Christian County Elks #2777

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ELKS BUGLE

November 2022

2022 - 2023 OFFICERS

Jeffrey Holt, PDDGER
Exalted Ruler
Michael Sweet
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Howard McCoy
Loyal Knight
Janey Tuck
Lecturing Knight
Tom Shelton, PSP
Secretary
Jerry Fritchman, PER
Treasurer
Jane Jackson
Tiler
Rita Ege
Inner Guard
Shirley Smith
Chaplain
Larry Tuck, PER
Esquire
Trustees:
Mike Klinger, PER
Chairman of the Board
1-Year Ernie Smith
2-Year Charlie Hopkins
3-Year Jason Factor
4-Year Charles Falzone, PER

Exalted Ruler Thoughts

Greetings Fellow Members,

October has finally been cooler with a couple of days of freezing which has brought the leaves down, so we all have one more thing to do, remove leaves. October was extremely dry until the last week when finally, the rain has returned, but a little too late f or the growing season. We will be getting into the winter months with adverse weather so just remember when the Ozark Schools close for weather the lodge meals will be canceled for everyone's safety.

Michele and I went to State fall Convention and had a good time and dressed up for the southwest district hospitality room theme; October Fest. While at convention we were awarded Plaques for 31.4% membership gain last year (thank you Mike Klinger PER), ENF per capita made, Benevolent Trust per capita was made (thank you Jerry), and $100 dollar club Benevolent Trust pins was given to Mike Sweet, Charlie Falzone & Jerry Mallard. We are currently 1st in the State ENF per capita but just barely in front of Kansas City North Land so keep donating so we can be 1st again which helps us get more grant money.

September is already here and makes us over halfway for the Elks calendar year so I will call it hump Month. Mark your calendars for September Fried Chicken 3rd, PER Steak night 4th, Brisket Sandwich's 10th, Veterans Day meal by Mike Klinger crew 11th, Breakfast for dinner 17th, Chuck Roast 18th, and no meals the 24th & 25th because of Thanksgiving. Hope to see you at the Lodge.

Fraternally
Jeffrey B Holt PDDGER, Exalted Ruler

Honor to All That Served

That is Americanism

November is the month we celebrate our Veterans, and there is nothing more American than those who have served to protect our country. Veterans are those who have served in the past, but it is those who are serving today that become the Veterans of the future.

Periodically US Navy ships invite family members of the crew to sail as "Tigers" with their sailors. Last month I was privileged to sail with my grandson, a petty officer (and member of this Lodge) aboard the Destroyer, USS Fitzgerald. I slept in the crew berthing on a 7 x 2 foot steel "rack" with a 3 inch mattress. The racks were three high with 16 inches of head space between them. I ate the crew food which while nutritious does not compare to Lodge Food, climbed the ladders, strode the decks and observed the crew at work.

The Captain, Officers and Crew welcomed us aboard and treated us as honored guests, while going about their duties with dispatch. They demonstrated weapons systems, damage control, and a refueling at sea which requires 2 ships to sail exactly 180 feet apart for several hours. The demonstrated skills were exceptional, the crew comradery notable and the living conditions minimal. Such is the dedication, service, and sacrifice our military renders each and every day to keep us safe at a fraction of the compensation available in the civilian world. Let us never forget to appreciate and honor their service.

Steve Buttress, PER
Americanism Chairman

SCOUT ON!

SCOUTING AROUND OCTOBER 2022

We are fortunate to have 4 seasons to experience in the Ozarks and Fall is one of my favorites. With the cooler temperatures and changing colors it is a great time to enjoy the outdoors.

October brings the annual Weekend on the Ropes high adventure campout at the beautiful BSA Camp Orr Scout Reservation. This is my personal favorite weekend campout of the year. Camp Orr is located on the Buffalo River near Mt. Sherman Arkansas. The weekend offers rappelling opportunities for all skill levels. Never rappelled before, that's ok, start with a 9-foot rappel, work your way to a tower rappel, and then on to cliff rappelling. Cliff options vary in height and complexity from simple wall rappels around 50 feet to Gar Hole, a 286-foot cliff rappel over the Buffalo River. Ask any of the scouts who rappelled Gar Hole and you're sure to receive an ear to ear grin and a great story about their experience.

For some of the older scouts Horseshoe Canyon Ranch is the go-to event on Saturday during Weekend on the Ropes. It offers a high adventure rock climbing experience that challenges the mind and body.

Whether you like rappelling or climbing, Weekend on the Ropes has it all! This year the weather was PERFECT, there were no injuries in our Troops, and fun was had by all who attended.

It's time to VOTE again on November 8th. Troop 201 volunteers for every election in Christian County loading voting equipment for the Judges the Saturday before the election and unloading the equipment and returning it to the County Clerk the night of the election. It is a great way for scouts to participate in the process.

Scout On!
Jason Factor
Committee Chair, Troops 201 B&G

Food Baskets for Veterans

Christian County Elks #2777
Holiday Food Drive is on NOW!

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 on December 21 (tbc)
Sign-up to Deliver

Elks CARE Elks SHARE

Christian County Elks #2777 Ozark Missouri

Christian County Elks Hosts

Sing Into the Season Christmas Party

Friday December 2
Special Performance by Springfield Chorus and JAZZ!
PER Steak Night $15.00
Social Hour 6pm Dinner7pm
Performance to follow

Congratulations to Christian County Elks #2777

As of October 2022, our Lodge is #1 for Elks National Foundation throughout the State of Missouri for

GIVING!

Through October, I am proud to say that we are #1 in the State for per-capita giving to the Elks National Foundation! That said, we are only 90 cents ahead of Kansas City. Let's keep our momentum going – remember the more members we can get to give $10 or more, the more Grant money we can receive. This year we have received $9,500 in Grant money! We also need to help fund our State project, the mobile dental van for handicapped underprivileged individuals and veterans. For $25, you can pay your per-capita for both organizations. Bring in your change or mail a check to the Lodge at PO Box 1399, Ozark, MO 65721-1399 made out to CC Elks, or better yet come join us for a delicious meal and give to me directly. We would love to see you!

Jerry Fritchman PER
Treasurer & ENF Grant Coordinator

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

2022

New Years Eve Party

Tickets on sale Nov 4th

$30

WELKOME to the SPEAKEASY

6pm Cocktails

7pm Dinner

7-12 Dancing

Gangsters and Flappers

SPEAKEASY

Roaring 20s Theme

"LIVE" Tunes by Mr. D & Bonita ◆ Champagne Toast ◆ Drink Specials

Appetizers ◆ PER Surf & Turf, Salad and Dessert

Raffles & 50/50 ◆ SpeakEasy Best Dressed Contest

MISSOURI ELKS ASSOCIATION
SOUTHWEST DISTRICT #4920

4th Annual Chili Cook-Off
Saturday January 28, 2023
Hosted by Christian County Elks #2777
2401 N. 17th Street Ozark 65721
417-581-4190

ENTRY FEE IS A $25 DONATION
$5 PER PERSON ALL YOU CAN EAT CHILI

A MINIMUM OF A CROCKPOT FULL IS REQUIRED

CHILI MUST BE BEEF, PORK, CHICKEN, OR TURKEY.
(USDA APPROVED MEATS-NO GAME)

CC Elks will provide hot dogs, buns, crackers, fritos, onions, Jalapenos, sour cream and hot sauce

SETUP @ 11AM JUDGING AT 4PM
AWARDS FOR 1ST, 2ND, AND 3RD PLACE PEOPLES CHOICE
AWARDS FOR 1ST, 2ND, AND 3RD PLACE JUDGES CHOICE
AWARDS FOR BEST DECORATED TABLE AND COSTUMES

ALL MONEY RAISED AT THIS EVENT WILL BE DIVIDED EQUALLY BETWEEN PARTICIPATING LODGES IN THE SOUTHWEST DISTRICT FOR THEIR BENEVOLENT TRUST.

SILENT AUCTION

50/50 RAFFLE

DOOR PRIZES

Elks Care – Elks Share

Veterans Corner
by Denny Peterson

November 11th
Veterans Day Dinner & Performance
Honoring OUR Veterans
Special Dinner and Singing Performance by JAZZ!
Social Hour 6pm, Dinner 7pm
Celebrate by wearing your RED shirts

November 16th
The Annual Veterans Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on Nov 16th and 11:30am. Sign up sheets will be posted for volunteers needed and food required.

December
Everyone continue to bring non-perishable food to the Lodge for Veterans Christmas Basket. Scout Troop 201 will help to pack boxes for delivery.
We need volunteers to deliver Veterans Christmas Baskets on Wednesday December 21 (tbc)
Delivery starts at 9am at the CC Elks Lodge.
Volunteers will deliver 3-4 baskets

Holiday Wreath Laying
December 17 Wreaths Across America
Missouri Veterans Cemetery
December 18 Wreaths for Fallen Heroes
Springfield National Cemetery 11am

Did you know 80% of strokes are preventable according to the American Heart Association? Life Line Screening provides valuable health screenings to detect the risk of stroke and cardiovascular disease.
Life Line Screening will be at Christian County Elks Lodge 2777 on Wednesday, November 9, 2022 and are offering a special price for our members. Learn more and schedule your appointment by calling 1-888-653-6441

Thank You
VETERANS

Honoring Those That Served
Veterans Day Dinner
Friday November 11

Social Hour 6pm◆Dinner 7pm
Special Singing Performance by JAZZ!
All Veterans will be Recognized PLUS
Photo Booth Opportunity
Dinner: Mesquite Pork Tenderloins, Rice Pilaf, Steamed Broccoli and Cheese Cake for Dessert $12.00
If you know a Veteran, bring them to dinner and show them what the ELKS are all about!

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October New Members

Congratulations to our five new members of Chrisitan County Elks #2777. (L to R) Bill Roark, Todd McHenry, Bill Kistner, Dan Lawler and William Vaughn. Bill Roark is an ARMY Veterans and spent many years in Germany. Todd McHenry is an ARMY Veteran and works in cinstruction for prisons. Bill Kistner is a retired police officer and also spent many years as a drummer at the Grand Ole Opry. Dan Lawler is a Veteran of the NAVY manning submarines. William Vanghn is a NAVY Veteran and was also a firefighter and Border Patrol agent. Exalted Ruler Jeff Holt presided over the intiation.

Christian County Elks Lodge Hoop Shoot Competition

Saturday December 3
The OC in Ozark
Open to Boys and Girls ages 8 to 13
Practice and Come Try Your Luck
Trophies Awards after Event
Volunteers Needed - see Jeff Holt

Veterans Thanksgiving Dinner

Wednesday November 16
Volunteers arrive 10am

Sign-up sheet to bring dessert

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

November Birthdays

04 Susan Fox 05 Billy Joe Edwards 08 Charles Falzone
10 Ora Belle Cox 13 Alysia Kempa 15 Gary Scheel
16 Judy Chambers 18 Brian Klein 18 Carmen Sprinkle
18 Jamie Voss 25 Janet Bruenger 27 Rex Wallace

OZARKS VETERANS COALITION

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PRESIDENT
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November 2022

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December '22

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1 **Lodge meeting 7pm** Dinner 6pm $8	2	3 Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm $8 **Poker Night** Fried Chicken Legs & Thighs	4 Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm $15 **PER Steak Night**	5 **Holiday Food Drive CONTINUES**
6	7 **Springfield Chorus** Practice 6:30pm	8 **House Committee** Pot Luck Dinner starts 6pm	9 **Lifeline Screening** Elks Lodge 9a-5p	10 Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm $8 **Poker Night** Brisket & Burnt Ends Sandwich	11 **Veterans Day Event** **Dinner & Performance** Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm $12	12
13	14 **Springfield Chorus** Practice 6:30pm	15 **Lodge meeting 7pm** Dinner 6pm $8	16 **Thanksgiving Dinner for Veterans** **CC Elks 10am** **Volunteers Needed**	17 Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm $8 **Poker Night** Breakfast for Dinner	18 Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm $12 Chuck Roast and Sides	19 Lodge Rental **57th Annual Ozark Christmas Parade 5 - 7pm**
20	21 **Springfield Chorus** Practice 6:30pm	22 **BOD Meeting 7pm**	23	24 **Happy Thanksgiving** No Dinner	25 No Dinner	26
27	28 **Springfield Chorus** Practice 6:30pm	29 **No Meeting**	30	1	2	3
4	5	Notes **For more information visit our website at www.ccelks2777.com** **or our Facebook page Christian County Elks #2777** **SAVE your newsletter for reference or pass it along to a friend**				

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To a Very Important Elk: