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A WORD FROM THE EXALTED RULER

Dear Fellow Elks,

Time is flying we have a lot to do this Fall. Our next meeting is September 22nd. I will announce the date of our next initiations in a few days. At the September 8th meeting, we voted on 3 new applicants. All were approved.

Elks Care, Elks Share. This is the time we need to start the fund raising for our shoe fund and Christmas Baskets. Tickets are being printed for our annual shoe fund dinner, which is scheduled for November 15th, please make plans to purchase a ticket and attend the dinner. We all know this money goes to a good cause. I'd like to ask all members to send in a contribution toward the Christmas Basket Fund. All donations will be appreciated. Don't wait, do it today. Richard Orpin is coordinating the Shoe Fund and Christmas Basket Fund. Richard also has tickets for the College Fund drawing that will be held October 10th at the Mid-year meeting which will be held October 9th to 11th in Jackson, TN. All members are invited to attend. The lodge will pay for your room and convention fee. Contact Vicki or myself if you plan on attending the convention. I'd like to encourage many of you to attend, but we need to know ASAP to get you registered. If you have not attended an Elks Convention, this is a good time to start. The Jackson lodge is having a golf tournament on the morning of the 10th. Please let me know if anyone wants to get a team together and play for our lodge.

Our Elks pin display case is up and we have over 250 pins from various lodges around the country. Great display that was built by our maintenance man Chuck. Good job Chuck. We want to encourage members to bring pins back from their vacations should they visit another Elk lodge. Visiting members are giving us their pins weekly. Between C.W. and myself we have acquired over 200 new pins. Make sure you look it over on your next visit to the lodge. If you have any pins hidden away in a drawer at home, bring them in and add them to our display. One more thing, the Chili Cook-off is coming up. We will need some volunteers to help out. Check with Neil, he will be our "Chili Man". He will be cooking his Texas Chili. I'll announce the date soon.

Let's encourage new members to participate in our fundraisers and how about us old timers going the extra mile to help the lodge this year. We do a lot for the community and it's because of the participation of our members that make us one of the most giving organizations in the county. I would like to see some new faces participating. Every year we see a lot of the same members doing all the work. Please contact me personally if you have any useful suggestions to improve the lodge. We have one of the finest lodges in the nation. I'll look forward to seeing more of you at the September 22nd meeting.

Wm. (Mac) McDonald, Exalted Ruler