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A WORD FROM THE EXALTED RULER

Dear Fellow Elks,

"SEASONS GREETINGS" Let me update you on a few things. First of all the Shoe Fund Dinner was a great success. Thanks to everyone who assisted. Too many to mention. The best news is we made money and will be providing a lot of shoes to needy local children throughout the county. Thanks again to everyone who purchased a ticket. We will be announcing the amount of donations at the meeting Monday.

The Board has voted to distribute 100 Christmas Baskets this year. If you have a name to submit for a basket, please contact Vicki in the office. If you nominate a family you are requested to make the delivery to that family. Packing and delivery dates are posted in this newsletter. **WE ARE STILL ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS AND ALSO ENCOURAGING CASH DONATIONS. PLEASE GET BOTH IN ASAP...** Food Baskets will be presented to Elks nominated families first.

Calvin Franklin has collected a large number of coats that will be distributed to the homeless. I'm sure he would still welcome any coat donations. There are boxes inside the door at the lodge. Great job Calvin.

We will be having entertainment and snacks for New Year's Eve. We will be looking for donations to cover the cost of the food. You can also bring a covered dish. I wish everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year. Most of all SAFE.

We have our regular meeting on December 8th. We will have a House Committee meeting at 5:00 for all officers. Please plan on attending. We will also initiate several new members. Congratulations to Neil Fossell our newly elected Esteem Leading Knight. Neil will be installed on the 8th. There will be no regular meeting on December 22nd. Our January meeting will be the 12th. We will have a lot of new projects to discuss for the new year.

I have said it before. The Elks Lodge 1925 is more than just a lounge. I encourage more of you to attend meeting and participate in our events and fund raisers. On November 12th our lodge presented the James H. Quillen Veterans Nursing Home with a check for \$1300.00 to purchase a new 52" flat screen TV for their newly remodeled recreation Room. You would have appreciated the response from the patients and their gratitude. I have a signed letter from several patients that is available for you to view, it is very touching.

If you have any questions about the lodge or events, please call our office or contact me. I would like to see more of you attend regular lodge meetings. I'll keep this message short. The bulletin should have the dates for all upcoming events. I'll look forward to seeing everyone over the Holidays and participating in new projects starting in January of 2009. Thank you all.

Wm. (Mac) McDonald

Exalted Ruler