



Christian County Elks #2777

ELKS BUGLE

October 2025

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Hello Elks!

September was a busy and exciting month at the Lodge! We hosted the Fall Gun & Knife Show, held a successful Elks Garage Sale, and enjoyed the 8th Annual Christian County Elks Veterans Benefit Golf Tournament at Springfield Golf and Country Club. To top it off, Hooked-on-Harry treated us to a delicious Fish Fry dinner. Thanks to the proceeds from the Veterans Golf Tournament, we'll be able to fund Veterans projects through the end of the year—including the Veterans Thanksgiving Dinner on Nov. 19 and the Veterans Food Drive beginning Oct. 1. A heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone who pitched in to make these events possible. It's your dedication that keeps the Lodge running strong, and it truly takes all of us working together to serve our community

Thursday nights are a great time to gather, play, and connect. Whether you're into poker, Bunco, Corn Hole, or want to introduce a new game, there's always something fun happening. Pair the games with good food and even better conversation, and you've got the perfect recipe for a lively evening. Bring your ideas for new games and dishes—we'd love to try them!

Be sure to mark your calendars for these upcoming activities:

- Friday, Oct. 31 – Annual Halloween Party
- Friday, Nov. 14 – Western Night with live music by the Tyler Garoutte Country Band and a catered dinner by Gettin' Basted
- New Year's Eve Party Dec. 31– A Roaring 20's Party you won't want to miss!

Let's make each of these nights memorable with a great turnout and plenty of fun!

See you at the Lodge,
Kevin





Joe Edwards



Title Sponsor Team, Health Markets

Christian County Elks Raise Over \$10,000 for Veterans at Annual Golf Tournament

The Christian County Elks Lodge hosted its 8th Annual Veterans Benefit Golf Tournament at the Springfield Golf and Country Club on Sept 19, and it was a tremendous success! With 63 players hitting the greens, the day was filled with camaraderie, competition, and generosity. Thanks to entry fees, the Dice Game, 50/50 Drawing, Mulligans, and a lively Raffle, the tournament generated over \$10,000. After expenses, the net proceeds of \$5,500 will go directly to supporting our Veterans projects through the remainder of the year.

Supporting Veterans in Our Community

This funding will help bring holiday cheer and support to Veterans in need. Upcoming initiatives include:

- Veterans Thanksgiving Dinner – On November 19, the Christian County Elks will host a special Thanksgiving meal for Veterans in our community, as well as those living in the Veterans Homes in Mt. Vernon and Ozark.
- Annual Veterans Food Drive – Beginning October 1, the Lodge will collect non-perishable food donations. Our Ozark partners at Least of These help identify 30–40 Veterans families who need assistance during the holiday season. In mid-December, Elks will deliver 4–5 boxes of food to each family, ensuring no Veteran household goes without a holiday meal.

A Grateful Thank You

Events like this are only possible because of the support of our community and sponsors. A special thanks goes out to our title sponsors, David and Maria Frana of Health Markets, and to all the Elks who volunteered their time and effort to make this year's tournament a success.

Together, we are making a difference. We cannot do it without YOU!





Roll-the-Dice generated \$490!



Elks Mike Egan and Veteran Jerry Mallonee



Thank you Maria Frana, Judy Klinger and Cherie Edwards for working Registration



Mexican Buffet after the rounds



CPI Technologies Josh Glover zeroed in for a birdie



Todd

Luke

Ryan

Kyle

Thank you to Todd Jackson of Lubrication Engineering for sponsoring three foursomes and donating prizes! Also the Overall Team Winners with a score of 52!

Christian County Elks Annual

Western Night

Friday Nov 14

The

Tyler Garoutte

Band

**Line Dancing Cowboy Cha-Cha
2-Step Jailhouse Rock**

GETTIN' BASTED COUNTRY GRUB

RIBS BRISKET SMOKED TURKEY

6pm Swinging Door Bar | 7pm Grub

Bring a Friend and WIN your dinner

Dancing starts when

"The lights go down in our part of town"

Dance Contest | Best Dressed | Swamp Water Cocktail

Tickets on sale Oct 15 | \$25pp

Purchase at Elks Lodge - cash or check

credit card sales call 949-241-6085

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Food Baskets for Veterans



Christian County Elks #2777
Holiday Food Drive starts Oct. 1

CC Elks need non-perishable food
(please check expiration dates) for
Veterans Holiday Food Baskets

Bring your donations to the CC Elks
Lodge and place in food bin

Veterans Holiday Food Baskets will
be distributed to Christian County
Veterans in December
Sign-up to Deliver with Joe Edwards



Elks CARE Elks SHARE



Christian County Elks #2777 Ozark Missouri

Save the Date

December 31

The Roaring TWENTIES



Christian County Elks #2227

Friday Oct 31

Eat, Drink and be
Scary!

Appetizers Galore!

Everyone bring an
appetizer for 60 and
dinner is No Charge
Plus Costume Contest



Christian County Elks host

**HALLOWEEN
PARTY**

Christian County Elks Hosts

Join in the Season
Elks Christmas Party

Friday December 12

Photos with Santa Claus

Gift Exchange

Save the Date

Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm



House Committee

As we move in to Fall we are gearing up for our busiest time of the year.

Rental Hall Chair Sue Jones is booking the hall for family dinners, Shriners Christmas parties and lots of other fun rentals. Please check in with Sue as we do have dates available for your company Christmas party, Girlfriend-get-togethers and Hunters Opening weekend "slumber parties" - just to name a few potential rental ideas!

Our Lodge will be hosting a **Halloween Party** Friday October 31st and the menu will be appetizers and a chili bar. We will be holding an appetizer contest - we ask that you bring appetizers for 50 and a side plate of 10 for judging. Entry is FREE that night YEP as long as you bring an appetizer - there is no charge for dinner! Grab your costume and come to the Lodge for all treats and no tricks!

Mike & Judy Klinger and their "posse" are gearing up for an **AMAZING Western Night** on November 14 with LIVE Country music by the Tyler Garrouthe Band, grub catered by Gettin' Basted with campfire beans, fabulous sides and a heartwarming apple crumble dessert! There will be Swampwater Punch with a special "get out of jail key" attached - you don't want to miss this one - get your tickets Oct 1 at the Lodge - before they sell out!

We will need a lot of volunteers for our **Veteran's Thanksgiving** lunch in November 19 - this is a chance for many of you to be the hands and feet of the Lodge. See Veterans Chairman Denny Peterson to sign up.

Happy cooler days and we will see you at the Lodge!

Susan Fox

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

October Birthdays

03 Danny Lawler 05 Cherie Edwards 05 Melissa Davidson 06 Sandy Moya 06 Emily Smith
08 George McGriff 09 Jim Parker 12 Jackie Parker 12 Paul Kennett 13 Allan Batchelor
13 Mike Egan 13 George Turpin 17 Matt Clark 18 Shirley Hayes 19 Ruth Fox
19 Ken Walker 21 Marty Shelton 22 Joyce Somraty 26 John Elliott
26 Ary VanderSnel 26 Bill Vaughan 30 Denny Peterson

VETERANS

July 4th - Independence Day

Aug 13 Honor Flight
Vet Chairman Denny Peterson has
Vet and Guardian Applications

Sept 19 Veterans Golf Tournament
Springfield Country Club

Oct 1 Vets Food Drive Starts

Oct 29 Honor Flight

Nov 11 Veterans Day

Nov 19 Veterans Thanksgiving Dinner

Dec 13 Wreaths Across America

Dec 17 Vets Food Delivery

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1 Veterans Food Drive STARTS	2 Game Night 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8	3 Private Event No member dinner	4
5	6 Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	7 Lodge meeting 7pm Dinner 6pm \$8 Taco Tuesday	8	9 Game Night 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8	10 Family Friday Dinner Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$12 Italian Night	11
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19	20 Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	21 Lodge meeting 7pm Dinner 6pm \$8 Taco Tuesday	22	23 Game Night 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8	24 Family Friday Dinner Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$12 German Night	25
26	27 Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	28 Lifeline Screening 9am-5pm	29	30 Game Night 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 Potato Bar	31 Family Friday Dinner Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$12 Appetizers Galore Halloween Party	1 
2	3	 <p>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</p>				

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To a Very Important Elk



On Tuesday Sept. 16, Christian County Elks #2777 were proud to host our new District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Theresa Suda from Springfield Elks #409. Joining Theresa was her Eqsuire, Paula Richardson PER and her auditor Larry Smith PER. Theresa delivered the Grand Exalted Ruler Bryan Klatt's message of, "Be the Difference." Exalted Ruler, Kevin Wolfe PDDGER, his officers and members joined our guests for dinner, drinks and lively conversation throughout the evening.

Christian County Elks 2777
**Veterans Appreciation Holiday
Thanksgiving Dinner
November 19 at 11:00am**

Veterans should arrive by
11am. Anyone inviting a veteran
should give a
head count to Vets Chairman
Denny Peterson
by Friday, November 14th.
Volunteers meet at Lodge at
10:30am

