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A WORD FROM THE EXALTED RULER

Dear Fellow Elks,

First of all I want to thank Suzanne and her crew for a great Halloween Party on October 31st. Too many names to mention, but thanks to everyone that helped with the food and decorating. Great attendance with entertainment, food and costumes. **The best party of the year!** If you missed John Reagan in his French Maid costume complete with apron and feather duster you missed a classic. Our next big party will be New Years Eve.

Next, Thanks to Neil Fussel and his crew for handling the Chili Cook-off. We have a new trophy for the lodge again this year. Again thanks to everyone who took the time and efforts needed to make our Halloween Party and Chili Cook-off a success.

Now the most important business. We need to sell the balance of our Shoe Fund tickets. **Very important!** I know money is tight but this annual event is for a great cause. Please contact Vicki in the office, CW at the bar, myself or any officer of the lodge. We need to sell the balance of the tickets by Friday afternoon, no later than Saturday by noon.

We received a call from the Pittman Center School a few days ago. They had 6 students that could not afford tennis shoes that would allow them to play basketball this year. Our Lodge came to their rescue. Ronnie McCutcheon and Neil Fussel saved the day. They purchased 6 pairs of Nikes the same day and now 6 young players will have the equipment they need to play ball. Thanks to our Shoe Fund. This is what being an Elk is all about, Kudos to both of them. The Shoe Fund will help many more needy children in the County during the next year. **PLEASE PURCHASE OR HELP SELL THE BALANCE OF OUR SHOE FUND TICKETS.** The Shoe Fund dinner and drawing is this Saturday, November 15th. I'll look forward to seeing many of you. **You do not have to attend the dinner to purchase a ticket.** We will have dinner, drinks and prizes as usual. If you can't come into the lodge to purchase a ticket, please call and I'll have someone bring one to you.

We also need new Volunteers for other projects. Please contact me if you would like to participate in one of our other Elks programs. Our Lodge will be presenting the James H. Quillen Veterans Nursing Home a check to purchase a big screen television for their recreation room during our annual visit on November 12th. **Don't forget all of our Veterans on Tuesday November 11th.** You can also hug a Marine on Monday November 10th (Semper Fi). It is the Marine Corps Birthday, 213 years of serving our country.

I'll be looking for some new faces at our future meetings. Remember the Elks Lodge is more than just a Lounge. We are one of the most giving organizations in the nation and your participation in Lodge activities and projects will always be appreciated.

Wm. (Mac) McDonald, Exalted Ruler