



Christian County Elks #2777
ELKS BUGLE
 September 2023

- Michael Sweet
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- Will Tuck
Leading Knight
- Janey Tuck
Loyal Knight
- Tawny Brown
Lecturing Knight
- Janey Jackson
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Chairman of the Board
- Joe Edwards
5-Year Trustee

Hello Elks!

August was an excellent wind-down month for all the events in July. But we still had a lot of good fellowship.

We have been trying different catered meals on Thursdays through the month of August and have had some great Friday night meals. The Brownie Delight Night was a lot of fun and the eight different brownies really finished off a great meal.

If you are ever wondering how we accomplish so many amazing things? Come see us at the House Committee meetings! The second Tuesday of the month is the House Committee meeting! Special thanks to those who are coming to the House Committee meetings. These meetings are where we come up with these great ideas and bring them to the lodge.



Looking onto September, there will be a few changes as Tom Shelton PSP is stepping down from his Secretary role. This will be a new chapter for the lodge and I ask that we all thank Tom for all his assistance, mentorship, and overall amazingness for the time he has been with the Elks. He is not leaving us, just changing roles. Such an amazing person needs to be recognized, Thank you Tom!

I also want to say congratulations to Rick Hayes! Rick is our Elk of the Month! Rick has been an all-around great Elk and when you see him stop and congratulate him! Every month, it is my honor and pleasure to look for an Elk that has earned the Elk of the Month award! This is awarded every second meeting.

As we look forward to the next few months, keep your calendar clear for the Halloween/Octoberfest night with Pinewood Derby Races! There is the Veterans Benefit Golf Tournament as well in October. Hosted this year at the Island Green Golf Course. The Gun show is September 22 & 23 along with our lodge workday on September 9th.

Let's continue to keep our momentum!

Michael Sweet, Exalted Ruler

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2023 ELKS BACK TO SCHOOL SHOPPING FOR KIDS

The Christian County Elks Lodge #2777 Annual Back To School Shopping event was a huge success this year. With the help of our local food pantry, Least of These Food Pantry Inc., we were able to take a record 269 underprivileged children shopping for back to school clothing.

Together with Grants from the Elks National Foundation, the Walmart Foundation, the GFWC Utopia Club, and the Finley River Community Foundation, Elks members and local businesses were able to raise over \$27,000.00 just in time for the July event.

Each year the month of July is set aside for shopping with these families. Walmart Stores are generous enough to set up their Garden Center for the Elks registration table and a register to ring up items tax free. They even provide snacks, juice drinks and water for us. Four Saturdays each July from 9am to Noon, four to six families are scheduled every fifteen minutes. An Elk or a helper is required to assist each family with picking out up to \$100 worth of shoes, socks, underwear and at least two outfits of school appropriate clothing. Walmart Stores also do a great job of making sure to have plenty of items on clearance for this event.

If you have never been shopping with us, you should consider helping us next year. It took 52 Elks and 23 helpers to shop for 269 kids and spend \$26,696.24. It was and will continue to be a very rewarding experience. It is well worth the time and effort spent to see the joy on the kids' faces, receive the hugs and thanks from the parents and guardians, and to enjoy the comradery of everyone involved.

Thank you, thank you, thank you to EVERYONE who donated money, purchased a raffle ticket, purchased a dessert, worked the Car Show, worked the Gun Show and all of the other fund raising events! We could not do this without your support, and the support of our community. We are very proud to give back to our community. Christian County Elks truly do Care and Share.

Ms. Jerry L. Fritchman, PER, Treasurer, Fund Raising Chairman



Tiki Torch Luau

What a great Tiki Torch Luau Friday July 28 at Christian County Elks. 138 fun loving members, family and guests FILLED the Shelton Hall. Music and dancing with Mister D & Bonita, Crazy Hawaiian Shirt Contest, prizes, Hawaiian Buffet and smiles for miles! If you weren't there...you truly missed a good one. Thank you to Tawny Brown and Susan Fox for leading this event and to EVERYONE who helped set-up, cook, served, cleaned-up and just plain pitched-in!



Christian County Elks 2777 hosts 6th Annual Veterans Benefit Golf Tournament Saturday October 14

Island Green Golf Course, Republic MO
(to insure player count register by October 1)



\$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



Question on Details Contact:
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To insure player count register by October 1
Registration Form at www.ccelks2777.com



Congratulations the our August Elk of the Month Terry Hayes. Terry and his wife Judy have been members since October 2021 and Terry has volunteered at every turn. Most recently as Bar Manager, supports our Gun Shows, works in the kitchen when asked and just an all-around great Elk. Tell Terry thanks when you see him at the Lodge!



Our Lodge wELKomed three new members in August, (left to right) Joe Watters, Barry Farber, and Dustin Raines. Joe is retired military after 22 years and worked in the aviation sector. He was also a long-haul truck driver for many years. Barry is a retired physician from Springfield. Dustin is retired ARMY service member and is ready to help in our community. All three new members look forward to supporting our community, our veterans, and the children of Christian County. Lodge Treasurer, Jerry Fritchman PER, sponsored Barry and Exalted Ruler, Michael Sweet and officers performed the time-honored initiation.

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PRESIDENT
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

September Birthdays

- 01 Mark Hess 01 Betty Richardson 08 Laura Ashe
- 08 Elaine Garton 09 Roger Campbell 10 Steve Buttress
- 10 Wayne Watson 11 Frank Smith 13 Christian Campbell
- 14 Sue Reis 15 Authur Cox 16 Pat Knudson 21 Les Johnson
- 23 John Guerra 24 Rolland Nuckolis 25 Richard Fuller
- 25 Kevin Wolfe

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Lodge Work Day

Sept 9
9-12pm

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Save the Date
Friday October 27
Costume Party and
MORE!

GAME NIGHT

Every Thursday

Poker ♦ Board Games ♦ Cards ♦ BYOG
Corn Hole

Earlybird Games start at 5pm
Dinner served 7pm
Games resume after Dinner

Save the Date
Girls Night Out
Sat Oct 28




Join in the FUN!
**Enjoy Wonderful Wine, Learn Fantastic
Flower Arrangements and dine on
Charcuterie**

Reservations & Details to come

September 2023



August '23							October '23								
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
27	28	29	30	31	1 PER Steak Night Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$15 Ribeye Steak, baked potato & Veggie	2	
3	4 	5 Lodge meeting 7pm Dinner 6pm \$8 Philly Cheesesteak	6	7 Game Night Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 Breakfast for Dinner	8 Family Friday Dinner Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$12 Fajitas	9 Lodge Work Day 9am - 12pm	
10	11 Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm Patriot Day We will never forget	12 HC Meeting 6pm Pot Luck BOD Meeting 7pm	13	14 Game Night Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 Chicken Pot Pie	15 Family Friday Dinner Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$12 Pork Spare Ribs	16 Bigfoot Convention Mister D Dance	
17	18 Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	19 Lodge meeting 7pm Dinner 6pm \$8 Baked Manicotti	20	21 Game Night Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 Hamburgers	22 Gun Show 11am - 6pm	23 Gun Show 9am - 6pm	
24	25 Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	26 Game Night Bring Snacks!	27 Casino Trip 9am LV Lodge 5pm LV Casino \$18 PP	28 Game Night Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 Pulled Pork Baked Potato	29 Family Friday Dinner Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$12 Lasagna & More State Convention	30 Rental Ozark Wrestling State Convention	
1	2		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

A background image for a casino trip advertisement showing a slot machine with a hand inserting a coin and a digital display showing "50¢".

Indigo Sky Casino Trip
Wednesday Sept 27
Renting Shuttle Van
Leave CC Elks Lodge 9am
Leave Casino 5:30pm
\$18 per person
Sign-up at Lodge
by Sept 20

125	250	375
80	160	240
30	60	90
20	40	60
15	30	45

A background image for a "Season of Giving for our Veterans" advertisement featuring a stylized American flag with stars and stripes in shades of blue, red, and white.

**Season of Giving for
our Veterans**

October
Oct 14 Veterans Benefit Golf Tournament

November
Nov 1 Veterans Food Drive Starts
Nov 10 Veterans Day Tribute Dinner
Nov 15 Veterans Thanksgiving Dinner
(date TBC)

December
Dec 16 Wreaths Across America
(date for Elks TBC)
Dec 20 Veterans Food Drive Delivery
(date TBC)