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State President's Message

To the members of this "Great Association", let me thank you for allowing me the honor and privilege of leading our Association. Diane and I look forward to visiting the Lodges of our Association and learning all the fraternal and charitable activities you conduct throughout your communities. I am looking forward to working with our State Sponsor, Paul D. Helsel, the Advisory Committee, State Officers, and the State Committees to continue to grow our Association and strengthen our communities.

"Strength In Numbers" is my motto for the State Association year 2022-2023. As Lodges grow in membership, as they have done the past few years, it enables them to become stronger and more vibrant Lodges. As the number of your membership grows, it increases your ability to improve your revenue but also more important, it increases your ability to attract more interested members to become involved as officers, committee members and leaders of your Lodge.

“Strength in Numbers” can also apply to the committees of your Lodge. Committees that work as one can be less productive than a committee with a group of members involved. A one-person committee is likely to fail once something unexpected happens to that individual. Committees with numbers can continue to function and execute their duties with communications being a key factor.

I ask our Lodges and members to support the Elks National Foundation and our State Project, Elks Camp Barrett, along with the William J. Jernick Fund and the Army of Hope. Make our communities aware of the magnificent work we do in the name of Elkdom. Be visible and communicate by whatever means you can. Be proud and loud of the great work we do for our communities.

Thank you again for allowing me to serve as your President. It is truly an honor and privilege to serve this Association.

Fraternally,

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