



Christian County Elks #2777

ELKS BUGLE

October 2023

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4-Year Trustee
Chairman of the Board

Joe Edwards
5-Year Trustee

Hello ELKS

Another month with many more successes!

The first item was our inspection from the Health Dept. Our lodge received a perfect score! Thank you to all our folks who helped with the workday and everyone who helped clean the kitchen! There have been many rules being enforced, which are for all of us to follow. These rules also had a direct impact on the Health Dept inspection! It might be good to have a visit from the Health Department and going forward we are looking to keep the standards we have in place. There are other changes that we are expanding on with the House Committee during the next few months. Please keep an eye out and come to our HC meetings on the second Tuesday of the month.

I want to call out Larry Tuck for completing his Serve Safe Manager certification! This will continue to provide us with direction and completes our requirements to keep serving food in our lodge. Also, congratulations to Gary Bockman for completing the Alcohol server certification. Great Job Larry and Gary! Keep an eye out for our Elk of the Month for September, Christine Harris! Remember that this award will be handed out every month at our second meeting.

Our Gun Show was another great success. A big round of applause to everyone who volunteered! Moving forward, we are looking at some of our processes to see what we can do better. The best way to keep making events like this better for everyone is to continue being critical of the processes being followed to improve them!

As a final note. If there are any issues, criticisms, or concerns please come to me first. As ER I will discuss these with you, and we can look forward to a resolution. Do not wait. That does not help any situation. We all as volunteers have the same goals in mind and the work we put into the lodge is not for our own benefit. So, let's not have undue stress and focus on the charities and our commitment to Elkdome.

Looking forward to another great month in October. We have the Fish Fry, Octoberfest Pinewood Derby, Veterans Benefit Golf Tournament and a Wine and Dine Ladies Night Out event.

I will see you around the lodge! Michael Sweet, Exalted Ruler





Gun Show

A BIG Thank You goes out to everyone who supported our Fall Gun Show in September. We sold out every vendor table, again, and had a Lodge-full of guests come through the front door to shop and visit our Lodge.

Thank You ♦ Thank You ♦ Thank You

Howard McCoy, Tawny Brown, Dustin Raines, Rita Ege, Jason Factor, Gary Bockman, Larry and Janey Tuck, Michele Pierce, Jerry Fritchman, Kevin Wolfe, Ernie Smith, Jeff Holt, Mike Klinger, Mary Cunningham, Kory Klinger, Marty Shelton, Tom Shelton, Denny Peterson, Cavin Shorter, Gene Ward, Mike Egan, Rebecca Tough, Sue Jones, Joe and Cheri Edwards, Kathleen Muller, Janey Jackson, Robert Witherell, Rex Krasche, Carolyn Janus, George McGriff, Michael Sweet, Tina and Earl Campbell, Dawna Southern, Joe Watters, Christine Harris and anyone we forgot!



SCOUTING AROUND: ELKS & SCOUTS PARTNERSHIP



Hello fellow Elks! Troop 201 is always active, and we've had some great events as our summer comes to a close.

NYLT (National Youth Leadership Training) is a week-long course scouts who are 14 years old and First Class can participate in. They are taught the foundations of team creation and building, including the 4 stages: Forming, Storming, Norming, and Performing.

It is an AWESOME program that I encourage every scout to participate in. Troop 201 had participants and staff at this year's NYLT.



We had a challenging 6-mile hike in August at Hercules Glades. Several of the paths were blocked by trees that had been knocked over by the prior storms, the feels-like temperature exceeded 110 degrees, and the backpacks were not light. We are active all year round in all climates, and these experiences teach the scouts (and adults) skills to deal with the elements, environment, and obstacles, as well as learning to push themselves to succeed.



Sporting Clays is an annual fundraiser for the Ozark Trails Council. Prime Trucking sponsors several teams, and our Scoutmaster, Jeff Highley, works for Prime, so the Troop is the benefactor of several teams. Every participant shoots 100 shotgun shells at various stations. The weather was PERFECT this year, and a lot of fun was had by all who attended.

September holds our Court of Honor, where we recognize all of the accomplishments of our scouts.

This quarterly event was held at our Lodge on September 18th. Scouting isn't easy, and it is always great when we can get together and celebrate our Scouts.



Troop 201 B and G are EXTREMELY thankful for all of the support from our Lodge. We wouldn't be able to Scout without it.

Until next time...

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



START YOUR ENGINES! FRIDAY OCTOBER 27

Elks 2777 Pinewood Derby Races
Buy Your Cars now for \$25 and start building
Payouts for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Places

CC Elks Lodge Fundraiser

Oktoberfest Menu

Jaeger Schnitzel, German
Potato Salad, Red
Cabbage & Brat Bar
All for \$12.00

Car Cutting Night

Need help designing your
car? Thursday Oct 19 bring
your car to the lodge with
your ideas We will slice
and dice it for you!



Congratulations to September Elk of the Month Christine Harris. When Christine joined in September last year she vowed to support our community, veterans, children, and especially our Lodge. Well, Christine has checked all those boxes and then some. She is present at all our dinners, makes the Lodge meetings, and helps whenever asked. Thank You, Christine!

Season of Giving for our Veterans

October
 Oct 1 Veterans Food Drive Starts
 Oct 14 Veterans Benefit Golf Tournament

November
 Veterans Food Drive Continues
 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)

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OZARKS VETERANS COALITION

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 PRESIDENT
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

October Birthdays

03 Danny Lawler 05 Cheri Edwards 06 Melissa Davidson
 06 Sandy Moya 06 Emily Smith 08 George McGriff
 09 Lesia Hampton 09 James Parker 10 Jacqueline Parker
 12 Paul Kennett 13 Allan Batchelor 13 Mike Egan
 13 George Turpin 18 Shirley Hayes 19 Ken Walker
 21 Marty Shelton 22 Joyce Somraty 26 John Elliott
 26 Art VanderSnel 26 Bill Vaughn 30 Denny Peterson

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

Saturday October 14
Island Green Golf Course, Republic MO

Check-in 8am / Shotgun Start 9am / Scramble (to insure player count register by October 1)



\$80 Individual Entry

Includes Cart, Raffle Prize Ticket & Clubhouse Lunch

\$100 Hole Sponsorship

Includes Signage, Announcements & Logos

\$400 Business Package

Includes 4 Players, Hole Sponsorship, Carts, Raffle Tickets,
Clubhouse Lunch & More!

Hole Prizes Closest to the Pin, Longest Putt
and Dice Hole-in-ONE!

All Proceeds Benefit Veterans
Charitable Projects



Elks Never Forget



Veterans Thanksgiving Dinner



Veterans Holiday Food Drive

Question on Details Contact:
Mike Klinger 417-771-9202
Larry Tuck 417-207-212
Email: ccelks2777@gmail.com

To insure player count register by October 1
Registration Form at www.ccelks2777.com

OZARK DANCE

Hosted by:
Dave & Sandy *Night*

LET'S PARTY!

October 21st, 2023
Christian County Elks Lodge

2401 N. 17th St. Ozark, Mo. 65721

Music from 7:00pm to 9:30

Admission \$10.00 each

Music By:

MISTER D & BONITA

Bar Drinks Available / Everyone Welcome
Bring snack or appetizer to share for the food table.

For more info call or text Dave @ 417-546-0251
email: davidsimmerly@live.com

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GAME NIGHT

Every Thursday

Poker ♦ Board Games ♦ Cards ♦ BYOG

Corn Hole

Earlybird Games start at 5pm

Dinner served 7pm

Games resume after Dinner

Girls Night Out

Sat Oct 28 6pm

Wine & Dine on Charcuterie
Join in the FUN!

Every Lady will Create a "Make & Take"
Floral item with Instruction by Springfield
Florist and SW District VP Theresa Suda

**Opportunity Drawing
for Fabulous Prizes**

Join Everyone at
the Christian County
Elks Lodge

Tickets \$20 on sale
NOW at Lodge
Details & Reservations
contact Susan Fox
417-581-0020

October 2023



September '23
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November '23
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Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
1		2	Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	3	Lodge meeting 7pm Dinner 6pm \$8 Marinated Chicken Thighs, Rice & More	4		5	Game Night Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 Indian Butter Chicken	6	PER Steak Night Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$15 Ribeye Steak, baked potato & Veggie	7	
8		9	Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	10	HC Meeting 6pm Pot Luck BOD Meeting 7pm	11		12	Game Night Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 Chicken Alfredo Shriners Meeting	13	Family Friday Dinner Catered Fish Fry Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$12	14	Veterans Benefits Golf Tournament Island Green Course \$80 PP Details at our Lodge
15		16	Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	17	Lodge meeting 7pm Dinner 6pm \$8 Tacos & More	18		19	Game Night Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 Tomato Soup & Grilled Cheese	20	Family Friday Dinner Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$12 Pork Chops & Sides	21	Mister D Dance 7-9:30pm \$10 Admission Bring snacks to share
22		23	Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	24	Game Night 6pm Bring Snacks	25		26	Game Night Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 Pasta Bar	27	Pinewood Derby Oktoberfest Feast German Delights Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$12	28	Girls Night Out Wine & Wild Flowers Floral Designing 6pm start \$20 PP Wine & Design
29		30	Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	31	Happy Halloween Elks Truck or Treat Ozark Sq 5pm	1		2		3		4	
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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



Purchase Ticket for Event at Lodge Bar



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To a Very Important Elk

UPCOMING **EVENTS**

October

- Oct 1 Veterans Food Drive Starts
- Oct 13 Special Fish Fry
- Oct 14 Veterans Benefit Golf Tournament
- Oct 27 Pinewood Derby & Oktoberfest Dinner
- Oct 28 Girls Night Out Floral Designing

November

- Nov 1 Veterans Food Drive Continues
- Nov 10 Veterans Day Tribute Dinner
- Nov 15 Veterans Thanksgiving Dinner
- Nov 23 Happy Thanksgiving

December

- Dec 15 Wreaths for Veterans (tbc)
- Dec 16 Breakfast with Santa
- Dec 20 Deliver Veterans Food Baskets
- Dec 22 Lodge Christmas Party (tbc)
- Dec 25 Merry Christmas!
- Dec 31 New Years Eve Party