

# Gatlinburg Elks Lodge

BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS NO. 1925

VOL. 7, NO. 10

GATLINBURG, TENNESSEE

MARCH 2009

## A WORD FROM THE EXALTED RULER

### A FINAL NEWSLETTER FROM YOUR OUTGOING EXALTED RULER, WM. (MAC) McDONALD, 2008-2009

Well, my year as Exalted Ruler has come to an end. I want to congratulate our newly elected ER Robert (Skiddy) Skidmore and I will pass on my moccasins so he can walk a mile in them. **I will also pass on a very worn "Gavel"**. Skiddy you have my total support. As a member of this lodge for almost 22 years, please excuse me if this Newsletter is more than the usual one page, but I have a few parting words. It has been an honor and privilege to serve as Exalter Ruler of one of the finest Elks Lodges in the nation for the past year. This is an experience that many of you should experience in your lifetime. I want to thank you all for your support this past year.

First of all, I want to thank everyone who made my year as ER a little easier. All of the Officers and Trustees who have been a part of my support team and the members who assisted the lodge in various Elks functions during the past year. I want to give a special **Thank You** to Kerry Richardson, my Esquire. He is a prize for any Exalted Ruler. I'd say that he still remembers his first locker combination from school. I would challenge anyone to do a better job than Kerry has in past years. There are others who have worked hard and they know who they are, too many to mention, **but you all were appreciated.** I would also like to acknowledge Vicki Lewis our secretary. In my opinion, without Vicki this lodge would not be as efficient as it is. She is the secretary for the Trustees and handles the property management. The extra work she does for the Exalted Ruler is what makes sure all the lodge functions are properly handled and on schedule. One of her duties is assisting Bud Rice in keeping the new CLEMS program required by the National Lodge up to date and accurate. Thank you Vicki, you are commended.

Gatlinburg Elks Lodge  
#1925

968 Parkway #7  
Gatlinburg, TN 37738  
GatlinburgElks@yahoo.com  
www.GatlinburgElks.org  
(865) 436-7550

#### Exalted Ruler

WILLIAM "MAC"  
MCDONALD

#### Leading Knight

#### Loyal Knight

#### Lecturing Knight

JAMIE WALLIS

#### Esquire

KERRY RICHARDSON

#### Secretary

CLARENCE "BUD" RICE

#### Treasurer

DOUG HARTLEY

#### Chaplin

DIANE KEYS

#### Tiler

DAVID FAIRCHILD

#### Inner Guard

JOHN STOUT

#### TRUSTEES

Bill Duncan, Chairman

Leo (Benny) Benson

Betsy Cate

Chris Davis

Robert Skidmore