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A WORD FROM THE EXALTED RULER

I'm sorry for the late Newsletter. I will be doing a more detailed message the 1st week in February, since that will be my last month as your current Exalted Ruler for 2008-2009. It's hard to believe its 2009. I hope each of you and your families had a "VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS" and I hope 2009 is a great New Year for all of us. I have been your Exalted Ruler for about 10 months; I hope I will be remembered for a few good accomplishments. The Lodge has had a very good year, we are ahead of last year financially and our community service. I just attended the DGER meeting in Knoxville along with Don Gillespie, Bill Duncan and Gail Morton. All the East District Lodges were present and each Exalted Ruler gave a report of the yearly activities. We are equal to or far exceed many of the other lodges. We absolutely have one of the finest Elks Lodges in the nation. We take second to none.

Here are the most important upcoming events. First don't forget the Super Bowl Party on Sunday February 1st. Food and prizes, tickets are \$40.00 for two, including food. You can obtain one in the lounge or from Benny Benson. The most important information is that we will accept nominations for our new officers for the coming year at the February, 9th meeting. We will be voting for the new officers on February 23rd. You will be electing the person(s) who will serve as Lodge Secretary, Lodge Treasurer, Lecturing Knight, Loyal Knight, Esteem Leading Knight, Exalted Ruler and one Trustee. Your vote counts, so please plan on attending both meetings.

I want to thank everyone who has assisted me in my position as the Exalted Ruler this past year. It has been an adventure and an experience for me. A year goes very fast. We have accomplished a lot of good things this past year. I look forward to serving the lodge in some capacity in coming years. I have been a member for almost 22 years and seen a lot of changes. We have had a few bumps, but we have always come together to smooth everything out and keep our lodge one of the finest in the nation.

I encourage the new Officers to plan on a lot of work and dedication. **Running this lodge is more than just attending meetings.** I hope all of you will support the newly elected officers and lets all do our share. **Many times a few do the work of many.** 2009 can be a great year again for our lodge, but we need more active members to get involved in Lodge projects and encourage new members to join. I will discuss many of these obligations at the nominations meeting on February 9th. Please call me if you have any questions or the Lodge Secretary. I will have a February Newsletter to you the first week of February. We are planning a Valentine's Party Saturday, February 14. We need some party suggestions and members to help on the committee.

I'll look forward to seeing everyone at the Super Bowl Party and the important next meeting on February 9th. Thank You

Respectfully Submitted,

William (Mac) McDonald-Exalted Ruler

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