

# Message from the President



Let me first offer a great big “Thank You” to everyone in Nevada State Elks Association for bestowing on me the honor of representing you as President. I pledge to do my best in serving you and BPOE to the best of my ability.

I will cherish this state office as one of the highlights of my life. Over the past several years of being active in the State Association, I have come to know many of you and have developed many friendships. In the course of my term, I look forward to deepening those friendships and forming new ones. Reports from Past Presidents make me feel nervous and eager at the same time. Nervous come from not knowing if one year is sufficient to accomplish my many goals and eager is about looking forward to visiting each and every lodge in Nevada and to meeting as many of you as I can.

As this time, Nevada Elks have an opportunity to make a bigger difference than we ever have as we carry out our mission. Unfortunately, the opportunity exists at the cost of tremendous financial difficulties not only for individuals but also entire communities and counties in Nevada. I charge you as Elks to recall that “the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United State of America will serve the people and communities through benevolent programs, demonstrating that *“Elks Care and Elks Share.”*”

It seems that wherever you look, business, programs and services are dwindling. Fellow Nevadans are working harder and longer, yet their lives seem more and more difficult. I ask that Elks lodges statewide go that extra mile this year to be of service to your communities. Be aware of your community’s needs and take note of what can help alleviate those needs. Do even more of all the noble and charitable works this great order is known for.

Remember: B.P.O.E. stands for the  
*“Best People On earth”!*

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