5 GUN SHOW |
| 6 GUN SHOW | 7 6:00 Dinner Auxiliary Mtg to follow | 8 | 9 | 10 Dinner \$5 Lasagna | 11 Dinner \$15 PER Steak Night State Convention | 12 |
| 13 State Convention ↑ | 14 | 15 6:00 Hamburgers \$5 7:00 Lodge Meeting | 16 | 17 Dinner \$5 Tacos St Patrick's Day! | 18 St Patrick's Day Dinner \$15 Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes | 19 Mr. D's Dance Party Open to all \$10 |
| 20 First Day of Spring | 21 | 22 6:30 BOD Meeting | 23 | 24 Dinner \$5 Ham Hocks & Ham | 25 ER Awards & Dinner Officer Installation | 26 Silent Arms Potluck |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 Dinner \$5 Pork Steak | | Dinner Schedule 6pm Social Hour 7pm Dinner |



SEE NEWSLETTER
FOR SPECIFIC
DETAILS

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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 a "Lodge Hours" section listing times for Tuesday-Thursday (4:30-9:30pm), Friday (4:30-9:30pm), Saturday, and TBA 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 "BREAKING NEWS" section shows a post from 2 months ago titled "Ozark Christn... Time for Recognition" with a "December New" tag. 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". Below this, there are four featured images: 1) "Scouts Ready Food Baskets" showing Scouts in uniform at a food drive table, with a caption "CC Elks Veterans December 16, 2021"; 2) "January Newsletter" showing a building with a white gazebo; 3) "December New Member" showing a woman and a man standing next to a mounted deer head; 4) "November New Member" showing a woman, a man, and a child standing next to a mounted deer head. A "December Newsletter" image shows a cemetery with many graves decorated with red bows.