



Christian County Elks #2777

# ELKS BUGLE

## December 2025

**Kevin Wolfe PDDGER**  
*Exalted Ruler*

**Bill Buening**  
*Leading Knight*

**Tom Shelton PSP**  
*Loyal Knight*

**Matt Clark**  
*Lecturing Knight*

**Janie Jackson**  
*Secretary*

**Jerry Fritchman PER**  
*Treasurer*

**Rick Hayes**  
*Tiler*

**Zane Evans**  
*Inner Guard*

**Rex Krasche**  
*Chaplain*

**Michael Sweet PER**  
*Esquire*

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

**Joe Edwards**  
*2-Year Trustee*

**Jason Factor**  
*3-Year Trustee*

November was certainly a busy month at the Lodge. We enjoyed a fantastic Western Night with almost 100 people in attendance and treated ourselves to another great Hooked on Harry's feast. Our Veterans Thanksgiving lunch welcomed more than 70 area Veterans, who enjoyed turkey and all the trimmings. A heartfelt thank-you to all the members and volunteers who helped make these events such a success. And in the middle of it all, our Thursday game nights—and monthly Bunco—continued as always.

If you have items for our Veterans food boxes, please bring them to the Lodge. We'll begin assembling the boxes soon for delivery next month. If you're able to help with deliveries, please let us know—many hands make light work. We've collected a nice variety of foods so far, but donations are still very much appreciated.

December is shaping up to be just as busy as November. Friday night dinners and Thursday game nights will continue, and we have several special events on the calendar:

- December 7: Annual Elks Memorial Service 12pm
- December 12: Lodge Christmas Party 6pm
- December 13: Breakfast with Santa 9am
- December 31: New Year's Eve Party 6pm

In between these events, we will deliver the food boxes and place wreaths for our Veterans at local cemeteries.

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and find time to enjoy family and friends this holiday season. Join us for good fun and fellowship—come out and support your Lodge. Be sure to keep an eye on your calendar and email for upcoming activities and events.

See you at the Lodge,

Kevin



**Elks CARE Elks SHARE**







# Honoring Our Heroes: Veterans Day at Christian County Elks Lodge



**ER Kevin Wolfe and Veteran Gene Ward**

The Christian County Elks Lodge proudly celebrated Veterans Day with a heartfelt ceremony led by Exalted Ruler Kevin Wolfe. Kevin opened the evening by sharing a moving tribute and explaining the true purpose of Veterans Day—honoring the men and women who have selflessly served our nation.

Among the highlights of the program was a powerful reading by Army Veteran Rex Krasche, whose tribute to Soldiers deeply touched everyone in attendance. The emotion in the room was palpable as members reflected on the sacrifices of our veterans and the freedoms they protect.

Following the ceremony, guests enjoyed a delicious dinner prepared by Tina and Earl Campbell, along with chefs Jason Factor and Mike Klinger, PER. The meal featured Cowboy Griller, Tarragon Carrots, Scalloped Potatoes, and a fresh salad—an outstanding feast enjoyed by all.

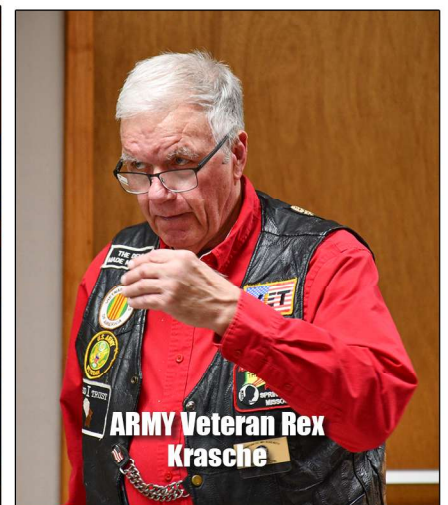
More than 40 members and guests came together for this special evening of remembrance, gratitude, and fellowship. The warmth and camaraderie made it a truly memorable Veterans Day celebration.



**Trustees Mike Klinger PER and Jason Factor**



**Veteran Johnny Anderson receives a gift from Logan Clark.**

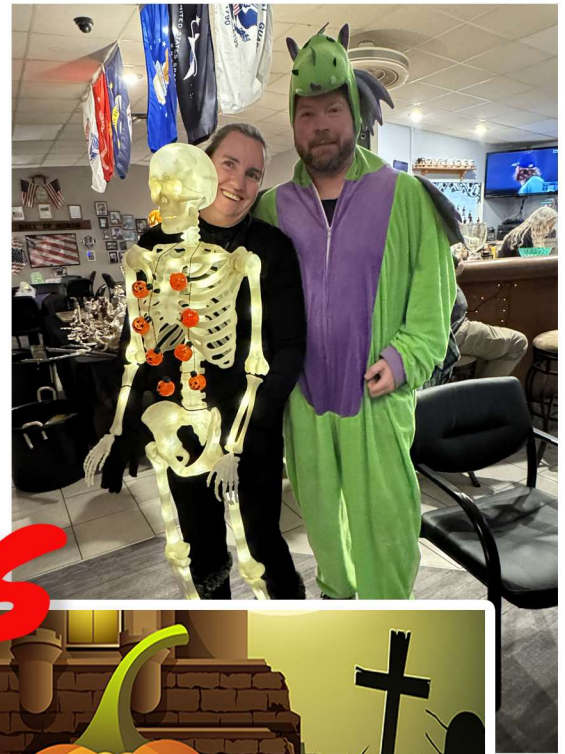


**ARMY Veteran Rex Krasche**





(left) Kory and Kristi back from the farm.  
(right) Felicia and Michael Sweet. Felicia won Best Dressed  
(below left) Judy and Mike Klinger, Renaissance Lady and "You Can County on ME"



(below) Witch Bride, Tina Campbell and Ms. Fireball, Susan Fox.  
(right) ER Kevin Wolfe as "Go Ceiling!"

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(right) Costume Winners, 2nd Place Kristi Silliman (scarecrow) and 1st Place Felicia Sweet (walking skeleton)







## Christian County Elks #2777 Honors Veterans at Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon

Christian County Elks Lodge #2777 proudly hosted its annual Thanksgiving Luncheon for Veterans on Wednesday, November 19, welcoming more than 100 guests for a heartfelt celebration of service and gratitude. Over 70 Veterans enjoyed a full traditional Thanksgiving dinner—turkey, trimmings, and all—prepared entirely by Lodge members who spent the morning cooking and getting everything ready for this special occasion. All food for the event was generously donated to support the Lodge's ongoing mission to serve those who served.

Veterans traveled from across the region to attend, including groups from the Mt. Vernon Veterans Home, North Park Village in Ozark, Century Pines, and Castlewood Senior Living. Their presence filled the Lodge with stories, camaraderie, and a deep sense of appreciation.

A highlight of the event was the message delivered by Guest Speaker David Snider of Honor Flight of the Ozarks, who spoke about the sacrifices made by America's Veterans and the powerful experiences shared by those who have taken the Honor Flight journey to Washington, D.C., to visit the national Veterans memorials. Attendees were also treated to the extraordinary presence of World War II Veteran Gwendolyn Fawcett, who at 101 years old continues to inspire all who meet her. Ms. Fawcett served as a driver in the U.S. Air Force during the war, and her attendance was an honor for everyone present.

Christian County Elks #2777 extends its sincere thanks to every Veteran who attended, to their caregivers and supporters, and to the dedicated Elks volunteers who devoted their time and energy to make this luncheon possible. Their commitment ensured a memorable and meaningful afternoon for the men and women who have given so much for our country.







Howdy Partner! CC Elks hosted another fantastic Western Night serving over 100 guests, LIVE band, Dance and Western Attire contest. Everyone dined on BBQ grub catered by Gettin' Basted and Swamp Water cocktails.



(left) Best Dressed Winners. (above) Line dancing is always a hit at Western Night. (below) Sheriff Rex danced with guests, then into jail!



(left) Sheriffs Joe and Rex did time too. (above) Huge support by 4H Club Shooters



Save the Date **December 31**

**Elks The Roaring Elks**

# TWENTIES

**New Year's Eve Party**  
**Wed Dec 31 Tickets \$30**  
 6pm Cocktails 7pm Dinner  
 Gourmet Appetizers All Night, Champagne,  
 Ball Drop, LIVE Band & Dancing  
 Party Favors for All  
**Buy Tickets at Elks Lodge**

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**Elks Memorial Service**  
**Sunday Dec 7**  
**12pm Lunch**  
**followed by Service**

**HELP US, HELP Veterans**

**Call to ACTION NOW!**

Only 2 weeks left!  
 Get Your Donations to the ELKS Lodge NOW.  
 Canned and Non-perishable food will make a difference in the lives of a Veterans Family in Need



# House Committee

Merry ELKmas,

Yep it's here folks - the BUSIEST time of the year for Christian County Elks. WE NEED YOUR HELP with lots of happenings this Month:

Dec 3rd - 4pm-8pm: Help us Serve our Shriner friends as Earl & Tina Campbell host the Annual Hospital Dads Christmas Dinner in the Shelton Hall. Contact Sue Jones to Volunteer 417-224-1923

Dec 7th - Elks memorial Service 12pm

Dec 11th - 4pm-8pm: Help us set up and serve our Shriner friends as they gather for their monthly meal & meeting.

Contact Sue Jones to Volunteer 417-224-1923

Dec 12th - 6pm-8pm: COME AND ENJOY a Holiday Ham dinner with all the trimmings at our Annual Christmas Party. Wear your best Christmas "Duds" and bring a gift \$20 and under for the gift exchange!! Want your dinner for free - Bring 12 (or MORE) cans or boxes of food for our Veterans Food drive.

Dec 13th - 8am-4pm BREAKFAST WITH SANTA -we can use everyone's help!!

9am- 12pm Breakfast:

Santa will be arriving at 9:30 - bring your kids, grandkids, neighbor kids or just YOURSELF and enjoy this magical time of year! 12pm-4pm Breakfast not your thing? We will have a baked potato bar for lunch!

9am-4pm - Boutique vendors will be open for getting you shopping checked off your list!!! Contact Susan Fox to Volunteer 417-522-8708

Come join us for some amazing volunteer opportunities. MERRY CHRISTMAS and Happy New Year.

Susan Fox - House Committee Chair

PS - tickets on sale NOW for the most AMAZING New Years Eve Party ever. Tickets at Christian County Elks or call for details and credit cards 417-522-8708. If you read this far and are the first to contact me - you get a FREE New Years Eve Ticket.

# VETERANS

**Oct 1 Vets Food Drive Starts**

**Oct 29 Honor Flight**

**Nov 7 Elks Veterans Ceremony**

**Nov 11 Veterans Day**

**Nov 19 Veterans Thanksgiving Dinner**

**Dec 13 Wreaths Across America**

**Dec 17 Vets Food Delivery**



Hello Veterans,

Our Veteran member, Shirley Smith, is compiling a list of all our Veteran members. If you are a Veteran, please text Shirley your name to 651-373-7653.

This will insure that the CC Elks can notify all Veterans of upcoming events.

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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## December Birthdays

1st Martha Hopper 1st Richard Smith 2nd Howard Trumbull 4th Brian Pickens  
16th Robert Block 20th Tom Shelton 21st Doug Hopkins 22nd John Hampton  
22nd Dustin Raines 24th Skip Bell 25th Duane Copeland 26th Gary Hensley  
26th Dawn Oliver 26th Diana Schweitzer 27th Jeff Nelson 29th Bruce Tangora  
30th Justin Haymes 30th Dawna Southern 31st Dale Roller



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# December 2025



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1	2 Lodge meeting 7pm Dinner 6pm \$8 Tacos & more	3 Shriners Hospital Dads Dinner Volunteers needed Be at Lodge at 6pm	4 Game Night 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 Shirley Surprise	5 Family Friday Dinner Spaghetti Night Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$12	6
7 Elks Memorial 12pm Lunch Ceremony to follow	8 Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	9 HC Meeting 7pm No dinner scheduled	10	11 No game night Shriners Dinner Chicken Fried Steak	12 Lodge Christmas Party & Dinner FREE to members and one guest Holiday Ham Dinner	13 Breakfast with Santa FREE Pancakes Meet Santa Boutique Open Veterans' Wreaths
14	15 Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	16 Lodge meeting 7pm Dinner 6pm \$8 Tacos & more BOD Meeting	17 Veterans Food Delivery 8am	18 Game Night 6pm BUNCO! \$10 Buy-in Pizza, salad & Cookie Bar \$8	19 Family Friday Dinner Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$12 Home Cookin' Chicken Dinner	20
21	22 Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	23	24 Lodge closed	25 Santa Claus	26 Lodge closed	27
28	29 Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	30	31 New Years Party Heavy Appetizers Tix \$30, LIVE Band Champagne & MORE!	Happy New Year	2	3
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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

A festive background featuring snow-covered pine branches at the top and several Christmas ornaments (red, silver, and blue) at the bottom.

Christian County Elks Hosts  
**Join in the Season  
Elks Christmas Party**  
Friday December 12 6-8pm  
Holiday Ham with all the trimmings  
No Charge to Members and 1 guest who  
bring 12 cans or boxes of food for  
Veterans Food Drive (extra guests \$10 ea)  
Enjoy a Mistletoe Martini too!  
Wear your Best Christmas "Duds"  
Photos with Santa Claus & \$20  
Gift Exchange

A cartoon illustration of Santa Claus wearing a red suit and a white chef's hat, holding a stack of pancakes.

**FREE  
Breakfast**  
*with Santa*

Plus Last Minute Shopping at  
**Holiday Boutique**  
**Saturday Dec 13**  
Christian County Elks Lodge  
Breakfast 9-12pm Boutique 9-3pm  
Bring the Family and meet Santa while  
Mom & Dad Shop at the  
Holiday Boutique  
Photos with Santa, Ornament  
Make & Take, Caroling Chorus  
Lunch: Baked Potato Bar  
(available for purchase)