

## A Message From the VEA Membership Chair to all Virginia Elks

Elks Do! And we are doing it in a big way! As of yesterday VEA has initiated / reinstated **788** New Members. That puts us at almost 95% of our goal of 834. **Great Work!!**

However, we still have 103 candidates anxiously waiting to be a part of our Order. Please try and get them initiated in the next two weeks so we can reach our goal.

We have a unique opportunity in having one of

our own serving as Grand Exalted Ruler this year. Wouldn't it be great to greet Ron and Nancy at our convention having met our membership goal?

Fifteen of our twenty-nine lodges are on track to be on the plus side this year. And overall as of yesterday we are **8,498** Virginia Elks Strong!

It is also not too late to get some of those delinquencies taken care of. I encourage you to talk to your Lodge Membership Chair to inquire if there is anyone you can reach out to over the next few weeks to let them know you miss them and encourage them to come to the Lodge.

On the National level the Elks have welcomed in **66,240** new members putting us at 84% of our goal and 5.2% delinquency. We are trying to reverse the downtrend we have experienced for so many years. Let's show the Country what Virginia Elks Do!

If you have membership questions or need ideas how to get delinquent members back, please do not hesitate to contact me. [justincreiter@gmail.com](mailto:justincreiter@gmail.com)

Cheers to what has already been a great year!!

Fraternally yours,

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