



Christian County Elks #2777

ELKS BUGLE

October 2026

Hello from your Exalted Ruler and welcome to October - can you believe it? We have many exciting things coming up at our Lodge and this month's newsletter is full of information regarding those events! Make sure you read it cover to cover, so you do not miss anything, or YOU WILL MISS OUT!

I want to take a moment to thank Judy Hayes and her family for allowing us to help with Ricks Celebration of Life last month. Joey, Cherie, and the entire Hayes & Edwards families honored Rick with a beautiful tribute. Many of our Elks leaned in and helped with set up, food preparation and serving, and for that we are so grateful! It takes all of us and you all showed what the spirit of Elkdom is all about!



Please mark your calendar for an important meeting on November 3rd - as we would like to welcome Paula Richardson on her annual District Deputy visit. Let us fill up the Lodge that night and show our DD what Christian County Elks is all about. One of our Elks in attendance that night could win a \$100, just for getting your "cheeks in the seat"!

I am proud to share with you that my daughter's (and your fellow Elk) benefit Golf Tournament will be providing all the food needed for our Annual Veterans Thanksgiving luncheon. Tara loved her Veterans and as a family we know she is smiling that some of the funds raised at Tarapoluza 3.0, will support our Lodge and "her" Veterans.

As we move forward with this season, Christmas is quickly approaching and I am SO EXCITED about our MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS fundraiser. We are currently looking for sponsors, as we will have eight beautifully decorated trees designed and decorated by some special design professionals. Do you have design and decorating talent - here is your chance to jump in, as we are always looking for helpers!

The trees will be featured in our Lodge over a 3-day period beginning with a VIP unveiling of the trees on December 10th with cocktails and appetizers, our annual Lodge Christmas party on Friday December 11th and drawing for the trees will be held after our Breakfast with Santa event on December 12th! Sponsorships are available from \$100 and up - ask me how you can help support your Lodge. Lots more details to follow stay tuned!

In closing - We are heading into a busy season for our Lodge, and it takes many hands to do our good work. Please let us know how you can help with our dinners, events, day-to-day operations, or any task you have a talent for, and we will plug you in! It takes all of us and together we make a difference!

ELKfully yours,
Susan Fox

Elks CARE Elks SHARE

Susan Fox
Exalted Ruler

Zane Evans
Leading Knight

Christine Harris
Loyal Knight

Janie Jackson
Lecturing Knight

Sue Jones
Secretary

Jerry Fritchman PER
Treasurer

Tom Shelton PSP
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



Congratulations to Carter Sweet of Scout Troop 201 for completing his Eagle Scout Project. With a grant from the Christian County Elks 2777, Carter was able to refurbish all the outside pavilion tables at the lodge plus etched the Troop 201 logo and the 12 Points of Scout Law on each table.

Thank you to Carter for a job well done making our lodge look inviting for the next outside event. Pictured are Trustee Mike Klinger PER, ER Susan Fox, Carter Sweet and Michael Sweet PER

MESSAGE

F•R•O•M T•H•E G•E•R



ENF Month and Red Ribbon Week

October is a very important month in Elkdom, not least because it is Elks National Foundation Month, making it the perfect time to plan lodge events that support the ENF programs, including the ENF Community Investments Program, the veterans programs supported by the ENF, the ENF's student scholarship programs, and other youth programs, such as the Elks Hoop Shoot and the Elks National Drug Awareness Program. The best way to celebrate all of these initiatives is to donate to the ENF and make sure your lodge is taking part in these programs. This will give more members a chance to get involved and give back to the community.

This year's per-member goal for giving to the Elks National Foundation has been set at \$5.25, and one of the easiest ways to make sure you are helping your lodge meet this goal is to join the ENF Fidelity Club and set up automatic monthly donations. To sign up for the ENF Fidelity Club, follow this link: enf.elks.org/recurring.

October also means Red Ribbon Week, which takes place from October 23 to 31. This is a great time to schedule a drug awareness event and to start looking for Enrique Camarena Award nominees, wearing and handing out red ribbons, distributing Elks National Drug Awareness Program literature, and arranging to have Elroy visit schools and veterans events in your community. Also, watch for the release of new episodes of *Awkward Conversations*, a series of educational videos produced by the Elks National Drug Awareness Program in conjunction with the US Drug Enforcement Administration.

Finally, as Sandy and I travel the country visiting lodges and signing membership cards, any donations we receive will be for the benefit of the Elks Veterans Memorial Restoration Trust and its support of the Elks National Memorial, which just turned one hundred years old. This way we can be sure it is well maintained for the next century! Ready Elks—Let's Go!

Christian County Elks Oktoberfest

Friday, October 16

Cocktails at 6:00 PM
Dinner Served at 7:00 PM

Enjoy a German menu of

- ◆ Schnitzel
- ◆ German potato salad
- ◆ Huge pretzels
- ◆ Spicy purple cabbage
- ◆ Dessert

PLUS! Dessert Auction

Bring your sweet tooth and \$\$\$!



Wear your best
Oktoberfest attire



Enjoy lively
Oktoberfest music

Don't forget to bring a friend!



ELKS
PEOPLE
HELPING
PEOPLE

*Good Food
Good Friends
Great Times!*



MUSIC
BRINGS
PEOPLE
TOGETHER



ELKS NATIONAL HOOP SHOOT FREE THROW CONTEST



**A CHANCE TO GET YOUR NAME IN THE
NAISMITH MEMORIAL BASKETBALL HALL
OF FAME.**

Location: The OC in Ozark MO

Hosted by Christian County Elks #2777

When: Nov 7 starting 8am - 11am,

Arrive early to register

For more details contact CC Elks Hoop Shoot Chairman

Landon Davis 417-224-0266

The Elks Hoop Shoot, funded by the Elks National Foundation, is a free throw contest for children ages 8 to 13. Age-group is determined by the contestant's age as of April 1, 2025. For more information, contact the Lodge Elks Hoop Shoot Director listed above or visit

elks.org/hoopshoot.



2750 N. Lakeview Ave. | Chicago, IL 60614 | 773/755-4758 | hoopshoot@elks.org | elks.org/hoopshoot



October 17

Lodge Work Day



**Saturday Oct 17 9am - 12pm
Coffee & Donuts**

**Come help fellow Elks "spruce-up" OUR Lodge
It doesn't take long and it's not hard work**

Christian County Elks

★ **Annual** ★

Veterans Holiday Food Drive

Honor those who served that need our help during the holidays

Donate non-perishable food (please check expiration dates)

Donate to the CC Elks Lodge

Veterans Holiday Food Baskets will be distributed to Christian County less fortunate Veterans in December

Sign-up to Deliver with Joe Edwards

Delivery Wednesday Dec 16 9am

★ SERVING THOSE WHO SERVED ★

WESTERN NIGHT

FRIDAY, NOV 13



★★ FEATURING ★★
THE TYLER
GAROUTTE BAND

★ LINE DANCING! ★

 COWBOY CHA-CHA
 JAIL HOUSE ROCK

TICKETS
\$25
ON SALE
OCT 15

ENJOY COUNTRY GRUB
★ OF RIBS, PULLED PORK ★
AND SMOKED TURKEY

DANCE CONTEST

BEST DRESSED CONTEST

**BRING A FRIEND
— AND —
WIN YOUR DINNER!**

COCKTAILS
6PM

**DINNER
7PM**

**LIVE BAND
TO FOLLOW**

★ YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS THIS ONE! ★

Christian County Elks 2777

**Veterans Appreciation Holiday
Thanksgiving Luncheon
November 18 at 11:00am**

Veterans should arrive by 11am. Anyone inviting a veteran should give a head count to Vets Co-Chairman Rex Krasche by Friday, November 13th. Volunteers meet at Lodge at 10am



The
Magic
of
Christmas

Dec 10-12

Christian County
Elks 2777



Upcoming Events & Lodge News

- **Good of the Order** - Winner Sept 1 was John Hart, \$359. John was not at the meeting.
- **Lodge Tiler** – Tom Shelton PSP will resume that position.
- **Veterans Holiday Food Drive** – Donation of food starts October 1, bring non-perishable food to our lodge to help less fortunate veterans and their families. Food delivery to veterans will be Wednesday December 16. Want to help deliver? Sign-up with event chairman, Joe Edwards, 417-689-4843
- **Workday** – Saturday Oct 17, stop by and donate a few hours to help with small projects.
- **Steak Night** – Friday October 2, enjoy a cooked-to-order steak served from 6-8pm, your choice.
- **Hoop Shoot** – The Lodge Hoop Shoot Competition is Saturday Nov 7 starting at 8am at the OC in Ozark. Bring your family and friends...and your GAME.
- **Oktoberfest** – Friday Oct 16, dress-up in your best Oktoberfest garb and experience wonderful German food and drinks
- **Western Night** – Friday Nov 13, LIVE country band, BBQ ribs, pulled pork and smoked turkey with all the country sides, drink specials and dancing ‘til you drop, tickets on sale NOW \$25ea at the lodge or call event chairman Mike Klinger to charge / reserve your seats or table 417-771-9202.
- **Veterans Thanksgiving Luncheon** – Thursday November 18, 11am. Volunteer your time to help prepare and serve a Thanksgiving dinner to over one hundred veterans and their families.
- **Good of the Order** - Winner Sept 15 was Joe Edwards
- **Magic of Christmas** – Christmas tree VIP unveiling Thursday Dec 10 with cocktails and appetizers.
- **Lodge Christmas Party** – Friday Dec 11
- **Breakfast with Santa** – Saturday Dec 12, bring the entire family to enjoy breakfast, games, and a visit from jolly Saint Nick.

Lodge Contact Information

Exalted Ruler Susan Fox
417-522-8708 ccelkssusan.fox@gmail.com
Trustee / Board Chairman Mike Klinger PER
417-771-9202
HC Chairman Kevin Wolfe PDDGER
417-425-2675
Lodge Secretary Sue Jones
417-224-1923 ccelkssue.jones@gmail.com
Lodge Rental / Shelton Hall Sue Jones
417-224-1923
Veterans Chairman Rex Krasche
417- 880-8523
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
Lodge Office
417-581-4190

Are You Reporting Your Volunteer Hours and Miles to Sue Jones?

Please text your volunteer hours and miles(per project) to 417-224-1923

or email to

ccelkssue.jones@gmail.com

Thank you!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

October 2026 Birthdays

3 Danny Lawler 5 Cherie Edwards 6 Melissa Davidson 6 Sandy Moya
6 Emily Smith 8 George McGriff 9 Lesia Hampton 9 Jim Parker
10 Jackie Parker 11 Michael Demand 12 Paul Kennett 13 George Turpin
18 Shirley Hayes 19 Ruth Fox 19 Kenneth Walker 21 Marty Shelton
22 Joyce Somraty 23 Maryanne Worthy 26 Ary Vandersnel
26 Bill Vaughan 30 Denny Peterson

October 2026



September '26

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

November '26

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1 Veterans Food Donations Starts Donate at the Lodge every week!	2 Family Friday Dinner Steak / Chicken & Sides \$20 Order dinner from 6-8pm	3
4	5 Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	6 Lodge meeting 7pm Dinner 6pm \$8 Beef Stew BOD Meeting 8pm	7	8	9	10
11	12 Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	13	14	15	16 Oktoberfest German Menu \$20 Dessert Auction Cocktails 6pm Dinner 7pm	17 Saturday 9am-12pm Lodge Work Day
18	19 Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	20 Lodge meeting 7pm Dinner 6pm \$8 French Dip & Fries HC Meeting 8pm	21	22	23	24
25	26 Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	27	28	29 Game Night 6pm Dinner 6:30pm \$10 BUNCO & Poker Wings & Fries Dessert	30	31 Pumpkin
1	2	 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 				

Christian County Elks #2777

PO Box 1399

Ozark MO 65721

417-581-4190

www.ccelks2777.com



To a Very Important Elk