





Christian County Elks #2777

ELKS BUGLE

November 2026

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Can you believe it is already November? I am amazed how fast this year is flying by and here we are getting ready for our Annual District Deputy visit with **DDGER Paula Richardson** on November 3rd - if we have 20 members or more in attendance, we will draw a name and YOU COULD WIN $100 donated by your ER. Let us fill the room!

Speaking of filling the room, **Western Night** is Friday November 13th, and Chef Bryant Markle is prepping his smokers for some great grub. Tickets are available at the Lodge and House Committee Members are busy calling you, our members, to assure us we fill the Shelton Hall. $25 ticket gets you great grub, LIVE band, and line dancing plus Best Dressed Contest - get your tickets now!

Our **Annual Veterans Thanksgiving Luncheon** is Wednesday November 18th, and we need “all hands-on deck” to assure our Veterans are welcomed, treated to a great meal, and know how much we appreciate them and their service. Speaking of Veterans - we will have an entry in the 2026 **Ozark Christmas parade** with the theme “Patriotic Christmas - Stars, Stripes and Christmas Lights" honoring the U.S. 250th Birthday. We would love to have our Veterans ride in vintage cars Saturday Nov 21st - Can you help - let me know!

Magic of Christmas is rapidly approaching, and I am getting really excited about this one! Plan to attend our VIP premiere night and take a stroll among eight beautifully decorated trees created by local celebrities, professional tree decorators, and a VERY SPECIAL ELK! Tickets are $20 for heavy appetizers, wine bar, boutique vendors and include five chances for opportunity drawings for the trees.

You can help us add to the beautiful trees by donating gift cards to local businesses. Is there a restaurant you frequent - ask them if they will donate to our Lodge. We are looking for Petco, Family Center Farm and Home, Whiskey Tangos, Tractor Supply, Price Cutter, Salvatore’s, Vineyard Market, Pappos Pizzeria, The Finley, Cafe B-29, Starbucks, Lowe’s, Home Depot - get the idea? Any gift card is welcome, and it is an easy way for you to participate in this especially important fundraiser for our Lodge. Watch your email and our Lodge Facebook page for updates.

The next few months are crucial for the success of our Lodge - please plan to attend all our events and make your dinner plans around our meal schedule. It will take every one of us to support the Lodge where we can and you have many opportunities in November & December. REMEMBER - YOU MAKE THE DIFFERENCE.
Ready Elks - Let’s GOOOOOO,

Susan Fox, Exalted Ruler 417-522-8708



(left) We are proud to welcome Charlotte Butler, Zach Stanton, and Alisha Burke to the Christian County Elks family!
Charlotte Butler is retired and brings with her a strong heart and passion for supporting our veterans. Her compassion and dedication will be a wonderful addition to our continued efforts to honor and serve those who have served our country.
Zach Stanton joined the Elks with a desire to give back to the community.
Alisha Burke, a birthing nurse from Springfield, has a special passion for supporting the children of our community.
We are excited to have them with us and look forward to the difference we will make together.
Welcome to the Elks family, Charlotte, Zach, and Alisha!
Photo: Sponsor and Secretary Sue Jones, Charlotte Butler, Alisa Burke, Zach Stanton and ER Susan Fox

(right) Christian County Elks #2777 is proud to announce the addition of two new members to our Order in October: Christina Reinecke and Bruce Ellis!
Christina has worked in the healthcare industry for more than 25 years and has a strong passion for giving back to the community. Bruce has visited the Lodge on many occasions and quickly noticed the welcoming and friendly atmosphere. As Bruce put it, “This is the place for me!”
He added, “I want to be part of an organization that gives back to the community.”
Welcome to the Elks family, Christina and Bruce!
Photo - Sponsor and sister Kelly Bohlmann with Christina Reinecke, Bruce Ellis with sponsor Sue Jones.



Elks CARE Elks SHARE



(above) Elks donated a $1,000 check to Elizabeth Van Ness, OTC Foundation student support coordinator. Making the presentation with Elizabeth are Elks Treasurer, PER Jerry Fritchman, and Elks Scholarship Chairman, Bill Buening.

(below) OTC Foundation Scholarship recipient Andrea Clinton. Joining in are Elks PDDGER Kevin Wolfe, PER Jerry Fritchman and Scholarship Chairman Bill Buening.





A Job Well Done, Brendan Factor!

Christian County Elks Lodge #2777 Honors Eagle Scout Project

Christian County Elks Lodge #2777 would like to extend a heartfelt CONGRATULATIONS and THANK YOU to Scout Brendan Factor for the outstanding American Flag Retirement Box he handcrafted as part of his final Eagle Scout project!

Our Lodge proudly donated $500 to help Brendan get his project started, and WOW, what a project it turned out to be! This is not just an ordinary wooden box. It is a beautiful piece of fine walnut furniture, crafted with incredible skill, care, and attention to detail. It is truly a work of art that will proudly serve our Lodge and community for decades to come.

Brendan shared that the project took over 140 hours to complete, with the help and support of several wonderful people, including his mom and dad, fellow Scout Henry Hicks, woodworker Mark Hicks, and Sherry Leis. Their time, dedication, and teamwork helped bring this remarkable project to life.



(left) ER Susan Fox, Sherry Leis, Henry and Mark Hicks, Brendan Factor, Bridgett and Jason Factor





ELKS NATIONAL HOOP SHOOT FREE THROW CONTEST

ELKS HOOP SHOOT

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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.**

Elks National Foundation, Inc.

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Christian County Elks ★ Annual ★ Veterans Holiday Food Drive

Elks USA

Honor those who served that need our help during the holidays

UNITED STATES ARMY | UNITED STATES NAVY | UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS | UNITED STATES AIR FORCE | UNITED STATES SPACE FORCE | UNITED STATES COAST GUARD



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 ★

Magic of Christmas

Christian County
Elks Lodge 2777
Ozark, Missouri

Featuring 8 beautifully decorated trees
in various themes created by local celebrities,
professional decorators and
Ladies of the Elks.

VIP PREMIERE
AND THE UNVEILING OF THE TREES

Thursday, December 10th
6:30 pm • • Ticketed Event

- Entertainment by Isaac Kenneth
- Heavy Appetizers
- Wine Bar
- $20 per person
  Includes 5 tree drawing tickets
- Appearance by Santa Claus



WALK AMONG THE TREES
Friday, December 11th
9:00 am – 4:00 pm

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
Saturday, December 12th
FREE
PANCAKE BREAKFAST
9:00 am – 4:00 pm

TREE DRAWING TICKETS
You could win one of the **8** fabulous trees
if your ticket is drawn on
Saturday, December 12th at 4:00 pm.

Tickets can be purchased:

- $6 each
- 5 for $25
- 20 for $60
- 50 for $100

ALL PROCEEDS
will be used to support
Veterans, Youth and the Communities
served by
Christian County Elks.

Tickets or Information:
Susan Fox • 417-522-8708





Congratulations Elks

At the recent Missouri Elks Assoc. Fall Convention Christian County Elks 2777 was recognized with multiple awards. Elks Benevolent Trust for exceeding the state's 2025-26 per capita goal, 2nd Place in the State of Missouri for Elks National Foundation giving and Special Recognition from the Elks National Foundation. Great job to all members who contributed.

Thank you!



In the News

- **Good of the Order** – Meetings Oct 6th Elaine Garton not present to win $21; Oct 20th Art Cox not present to win $34. It PAYS to come to meetings!
- **Veterans Food Drive** – Food donations are NOW being accepted at the Lodge. Bring non-perishable items. Food delivery will be on Wednesday Dec 16th.
- **Western Night** – Friday Nov 13, Tickets on sale NOW! $25 each.
- **Electronic Membership Billing** – Our lodge is perusing the idea for billing and payments.
- **Magic of Christmas** – Dec 10 Unveiling of Christmas trees, Dec 11 Lodge Christmas Party, Dec 12 Breakfast with Santa
- **Membership** – As of October 31 membership is 180
- **Christmas Parade** – Join Elks with Veterans theme, Saturday Nov 21 Ozark Square
- **Dictionaries** – A 5th grade class teacher from Ozark has requested dictionaries from the Elks and we will help them out
- **District Deputy Visit** – Tuesday Nov 3 DD Paula Richardson and staff will join us for dinner and presentation

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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!



November 2026 Birthdays

3rd Mark Mikesch 4th Susan Fox 5th Bill Buening 5th Landon Davis
05 Joe Edwards 6th Christine Harris 9th Gary Sampson
13th Mary Cunningham 15th Gary Scheel 16th Judy Chambers
18th Gordon Hayes 18th Carmen Sprinkle 18th Jamie Voss
22nd Barry Farber 29th Andy Willoughby

November 2026

October '26

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December '26

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27	28	29	30	31		

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 **Lodge meeting 7pm** Dinner 6pm $8 Spaghetti & More **DD Visitation**	4 	5	6 No activities planned	7 
8	9 **Springfield Chorus** Practice 6:30pm	10	11 Veterans Day	12	13 	14
15	16 **Springfield Chorus** Practice 6:30pm	17 **Lodge meeting 7pm** Dinner 6pm $8 Chef's Surprise **BOD Meeting** **HC Meeting**	18 	19	20 No activities planned	21 
22	23 **Springfield Chorus** Practice 6:30pm	24	25	26 	27 No activities planned	28
29	30 **Springfield Chorus** Practice 6:30pm	1	2	3	4	5
6	7		For more information visit our website **ccelks2777.com** or our Christian County Elks Facebook page. **SAVE** your newsletter for reference or pass it along to a friend!			

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To a Very Important Elk



Great **Work Day** at the Lodge on Oct 17th. We completed a lot of tasks on our Project List like repairing the leaking roof, changed HVAC filters, cleaned the bar and kitchen areas and much more. WELL DONE Volunteers!



