



Christian County Elks #2777

ELKS BUGLE

May 2026

Susan Fox
Exalted Ruler

Zane Evans
Leading Knight

Christine Harris
Loyal Knight

Janie Jackson
Lecturing Knight

Sue Jones
Secretary

Jerry Fritchman PER
Treasurer

Rick Hayes
Tiler

Cherie Edwards
Inner Guard

Rex Krasche
Chaplain

Kevin Wolfe PDDGER
Esquire

Joe Edwards
1-Year Trustee

Jason Factor
2-Year Trustee

Mike Klinger PER
3-Year Trustee
Chairman of the Board

Hello from your Exalted Ruler and a huge thank you to all our members who make up this amazing Lodge of ours. We currently have 178 Members and at the time of this writing only 120 of us have renewed our membership for the 2026/2027 Elks year. If you are one who has not yet sent in your dues – please make sure you get it paid, so we can maintain and grow our Member roster.

Speaking of growing our roster, Our theme for this year is TEAM – Together Elks Add Members & here is the challenge for each of us. I will be posting a member chart on our bulletin board and much like Sunday School – there will be stars involved. YUP – every time you bring in a new member you will earn a star, when you bring in 2 new members you will earn a special pin, bring in 3 or more and you will be invited to a special outing with our Officers. Bring in the most members in our first Elks Quarter and you will receive an AMAZING PRIZE!! Please look around your “circle” and share the great works of our Lodge and you will find your next member.

I want to encourage everyone to come out for our State President Mike Polson and First Lady Julie Polson’s visit on May 15th. Or should I say “Take Me Out To The Ball Game” – come in your favorite Sports Jersey and enjoy Smashburgers cooked to order, Brats, Nachos, Popcorn, Peanuts, Cracker Jacks and Helmet Sundae’s. We will have some fun things planned, Miller Lite on tap and the opportunity to hear from our State President. Your attendance is highly encouraged and in order to entice you a bit further – ONE OF YOU could win a BIG prize just for being there – so dust off your ball caps and jersey’s, it’s GAME TIME!!

In closing - We are always looking for volunteers to assist with varied tasks at the Lodge. Should you have a special talent for cleaning, decorating, bartending, organization, cooking, or any other task you can think of – WE NEED YOU!!! It takes all of us to keep our Lodge running and I appreciate every member who is helping us out – but we need more help!! Your assistance can be with your time, talent or treasure – ALL ARE WELCOME, ask me how!! See you at our Lodge and remember TEAM....

ELKfully yours,
Susan Fox 417-522-8708



Elks CARE Elks SHARE

Officer Installation



Christian County Elks #2777 celebrated its annual Exalted Ruler Awards and Officer Installation on Friday, March 27. With Shelton Hall packed, 11 new officers were installed for the 2026–2027 Elk Year.

Outgoing Exalted Ruler Kevin Wolfe thanked everyone for their support, while incoming Exalted Ruler Susan Fox welcomed the crowd and introduced her theme for the year: TEAM — Together Elks Add Members.

Officers for the new year are Susan Fox, Exalted Ruler; Zane Evans, Leading Knight; Christine Harris, Loyal Knight; Janie Jackson, Lecturing Knight; Kevin Wolfe, PDDGER, Esquire; Jerry Fritchman, PER, Treasurer; Rex Krasche, Chaplain; Sue Jones, Secretary; Cherie Edwards, Inner Guard; Rick Hayes, Tiler; Joe Edwards, 1-Year Trustee; Jason Factor, 2-Year Trustee; and Mike Klinger, 3-Year Trustee.

Following the ceremony, everyone enjoyed a steak or chicken dinner, a salad bar, and strawberry shortcake for dessert. The evening concluded with a lively Horse Racing Fundraiser that capped off a wonderful celebration.

Special thanks to the Southwest District dignitaries for installing the officers, and to all the members and guests who attended.



(above) Outgoing Exalted Ruler Kevin Wolfe says good-bye after a job well-done. (below) Susan Fox welcomes the crowd and lays out her plan for the new year. PER Michael Sweet led the ceremony as Grand Exalted Ruler.



(right) Awards Winners:
 Citizens of the Year: 4H
 Shooters Club; Elk of the Year
 Sue Jones and Officer of the
 Year Zane Evans.



(below) 4H Shooters Group
 Leader Dee Dee Hinderman and
 Leading Knight Zane Evans
 handled the kitchen for the
 Installation dinner



(below) PSP Tom Shelton led the first leg of the Horse Race
 Fundraiser. Following close behind are Springfield Elks Gail
 Maschino PER, MEA President-Elect Theresa Suda and
 Linda Hrdlicka PER.



(above) First Gent, Pete Fox, rubs "elbows"
 with Devon Davis. (below) Tina Campbell
 received a Certificate of Achievement from
 outgoing ER Kevin Wolfe.



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 2, 2026
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,
4H Shooters Face Painting
Grant Donations Given Out to Support OUR Community

Smashburgers ♦ Brats ♦ Miller Lite on Tap

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME

MEA President Visitation
Honoring State

President Mike Polson
and First Lady Julie

Christian County Elks 2777

Friday, May 15, 2026

6:00 PM – Social Hour

7:00 PM – Dinner

WEAR YOUR FAVORITE TEAM JERSEY!

Join us for a Fun Time of Fellowship, Food
and Missouri Team Spirit inspired by the
St. Louis Cardinals, St. Louis Blues and
the Mizzou Tigers!

POPCORN – PEANUTS – CRACKER JACKS

RSVP 417-522-8708

**HAPPY
Mother's
Day**

Mother's Day Tribute
Friday May 8
An Event You Will Not Want to Miss
Steak Dinner with Sides \$20
 Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm
 Tribute to follow
Dessert Auction Fundraiser
Make Your Best

Christian County Elks 2777

GUN SHOW
Friday June 12 11am - 6pm
Saturday June 13 9am - 6pm
Elk's Lodge
Ozark

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**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

May 2026 Birthdays
 1st Tony Leciejewski 2nd Cavin Shorter 4th Shirley Smith
 8th Howard McCoy 13th Jerry Fritchman 19th Tom Somraty
 20th Greg West 27th Terry Brumley 30th Oliver Storm

Elks Care, Elks Share. This week Christian County Elks 2777 visited the Richwood Valley Campus of Ozark Technical Community College. As an open-admission institution, OTC focuses on workforce training, technical education, and transfer programs to meet the diverse needs of the region. For many years the Elks have donated to the school for student scholarships, this year being \$700 through member donations. At the presentation of the donation were (L to R) Exalted Ruler Susan Fox, OTC Stephanie Mathews, Elizabeth Van Ness and Clay Allred. Elks Bill Buening, Treasurer Jerry Fritchman and photographer Kevin Wolfe.

May 2026



April '26
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June '26
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					No Activities Planned	Elks Kite Day Community Appreciation 10am-2pm
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	Lodge meeting 7pm Dinner 6pm \$8 Cinco de Mayo Delights! BOD Meeting 8pm		Game Night 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 Subs or Pizza	Mothers Day Tribute Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$20 Steak Night Dessert Auction	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Happy Mother's Day	Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	HC Meeting 7pm No dinner scheduled		Game Night 6pm Dinner 7pm \$10 Pork Loin Dinner Shrine Meeting	MEA President Visit & Dinner Baseball Theme Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	Lodge meeting 7pm VP Visit & Dinner Sliders & Fries \$8		Game Night 6pm BUNCO! Wings & Fries \$10	No Activities Planned	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
				Game Night 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 Taco Salad	No Activities Planned	
31	1	<p>For more information visit our website at www.ccelks2777.com or our Facebook page Christion 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

Christian County Elks 2777

FLAG Day

CELEBRATION

Sunday June 14 starting at 11am
Light Lunch
Guest Speaker (tbd)
Flag Day Ceremony
Flag Retirement by Scouts

Save the Date

The poster features a background of an American flag. It includes the Elks USA logo at the top left, the event title "FLAG Day CELEBRATION" in large, bold letters, and a list of activities for Sunday, June 14. The bottom of the poster says "Save the Date".

2026
5th Annual Christian County
Elks Car Show
Car • Truck • Bike • Jeep

Entry Fee \$25

Finley River Park
Ozark

Saturday
June 20
11am-2pm

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

The poster has a red and white background. It features the Sertoma Club logo and the Elks USA logo. It includes an illustration of a yellow truck, a teal car, and a motorcycle. The text provides details about the 2026 Elks Car Show, including the entry fee, date, time, location, and registration information. A red oval at the bottom right contains text about the event's purpose.