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A WORD FROM THE EXALTED RULER

Fellow Elks: Just some reminders.... Shoe Fund Tickets are available for the November 15th Shoe Fund Dinner. Please contact Richard Orpin, myself, C.W. or Vicki and we will make sure that you can acquire one. Don't forget the Chili Cook Off is also coming up in November. Last but not least we are accepting donations for the annual Christmas Basket Fund. If you did not obtain a ticket for the Nursing Fund drawing to be held November, 10th at the Mid-Year Elks Convention in Jackson the tickets have been sold. We will also be collecting coats for the needy. A deposit box will be placed in the entryway soon. Let's fill it up.

I will be attending the Mid-State Elks Convention October 9,10 and 11th in Jackson, TN. We are hoping for a winner from our lodge. I'll bring back information on what was discussed at the meeting and hopefully good news for one or more of our members. Our next meeting is October 13th. We will be having new member initiation at the October 27th meeting. If you have someone who wishes to become a member please get his or her application into Bud Rice ASAP. We can vote on any new members at the October 13th meeting if their application is submitted quickly.

There will be a House Committee Meeting at 5:00 on October 13th. We have several business matters to discuss. **I want to remind our members that Lodge business is confidential and not a subject to be discussed in the lounge.** On the subject of the lounge, C.W. has been doing a great job. Our sales are up and we are making a profit. C.W. and Chris are taking care of business and both should be commended. C.W. has been opening the lounge at 1 PM during the week and will do so as long as business justifies. Show them both your appreciation next time you visit the lodge.

The Elks Pin Board is getting a lot of new pins from lodges around the country. I will be adding some additional pins when I return from the Mid-year convention in Jackson. I know some of you members have Elks pins that are taking up space in a drawer at home. Why don't you bring them into the lodge and put them on our new map?

We need a few volunteers for the upcoming "Hoop Shoot" program and other youth programs. If you want to be involved in a great youth program, this is your chance. Let's not forget the Veterans. We have a scheduled lodge visit to the Johnson City Veteran's Nursing Home on November 12th. If you have not made one of our annual trips to the VA Hospital, now is your chance. You will be glad you did. I also need someone who can assist with our Entertainment Committee. Members have asked that we schedule new entertainment events. Please give me some help, our Entertainment Chairman had other pressing business and asked that I replace her. Let's plan some fun events for all the members to enjoy. You can make any proposals at the next meeting.

The dates for all upcoming events are noted in this News Letter. If you have any questions, please contact the lodge. We now have Voice Mail on the lodge phone that will pick up after 6 rings. If no one is available to answer your call, please leave a message and someone will return your call.

I'll see you all at the October 13th meeting. I encourage more of you to attend. I would like to hear more input from some of our less active members. I'd like to see some new faces and hear some new ideas. It's your Elks Lodge, help make it better with more participation in our fund raisers and activities.

Wm. (Mac) McDonald, Exalted Ruler