To: All District Ritual Chairpersons

Greetings Fellow Elks! I hope everyone had a blessed and peaceful Christmas. Our Ritual Clinic is upon us, and once the New Year arrives we will hit the ground running! Saturday, January 11, 2020 is the date and the Florida Elks Youth Camp is the place. The clinic will start at 9:00am sharp on Saturday morning and will conclude by 5:00pm. This will be a one-day clinic, so we have a lot to cover, including certification and re-certification of judges, and discussion of the new 11:00 Toast Grand Lodge competition.

Should you have the need for overnight accommodations for Friday night, please let me know when you RSVP how many rooms are needed. The cost is $55/night/person: $40/room and $15/meals. Dinner is on your own for Friday night, however, breakfast and lunch on Saturday will be served by the Youth Camp. If you have any special dietary needs, please also include that information.

Remember, this clinic is not solely for certification of judges, nor is it only for Ritual teams who will be competing at our State Convention. All Elks who are interested in the proper form of Opening and Closing of the Lodge and the performance of the Initiatory Ritual are also encouraged to attend, including Lodge Ritual Coaches. Any Elk in good standing may certify as a judge by attending the clinic and receiving a passing grade in the examination. Only Past Exalted Rulers are eligible for certification as a Floor Judge; however current Exalted Rulers may take the test for first approval. Any Elk may take these tests for practice.

The importance of a properly performed and impressive initiation ritual for our incoming members is vital to the growth of our lodges and is the heart and soul of our order. It is what sets the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks apart from every other civic, fraternal, and charitable organization in the country. We should be proud to execute it, as when our ritual is performed correctly, it is most impressive to our new members. I am certain that many lodges in our state have inspiring ritual initiations and choose not to compete. Thank you for continuing this important Elks tradition and know that my Vice-Chair Becky Spence and I are here to support your efforts.
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RSVP directly to myself or Becky at our contact information below- please do not contact the Youth Camp directly. Thank you for keeping our ritual tradition alive and well, and we look forward to seeing you on January 11!

Fraternally,

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