



Christian County Elks #2777

ELKS BUGLE

March 2024

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Exalted Ruler

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Loyal Knight

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Lecturing Knight

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Tiler

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Inner Guard

Howard McCoy
Chaplain

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Esquire

Jason Factor
1-Year Trustee

Mike Klinger PER
2-Year Trustee
Chairman of the Board

Joe Edwards
3-Year Trustee

Hello Fellow Elks,

I want to start this month off with a huge thank you to all of you who have helped and continued to support our lodge and the events throughout the year. We have had an amazing year with all the fellowship and growth. We have an amazing pool of volunteers and cannot do what we do without all of you.

I want to mention a few folks for their contributions as our Elk of the Month. I did not get to mention them in a few newsletters directly, and I want to thank them and congratulate them. First, are the two prior Elk of the Month folks. This would be Rex Krasche and Joe Watters. These two shining examples of what it means to be an Elk earned their award. For February, Diana Schweitzer is our Elk of the Month with her hard work and willingness to jump in and help! Please remember to say hi and congratulate these folks!

I also want to reiterate that we have many events coming up with our Officer Installation and the new Elk year starting April 1. We also have a few more changes with Steak Night and other meals. Change can be hard, but we are seeing a lot of success in attempting to keep costs low and still serve good meals. Also, please remember we are working towards a fully vetted meal calendar, but we would love to hear some feedback on the meals coming up and if there are any items that maybe some folks would like to have. If there are ideas and feedback, please come to our House Committee meeting and share your ideas.

These ideas are what led to amazing things like our Valentine's Party which was spearheaded by Cherie Edwards. What a magnificent event with an amazing turnout of 120+ people! Lots of great conversations filled the room, amazing food, and fun for everyone.

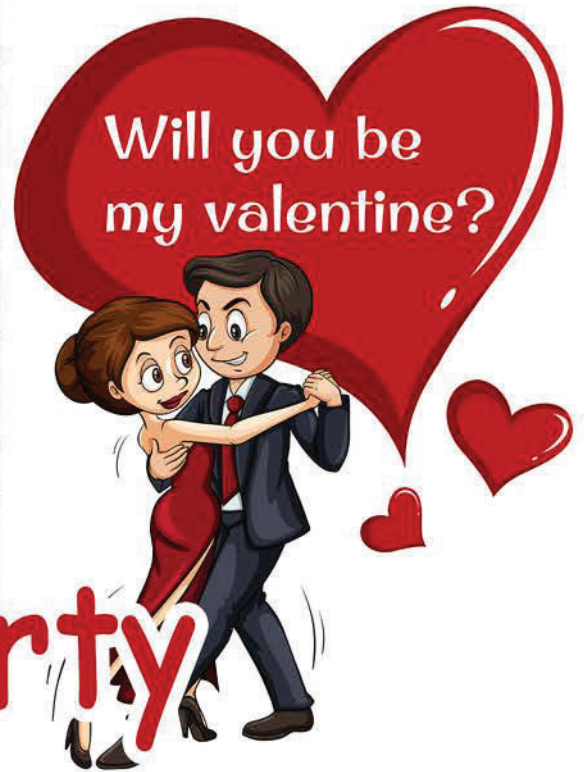
As we continue towards the Elk new year, please remember that we will have our annual renewal coming up for next year's membership (mailed March 1). If there are any updates or changes to your information, please include them on the response card along with payment. We have had a lot of phone numbers, addresses, and emails that need to be updated.

It has been an honor to be the Exalted Ruler this year and I look forward to handing the reigns off to Exalted Ruler elect Larry Tuck PER and stepping back as a junior PER.

I am still looking forward to seeing everyone around the lodge!

Michael Sweet, Exalted Ruler





Valentines Party



Georgann and grandson Colton

IYKYK! Christian County Elks hosted a fantastic Valentine's Party and Silent Dessert Auction to a sold-out crowd of over 120 guests in February. Event organizer, Cherie Edwards and her crew decorated every square foot of the Shelton Hall in a beautiful and fun Valentine theme.

The night menu consisted of Chicken Cordon Bleu, grilled shrimp, garlic mashed potatoes, veggies, dinner rolls donated by Lamberts, and dessert of vanilla ice cream with a three-berry sauce and Valentine's cookie. Topping off the sweets was a Candy "Bar" table with various delights for the taking.



Joe and Cherie Edwards

Mister D & Bonita cranked up the tunes for all the love birds on this special night. Throughout the evening guests pondered all the delicious, donated desserts and placed their bids with over \$700 raised from the auction. Bob Eubanks (aka Kevin Wolfe) hosted the "Not So" Newly Wed Game with five couples trying their best with ESP. Exalted Ruler, Michael Sweet and First Lady Felicia won the event on the last 25-point question.

Thank you to Cherie and Joe Edwards and everyone who supported the Valentine Party, to all the guests who joined in the fun, and to Mister D & Bonita who always step up their game for all events at the Elks.



ER Michael and Felicia



Earl Campbell and his Sweethearts



Magic shoes!



Lindsey Fann and a friend

Love ALWAYS wins



Joe Watters and his niece Tabby



Brenda and Fred





**Please Join Us with
Families, Friends
and Members
for the Annual
Christian
County Elks
#2777**

**Installation
of Officers
Friday
March 29**

**New Officer
Installation 6pm
Complimentary
Dinner
Exalted Ruler Awards
by Michael Sweet**

Christian County Elks 2777 hosts 1st Annual
Tee-Off for Kids Charity Golf Tournament
 Benefiting "Elks Back to School Shopping with Kids"
 Your Donation will Buy Clothes for Less Fortunate Kids for School

Saturday May 18 Island Green Golf Course
 Republic, MO



\$400	Business Package Entry Includes 4 Players, Carts, Hole Signage, Raffle Prize Tickets & Clubhouse Lunch
\$100	Hole Sponsorship Includes Signage, Announcements & Logos
\$80	Individual Entry Includes Cart, Raffle Prize Ticket & Clubhouse Lunch

Hole Prizes Closest to the Pin, Longest Putt and Dice Game



Pay with **venmo**
 @Mike-Klinger-1

Question on Details Contact:
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To insure player count register by May 10
 Registration Form at www.ccelks2777.com



2024

3rd Annual Christian County
Elks Car Show
 Car ♦ Truck ♦ Bike ♦ Jeep



Entry Fee
\$25

Saturday
June 22
11am-2pm



Finley River
Park
Ozark



Registration & Display
 11am - 2pm Awards 2:30pm
 Pay Entry Fee Day of Event

Event Dash Plaque to All Entries
 Multiple Peoples Choice Awards
 in all Categories including
Best in Show

Event Proceeds
 Benefit Elks Charity
 Back to School Shopping
 with Kids

Christian County Elks 2777

FLAG Day

CELEBRATION

Sunday June 9 starting at 11:30am
 Light Lunch
 Springfield Metro Chorus (tbd)
 Flag Day Ceremony
 Flag Retirement by Scouts

Save the Date

Come Fly a Kite at the Elks Open House



Kite Day!

Christian County Elks is Celebrating
 Elks National Youth Week Inviting YOU to Our
Youth and Community Appreciation Day

Saturday May 4, 2024
10am - 2pm



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, Bounce House, Talk with Scouts and Grant Donations
 Given Out to Support OUR Community

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It pays to come to meetings! Trustee Jason Factor's name was pulled during Good of the Order and he won over \$300. Jason donated back to the lodge and his favorite charity. Jason just won the Lodge Chili Cook-Off in January. Jason must have the "Winning Factor"

Lodge Tiler, Rick Hayes, is the most recent winner of Queen of Hearts card game. Rick is an avid poker player and attends every Thursday for Game Night. But a Friday night in February turned out to be very lucky for Rick. Luck of the draw!



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OZARKS VETERANS COALITION



417-693-6298

CHARLES HOPKINS
PRESIDENT
charhoppy59@gmail.com



Congrats to our newest member Pauline Watters. She was sponsored by her husband Joe (left) and was initiated in February. She heard the good things the Elks do and decided to join the order. ER Michael Sweet and his officer corps performed initiation flawlessly.

KENNY'S MOWER REPAIR



(417) 881-7933

2762 E. Bennett
Springfield, MO 65804

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March Birthdays

02 Ron Paluska 02 Kaylyne Woodburne 04 Mike Klinger
04 Dwayne Lovan 07 Earl Campbell 10 Rob Deweerdt
11 Matt Abban 12 Mike Bell 16 Rickie Love 17 Catherine Roller
18 Bill Beauchamp 22 Brenda Mings 26 Patrick Steele

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March 2024



February '24

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April '24

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28	29	30				

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	1	2
					Gun Show 11am - 6pm Kitchen Open	Gun Show 9am - 6pm Kitchen Open
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	Lodge meeting 7pm Dinner 6pm \$8 Gun Show Leftovers		Game Night Social Hour 6pm Indian Butter Chicken \$8.00	Steak Night Family Friday Night Dinner \$15 Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	HC Meeting 6pm Pot Luck BOD Meeting 7pm		Game Night Social Hour 6pm Baked Potato Bar \$8.00	Family Friday Dinner Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$12 Pork Steaks Elks Convention	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Happy St Patricks Day Elks Convention	Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	Lodge meeting 7pm Dinner 6pm \$8 Chicken Alfredo		Game Night Social Hour 6pm Breakfast for Dinner \$8.00	Family Friday Dinner Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$12 Baked Spaghetti Elks Convention	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	Game Night Social Hour 6pm Bring a Dish Lodge Rental		Game Night Social Hour 6pm Rice Bowls \$8.00	Officer Installation Ceremony 6pm Complimentary Dinner 7pm Rotisserie Chicken	
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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

Christian County Elks 2777

In the Heart of the Ozarks



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

BREAKING NEWS weeks ago **Elks Car Show June 22** 2 weeks ago **Charity Golf for Kids May 18 Island Green** 3 weeks ago **Donate to ENF** 1 month ago **February Newslette**

FEATURED



Officer Installation Mar 29

Inbox, Lodge Events February 9, 2024

NEWSLETTER



February Newsletter is READY

NEW MEMBERS



October New Member



January 2024 Newsletter



August New Members

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