



Christian County Elks #2777

ELKS BUGLE

May 2023

Michael Sweet
Exalted Ruler

Will Tuck
Leading Knight

Janey Tuck
Loyal Knight

Tawny Brown
Lecturing Knight

Thomas Shelton PSP
Secretary

Jerry Fritchman PER
Treasurer

Shirley Smith
Tiler

Rita Ege
Inner Guard

Janie Jackson
Chaplain

Larry Tuck PER
Esquire

Charlie Hopkins
1-Year Trustee

Jason Factor
2-Year Trustee

Jeff Holt PDDGER
3-Year Trustee

Mike Klinger PER
4-Year Trustee
Chairman of the Board

Joe Edwards
5-Year Trustee

Hello Elks,

What a great start to the year, four new members on our first initiation of the year.

A big thank you to Larry Tuck for undertaking the new house committee structure. This will be a great addition to how the lodge functions and will help with scheduling and planning for anyone who wants to participate in the kitchen!

Also a big thank you to the folks that made it for the workday! Work days are critical to keeping the lodge in good working order for everyone. We can always use the help when these are on the calendar. The next one is in August and I look forward to seeing folks there.

I am honored by the long-time members and folks I have met in the last month and I continue to encourage folks to come by and say Hello! Join us for one of the Thursday Game nights or a Friday night meal. With our new cooking teams, new food ideas are being tested and several exciting opportunities are coming in May! We have the Cinco de Mayo Fajita night, our PER Steak night, and even a Cajun Boil!

We have our annual Kite Day with an Ice Cream truck. Come join us for some great fellowship!

Our next Gun show is coming up in June and we are asking for volunteers for the new schedule to assist at the door and other areas. Please reach out with any questions.

Lastly, we would love to see more members at the house committee on the second Tuesday of every month! Remember our lodge cannot grow without the support of its members. Many hands make light work! Let's have a great year!

Michael Sweet, Exalted Ruler



Meet our 2023-2024 Officer Corps

Michael Sweet, Exalted Ruler

Michael has been an Elk since 2020, but has lived in Ozark off and on for a good chunk of my life. I moved my family here in 2017. My wife Felicia and boys, Carter and Alex, have enjoyed living here and can be found all around the lodge helping. I work as a computer guy by day. An Elk, Jeoper, Scout leader by night! We are always on the run, but enjoy every minute



Will Tuck, Leading Knight

Will has been an Elk since 2020. He served in the US Army for twelve years and deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan twice. Will is currently attending OTC to pursue a career as a Radiological Technician. He has three sons and one granddaughter.



Tawny Brown, Lecturing Knight

Tawny has been an Elk for 8 years. She became an EMT in 1984 where she joined the National Ski Patrol. Her claim to fame was she was the only woman in the world at that time who patrolled ski slopes by snowboard. Tawny is the Director of the Springfield Metro Chorus and also sings baritone in a championship quartet JAZZ!. Tawny has two kids, eight grandkids, two great grandkids. She shares a home with her mom, Georgann, in Ozark and works at a medical office.



Janey Tuck, Loyal Knight

Janey has been an Elk since 2007. She was Treasurer and President of the Ladies Auxiliary. She has been an officer and now sets her sights on Exalted Ruler. Married to Larry Tuck PER for 49yrs, and mother of Will Tuck. She has three children, seven grandchildren and one great grandchild. Retired from nursing after 47 years.



Larry Tuck PER, Esquire

Larry has been an Elk since 2006. He is a Past Exalted Ruler and held State Office. He has also been named an Elk Officer of the Year and received the Elks National Foundation Lodge Leadership Award three times. He is a Permanent Benefactor of the Elks National Foundation. He has been married to the Esteemed Loyal Knight for 49 years and they have three children, seven grandchildren, and 1 great grandchild.



Tom Shelton PSP, Secretary

Tom has been an Elk for 34 years, initiated in 1989 to the St. Louis #9 Lodge. In 1997, he transferred his membership to Christian County. Tom was Missouri Elks State President from 2011-2012, Missouri Elks State Convention Chairman from 2016-2021 and on the Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee 2016-2019. Tom and Marty have been married for 60 years and has two children and two grandchildren.



Jeff Holt PDDGER, 3 Year Trustee

Jeff has been an Elk for 18 years. While in US Army he was stationed in Germany then various bases in the US and met his wife Michelle in California. While in the ARMY for six years, Jeff was trained as an aircraft electrician. Jeff has held multiple chairs in the Lodge including 2X Exalted Ruler and 2X District Deputy. Jeff works in construction and he and Michelle have two children, four grand kids with another in the oven.



Mike Klinger PER, 4 Year Trustee

Mike has been an Elk since 2014 and moved to Missouri in 2019. He has been an Exalted Ruler 2x, Officer of the Year 3x and won four 5-Star Grand Lodge Website awards. Mike was a magazine publisher for 35 years and a photographer for over 50. He is the editor of our newsletter, Chairman of the Board and SW District Membership Chairman. Mike and his wife Judy have been married for 47 years with two sons and 4 granddaughters.



Jerry Fritchman PER, Treasurer

Jerry has been an Elk since 2013 and Exalted Ruler. Jerry owns a software training and bookkeeping business. She coordinates our gun shows, bar inventory, manages ENF and Benevolent Trust donations and applies for Grants. She has been married, divorced, widowed and now married to Ernie Smith since 2010. She has three children (Ruben, Nick and Mary) and two grandchildren (Emily and Sarah).



Charlie Hopkins, 1 Year Trustee

Charlie is a Vietnam Veteran and has been an Elk for 4 years. He works with the Ozarks Veterans Coalition building wheelchair ramps for Veterans so they can get in their homes. He has four daughters, one son and seven grandchildren.



Jason Factor, 2 Year Trustee

Jason has been an Elk since February 2021 and serves as a Trustee, a position he has held since 2022. Jason is the Drug Awareness Chair and the Committee Chair for Scout Troops 201 B&G in Ozark. He has been married to his wife Brigitte for 25 years this May and has two sons, Jaden, 16, and Brendan, 13.



Joe Edwards, 5 Year Trustee

Joe has been an Elk for two years and has lived in Springfield since 1969. He has worked at O'Reilly Auto Parts since 1983 and held various positions in the past 40 years but currently is VP of Store Installations. Joe and his wife Cherie have been together since 2010 and then married in 2016. They have three kids with Austin, Lindsey and Trenton.



Shirley Smith, Tiler

I have been an Elk since 2020 and have lived in Missouri since 2019. I was the Chaplain for two years, and now serve as the Tiler. My brother Richard and I bought a house together in Nixa after we both retired. I served in a C-130 unit in the United States Air Force for 32 years, and I now keep busy doing home care for two lovely ladies.



Janie Jackson, Chaplain

Janie has been an Elk for around 2 yrs. However, she has been involved with Christian County lodge since it's Charter in 1992. She has worked for the Greene County Recorder of Deeds office for 21 yrs. She lives in Ozark with her four-legged boy, Chewy.



Rita Ege, Inner Guard

Rita has been an Elk for 20 years. Moved to Ozark in 1973. Worked at Zenith Electronics for 26-1/2 years until they relocated. Worked at Tuthill Vacuum and Blower for 17 years retired from there in 2015. Had two children, Darrell and Teresa, lost Teresa in 2022. She has five granddaughters and 4 great-granddaughters



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

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Elks Mike Egan and Trustee Charlie Hopkins built another well-needed ramp for a veteran. Vietnam NAVY Veteran Richard Gonzales of Ava, MO asked for help and the Ozarks Veterans Coalition answered.

To Our Absent Member
Mary Krasche
 "Mary was a sweet, wonderful person"

Janey Tuck
 Esteemed Loyal Knight



SCOUTING AROUND by Jason Factor

In February, Troop 201 B&G had our annual Klondike camp at Camp Arrowhead in Marshfield. Sleds were built, and fun was had by all who attended. Pack 75 held its Blue & Gold celebration on 2/26. This is a critical time in a Scout's career when they "Crossover" from the Cub Scout Pack to the Troop.

March marked Rendezvous which is held at Camp Childress in Diamond, MO. This camp is pure FUN! Scout skills are honed, new abilities are learned, and the "Trading Blankets" are always a hit. There are hundreds of Scouts who spread out blankets with items to trade. Money is forbidden, so bartering skills are learned. There is also a Scoutmaster SPAM Cookoff, and this year our own Troop 201 Scoutmaster, Jeff Highley, took home the coveted SPAM award.

Scouting is about serving, and as always, Troops 201 B&G served the citizens of Christian County by working the election. Prior to the election, all electronics, ballot, and signs are carried to the election Judges' vehicles from the County Clerk's Office, and after the polls close, all of that equipment makes its way back to the 3rd floor Clerk's office.

Order of the Arrow is the Honor Society of Scouting. Scouts who have earned First Class, have had a long-term camp in the last 2 years, and have over 15 nights of camping in the last 2 years are eligible. Simply qualifying isn't enough. They are voted in by their fellow scouts, so this is quite an honor. The following scouts were elected into OA in April and will prepare for the "Ordeal" to solidify their Membership. Lily Smith from T201G. Clayton Albers, Brendan Factor, Thomas Pearson, Mason Stewart, and Carter Sweet from T201 B. CONGRATULATIONS, SCOUTS!





Cinco de Mayo Dinner & Fiesta

6pm Appetizers & Social Hour with Ceviche, Chips, Salsa, Queso & Guacamole

7pm Dinner: Beef, Chicken & Shrimp Fajita, Rice and Beans

Dessert
Tres Leches Cupcakes by Janey Tuck

Dinner \$12.00

MAY 5TH




\$5.00
Margarita
BAR

You Don't Want to Miss This FIESTA!

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Run the Bases

May 13 Fundraiser Lodge Event

Members and guests are invited to Run The Bases on May 13. This event is open to 2, 3, and 4 wheeled vehicles.

Run The Bases is a variation of a Poker Run with a baseball theme. The cost to play will be \$10 per entry. Each player will have a sheet with 9 batters and will spin a spinner to determine how each batter does. Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place with the proceeds going to our Back to School program.




Registration will start at 9:00 at the CC Elks Lodge. Vehicles will leave the Lodge at 10:00 traveling to three stops including one for Lunch at Sam's Cellar in Neosho, then returning to the Lodge for their final spin. If the temperature is 50 degrees or less, or there is a 50% or greater chance of rain the event will be cancelled.

Questions can be directed to Larry at sgm92@sbcglobal.net or 417-207-2123.

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HOLY SHRIMP!

Cajun Boil

Fri May 19

Steaming HOT Shrimp, Sausage, Corn, Red Potatoes plus Caesar Salad & French Bread

All You Can Eat! **\$20**



22nd Annual Sertoma Duck Race Festival

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




2023 Elks Car Show
Car • Truck • Bike • Jeep



Saturday June 17, 2023
Finley River Park Ozark, MO

All Registered Participants receive a Dash Plaque

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

Entry Fee **\$25.00**

For more information:
www.ccelks2777.com
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April New Members

Congratulations to our four new members for April (L to R), Adam Campbell (Highlandville), Wes and Kathleen Muller (Highlandville) and Les Johnson (Nixa). Exalted Ruler, Michael Sweet, and his corps of officers did a fantastic job with initiating our new members into the order.



Adam works in manufacturing, he is also a Shriner and his father was an Elk at #2777. Kathleen is a registered nurse and currently works at Wes' dental practice. Les is a Veteran, retired from ATT and works part time for the Springfield Cardinals baseball team. Welcome to OUR LODGE!

Our Elks Pitching in for May....

Cashiers

- Tuesday May 2 – Will Tuck
- Thursday May 4 – Christine Harris
- Friday May 5 – Janey Tuck/Michael Sweet
- Thursday May 11 – Janie Jackson
- Friday May 12 – Michael Sweet/Larry Tuck
- Tuesday May 16 – Larry Tuck
- Thursday May 18 – Will Tuck
- Friday May 19 – Larry Tuck/Janey Tuck
- Thursday May 25 – Larry Tuck
- Friday May 26 – Larry Tuck/Janey Tuck

Bartenders

- Tuesday May 2 – Larry Tuck
- Friday May 5 – Will Tuck
- Saturday May 6 – Will Tuck
- Friday May 12 – Will Tuck
- Friday May 19 – Janie Jackson
- Friday May 26 -Will Tuck



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

Learn to Tend Bar

We are in need of more volunteers to tend bar. If you would like to volunteer but afraid you do not have the required skills, we can help. On Wednesday May 10, at 6:30 pm we will have training for anyone interested in bartending: We will cover use of the cash register, products we stock and where they are, restocking, how to make the most popular drinks, and how to tell a good joke. If you volunteer, you will not be put behind the bar until you are comfortable and will be assigned to work with an experienced person until you are comfortable. We need the help, Thank You

OZARKS VETERANS COALITION



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CHARLES HOPKINS
PRESIDENT
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May Birthdays

- 01 Anthony Leciejewski, 02 Cavin Shorter, 04 Shirley Smith,
- 07 Don Strange, 08 Howard McCoy, 10 Tara Rose,
- 13 Jerry Fritchman, 19 Gary Estes, 19, Tom Somraty,
- 22 Michael Cook, 27 Terry Brumley, 29 Mark Howerton,
- 30 Storm Oliver

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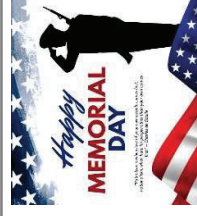
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June '23

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1 Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	2 Lodge meeting 7pm Dinner 6pm \$8 VP Theresa Suda Visitation Spaghetti Dinner	3	4 Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 Poker Night Meatloaf	5 Cinco de Mayo Dinner & Fiesta Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$12	6 Kite Day Youth Appreciation 10-2pm
7	8 Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	9 HC Meeting 6pm Pot Luck Dinner BOD Meeting 7pm (new dates)	10 Bartender Training 6:30 at Lodge	11 Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 Poker Night Cheeseburgers	12 PER Steak Night Ribeye, baked potato veggie & salad Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$15	13 Run the Bases Fundraiser meet at CC Elks 9am
14	15 Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	16 Lodge meeting 7pm Dinner 6pm \$8	17	18 Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 Poker Night Pulled Chicken Sandwiches	19 Cajun Boil All You Can Eat! Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$20	20
21	22 Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	23 Poker Night Bring a Friend 5:30pm	24	25 Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 Poker Night Pot Luck using Ground Beef	26 Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$12 Rotisserie Chicken	27
28	29 Memorial Day Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	30 Poker Night Bring a Friend 5:30pm	31	1	2	3
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To a Very Important Elk

UPCOMING **EVENTS**

May 5

Cinco de Mayo Fiesta 6pm

May 6

Kite Day Community
Appreciation 10am

May 13

Run-the-Bases
Fundraiser 9am

May 19

Cajun Boil
"All You Can Eat"

June 11

Flag Day & Flag
Retirement 12 noon

July 8

Back to School Shopping with
Kids - Nixa Walmart 9am