



Christian County Elks #2777

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ELKS BUGLE

September 2022

2022 - 2023 OFFICERS

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Exalted Ruler Thoughts

Greetings Fellow Members,

August weather has brought some rain with on and off relief from the heat. Due to the dry season my tomatoes have been small and splitting. They are starting to get bigger with the much-needed rain, watering just is not the same. The heat has naturally caused my cucumber plants to die where they didn't have shade, so I only have a few plants alive. My flowers and yard are coming back alive and growing like crazy and my pink naked ladies were beautiful this year.



It's back to school for our children so be careful when they are close to the road or trying to cross because you never know when they are not paying attention and step out in front of you. I always slow down and move over when possible because that is my worst nightmare to hit a child. Be safe and show respect to the buses and never pass a bus when the stop sign is out while loading or unloading that includes traffic both ways. I see people do it all the time and so does my wife Michele because she is a bus driver assistant in Springfield .

September is a pretty busy month 1st- BBQ Chicken, 2nd PER Steak night with auction for Honor Fight dinner tickets, 8th Steak House Grillers (Chicken Breast), 9th Luau Night, 15th Wings, 16th Fajitas, 17th Veterans Golf Tournament, 22nd Taco's ,23rd thru 25th Gun Show, 29th Pork Steaks and 30th Kabobs. Attendance to our regular meals is down; come out and support your lodge. Come out and enjoy, hope to see you there.

Fraternally
Jeffrey B Holt PDDGER, Exalted Ruler



Back to School Shopping with Kids Final Count

Our Lodge's Largest Contribution to Kids to date



Greetings Members,

I would like to give a HUGE Thank YOU to all of our Shoppers and to all of our Donors for making this year's Back To School Shopping for Kids a tremendous success. We took a record number of children shopping; 268 kids for a total of \$26,169.00!! It took a LOT of Elks and Elks Helpers to handle this number of children, so thank you again so much for all who gave of themselves to help a child. Thank you to Least of These Food Pantry for supplying the children, and for helping with every shopping day.

A \$4,000.00 Beacon Grant from the Elks National Foundation and two Walmart Foundation Grants totaling \$4,500.00 were a tremendous help and were our largest donors. It has been a very tough year for a lot of folks financially, so this is especially heart felt to have so many members step up. A big shout out to our community donors as well. Please thank and support these local businesses: GFWC Utopia Club, Cosmopolitan Club, Creative Audio, Christian County Shrine Club, Kiwanis Club, Ozark Abstract, Law Offices of Stuart P. Huffman, Daniel Powell & Brewer, Sertoma Duck Race Car Show, CC Elks Bartenders, the Peterson and the Edwards families, and all of our members who contributed.

Looking ahead to next year's July shopping spree, our membership has voted to donate 25% of Queen of Hearts proceeds to our Back To School Shopping for Kids program. THANK YOU SO MUCH members for your support!

Fraternally yours,
Ms. Jerry L. Fritchman, PER, Treasurer
ENF Fundraising Chair



Elks and Friends

A couple of years ago I took a special interest in being a volunteer for The Honor Flight of the Ozarks. In the short period of time that I have been involved, I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting veterans and volunteers who help raise money to fly our American Hero's to Washington DC to the THEIR Memorials. Back in May of this year, the Honor Flight of the Ozarks made their first flight in two years due to covid restrictions. The Veteran's fly for free and their guardian pays a fee to support their Veteran during the trip.

On the May flight, 83 Veterans, 83 Guardians, 12 medics and 12 HFO staff made this one-day trip. Roll Call was at 3 AM with the Willard ROTC sending the Veterans off at 5:00 AM. Wheels up at 5:20 and they landed in Washington DC at 8:00 AM for a full day touring seven different Memorials on four handicapped accessible busses. Then, the flight back home with a true Hero's Welcome at the Springfield Airport with the Shrine band playing all the patriotic music and numerous Honor Guards and friends and family to welcome them back. The next flight is Tuesday, August 23rd and the last flight for 2022 will be in October.

I am writing to ask for your support to this great organization. Not everyone can donate money, but the HFO could use additional volunteers for future flights and to assist raising money for future trips. Volunteering cost you nothing and you will meet a lot of kind/giving people. If you can donate money, please see me or the flyer at the lodge for the Honor Flight Fall Gala that will be held on October 8th of this year. This is a big fundraiser for them, and it will be a very fun event full of live music, dancing, a silent auction, drinks, and dinner.

Sincerely, Joe Edwards, Christian County Elks member

As Elks, we exhibit our love for America in many ways. We fly her beautiful flag and pledge allegiance to it. We vote, we give our time and treasure, and assist our precious veterans. But few of us devote a lifetime to a single project which will have a profound impact on the American Spirit.



This summer, while traveling our beautiful country, my wife and I visited one of America's great treasures, The Sculpture of our great leaders on Mt. Rushmore. While we had seen photos, nothing prepared us for the awe-inspiring enormity of this great work.

A first generation American, Gutzon Borglum, took on the project in 1927 and devoted the rest of his life to it. The project had many setbacks, but none more demoralizing than when it became necessary to destroy and restart the nearly complete sculpture of Thomas Jefferson in a new location when it was discovered that there was insufficient stone to complete it at the original site. Borglum died in 1941, shortly before the last head was completed and the whole project was dedicated in 1942.

While some today denigrate this awesome work and even advocate for its destruction, my wife and I were inspired by its beauty, and humbled by Borglum's dedication. Our puny Americanism efforts pale by comparison, but as Elks, we strive to demonstrate our love for America, and to inspire even greater loyalty to America in others.

Steve Buttress, Americanism Chairman

Food Baskets for Veterans

Christian County Elks #2777
Holiday Food Drive

CC Elks need non-perishable food (please check expiration dates) for Veterans Holiday Food Baskets

Bring your donations to the CC Elks Lodge and place in food bin

Veterans Holiday Food Baskets will be distributed to Christian County Veterans the on December 21
Sign-up to Deliver

Elks CARE Elks SHARE

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YOU ARE INVITED

Veterans Benefit

GOLF TOURNAMENT

September 17 | 8am

**Sponsored by
Christian County
Elks #2777**



\$75 pp

Saturday Sept 17th

8am Registration

9am Tee-off Time

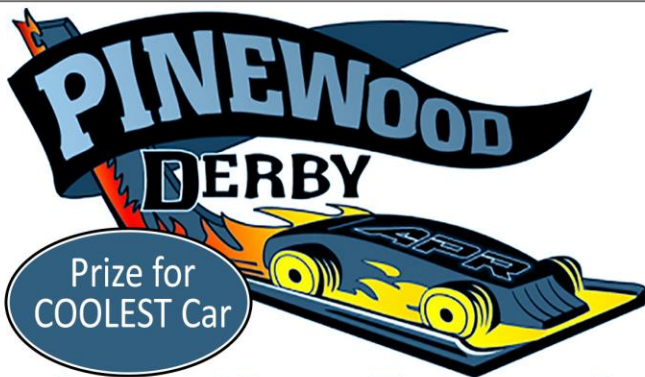
Deer Lake Golf Course

Don't want to Golf? We
need Volunteers too.

Contact Charlie Falzone

to lend support

417-877-6520



**START YOUR ENGINES!
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 11**

Elks 2777 Pinewood Derby Races
Buy Your Cars now for \$25 and start building
Payouts for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Places

Veterans Day Event
Show Your Patriotism with Red, White
and Blue Cars

Save the Date!

**Thursday Night Football
Sept 15**



Throw-Back Thursday
All You Can Eat Chicken Wings
Variety of Sauces & Fixins
French Fries, Onion Rings
& Salad only \$12 Thursday Sept 15

**Kansas City Chiefs vs
Los Angeles Chargers**



Every Thursday starting at 5pm

Come Join in the Fun with Members and Guests

Early Birds Play at 5pm

Breaktime for Dinner at 7pm

Poker Continues after Dinner

Veterans Corner
by Denny Peterson

September 17th

Elks 2777 Annual Veterans Benefit Golf Tournament at Deer Lake Golf Course Sep 17th at 8:00am. This is a 4-person Scramble. Entry fee is \$75/person. There should be 3 flights depending on the number of teams entering. Everyone is entered in a raffle for door prizes and a 50/50 raffle will also be held. Closest to Pin and Longest Drive contest will be held too. Contact Charley Falzone (417-877-6520) for more details

September 24th

Honor Flight Benefit Trap shooting Tournament is Sept 24th. It will be held at Ozark Shooters Sports Complex South of Ozark on Hwy 65. 4-man teams will compete. More details to follow. See lodge bulletin board for a flyer.

October 1st

Veterans Christmas Basket food collection starts, containers will be placed at the front of the bar. Make sure all donated food has an expiration date after Dec 25th. Monetary donations onations can also be made as we also purchase items that need to be fresh.

SCOUTING AROUND

August 2022 Edition By Jason Factor



Kia Kima Arrival



Kia Kima Departure

It's been another fun-filled summer for Troop 201! The highlight of the summer was definitely our week of Resident Camp June 12-18, at Kia Kima Scout Reservation outside Hardy, Arkansas. During our 7-day camp, many adventures were had, new scout skills were learned, and merit badges were earned. We had several days with a heat index over 100 degrees, with the hottest being 115, so proper hydration and attire were critical.

In July, we held our annual Family Camp at Cow Creek Scout Reservation on Table Rock Lake by Blue Eye, MO. Families spent the weekend enjoying the lake swimming, fishing, and wakeboarding. Scoutmaster Jeff Highley brought his boat, The Black Pearl. The weather was PERFECT! August brought the Aquatics Merit Badge University, also held at Cow Creek Scout Reservation. Once again, the lake was enjoyed, and merit badges were earned. A storm rolled in during the middle of the night, but the daytime weather was perfect.

Troop 201 could see a record year for Eagle Scouts, which is very exciting. Some of these Eagle projects benefit our Elks Lodge, some JROTC, and others benefit other local organizations and charities. Attending Eagle Court of Honors will never get old.

Now we are ready for school to begin. We have an action-packed calendar full of many camps and activities coming our way in 2022 and 2023. More to come in future additions. Until then...

Scout On!

Jason Factor, Committee Chair, Troops 201 B&G

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

September Birthdays

1st Mark Hess 1st Betty Gayle Richardson 8th Elaine Garton
9th Roger Campbell 10th Steve Buttress 11th Frank Smith
13th Christina Lee Campbell 14th Kristopher Gray 14th Sue Reis
15th Arthur Cox 16th Patricia Knudtson 19th Tiffany Jackovich
23rd John Guerra 24th Rolland Nuckolls 25th Vincent Chinell
25th Richard Fuller 25th Jon Kevin Wolfe

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September 2022



August '22
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October '22
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
28	29	30	31	1 Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 BBQ Chicken	2 Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$15 PER Steak Night	3 Rental Wedding Reception	
4	5 Happy Labor Day	6 Lodge meeting 7pm Dinner 6pm \$8	7	8 Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 Steak House Grillers	9 Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$12 Luuu Night	10	
11	12 Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	13 House Committee Pot Luck Dinner starts 6pm	14	15 Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$10 Wings & More! Chiefs vs Chargers	16 Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$12 Fajitas & More	17 Veterans Benefit Golf Tournament	
18	19 Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	20 Lodge meeting 7pm Dinner 6pm \$8	21	22 Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 Tacos & More!	23 Gun Show No Dinner	24 Mr D Dancing	
25 Gun Show	26 Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	27 BOD Meeting 7pm	28	29 Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 Pork Steaks	30 Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$12 Mixed Kabobs	1 Convention	
2	3	Notes				Elks State	Convention

For More information visit our website www.ccelks2777.com
 or our facebook page Christian County Elks #2777
 and be sure and save the newsletter for reference!!
 Hope to see you soon

CHRISTIAN COUNTY ELKS LODGE #2777

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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" and the tagline "In the Heart of the Ozarks". A prominent yellow banner reads "Donate Deer Hides They Become Gloves for Veterans" with an image of a yellow glove. Below the header is a secondary navigation bar with links for HOME, LODGE EVENTS, INBOX, CALENDAR, LODGE 2777, MEMBERSHIP, NEWSLETTER, RENT THE LODGE, and CONTACT US. A red overlay box in the center contains the text: "Follow Christian County Elks on our Facebook page and our website www.ccelks2777.com Attend Lodge meetings when you can to provide support to YOUR Lodge". The main content area is divided into sections: "FEATURED" with a "Flag Day & Retirement" event photo (Lodge Events June 27, 2022), "NEW MEMBERS" with a "June New Member" photo, and another "NEW MEMBERS" section with a "March New Members" photo. There are also "July Newsletter" and "June Newsletter" sections with eagle and American flag imagery.