



Christian County Elks #2777

ELKS BUGLE

September 2026



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Leading Knight

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Rex Krasche
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2-Year Trustee

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3-Year Trustee
Chairman of the Board

Welcome to September and the start of my most favorite time of the year! We have cruised thru a very busy summer at the Lodge and I do not foresee things slowing down in the future!

We have voted as a Lodge to shut down our current Gaming machines which as reported was an average of \$5000 per month in income. We are now in a position to figure out the best way to make up this loss to our bottom line and we "need" you. We put on a FABULOUS steak dinner and hosted a SIZZLING fajita night and are curious as to why so many of you did not show up? Again - we need you to not only pay your annual dues, we need you to support our meals & events. Both of these meals were restaurant quality at a fraction of the cost and no one waited for a table!! REMEMBER - you can always invite guests to these meals & introduce them to ELKdom!



As for our upcoming events - in November we will once again host a Western Night with a live band, get your Western duds ready! In December we will be have a large fundraiser and I would like to ask for help. The event is called "The Magic of Christmas" and will feature a VIP unveiling of 8 professionally decorated Christmas trees in a variety of themes. Opportunity drawing tickets will be sold with the winners announced after our Breakfast with Santa event! WE NEED TREE SPONSORS - if you would like to sponsor one, please contact me!

As many of you know we are running our Lodge with just a few of our 177 members participation and it is going to take all of us to kick in and help. We are currently in desperate need of a parking lot repair and the Trustees are trying to get it handled - but we sure could use some gravel and "know how" to get things smoothed out - if that is your expertise, please let us know!

In closing, I am reminded of Grand Exalted Ruler - Tim Jaeger's theme for the year as he shared with us at National Convention. In preparation for the next few crucial months at our Lodge - we will adopt his theme of READY ELKS -Let's go! Let's work on our issues, events and dinners together - it takes all of us to be successful!

READY ELKS - LET'S GO,
Susan Fox - Exalted Ruler

Elks CARE Elks SHARE



(above) Thank You to Team Health Markets as our title sponsor, David Frana, Maysen Frana, Nick Morris and Kory Klinger. Mike Klinger welcomes the team.

(top right) CC Elks Veterans Rex Krasche and Denny Peterson welcomed the players at registration.

(right) Overall winning team Flight A of Ryan Eddy, Todd Jackson, Kyle Todd and Ryan Coon



Christian County Elks #2777 Veterans Benefit Golf Scramble Raises More Than \$6,000 for Local Veterans

The 9th Annual Christian County Elks #2777 Veterans Benefit Golf Scramble was a tremendous success, bringing together 52 golfers for a fun-filled day of competition, fellowship, and support for our nation's veterans.

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our sponsors, players, donors, and supporters, the tournament raised more than \$6,000 to support Christian County Elks #2777 veterans programs and projects during the upcoming holiday season.

Following a great day on the course, players gathered for a delicious Mexican buffet lunch provided by Springfield Golf and Country Club. The celebration continued with tournament awards and plenty of exciting raffle prizes.

Christian County Elks #2777 extends a heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who helped make this year's tournament such a success. Your participation and generosity allow the Elks to continue their proud tradition of supporting and honoring veterans in our community.

Everyone left with a smile—and many were already asking the same question:

“When is next year's tournament?”

We couldn't ask for a better way to wrap up our 9th annual event. We look forward to making the 10th Annual Christian County Elks #2777 Veterans Benefit Golf Scramble even bigger and better!

Thank you for helping the Elks stand behind our veterans!



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TEE OFF FOR VETERANS

Springfield Golf & Country Club
Springfield Missouri

Thank You for Your Support



(above) Team Fox won Flight C with Jaymie Ethridge, Cathrine Lairmore, ER Susan Fox and First Gent Pete Fox.



(above) CPI Technologies Josh Glover and his team broke the bank to roll a hole-in-1.

(below) Elks registration was set-up and open early with Rex Krasche, Denny Peterson, Earl and Tina Campbell and Judy Klinger

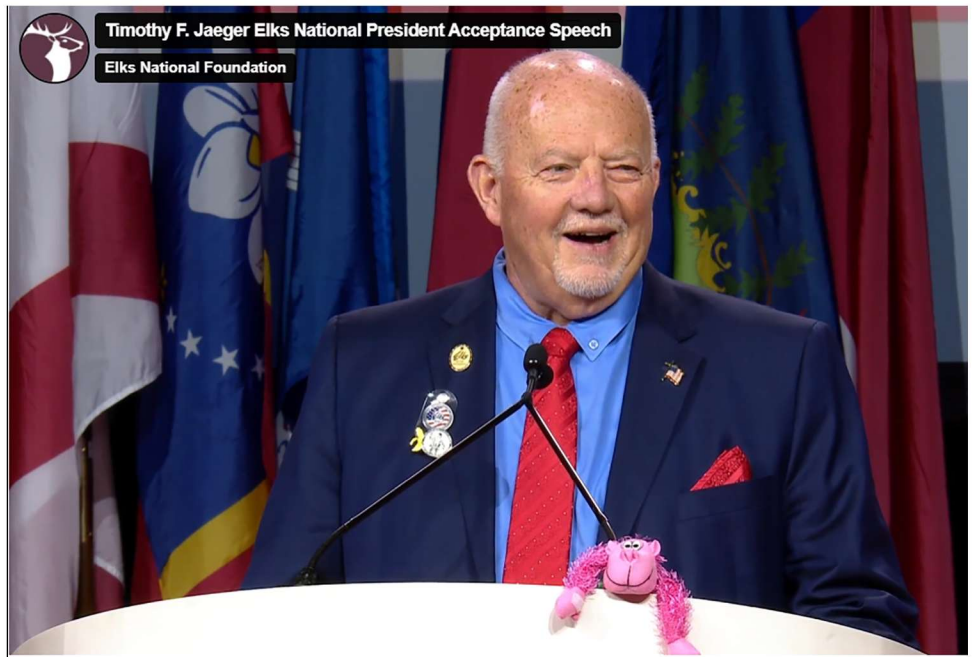


Meet our New Grand Exalted Ruler Tim Yaeger

"Ready Elks - Let's Go!" is more than Timothy F. Jaeger's theme as the newly elected National President of the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks. It's a rallying cry inspired by a membership that has answered the call for help for more than 158 years. Since its founding, the B.P.O.E. has answered the call when their communities needed it most. When a founding member of the Jolly Corks passed away, the remaining members rallied to support his surviving family, establishing a decades-long legacy of brotherly love.

That same brotherhood has guided the Order through some of our nation's greatest challenges. Just a few years after the Order's founding, the Great Chicago fire devastated the Windy City. Even as a young organization, members of the Elks sprung to action to help in the aftermath.

When San Francisco experienced a brutal earthquake in 1906, Elks were among the first groups to provide disaster relief to those whose lives had been upended.



Today, the communities where Elks live and work face unique needs. And today, the Elks continue to answer their call. Whether it's helping a veteran experiencing homelessness, providing meals to a neighbor facing hunger, or ensuring a child has a warm winter coat, the Elks show up.

For Jaeger, that commitment to service has defined his Elk career. Born and raised in South Dakota, he joined the Sioux Falls, Lodge No. 262 in 1985, kicking off his more than 40-year involvement with the Elks. After relocating to California, Jaeger served as Exalted Ruler of the Petaluma, Calif., Lodge No 901 in 2007-08 and later settled at Napa, Calif., Lodge No. 832.

His dedication to the Order and his community took off during his tenure with the California-Hawaii State Elks Association, where Jaeger held multiple leadership positions, including Assistant Director of the Drug Awareness Program, State President, and Board of Trustees member. His involvement with the California-Hawaii State Major Project and devotion to the Drug Awareness Program reinforces his theme's historical roots. From Sioux Falls to Napa, Jaeger learned that he can make the greatest impact when he answers the Elks' call to serve.

The Elks' history is a reminder that when their community needs help, Elks are there to answer the call. Tim Jaeger and his wife, Sandy, will spend the next year traveling across the United States as ambassadors of this fundamental principle of Elkdom.

So, are you ready, Elks?

Let's go!

Christian County ELKS BUNCO Game Night!

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 24

DINNER SERVED AT 6:30 PM

FISH & CHIPS
& Cake and Ice Cream

\$10 BUY-IN

\$10 FOR DINNER!

BRING A FRIEND FOR A FUN TIME!

ROLL, LAUGH, & HAVE FUN!



Celebration of Life

RICK HAYES

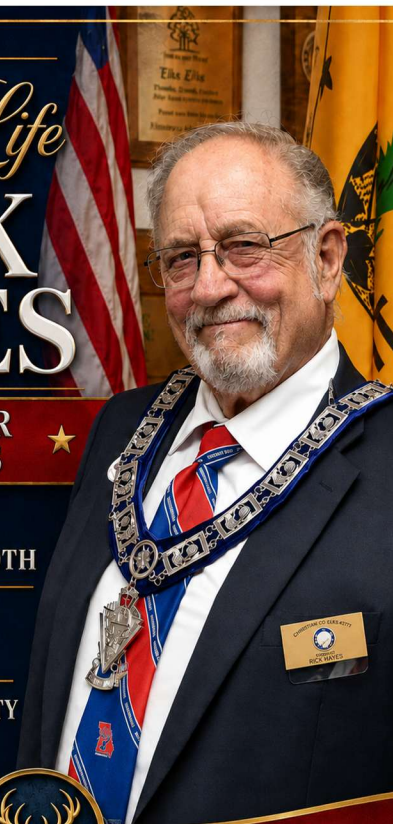
LODGE TILER RICK HAYES

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

CHRISTIAN COUNTY ELKS #2777 OZARK, MO

PLEASE JOIN US AS WE celebrate the life OF OUR BROTHER RICK HAYES.



GUN SHOW

Friday Sept 11 11am - 6pm
Saturday Sept 12 9am - 6pm

Elk's Lodge Ozark

We will continue to be in the lives of our neighbors in need. You are our blessing! Kathy

Christian County Elks Annual

Western Night

Friday Nov 13

The Tyler Garoutte Band

Line Dancing Cowboy Cha-Cha
2-Step Jailhouse Rock

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT COUNTRY GRUB

RIBS PULLED PORK SMOKED TURKEY

6pm Swinging Door Bar | 7pm Grub

Bring a Friend and WIN your dinner
Raffle Prizes 50/50 Winner

Reserve a Table for 10- receive Drink Tickets for ALL!

Dance Contest | Best Dressed | Swamp Water Cocktail

Tickets on Sale Oct 15 \$25 PP

Tickets at Elks Lodge - cash or check
Credit Card sales & Reserving
Tables text
"We need Western Night tickets" and your name to 417-771-9202

Upcoming Events & Lodge News

- **Gun Show** — September 11 & 12

We need volunteers! Get on the schedule to help as a Greeter or Server in the kitchen. Contact Mike Klinger.

- **Flight of the Ozarks** — October 21, 2026

Watch for more details and the confirmed date coming soon.

- **Lifeline Screening** — September 26

Lifeline Screening will be at our Lodge, with a special \$129 rate for Elks members.

- **Health Markets Open Enrollment Meetings** — October 5, 6, 8 & 9

Meetings will be held at the Lodge from 11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

- **Elks Workday** — Saturday, October 17 | 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Stop by, have a donut, and lend a hand with projects around the Lodge.

- **Southwest District Elks Chili Cook-Off** — Saturday, February 6, 2027

Mark your calendar! The cook-off will be hosted by the Webb City Elks.

- **Good of the Order**

August 4 — \$314, drawn for Bill Buening, not present

August 18 — \$334, drawn for Bob Lock, not present

- **Back-to-School Shopping for Kids**

Our final count was 183 children served, with an incredible \$18,145 donated.

- **Missouri Lotto Coming to the Lodge**

The membership voted and approved the addition of two Missouri Lotto machines in our Lodge.

- **Veterans Benefit Golf Tournament**

The CC Elks Veterans Benefit Golf Tournament has been finalized, with more than \$6,000 donated. These funds will support veterans projects throughout the yearend.

- **Lodge Tile Rick Hayes Celebration of Life**

Sunday September 20 1pm-4pm CC Elks Lodge in Ozark

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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

September 2026 Birthdays

1st Mark I less 1st Detty Richardson 7th John Zerr 8th Laura Ashe
8th Elaine Garton 10th Steve Buttress 10th Wayne Watson
13th Christina Campbell 13th Tim Rogers 15th Art Cox
15th Roger Wahl 23rd John Guerra 24th Rolland Nuckolls
25th Dick Fuller 25th Kevin Wolfe

September 2026



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1 Lodge meeting 7pm Dinner 6pm \$10 Fajitas Fiesta BOD Meeting 8pm	2	3	4 Family Friday Dinner Steak / Chicken & Sides \$20 Order dinner from 6-8pm	5
6	7 	8	9	10 Elks Gun Show Set-up 6pm Pizza Dinner	11 Elks Gun Show 11am - 6pm Kitchen is OPEN	12 Elks Gun Show 9am - 6pm Kitchen is OPEN
13	14 Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	15 Lodge meeting 7pm Dinner 6pm \$8 Taco Tuesday HC Meeting	16	17	18 Family Friday Dinner Marinated Pork Loin & Sides \$12 Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm	19
20 Tiler Rick Hayes Memorial CC Elks 1pm	21 Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	22	23	24 Game Night 6pm Dinner 6:30pm \$10 BUNCO is ON! Fish & Chips, Cake & Ice Cream	25 No activities planned	26 Lifeline Screening \$129 for Members
27	28 Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	 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				

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To a Very Important Elk



Rick Hayes
Lodge Tiler & Chaplain

