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State President's Message

Let me begin by thanking the membership for allowing me the honor of leading our association this year. Eileen and I look forward to visiting the lodges of our wonderful association and learning of all the fraternal and charitable activities conducted.

The charitable activities are particularly important to me, resulting in my motto for the year "**Growth thru Community Awareness**". In my opinion our dedication to programs for our youth, our Veterans, those in distress and the communities in which we live and work, are what allows the BPOE to claim the title "the Best People on Earth". This is not intended to diminish the importance of camaraderie and fellowship in the slightest degree, but only to draw attention to our good works.

As an Order, we work diligently to gather and document our charitable activities. I urge everyone to participate in this endeavor to the greatest degree possible. I can tell you from first-hand experience that