



Christian County Elks #2777

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January 2023

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Greetings Fellow Members,

Happy New Year Elks and friends! Winter has come in with a bang of frigid temperatures and has given us a white Christmas that we have not seen in several years. The Farmer's Almanac called for a wet winter, but did not specify if it would be rain, snow or ice so we are in for an unusual Winter, I think. December was a busy month with all of the rentals and Christmas parties, wreaths laid on lodge veterans graves, Breakfast with Santa and all the food baskets we delivered to local veterans. Thank you to everyone who donated and helped, it is very appreciated and shows that our lodge has a big heart.



January will wind down a little bit at the Lodge except for District Hoop Shoot is January 14 at 11am at the OC in Ozark. We will need some helpers for Hoop Shoot and also at District Chili Cook-Off, January 28 at our Lodge. We are hosting this district event so please come out and support the event and our Lodge. At the Chili Cook-off we will need judges and helpers and remember you can enter the competition and participate with your own fantastic chili recipe. See Lecturing Knight Janey Tuck for more details on how to enter. Chili samples will be given out to taste, so see our flyer in this newsletter for cost and information.

The House Committee has organized a lot of good meals scheduled for January, so check our calendar and come out and enjoy. Hope to see you there.

Hopefully everyone had a great Christmas and your new year is safe for you and your family.

Fraternally

Jeffrey B Holt PDDGER, Exalted Ruler

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**Jack Kennon
Ross Anderson
Dena Wolfe PDDGER
Steven Angell**



Wreaths for Fallen Elk Veterans

12-03-22



**Thank you Larry
Tuck, Kevin Wolfe,
Mike Klinger and
Denny Peterson**



Elks Christmas Party & Springfield Metro Chorus



Friday Dec 2nd Christian County Elks hosted their annual Christmas Party and had a treat this year. As a thank you to the Lodge for using the Lodge as a practice facility on Monday nights, The Springfield Metro Chorus decorated for the party, served dinner and sang a medley of Christmas songs to the delight of the guests. Seventy-two members and guests enjoyed a wonderful evening of Christmas cheer and fellowship.

Springfield Metro Chorus

Row 1 left to right: Rebecca Tough,
Brenda Mings, Tawny Brown,
Leesa Bumgardner

Row 2: Becky Parrish, Dixie Gilliard,
Mary Lack, Haven McGinnes

Row 3: Brooke Burger, Marie Lovan,
Renee Doremus

Row 4: Jennifer Potts, Diana Schweitzer,
Amy McKinney

Row 5: Julie Holt, Diane Durham,
Pam Mallard, Leah Birch





Breakfast with Santa

On Saturday Dec 17 Christian County Elks #2777 held the 2nd Annual Breakfast with Santa and Open House for our community. The Elks served over 100 FREE pancakes and sausage breakfast to the hungry crowd. The pancakes were great but nothing could top when Santa and Mrs. Claus came into the Lodge. Everyone took photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus while the Springfield Metro Chorus filled the Lodge with wonderful cheer. Mark your calendars...can't wait for next year. Merry Christmas to ALL!



Jason Factor, Loyal Knight

Elks Memorial Service

On Tuesday Dec 6th our Lodge held its annual Memorial Service for Elks that have passed during 2022

Belle Cox and Teresa Vaughn were remembered.

To Our Absent Members



Hope dries our tears and with eyes of faith may we see those whom we have loved and lost awhile and who are awaiting the day when the chain of fraternal love shall be reunited forever



Christian County Elks held the 2022 Hoop Shoot Competition on Saturday Dec 3 and Zach Gilion was the winner for Boys 13 years old. Zach sank 21 of 25 free throws and will now compete in the Hoop Shoot District Competition in January 2023. Congratulations to Zach!



Thank you to Troop 201 Boys and Girls who packed all veterans food boxes



Staging is complete and ready for Elks delivery teams on Dec 22



New member Gordon Hayes helps our delivery teams load vehicles Thursday morning in snowy weather



PER Charlie Falzone and Veterans Food Chairman with Scott Urbanowicz



Veteran David Smith thanks Trustee Jason Factor and Leading Knight Michael Sweet

Holiday Food Drive for Veterans

"I cannot believe that the Elks are doing this. This is fantastic. And delivering food in this harsh weather too!" stated Veteran Manual Vasquez of Ozark. Vasquez went onto say that he was in the National Guard in 1979 and trained to free the hostages in Iran. But he did not have to deploy to Iran as President Reagan was able to get the hostages released. For the fourth year Christian County Elks #2777 (Ozark MO) have championed the Elks Veterans Holiday Food Drive to needy veterans' families in Christian County. Over the past months, Elks, family, and friends have donated food at the Lodge and together with grant money from Elks National Foundation and the veteran vetting support of Least of These Food Pantry of Ozark, we were able to make Christmas a bit brighter for twenty-six veterans' families in our community.

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Elk Dawna Southern with veterans family of Steven Cline

Elks National Foundation Update:

Greetings Members,

Thanks to you, we are once again No. 1 in our State and our Southwest District with \$17.33 per capita. Our Lodge and Members have given a total of \$3,500.38 to the ENF and we have received a total of \$9,500.00 in Grants this year. We could not do this without your support and generosity. Along with generous donations from our members, ENF Grants help us support our Back to School Shopping Program, our Veterans, all of our adopted groups (JROTC, Scout Troop #201, Cub Scout Pack #75, Girl Scout Troop #72014, D.A.R.E., Least of These Food Pantry, Ozarks Veterans Coalition) and helps us support our Community with functions like our Annual Kite Day and Breakfast with Santa.

Our next big fundraiser is scheduled for the end of January when we will host our Southwest District's Annual Chili Cookoff, The proceeds will benefit the Missouri Elks Benevolent Trust, which is our state's mobile dental van. Stay tuned for email blasts about this event. Folks from The 9 Lodges in our district will be attending. Please come and show your support by purchasing a \$5 tasting pass and/or enter you famous chili recipe into the cookoff.

Respectfully,

Ms. Jerry L. Fritchman, PER, Treasurer, Fundraising Chair

Elks Deliver Food to Veterans (continued)

On Tuesday Dec 19 Scouts from Troop 201 gathered at the Elks Lodge to pack boxes and bags with donated food. Scout Leader and Elk Trustee, Jason Factor said, "we are grateful for our relationship with the Elks and helping with the annual Veterans Holiday Food Drive. It is something the Scouts look forward to. Anything we can do to support the Elks and community we welcome." Then on Thursday Dec 22 in cold, snowy weather Elks and helpers delivered boxes and bags of donated food. Each veteran's family received a ham, eggs, bread, breakfast items, canned goods, milk, an apple pie and assorted essential foods. Nate and Jennifer Staap of Ozark said,

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

OFFICER Nominations



Lodge Meeting
Tuesday February 7

"Thank you so much Mike (Klinger) and please thank the Elks. Nate and I met in the NAVY aboard the USS Seattle, a weapons supply ship. We are grateful to be living in this great community." Veterans Holiday Food Drive chairman, Charlie Falzone PER, has organized the Elks effort since 2019. "This is exactly what the Elks stand for, helping the less fortunate and especially less fortunate veterans' families. Besides the donations by members and friends we also receive donations and discounts from businesses in our community like Braums and Hyvee. What makes this event successful is the dedication and heart of our members and our community. It is better to give than to receive."



December New Member

*Congratulations to our newest member, **Glen Hanks**. Glen and his wife Jo reside in Ozark. Glen was born in Camdenton, MO and over the years visited many Elks Lodges with friends and decided now was the time to become a member. Glen is a veteran and states, "I love what the Elks stand for especially their support of veterans and I want to help". ER Jeff Holt PDDGER welcomed Glen to our Order after the officers performed a long version initiation.*



Attention Members:
We are preparing for the next Finley River Car Show that the CC Elks will sponsor. We need broken engine parts for trophies. If you have a dead weed eater, mower or any small engines, contact Larry Tuck PER at sgm92@sbcglobal.net



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

January Birthdays

01 William Meek 02 Lucas Moore 07 David Simmerly
12 Rex McCoy 12 Anita Rodrigues 14 Charlie Harper
16 Scott Palubiak 20 Robert Bradford 21 Robert Dyer
21 Judy Hayes 22 Lynn Morris 23 Gene Ward
26 Charlie Hopkins 27 Michael Chambers 27 Randy Mitchell
39 Michael Pfander

OZARKS VETERANS COALITION



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January 2023



December '22							February '23						
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Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
1	Happy New Years	2		3	Lodge meeting 7pm Dinner 6pm \$8	4		5	Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 Poker Night Breakfast for Dinner	6	Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$15 PER Steak Night Lodge Diamond Jubilee	7	
8		9	Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	10	House Committee Pot Luck Dinner starts 6pm	11		12	Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 Poker Night Meatloaf & Mashed Potatoes	13	Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$12 Fajitas & More	14	Dist Hoop Shoot 11am at The OC Fundraiser 6pm for Tom & Marty's Granddaughter
15		16	Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	17	Lodge meeting 7pm Dinner 6pm \$8	18		19	Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 Poker Night Steakhouse Grillers Chicken & Potatoes	20	Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$12 Baby Back Ribs Baked Beans & Red Potatoes	21	Rental Q Christmas Party Volunteers Needed
22		23	Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	24	BOD Meeting 7pm	25		26	Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 Poker Night Ham Hocks & Beans Corn Bread	27	Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$12 Fried Chicken Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	28	SW District Chili Cook-Off Compete for OUR LODGE!
29		30	Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	31	No Meetings	1		2		3		4	
5	6	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											
<div>SW District Chili Cook-Off Want to Compete? See Janey Tuck Open to Everyone to sample chili</div> <div>Open to Everyone to sample chili</div> <div></div>													

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To a Very Important Elk:



Christian County Elks 2777

In the Heart of the Ozarks

VISIT
Christian County Elks

**Lodge
Hours**

Tuesday ♦ Thursday
Friday
4:30-9:30pm
Saturday
TBA Special Events

HOME

LODGE EVENTS

INBOX

CALENDAR

LODGE 2777 ▾

MEMBERSHIP ▾

NEWSLETTER

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BREAKING NEWS bers 4 weeks ago **October Newsletter** 4 weeks ago **Elks Dental Program** 4 weeks ago **Lifeline Screening Nov 9th** 1 month ago **September New Members**

FEATURED

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NEW MEMBERS



October Newsletter

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