





Christian County Elks #2777

ELKS BUGLE

December 2026



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3-Year Trustee
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Hello, December! It's the most magical time of the year to be an Elk! There is so much going on at our Lodge, and we **NEED YOU** to help make this a successful holiday season. More on that later!
First, I want to offer a heartfelt thank-you to everyone who helped make our Veterans Thanksgiving such a wonderful event. To all who volunteered, you created a very special afternoon filled with smiles! I also want to thank and recognize everyone who participated in the Ozark Christmas Parade. A huge shout-out to our veterans—Marvin, George, Rex and Bill—for allowing us to honor you with our entry! Thank you to our drivers—Bill Buening, Joe Edwards, Tim Rogers, Sue Jones and Dan. Your cars were amazing! Cavin Shorter provided us with a Daimler limousine, which carried Elroy the Elk (aka the First Gent) and me. The vehicle received so many compliments along the parade route! It was truly a special evening.

Now to the **MAGIC**! We will be hosting our very special Magic of Christmas fundraiser on December 10th, 11th and 12th right here at our Lodge.
Many of our 14 beautifully decorated themed trees still need items to accompany them, and we need your help!
Here's what you can do: Donate cash or gift cards to be placed with one of our themed trees. We are looking for gift cards from Lowe's, Tractor Supply, Petco, restaurants, hair salons or just about anywhere you can think of. No amount is too small! Give me a call—before I call you!

GET YOUR TICKET FOR THE VIP PREMIERE EVENT! Join us on Thursday, December 10th, at 6:30 p.m. and be among the first to see our fabulous trees, enjoy some yummy appetizers, be entertained by Isaac Kenneth and take a chance on winning one of the trees. All for only $20 per person! Call me for tickets! You can also support our Veterans Holiday Food Drive by bringing a case of canned or dry goods to our Lodge Christmas Party on December 11th. In return, your **STEAK DINNER IS HALF PRICE!**

We will wrap up our magical weekend on Saturday, December 12th, with our 6th Annual Breakfast with Santa, complete with a free pancake breakfast and lots of smiling faces! There is great joy in knowing that I get to lead such a wonderful group of people at our Lodge, united by one purpose: supporting our veterans, children and communities. Our mission is clear, and each of you makes a difference in our success. Please plug in, get involved and help us out. **WE NEED YOU!**

Finally, I want to say how blessed Pete and I are to be part of such a great organization filled with truly wonderful people. You fill our hearts, motivate me to be better and are true heroes in my eyes for all that you contribute to our Lodge. May your heart be full this holiday season, may your wishes come true, and may this beautiful season remind you that God is at the center of it all.

Merry ELKmas to you and yours! Susan Fox – Exalted Ruler 417-522-8708





Veterans Appreciation Thanksgiving Luncheon

Seventy-five veterans and guests gathered to enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving feast at our annual community luncheon. A heartfelt thank-you to our veterans for joining us and to the dedicated Elks members who helped prepare and serve this special meal. There is no greater reward than honoring those who have served our country. Serving our veterans is truly a heartwarming experience and a wonderful reminder of the spirit of gratitude and giving.





(above) ER Susan Fox thanks 20-year service Veteran, Brian Serota, for his inspiring speech to our guests.



(left) Veterans Chairman, Rex Krasche welcomes Veterans to the Thanksgiving luncheon.
(right) Charlotte Butler serving our veterans.
(Top left) Rex sends off our Veterans after the luncheon.



Magic of Christmas

Christian County
Elks Lodge 2777
Ozark, Missouri

Featuring 14 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:
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Three local kids stepped up to show their skills in the Christian County Elks Hoop Shoot at the OC in Ozark, November 7. Elks Hoop Shoot Chairman, Landon Davis, and fellow Elks organized the event starting at 8am. Macy Cummings placed first in the Girls 8-9 age group, her sister, Kenzie Cummings, placed first in the Girls 12-13 age group and Sawyer Garr, first in the Boys 10-11. Landon stated, “thanks to the kids that came out and supported our Hoop Shoot. And thanks to the helpers for my first year. Next year we go all-in!” All three competitors will now move onto the Elks Hoop Shoot District competition January 10, 2027, at the OC in Ozark. Good Luck to all!










Smokin' Team of Ronnie & Bryant






Best Dressed Pete Fox & Cherie Edwards













Elks CARE Elks SHARE

The Christian County Elks proudly participated in the Ozark Christmas Parade, celebrating this year's patriotic theme, "Stars, Stripes and Christmas Lights." Exalted Ruler Susan Fox joined fellow Elks and friends along the parade route from Highway 65 to the Ozark Square, spreading Christmas cheer while honoring our nation's veterans.



Christian County Elks #2777 In the News

- **Membership**: As of 11/18/26, 183 members
- **Good of the Order**: Nov. 3 meeting Gary Siegrist $50, not present. Nov. 17 meeting Carmen Sprinkle $77, not present. It PAYS to come to meetings.
- CC Elks win **Civic Award** at Halloween Truck or Treat. PER Michael Sweet and his family set-up a booth at the community event and handed out candy to over 2,000 kids that came by. Michael and Felicia also passed out Elks Drug Awareness coloring books and flyers.
- **District Hoop Shoot** is January 10, 2027, at the OC in Ozark
- **Elks National Foundation**: Christian County Elks is #1 in the district and #2 in the state of Missouri for contributions per capita. Keep your donations flowing. It helps our lodge get GRANTS for the upcoming year.
- Our **Americanism** team will distribute dictionaries to 3 classes during the holidays. We received a special request from the local teachers that they would like to present the dictionaries to their students.
- **Scouts** will assemble Veterans Food Boxes Monday Dec. 14 starting at 6pm. This amounts to over 150 boxes ready for deliver by generous Elks and friends.
- **Veterans Food Boxes** slated to be delivered Wednesday Dec. 16 to 30 less fortunate veterans families in Christian County. We need volunteers to help deliver. Loading begins at 8am and delivery only takes 1-2 hours. To help contact Joe Edwards 417-689-4843
- The **Gaming Machines** will be turned back on by the end of November. Have FUN!
- **Lodge Rentals**: Rental fee income hit $3,760 for the year so far. Thank you Rental Chairman, Sue Jones, and to everyone who spreads the word about rental opportunities. Good Job!

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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
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Thank you!



December 2026 Birthdays

01 Martha Hopper 01 Richard Smith 02 Howard Trumbull
04 Brian Pickens 16 Robert Block 18 Rith Dalstein 20 Tom Shelton
21 Doug Hopkins 22 John Hampton 22 Dustin Raines 24 Skip Bell
25 Duane Copeland 26 Gary Hensley 26 Dawn Oliver
26 Diana Schweitzer 29 Bruce Tangora 30 Justin Haymes
30 Dawna Southern 31 Dale Roller 31 Dale Turner

December 2026



November '26

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January '27

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30 	1 **Lodge meeting 7pm** Dinner 6pm $8 Meal TBD **BOD Meeting**	2 **Shrine Hospital Dads Christmas** Dinner 6pm Volunteers Needed	3	4	5
6 	7 **Springfield Chorus** Practice 6:30pm	8	9	10 	11 **Steak Night** **Lodge Christmas Party 6pm $20** Steak or Chicken Order 6-8pm	12 
13	14 **Springfield Chorus** Practice 6:30pm **Veterans Food Boxes Assembled by Scouts 6pm**	15 **Lodge meeting 7pm** Dinner 6pm $8 Meal TBD **HC Meeting**	16 **Veterans Food Delivery loading 8am** **Elks Lodge Ozark** **Delivery Drivers needed**	17 	18	19 
20	21 **Springfield Chorus** Practice 6:30pm	22	23	24	25 	26
27	28 **Springfield Chorus** Practice 6:30pm	29	30	31	1 	2
3	4		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



District Deputy Visit

District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the SW District, Paula Richardson, Esquire Chase Emory PER and Auditor Larry Smith PER visited our lodge in November. Paula Thanked Christian County Elks for a job well done while ER Susan Fox and officers provided the hospitality



November New Members

Welcome 3 new members to our lodge. (left) Jerry and Tina Dean transferred from the Corona, CA. Elks and Kim Greenslate was initiated as a new member. Kim and Tina are sisters and along with Jerry, all three stated "they have volunteering in their hearts." At the Corona Elks, Jerry was the lodge kitchen manager and Tina was Lecturing Knight. Give Tina, Kim and Jerry a warm welcome when you see them at the lodge.



Trunk or Treat Award

PER and Scout Leader, Michael Sweet and his family set-up a booth at the Ozark Halloween event handing out candy. Their display which included Drug Awareness and Elroy the Elk won First Place for Civic Awareness.
Thank you Scouts!