



Christian County Elks #2777

ELKS BUGLE

December 2023

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Hello ELKS

I hope everyone had a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving! November was a great month of giving for the Elks. We had twenty-five veterans visit our Lodge Friday, Nov 13 for the Veterans Tribute Dinner, and then over sixty veterans and family members joined Elks at our annual Veterans Thanksgiving Appreciation Dinner. Thank you to all our Elks who stepped up and helped make sure our veterans felt at home.

I want to continue to encourage everyone to come help around the lodge. Remember, just ask any officer, "How can I help?" As Exalted Ruler, I appreciate all the efforts and we can always use extra help with our dinners and dedicated events.

Speaking of great volunteers, please take time to congratulate Sue Jones for being our Elk of the Month for November! Remember that this award will be handed out every month at our second meeting for volunteering over and above.

As a reminder, there are other changes that we are expanding on during the House Committee meetings over the next few months. Please come to our meetings on the second Tuesday of the month to learn about these changes and how you can help our lodge.

Our time of giving continues in December with many major events slated. Remember our Elks Christmas Party on Friday, Dec 15, followed by Breakfast with Santa on Saturday. This year's New Year's Eve Bash will be over the top; Sock Hop Theme, LIVE music, Dance Contest, Soda Fountain, Sundaes, Gourmet Burgers, Fries, and Hot Dogs all wrapped into the 1950's era.

As noted from the last few months, if there are any issues, criticisms, or concerns please come to me first. Again, we are all volunteers and have the same goals in mind and the work we put into the lodge is not for our own benefit.

To all my fellow Elks have a Happy and Blessed Christmas!

Michael Sweet, Exalted Ruler





Girls Night Out

Dine, Wine & Design

Christian County Elks 2777 hosted the Inaugural Girls' Night Out on Oct 28 in a packed Shelton Hall. Eighty-five ladies enjoyed a night of wine, charcuterie, and floral designs with instruction by Springfield Florist and Elks SW District VP Theresa Suda. Along with Wine, Dine, and Design, eight local vendors displayed their hand-crafted works giving ladies a chance to browse and buy. Thank you to Susan Fox as event coordinator, Theresa the teacher, our Elks supporters, the local vendors, and especially all the ladies that participated. Profits from this fundraiser will support the Elks National Foundation. It was a great night.





Veterans Day Tribute

“On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month”



Bill Buening, NAVY 1980-1986

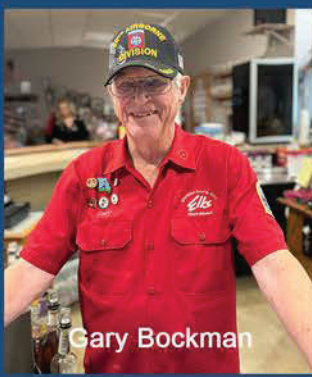
Thank you, Veterans! On Friday November 10, Christian County Elks of Ozark paid tribute to our veterans for Veterans Day, Saturday, November 11. Over sixty members and guests enjoyed an Italian dinner, heard the history of Veterans Day with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks by Exalted Ruler Michael Sweet, and the singing of the Star Bangled Banner and military themes by JAZZ! And in an Elks tradition, Elks donated dinner to all veterans that were at the ceremony.

The Elks have played a significant role in Veterans Day. Before WWII, November 11 was originally called Armistice Day, marking the end of World War I and what was optimistically called “The War to End All Wars.”

When fighting ceased in November 1918, President Woodrow Wilson gave General John Pershing, American Expeditionary Force Commander of WWI and lifelong Elk, the honor of setting the exact moment that the Armistice would forever be marked. Pershing selected the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month – his personal tribute to the memory of those soldiers, “Elks and non-Elks alike,” who had fallen. Gen. Pershing then took a victory tour of the nation and even stopped by what is today’s McMenamins Elks Temple in 1920. To this day, at any evening Elks event, all activity ceases, members and guests rise, the chimes ring 11 times and the “Eleven O’Clock Toast” is recited.



All veterans who attended were recognized for their service and received a beautiful Veterans Challenge Coin commemorating this ceremony. The Elks’ motto for veterans is “So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will be there to lend support and ensure these brave men and women will not be forgotten.” Elks continued their recognition of veterans during the holidays with a Thanksgiving Dinner on November 15 and will deliver food boxes on December 20 for less fortunate veterans and their families in Christian County.



Gary Bockman



Shirley Smith and Carter Sweet



Rick Hayes and Kayden Wallis, Z



Richard Smith and Kenzi Rose



Alex Sweet and Larry Tuck PER



Veterans Thanksgiving Appreciation Dinner

Thank you Veterans, Volunteers, Serenity and JAZZ!



1 - Elks Fred Welcome (L) and Rick Hayes WELKcome a veteran. 2 - Proud Veterans. 3 - Serenity Honors and her grandfather, Chris McQuay, thank veterans for their service. 4 - Judy Chambers serves dinner to our guests. 5 - Elks Joe Watters (L) and Ted Chambers help a veteran from his shuttle bus.

Elks CARE Elks SHARE

A tradition started many years ago at our Elks Lodge that the Wednesday before Thanksgiving is reserved for the **Veterans Thanksgiving Appreciation Dinner**. This year was no exception. The Lodge was filled with over 100 veterans, their families and friends, and Elks volunteers as everyone enjoyed a wonderful turkey dinner, all donated by Serenity Honors Charity Foundation and the Elks. Shuttle vans brought most of the veterans from local veterans' homes and as far as Mt Vernon. The JAZZ! quartet started the day with the Star Spangled Banner and military songs. Veterans Chairman, Denny Peterson, thanked all in attendance, and Serenity Honors, along with her grandfather and Elk member, Chris McQuay, honored our veterans and gave an update on their charity. A big thanks to our 25 Elks volunteers who made this special event possible. Thank you, veterans, for your service and sacrifice.





Our November Elk of the Month is **Sue Jones**. When Sue was initiated in February of this year she mentioned supporting our Lodge. Well Sue has held up to that statement and helps whenever asked. And living in Branson doesn't seem to cloud her volunteering. Plus Sue is a regular on Thursday Game Night. Congratulate Sue when you see her at the Lodge!



November New Member

Congratulations to Jazmyne Coull for joining the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. Jaz, as she likes to be called, mentioned that she joined the Elks to give back to the community and support other charitable activities at our Lodge. Jaz is currently in the US ARMY Reserves as a Combat Engineer. WELKome to our Lodge Jaz!



Breakfast

with Santa

or Lunch with ME!

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OZARKS VETERANS COALITION



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CHARLES HOPKINS
PRESIDENT
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

December Birthdays

01 Martha Hopper 01 Richard Smith 03 Fred Welcome
05 Roger Eckley 11 Colton Fann 14 Gene Auston 16 Robert Block
16 Steve Yates 20 Tom Shelton 20 Tony Thiebaut 20 Ray Womack
21 Doug Hopkins 22 John Hampton 22 Deana Layton
22 Dustin Raines 24 Skip Bell 25 Duane Copeland 25 Bill Crawford
26 Gary Hensley 26 Dawn Oliver 26 Diana Schweitzer
27 Jeff Nelson 29 Bruce Tangora 29 Elizabeth Womack
30 Justin Haymes 30 Dawna Southern 31 Dale Roller

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**Wreaths for Elks
Missouri Veterans Memorial
Cemetery**

Saturday Dec 16

Leaving Elks Lodge at 2:30pm



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SOCK HOP

New Years Eve Party

**Michaels Dip & Diner
Sunday Dec 31**

Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm Dancing 8pm



Planned Festivities

Gourmet Hamburger & Hot
Dog Diner, Sundae Shop,
Soda Bar, Dance & Hula
Hoop Contest, Best Dressed,
Champagne Toast, Photo
Booth, Prizes

To Reserve Tickets

Email Name, Phone and
Quantity to:
ccelks2777@gmail.com
Subject: NYE Tix

Entertainment by Mister D & Bonita

Tickets on Sale Nov 10

Lodge Bar or Email for Tickets \$30

Reserve Table of 8 - \$240



Breakfast

with Santa

Lunch with the Grinch

Plus Last Minute Shopping at



Holiday Boutique Saturday Dec 16

Christian County Elks Lodge

Breakfast 9-11am Boutique 9-4pm

Lunch with the Grinch 1-3pm

**Bring the Family and meet Santa while
Mom & Dad Shop at the
Holiday Boutique**

Photos with Santa & Gifts too!

Want to be a Boutique Vendor?

6 ft table \$30 • 8 ft \$35 (donation)

Details and Reservation call 417-581-0020

Christian County Elks Hosts

Sing Into the Season Christmas Party

Friday December 15

Special Performance by Springfield
Chorus and JAZZ!

Ugly Sweater Contest ♦ \$10 Gift Exchange

Dinner TBD \$12.00

Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm



December 2023



November '23							January '24						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
26	27	28	29	30			21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
26	27	28	29	30	1 Steak Night Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$15 Ribeye Steak, baked potato & Veggie	2	
3 Elks Memorial Service 11am Life Lunch Service to Follow	4 Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	5 Lodge meeting 7pm Dinner 6pm \$8 Italian Enchiladas	6	7 Game Night Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 Menu TBD	8 Family Friday Dinner Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$12 Menu TBD	9	
10	11 Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	12 HC Meeting 6pm Pot Luck BOD Meeting 7pm	13	14 Game Night Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 Menu TBD	15 Christmas Party Social Hr 6pm Dinner 7pm \$12 Chorus Singers Menu TBD	16 Breakfast with Santa 9am-12 FREE Pancakes Holiday Vendors	
17	18 Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	19 Lodge meeting 7pm Dinner 6pm \$8 Chicken Pot Pie Bake	20 Veterans Food Delivery Volunteers Needed Meet 9am Lodge	21 No dinner	22 No dinner	23	
24 Merry Christmas Eve to All Elks, Families and Friends	25 	26 Game Night Pot Luck Bring a Dish to Share	27	28 Game Night Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 Menu TBD	29 Family Friday Dinner Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$12 Menu TBD	30	
31 New Year Eve Bash Sock Hop Dance Mister D Tickets \$30 6pm -Midnight	1 	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					
1 Event Requires Ticket							

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To a Very Important Elk

UPCOMING EVENTS

December

**Dec 1 Veterans Food Drive
Continues**

**Dec 15 Christmas Party 6pm
\$10 Gift Exchange**

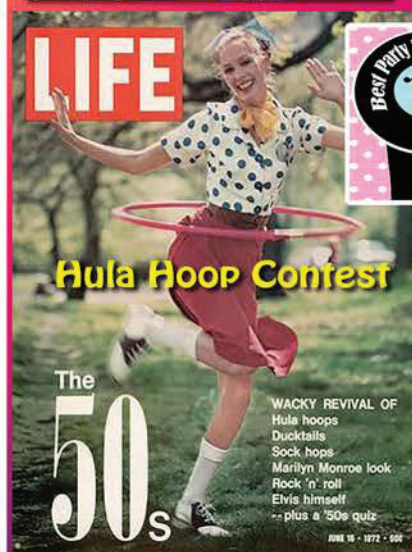
Dec 16 Breakfast with Santa 9am

**Dec 16 Wreaths for Veterans
2:30pm**

**Dec 20 Deliver Veterans
Food Baskets 8am**

Dec 25 Merry Christmas!

Dec 31 New Years Eve Party 6pm



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