

## **Blood Drive Committee Report**

Thanks to all the Lodges that have either held a blood drive or have a blood drive scheduled in the near future. If your lodge does not have a blood drive scheduled, now is the time to start coordinating a blood drive to help offset the winter holiday shortage.

The Community Blood Center or Red Cross will work with you throughout the entire process to ensure your drive is a success. They will provide you with all the tools, materials and information you will need. They rely on organizations like the Elks to provide a convenient location for donors to give blood. About fifty percent of blood donations in the US are collected at mobile blood drives setup by organizations like the Elks.

Sponsoring a blood drive is a great way to give back to your community. When your Lodge sponsors a blood drive, you are helping to support life in your community. If your Lodge does not sponsor blood drives to help your community, please consider doing so. It is a great way to show your community Elks Care, Elks Share.

- **Someone needs blood every two seconds.**
- **Shortages of all blood types happen during the summer and winter holidays.**
- **There is no substitute for human blood.**

Respectfully Yours  
Randy Pringer  
Blood Drive Chairman

