Christian County Elks #2777

ELKS BUGLE

March 2023

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Leading Knight

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Loyal Knight

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Greetings Fellow Members,

Another ER year is coming to a close and I have had a good year with all the support of our members and will be handing off the torch to ER-Elect Michael Sweet for next year. Please come out and support Michael this year and let him have a good experience leading us to another successful year. I will be cutting back on cooking all the time, but will still do PER Steak Nights and some special events so I am not abandoning the lodge, I am just trying not to do so much and have a little bit of free time to go fishing and enjoy the great outdoors. Watch the calendar for up-coming meals and hope to see you there.

Fraternally
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WELKome Guests, Vendors and Members to the

Elks usa **Christian County Elks #2777**

2023 Spring Gun & Knife Show

Friday March 3 11am - 5pm
Saturday March 4 9am - 5pm
Sunday March 5 9am - 3pm

Stop by to browse or grab a bite to eat!

Missouri Elks Southwest District Fundraiser

CHILI COOK OFF

(top) Serenity Honors joins PSP Skip Bell. (below) Kimberling City Elks won Best Decorated Table Award

Elks Donate to Dental Care Program

On Saturday January 28 Christian County Elks #2777 of Ozark hosted the Missouri Elks Southwest District Chili Cook-Off benefiting the Missouri Elks Major Project, "Give a Child a Smile", Benevolent Trust Dental Program. Five Elks Lodges and twenty-two teams in the Southwest District (Webb City Elks, Kimberling City Elks, West Plains Elks, Springfield Elks and Christian County Elks) joined in the chili cook-off competition and delivered crockpots full of delicious chili to over 200 members and guests.

BIG Congratulations to Christian County Elks Joe and Cherie Edwards for winning the TOP 2 Prizes, People's Choice for Best Chili, and Judges Choice for Best Chili. And another congrats to Christian County Elks Melissa Davidson placing third for People's Choice Award and second place by Judges Choice. Kimberling City Elks won Best Table Decorations depicting Kansas City Chiefs football and chili go hand-in-hand. Overall winner Joe Edwards stated, "I think the secret of winning was I let my chili sit on our back porch, safely of course, the night prior to the competition. It was surely cold enough."

Each team made their absolute best chili at home then decorated their team's tables with colorful "chili cook-off" garb. Event funds were generated by teams donating $25.00 to compete, guests paid $5.00 for tastings, a 50-50 drawing and a silent auction of donated items. A total of $2,455 was raised and all funds will be donated to the Missouri Elks Benevolent Trust Dental Program equally in the names of each Elks Lodge that participated. Thank you to Christian County Elks #2777 for hosting this annual event for such an outstanding cause.

Missouri Elks Dental Care Program (MEA website) Since 1962 Mobile Dental Units, purchased and equipped by the Elks, have served the dental needs of eligible physically challenged children, and mentally challenged/developmentally disabled adults and children. Basic and routine dental treatments include x-rays, examinations, cleanings, fluoride treatments, fillings, routine extractions, and referrals. Each year, dental procedures are performed on more than 3,000 patients. The value of these services is over $700,000.00.

(above) Champions Cherie and Joe Edwards

(above) West Plains Elks had great decorations

(below) Melissa Davidson and family from CC Elks

(below) CC Elks Howard McCoy serves our guest

Installation of Officers March 17 6:00pm

St. Patrick's Day Party March 17

Dinner 7pm $15.00

"Wild" Leprechaun Races 8pm

Best Dressed Contest

Delicious Corned Beef, Boiled Red Potatoes, Cabbage & Blarney Stone Cheese Cake

Come Fly a Kite at the Elks Open House

Christian County Elks #2777 is Celebrating

Elks National Youth Week

By Inviting you to our

KITE DAY and COMMUNITY APPRECIATION DAY

on

Saturday May 6, 2023

10:00am to 2:00pm

Bring a Kite or Fly One of Ours!

Enjoy FREE Hot Dogs & Hamburgers

Meet our Ozark D.A.R.E. Officers, climb in an Ambulance or Fire Truck and talk with Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts

Christian County Elks 2401 N. 17th Street Ozark 65721 (417) 581-4190

Congratulations to the Officers Elect for Elk Year 2023-2024

Exalted Ruler Michael Sweet

Leading Knight Will Tuck

Loyal Knight Janey Tuck

Lecturing Knight Tawny Brown

Inner Guard Rita Ege

Secretary Tom Shelton PSP

Treasurer Jerry Fritchman PER

Tiler Shirley Smith

2-year Trustee Jeff Holt PDDGER

5-year Trustee Joe Edwards

Appointed Officers

Esquire Larry Tuck PER

Chaplain Janey Jackson

Continuing Officers

1-year Trustee Charles Hopkins

3-year Trustee Jason Factor

4-year Trustee Mike Klinger PER

Opt Out of the Printed Newsletter

That's right. If you read the newsletter online or print it, you can **Opt Out** having the printed version mailed to you.

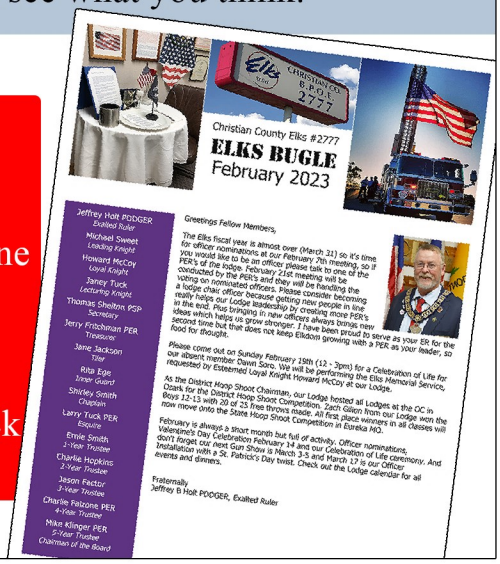
AND this saves our lodge money!

In March, your new membership notice will include an **Opt Out** form.

Simply check the box.

View now at **www.ccelks2777.com** and see what you think.

No changes to the newsletter, just read or print from online and SAVE our Lodge $$$. And YES you can change back if you wish.



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February 2023

Greetings Fellow Members,

The Elks fiscal year is almost over (March 31) so it's time for officer nominations at our February 7th meeting, so if you would like to be an officer please talk to some of the PER's of the lodge. February 21st meeting will be conducted by the PER's and they will be handling the voting on nominated officers. Please consider becoming a lodge chair officer because getting new people in line really helps our Lodge leadership by creating more PER's in the end. Plus bringing in new officers always brings new ideas which helps us grow stronger. I have been proud to serve as your ER for the second time but that does not keep Elkdom growing with a PER as your leader, so food for thought.

Please come out on Sunday February 19th (12 - 3pm) for a Celebration of Life for our absent member Dawn Soro. We will be performing the Elks Memorial Service, requested by Esteemed Loyal Knight Howard McCoy at our Lodge.

As the District Hoop Shoot Chairman, our Lodge hosted all Lodges at the OC in Ozark for the District Hoop Shoot Competition. Zach Gillen from our Lodge won the Boys 12-13 with 20 of 25 free throws made. All first place winners in all classes will now move onto the State Hoop Shoot Competition in Eureka MO.

February is always a short month but full of activity. Officer nominations, Valentine's Day Celebration February 14 and our Celebration of Life ceremony. And don't forget our next Gun Show is March 3-5 and March 17 is our Officer Installation with a St. Patrick's Day twist. Check out the Lodge calendar for all events and dinners.

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22nd Annual Sertoma Duck Race Festival

Hosted by Christian County Elks Supporting Children, Veterans and Our Community

SERTOMA CLUB
Christian County Children's Charities

Sertoma Duck Race Festival

2023

Car • Truck • Bike Show

Christian County Elks Ozark MO

Saturday June 17, 2023

Finley River Park Ozark, MO

Register by June 1st to receive a Dash Plaque and Goodie Bag!

Registration
10:00am - 1:00pm
Judging 1:30pm

Entry Fee
$25.00

For more information:
www.ccelks2777.com
ccelks2777@gmail.com

February New Members

Congratulations to Sue Jones and Laura Ashe, joining our Order of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Sue resides in Branson West and is recently retired and choose the Elks to volunteer her time. Laura is a Long-time friend of the Elks, visiting the Festus-Crystal City Elks with her grandpa when she was younger. Both ladies are eager to support our community, veterans and children. Mike Klinger PER led the Past Exalted Ruler initiation of our two new members. Thanks to Kevin Wolfe PDDGER as Leading Knight, Charles Falzone PER Loyal Knight and Jeff Holt PDDGER Lecturing Knight.

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

Thank you Veterans and CC Elks Mike Egan and Trustee Charlie Hopkins for constructing a ramp for 100 year old Veteran Bill White. Bill was in the ARMY Air Core before there was the US Air Force. Bill and his wife, Gail, reside in Springfield and thank the Elks for the thoughtfulness.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March Birthdays

2 Ron Paluska 2 Kaylyne Woodburne 4 Mike Klinger
4 Dwayne Lovan 7 Earl Campbell 9 Tara Bruenger
10 Rob Deweerdt 11 Matt Abban 12 Mike Bell 16 Rickie Love
17 Catherine Roller 18 Bill Beauchamp 22 Brenda Mings
26 Patrick Steele

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Springfield, MO 65804

March 2023

February '23

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	1	2 Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm $8 **Poker Night** Hamburgers	3 Social Hour 6pm No Dinner **Gun Show 11-5**	4 **Gun Show 9-5**
5 **Gun Show 9-3**	6 **Springfield Chorus** Practice 6:30pm	7 **Lodge meeting 7pm** Dinner 6pm $8	8	9 Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm $8 **Poker Night** Burnt Ends and Brisket	10 Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm $12 To Be Announced **Elks State Convention**	11 **Elks State Convention**
12 **Elks State Convention**	13 **Springfield Chorus** Practice 6:30pm	14 **HC Meeting 6pm** Pot Luck Dinner **BOD Meeting 7pm** (new dates)	15	16 Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm $8 **Poker Night** **"Everythnig Chicken"**	17 Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm $15 **Install of Officers &** **St Patricks Day Party** **Corned Beef & More**	18 **Mister D Dance**
19	20 **Springfield Chorus** Practice 6:30pm	21 **Lodge meeting 7pm** Dinner 6pm $8	22	23 Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm $8 **Poker Night** Ham / Mac & Cheese	24 Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm $12 Baby Back Ribs	25
26	27 **Springfield Chorus** Practice 6:30pm	28	29	30 Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm $8 **Poker Night** Breakfast for Dinner	31 Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm $12 Pork Chops	1
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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