



Christian County Elks #2777

# ELKS BUGLE

## April 2024

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*1-Year Trustee*

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*Chairman of the Board*

Joe Edwards  
*3-Year Trustee*

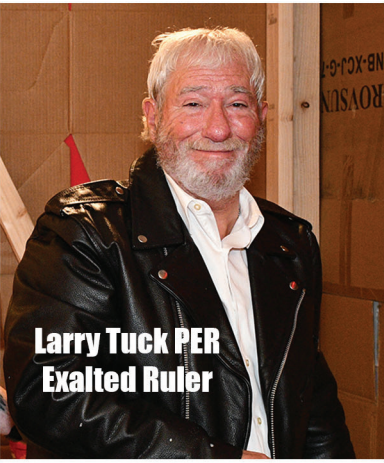
Greetings Lodge Members,

I am PER Larry Tuck and will be your Exalted Ruler for the next year. I am proud to be a member of Lodge #2777 and will do my best to maintain the high quality PER Michael Sweet has left me. And Thank You Michael for your outstanding year of guidance and leadership. I now must not screw up the great Lodge you have left me. My goal for the coming year is to take care of our members and volunteers. I have said this several times, the real strength of our Lodge is our volunteers. For a Lodge of our size to be able to operate with no paid employees is fantastic. We also do an excellent job of taking care of the children, veterans, and community. We have so many members that follow the creed, "Ask not what your Lodge can do for you, ask what you can do for your Lodge." I want everyone to know that I am always available and ready to listen. My email is [sgm92@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sgm92@sbcglobal.net) and my phone number is 417-207-2123. Do not hesitate to contact me anytime you feel the need to bring something to my attention. If there is anything about our Lodge that bothers you, tell me. I cannot work on or fix something if I am not aware of it. I have created a schedule for the upcoming Lodge Year with at least one event per month for our members to get together and enjoy our Lodge. Anytime you are at the Lodge is a suitable time to 'bend my ear' about your concerns. Thank you and let us have some fun.



PER Larry Tuck

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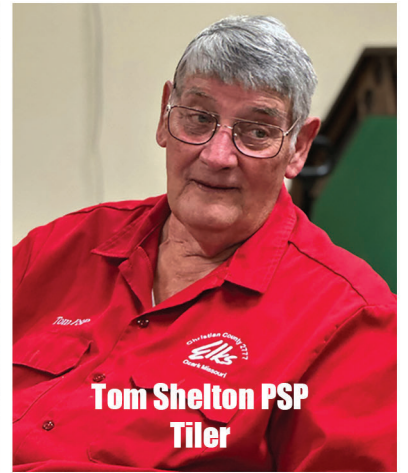


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# 2024 2025



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## Christian County Elks #2777 Officer Corps



**Jason Factor**  
**Trustee**



**Mike Klinger PER**  
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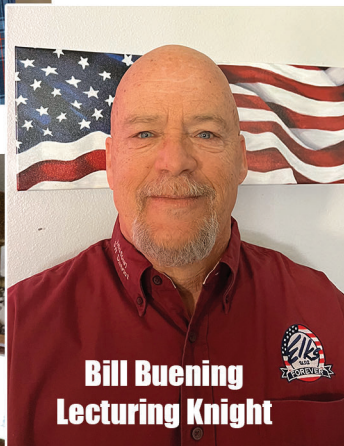
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Court of Honor

## SCOUTING AROUND



Blue and Gold Crossover

Much of my writing is focused on what's been accomplished by the Troop. That's important because it shows how active the Unit is and how we engage with the youth. So, this article will have a brief recap of what we've done since my last Scouting Around article in January and then, more importantly, what we have planned for the near future.

January - Smallin Cave Tour – Amazing trip. The owners of Smallin Cave are SO gracious, and Kevin (one of the owners) is an Eagle Scout and LOVES history which he shared with us.

January also included the Ozark Trails Council Eagle recognition dinner recognizing all of the scouts who have attained Eagle rank in 2023. Eagle Scout is reached by approximately 4% of those who scout.

February – Klondike! Always a great/challenging time. The scouts build sleds and race, but even more importantly, they learn to exist outdoors in less-than-optimal conditions. Lots of life lessons are learned here.

Troop 201 had their Court of Honor at the Elks Lodge on February 5th. We value immediate recognition for all advancements, but the quarterly COH allows us to recognize scout accomplishments in front of their parents and everyone in attendance. It is a critical component of scouting.

Ok, now on to the future!

March – Cabin Campout at Beaumont Scout Reservation. At the end of February every year is the Blue and Gold celebration held by the Pack. This is where Arrow of Light Cubs cross over to the Troop. It's a big deal. At the Troop level, it's our job to welcome them in and ensure we provide an environment for their success in Scouting. Every March, we hold a cabin campout to help them integrate into the Troop. On March 22-24 we are camping at Beaumont Scout Reservation near St. Louis. On Saturday, we will be taking the Scouts to the Arch for several activities and then a Ranger-led tour detailing the Louis and Clark Expedition.

April – As we do every year, Troop 201 will assist Christian County with the local election, helping with equipment set-up and tear down. April also brings Rendezvous which is one of the favorite weekend events of the year where many Scouting skills are tested and improved, bartering is done in a field with scouts covering acres, and fun is had by all.

The point I'd like to emphasize is what we've done in the past doesn't guarantee success in the future. It's what we'll do going forward that will make us successful. That said, what can we do as a Lodge to continue member engagement, to ensure continued success? What would your adult children enjoy at the Lodge? What would their kids enjoy? If you are reading this, you are an important part of this decision. Let your voice be heard and engage to help our Lodge prosper to help Veterans and children in need far into the future.

Until next time, Jason Factor  
Scout On!

# Come Fly a Kite at the Elks Open House



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

Christian County Elks 2401 N. 17th Street Ozark 65721 (417) 581-4190

Christian County Elks 2777 hosts 1st Annual  
**Tee-Off for Kids Charity Golf Tournament**  
 Benefiting "Elks Back to School Shopping with Kids"

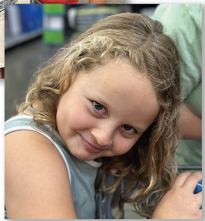
Your Donation will Buy Clothes for Less Fortunate Kids for School

**Saturday May 18** Island Green Golf Course  
 Republic, MO



<b>\$400</b>	<b>Business Package Entry</b> Includes 4 Players, Carts, Hole Signage, Raffle Prize Tickets & Clubhouse Lunch
<b>\$100</b>	<b>Hole Sponsorship</b> Includes Signage, Announcements & Logos
<b>\$80</b>	<b>Individual Entry</b> 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:  
 Mike Klinger 417-771-9202  
 Joe Edwards 417-689-4843  
 Email: ccelks2777@gmail.com

To insure player count register by May 10  
 Registration Form at [www.ccelks2777.com](http://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



**Elks Back to School Shopping with Kids**

July 7, 13, 20 & 27 at Ozark and Nixa Walmarts (locations TBD)

Join in and help our Lodges' Biggest Charitable event of the year!  
 Shopping starts at 9am and finishes at 12 noon. Meet in the Garden area of each Walmart.

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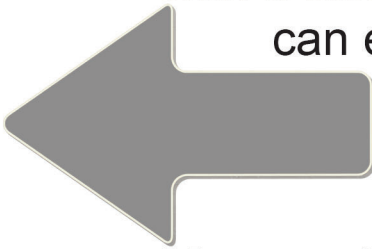
CC Elks Gary Bockman, SW District Veterans Chairman, delivered a \$1,000 donation to the Mt. Vernon Veterans facility in January

ER Michael Sweet serves up the BIG GAVEL at his last Lodge meeting. Thank you Michael for everything you accomplished this past year for our Lodge. And thank you to First Lady Felicia and your boys, Alex and Carter. As we say, "see around the Lodge!"



**Reminder:**  
Get your Membership dues in ASAP. The old Membership Card will not work now.

Thank you Matt of Armor Mobile Storage for providing our Lodge with a storage unit. No one can ever have enough storage. If you need a mobile storage unit, give Matt a call at 417-605-2040



## KENNY'S MOWER REPAIR

**(417) 881-7933**

2762 E. Bennett  
Springfield, MO 65804



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### April Birthdays

04 JD Melton 06 Mary Loofbourrow 07 Kellie Radtke  
07 Whitney Sigman 10 Oliver Martin 12 Jesse Stalker 13 Jeff Holt  
14 Sheila Rogers 18 Adam Campbell 21 Remy Battain 21 Rex Krasche  
22 Doss Davis 22 Ruben Smith 23 Nick Roussell 27 Mary Cole  
27 Janet Morris 29 Deborah Dyer 29 Leonard Haynes 29 Jeff Shaw  
30 David Frana 30 Ron Kisse

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Lodge Rental / Shelton Hall Janey Tuck  
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Newsletter Editor Mike Klinger PER  
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# April 2024



March '24							May '24						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30	26	27	28	29	30	31	
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 <b>Springfield Chorus</b> Practice 6:30pm Special Guest Rod Stewart is stopping by!	2 <b>Lodge meeting 7pm</b> Dinner 6pm \$8 Sub Sandwiches	3	4 <b>Game Night</b> Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 Chicken Fingers	5 <b>Steak Night</b> Family Friday Night Dinner \$15 Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm	6
7	8 <b>Springfield Chorus</b> Practice 6:30pm	9 <b>HC Meeting 6pm</b> Pot Luck <b>BOD Meeting 7pm</b>	10	11 <b>Game Night</b> Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 Grilled Cheese and Soup	12 <b>Family Friday Dinner</b> Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$12 Meatloaf & Sides	13
14	15 <b>Springfield Chorus</b> Practice 6:30pm	16 <b>Lodge meeting 7pm</b> Dinner 6pm \$8 Tacos & More!	17	18 <b>Game Night</b> Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 Roast Beef Sandwiches	19 <b>Family Friday Dinner</b> Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$12 Pork Chops	20
21	22 <b>Springfield Chorus</b> Practice 6:30pm	23 <b>Game Night</b> Social Hour 6pm Bring snacks to share	24	25 <b>Game Night</b> Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 Spaghetti and Sides	26 <b>Family Friday Dinner</b> Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$12 Beef Tips & Noodles	27
28	29 <b>Springfield Chorus</b> Practice 6:30pm	30 <b>Game Night</b> Social Hour 6pm Bring snacks to share	1	2	3	4
5	6					



For more information visit our website at [www.ccelks2777.com](http://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

To our absent member  
**Tara Mae  
Rose**  
You will be missed

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