



Christian County Elks #2777

ELKS BUGLE

August 2023

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5-Year Trustee

Hello ELKS

What a great time and experience shopping with the children this month! I was able to attend the Grand Lodge Convention and learned a lot about some of our current programs. Very happy to hear that Esquire Larry Tuck and Trustee Jason Factor are running with some of our initiatives to help with dictionaries and our drug awareness program! Thank you to those gentlemen for stepping up and running these initiatives.

We had an incredible turnout for the PER Steak night. 65 steaks cooked! Amazing job by Jeff, Ernie, and Kevin on the meal. Not to forget the help from everyone else trying to make room for the unexpected influx! Many hands make light work, and with everything that was going on the help and support from the many members made it as smooth as possible.

The many dinners we have at the lodge are all volunteer teams. Let's give a round of applause for the many great meals we have! We can always use more help with our cooking teams. I would encourage anyone that likes to cook to join us in the kitchen and help us build some more teams and a variety of meals. To hear what is planned please come to the house committee meeting on the second Tuesday of the month. I strongly encourage everyone to stop in and see what is going on behind the scenes at all of the events!

We also have a sign-up for desserts and salads. A small step to assist and the sign-up helps us make sure we have adequate salads and desserts. The sign-up is available on the cork board near the kitchen and at the House committee meeting.

Congratulations to our Elk of the Month, Tina Campbell. I appreciate all the support on numerous occasions and being willing to step up for every opportunity! Remember that this award will be announced every month at our second meeting.

I look forward to continuing to meet folks and seeing friendly faces in our Lodge!

Michael Sweet, Exalted Ruler



Elks CARE Elks SHARE



Elks Back to School Shopping with Kids

Elks 13th Annual Back to School Shopping with Kids kicked-off in July at Nixa Walmart the first two Saturdays. This year we are proud to announce that 270 less fortunate kids received \$100 in school clothes and shoes. More details in our September newsletter



SCOUTING AROUND: ELKS & SCOUTS PARTNERSHIP



Hello fellow Elks! I greet you again with the great Scouting adventures of Troop 201.

As I mentioned in the last Scouting Around, the Order of the Arrow (or OA) is the National Honor Society of Scouting. Scouts who qualify must then be voted in by their fellow Scouts. If they are elected, they begin their OA journey with the Ordeal. Spring Encampment May 5-7 allowed for a weekend of Cheerful Service in the woods. It also provided the opportunity for these newly elected scouts to complete the Ordeal. It's called the Ordeal intentionally because it is difficult and not always enjoyable. However, through trials, we learn how to perform Cheerful service. The new OA members are pictured with their sash, the Arrow. The next level is Brotherhood which is a sash with an Arrow and a bar at each end. It was a great weekend, indeed.

Summer Camp (Resident Camp) is our week long trip to a scout reservation. Troop 201 rotates these camps so that the scouts receive a variety of experiences vs. the same camp every year. This year we attended S-F Scout Reservation, Camp Famous Eagle outside Farmington, MO. It was an AMAZING week! This Scout Reservation was among the best equipped I've seen. Of course, there are all of the standard merit badges that are offered at camp. This camp also had horses and a water park on the lake, and instead of only BB guns, they had rifles, pistols, and shotguns with a variety of options for shooting sports. They also offered the Apex program, which offers older scouts the ability to bypass merit badges for a week of adventure rock climbing, rappelling, action arrow shooting, and COPE (Challenging, Outdoor, Personal Experience) course. The weather was PERFECT, and much fun was had.

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



MEA President Lodge Visitation

On Friday June 23 MEA State President, Lance Evans, and his wife, Connie, stopped by our lodge for dinner and cheer.

Lance's motto this year is "Driving Elkdome Forward." (photo Left to Right) SW District Chancellor, Chase Emery, and his wife Shannon (Webb City Elks #861), SW District Director, Paula Richardson (Alton Thayer Elks #2545), MEA State President, Lance Evans and his wife, Connie (Brookfield Elks #874), ECC Elks Exalted Ruler, Michael Sweet and SW District VP Theresa Suda (Springfield Elks #409)

Christian County Elks 2777 hosts 6th Annual Veterans Benefit Golf Tournament

Saturday October 14

Island Green Golf Course, Republic MO



\$80 Entry Fee / 4 Person Scramble
Includes Cart, Raffle Prize Ticket & Clubhouse Lunch

\$100 Hole Sponsorship
Includes Signage, Announcements & Logos

\$400 Business Package
Includes Foursome & Hole Sponsorship
**Hole Prizes Closest to the Pin, Longest
Putt and Dice Hole-in-ONE!**

All Proceeds Benefit Veterans
Charitable Projects



Elks Never Forget



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www.ccelks2777.com



Elk of the Month

Congratulations to our July EOM Tina Campbell. Tina and her husband Earl joined our Lodge in 2022 and has stepped up to volunteer at every opportunity. When you see Tina, tell her "Way to GO Tina!"



Website Award

Christian County Elks was awarded the Grand Lodge highest honor, 5 Stars, for Lodge Website Design. Trustee and Website Manager, Mike Klinger, accepted the award from ER Michael Sweet.

July New Members

Christian County Elks was honored to initiate a brother and sister into our Order in July. Tommy Wahl and Mary Cunningham have recently moved to Ozark and have now found a home at the Elks. Tommy and Mary grew up in Michigan but spent many years in California before heading to Missouri. Unfortunately both lost their spouses years ago, but brother and sisters stick together. Mary has already jumped on the "volunteer train" and will help at the Tiki Torch Luau. Congrats to BOTH!



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

August Birthdays

01 Robert Parry 02 Austin Edwards 02 Billy Harrison
04 Melinda Hardacre 11 Josh Parham 12 David Mullenburg
14 Ronnie Stahlman 18 Harvey Williams 20 Amber Carpenter
22 Johnny Anderson 22 Unet Brown 24 John Hart 26 Julie Holt
27 Casey Moya 29 Georgann Brown 30 Charles Loofbourrow

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ENF Programs

The mission of the Elks National Foundation is to help Elks build stronger communities. We fulfill this pledge by investing in communities where Elks live and work. We provide tomorrow's leaders, our youth, with lifelong skills; meet the needs of today's veterans; help the state Elks associations accomplish their charitable objectives; and fund projects that improve the quality of life in local Elks communities.

The Foundation's budget for program services in the 2023-24 fiscal year totals \$39.9 million.

<u>Community Investments Program</u>	\$15.9 million
<u>State Elks Association Grants</u>	\$10.6 million
<u>Scholarship Programs</u>	\$4.6 million
<u>Elks National Veterans Service Program</u>	\$5 million
<u>Elks Hoop Shoot Free Throw Contest</u>	\$1.4 million
<u>Elks Drug Awareness Program</u>	\$890,450
<u>Elks Memorial Building Maintenance</u>	\$720,030

Elks Veterans Programs



**Announcing the 2023
Elks Veterans Service
Volunteer of the year:
Thomas Kramin
of Willmar, Minn.,
Lodge No. 952!**



Elks pledge "So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them." The Elks National Veterans Service Commission takes that pledge one step further, and promises service to our nation's veterans and military members, with a special focus on service to those in need.

Thousands of Elks volunteers give generously of their time, energy and resources to serve veterans and military members each day, to ensure that pledge is not an idle one.

Today, our volunteers provide direct service to veterans in more than 330 facilities each month. Through our grants to Elks Lodges, we connect with veterans and military members in their communities, providing them with services where they live. We help veterans rehabilitate and thrive through adaptive sports programs and therapy kits. And our Welcome Home initiative is reaching out to some of our most vulnerable veterans: those who are experiencing homelessness.

August 2023



July '23

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September '23

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1 Lodge meeting 7pm Dinner 6pm \$8 Sloppy Joes	2	3 Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 Game Night Mr Goodcents	4 PER Steak Night Ribeye, baked potato veggie & salad Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$15	5
6	7 Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	8 HC Meeting 6pm Pot Luck Dinner BOD Meeting 7pm	9	10 Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 Game Night Spaghetti	11 Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$12 Rotisserie Chicken	12
13	14 Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	15 Lodge meeting 7pm Dinner 6pm \$8 Stuffed Pasta Shells	16	17 Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 Game Night Catered Italian	18 Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$12 Marinated Pork Loin, red potatoes, veg Brownie Delight	19
20	21 Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	22 Game Night Bring Snacks!	23	24 Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 Game Night Chicken Stir Fry	25 Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$12 Cowboy Grillers	26
27	28 Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	29 Game Night Bring Snacks!	30	31 Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 Game Night Tri Tips	1	2
3	4	<p>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</p>				

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To a Very Important Elk

SW District MO Elks Grand Lodge ENF Elks Programs Veterans Find a Lodge Who Are Elks? Elks History Videos

Christian County Elks 2777

In the Heart of the Ozarks

As long as there are veterans, the Elks will support them

HOME LODGE EVENTS INBOX CALENDAR LODGE 2777 MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER RENT THE LODGE CONTACT US

FEATURED

Veterans Benefit Golf Tournament Oct 14
Golf, Lodge Events July 3, 2023

NEW MEMBERS

Tim Rogers
May New Member & EOM

Happy MEMORIAL DAY
May Newsletter is READY!

April New Members

June Newsletter is READY!

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