



My name is Bud Clarkson. I am the new editor of the Shozem magazine

I was voted to do this at the Board of Directors meeting on Friday. It was also voted that I would do two electronic editions and 1 hard copy in addition. Since the year is half over I will probably not get that done this year but will be ready to go for next year I will try to get out the electronic edition at least once and the hard copy by the year end.

In order for everyone to receive an electronic edition I need for each lodge to send an email to shozem@avelks.com or to bud@avelks.com.

I will email each lodge after I receive that email with a short paragraph that you can submit in your newsletter.

It was also brought up that the district directors are responsible for choosing the district Shozem editors. I would like each district director to either accept the responsibility or put a replacement in his spot. I would also ask that the person you choose contact me and that they attend the vice president's clinic and speak on behalf of Shozem. I would like to see either the director or the representative immediately following this meeting.

I am also going to try to establish an individual email list for all Elks members so that each person can receive an electronic edition. As a 40 year retired postmaster I know that postage costs are high and continue to increase. One thing that I intend to do to help cut the Shozem budget is to send out more electronic additions and less postage additions. If you would like to help me decrease postage cost please send me an email stating that you would like to receive all of your Shozem online.

One of the things that I have started doing as vice president in the Southeast district is to create an email list for our district. I intend to do the same thing statewide for the Shozem.

If your Lodge has a big project coming up that you would like to reach out to the Elks population just send me an email and I will distribute it to the other lodges and elks that are on the mailing list. Just please use discretion in what you send. Remember the statutes anytime you post anything to me especially if it advertises an event, we do not wish to break any Elk laws.

I have been somewhat of a computer geek all my life and I have other ideas that I plan on putting in place. This is a computer world and the Elks have just began to tap what is available to us.

It will take time but I am retired and I will do my best to serve The Elks of the state of Missouri. If you have any questions you can contact me by email or see me after the meeting. I am in the directory as SE district vice president Bud Clarkson.