



Christian County Elks #2777

# ELKS BUGLE

## May 2024

Larry Tuck PER  
*Exalted Ruler*

Janey Tuck  
*Leading Knight*

Skip Bell PSP  
*Loyal Knight*

Bill Buening  
*Lecturing Knight*

Janie Jackson  
*Secretary*

Jerry Fritchman PER  
*Treasurer*

Tom Shelton PSP  
*Tiler*

Rex Krasche  
*Inner Guard*

Rick Hayes  
*Chaplain*

Michael Sweet PER  
*Esquire*

Jason Factor  
*1-Year Trustee*

Mike Klinger PER  
*2-Year Trustee*  
*Chairman of the Board*

Joe Edwards  
*3-Year Trustee*

Greetings Lodge Members,  
May is here and it looks like Winter is behind us. We have a few activities this month before we start the Summer fun. May 4th is our Kite Day which is a great way to begin our charitable activities with the kids. Come on out for some food and fun. Kites are furnished and how long has it been since you helped a kid fly one or watched as they dance in the sky? We also have our Lodge cleanup day on May 11. We will start at 9:00 and finish no later than 12:00 noon. Our focus will be on changing all filters and cleaning some of our storage areas. Free donuts and coffee to start us off.



On May 7 come and greet our District Vice-President Paula Richardson and on May 17 our Missouri State President Jim Ross will be visiting our Lodge. May 17 is also our Guest Chef Night. Get your game ready for our Golf Tournament on May 18. The tournament will help raise money for our charitable program, Back to School Shopping with Kids.

Please pay attention to the notice enclosed on our reservation system. As we begin this Lodge year, please consider our Elks National Foundation (ENF). Each year we set a per capita for the Lodge and this year it will remain at \$25. What does \$25 do for you? It will cover both ENF and our State Benevolent Trust per capita. That means more than just meeting a commitment. Our Lodge received more money back from ENF grants than we put in. Consider becoming a Fidelity Club Member. All it takes is to pledge an amount of your choice each month to ENF. Our Lodge receives more money in grants for the number of Fidelity Club members we have. You will receive a pin to wear for your membership card that will identify you as a Club Member and a pin to wear that also identifies you as a Club member. You will be helping your Lodge tremendously. Please let me or Jerry Fritchman know if you have any questions. And yes, we are both Fidelity Club members. Enjoy your Lodge and our great membership.

Larry Tuck PER, Exalted Ruler

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# Officer Installation



Congratulations to the Christian County Elks #2777 new officers installed in March. PDDGER Kevin Wolfe kicked off the ceremony and swore in ten new officers. Thank you to all the visiting dignitaries who installed the new officers. Outgoing ER, Michael Sweet, handed out very impressive ER Awards: Officer of the Year to Trustee Joe Edwards, Elk of the Year to Cherie Edwards, Distinguished Citizenship to District Veterans Chairman, Gary Bockman, Grand Exalted Ruler's Outstanding Service Commendation to Michael Klinger PER and Larry Tuck PER, Certificate of Appreciation to Secretary Janie Jackson and Treasurer Jerry Fritchman PER. Michael and Felicia's sons, Alex and Carter also received recognition for their devoted efforts and service throughout the year. Finally, the evening was topped off with a celebration cake and Michael Sweet receiving the "Exhausted Rooster" Award.



**Joe Edwards**  
Officer of the Year



**Cherie Edwards**  
Elk of the Year



**Gary Bockman**  
Distinguished Citizenship Awards



**Larry Tuck PER  
Grand Exalted Ruler  
Outstanding Service Commendation**



**Carter and Alex Sweet with Trustee Joe Edwards**

# Michael Sweet Exalted Ruler Awards



**Mike Klinger PER  
Grand Exalted Ruler  
Outstanding Service Commendation**



**Jerry Fritchman PER  
Exalted Ruler Appreciation Award**



**Michael Sweet  
Exhausted Rooster  
2023 - 2024**



**Jane Jackson, Secretary  
Exalted Ruler Appreciation Award**

# 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  
  
 @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 6, 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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# HC Chat

Hello Elks,

Well, my first House Committee meeting was a little stressful, but our fellow Elk members helped me make it through. Great Big Thank You!! We have a lot of the same members cooking and tending the bar. It is hard to keep asking the same members to step up. If you can mix a drink or serve a beer, step up and take a turn. Just think about all the members you get to meet and talk to. We need members to cook, cook helpers, and members bringing desserts (homemade tastes better). The reservation line is 417-501-5159 is slow to catch on, remind your friends and please reserve by Wednesday evening before our Friday night dinner. This helps us to save on our food costs.

If you see me, bend my ear!!

House Committee Chairman, Joe Watters

## ER Michael Sweet Fond Farewell Meeting



## From the Exalted Rulers Desk

We are in the process of testing a reservation system for Friday Night Steak Nights. This will enable us to be more efficient in ordering and preparing our meals. Current plans are to make reservations up to the Wednesday before the Friday dinner. You can make your reservation by either calling 417-501-5159 or sending an email to [reservationscelks2777@gmail.com](mailto:reservationscelks2777@gmail.com). We are currently encouraging reservations, help us out by making yours.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### May Birthdays

01 Anthony Leciejewski 02 Cavin Shorter 04 Shirley Smith  
07 Donald Strange 08 Howard McCoy 10 Tara Rose 13 Jerry Fritchman  
19 Gary Estes 19 Tom Somraty 22 Michael Cook 25 Wes Mullen  
27 Terry Brumley 29 Mark Howerton 30 Storm Oliver

## KENNY'S MOWER REPAIR



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Springfield, MO 65804

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## Lodge Contact Information

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417-771-9202

House Committee Chairman Joe Watters  
417-880-9969

Lodge Secretary Janie Jackson  
417-350-4528

Lodge Rental / Shelton Hall Janey Tuck  
417-207-2122

Veterans Chairman Denny Peterson  
417-379-4965

Elks National Foundation Jerry Fritchman PER  
417-693-2090

RV Space Reservations - Lodge Office  
417-581-4190

Newsletter Editor Mike Klinger PER  
417-771-9202

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# May 2024



April '24

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June '24

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1 Call for Friday Night Dinner Reservations 417-501-5159	2 <b>Game Night</b> Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 Sloppy Joes	3 <b>Steak Night</b> Family Friday Night Dinner \$15 Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm	4 <b>KITE DAY</b> Youth Appreciation 10am - 2pm Burgers & More!
5	6 <b>Springfield Chorus</b> Practice 6:30pm	7 <b>District VP Visit</b> Lodge meeting 7pm Dinner 6pm \$8 Loaded Baked Potatoes + <b>BOD Meeting 8pm</b>	8 Call for Friday Night Dinner Reservations 417-501-5159	9 <b>Game Night</b> Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 Lasagna & Sides <b>BINGO</b>	10 <b>Family Friday Dinner</b> <b>Mother's Day Tribute</b> Social Hour 6pm Chicken Cardon Bleu \$12	11 <b>Lodge</b> <b>Work Day</b> 9am - 12pm <b>We Need YOU!</b> Coffee & Donuts
12 	13 <b>Springfield Chorus</b> Practice 6:30pm	14 <b>HC Meeting 6pm</b> Pot Luck	15 Call for Friday Night Dinner Reservations 417-501-5159	16 <b>Game Night</b> Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 Goodcents Subs	17 <b>State President</b> <b>Visit &amp; Dinner</b> <b>Hooked on Harry</b> <b>Guest Fish Chef</b> Cocktails 6pm	18 <b>Elks Golf</b> <b>Tournament</b> <b>Island Green Golf</b> 8am Register
19	20 <b>Springfield Chorus</b> Practice 6:30pm	21 <b>Lodge meeting 7pm</b> Dinner 6pm \$8 Spaghetti & Sides	22	23 <b>Game Night</b> Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 Pot Luck	24 <b>Holiday Weekend</b> No Friday Night Dinner Lodge is Open	25 
26 	27 	28 	29 Call for Friday Night Dinner Reservations 417-501-5159	30 <b>Game Night</b> Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 Hamburgers & Sides <b>BUNCO</b>	31 <b>Family Friday Dinner</b> Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$12 Marinated Pork Loins, Salad & Dessert	1 
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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

**Certificate of Appreciation** awarded to **Trustee Joe Edwards (R)** in recognition of his service to Veterans by assisting with the Ozarks Honor Flight. Joe helped as a Volunteer Guardian and Bus Captain for Southwest District Veterans who traveled to Washington DC to visit the Memorials. SW District Veterans Chairman, Gary Bockman, presented the award. Congrats and **THANK YOU Joe!**



Everyone, meet **Nick Belles** from Sparta. He is the **newest member** at Christian County Elks 2777. Nick is a veteran of the Marine Corps and hopes to volunteer for veterans events among other things. Nick had heard of the good things that the Elks do for veterans and wanted to support our community and veterans. Our new ER, Larry Tuck PER, and his officer corps did a fine job with initiation on their first try. So, when you see Nick at the Lodge, give him a **BIG WELKOME** to our Lodge!



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