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Members All:

Your Officers and Members are invited to attend the Mid-Winter Meeting & Clinics of the Montana State Elks Association—January 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> in Lewistown, MT. Building off of previous Mid-Winter's, this year's agenda will have even more educational clinics and less time devoted to State Business.

Over the past several years, the Montana State Elks Association (M.S.E.A) Officers have been traveling, on their own dime, to other state associations learning how they conduct their non-annual convention. All of them are focused towards training. The past two years, I attend Idaho's clinics and the feedback from their delegates is that they really enjoyed the clinics and learned a lot from them. Hence, we decided to continue to progress in that same direction.

This year, the topics are for all Officers, not just for incoming Exalted Rulers. The topics will be focused towards Officer Training, Finances, Membership, Marketing and a few Lodge Committees that you can afford to operate.

For now, <u>Mark Your Calendars</u> and <u>plan to send More Than One Person</u> to Lewistown. Also, call your hotel of choice to reserve rooms. Within a few weeks, we will be sending another email with the General Agenda that will list the clinic topics and presenters.

Finally, we ask your Lodge to consider hosting an upcoming Mid Winter Meeting & Clinics. It is a great opportunity to bring Elks from across Montana to visit your Lodge, Club and community. A separate email will be sent on this topic.

I look forward to seeing many of your Officers in Lewistown.

Fraternally,

John Morford
President
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