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ROBERT L DUITSMAN
Grand Exalted Ruler

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A Fraternal Organization

Dear Lodge Secretary,

Our fraternal year is coming to a close. As you know, due to a lot of hard work by so many last year we were able to achieve a net gain in membership nationally for the first time since 1979. There was a great deal of excitement and optimism for the future of our Order.

It will be a tremendous achievement if we can build on that success this year and again show a gain in membership. That goal is within our reach, but the main barrier is that there are 10,650 candidates awaiting initiation. People who want to become Elks but for whatever reason have not been brought in.

My request to you is to make every effort to initiate those outstanding candidates before the end of the year. Any Lodge that gets all candidates initiated who applied prior to February 1 will receive a "**We're All In!**" certificate to recognize your Lodge's commitment to membership growth.

It would be a shame to lose the momentum created last year by not bringing in the men and women who are already waiting to enjoy the opportunities of membership in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

I'm looking to you for your assistance in this important effort and thank you for your help.

Fraternally and sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert L. Duitsman".

Robert L. Duitsman
Grand Exalted Ruler

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