



NEVADA STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE 2023-24

It is my great honor and privilege to be chosen for the highest office in the Nevada State Elks Association. As Nevada's First Lady, Marie, and I travel the Great State of Nevada and beyond, we pledge to you that we will do our best to represent Nevada to the best of our abilities and make you proud. We will try to

live up to the standards set forth by our predecessors of State Presidents and First Ladies. We look forward to traveling to other state associations and the Grand Lodge Convention in Minneapolis, MN to brag on what the Nevada Elks do, so keep up the good work!

I find it hard to believe that it was twenty years ago this year, when I really got active in Reno Lodge #597, and it all started with Ritual. I was asked to be the Candidate for the ritual team and the rest is history! I do feel that over these twenty years, that within Elks Lodges, the rituals are fading away and we need to bring them back into our Lodges. After all, it is our history, and it is what built the great fraternal organization of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. As we move forward, please keep in mind that we are part of ELK LODGES and not Country Clubs. Let us get back to our roots!

At this time, I would like to thank all my Officers and Committee Chairs that have stepped up and accepted the role that they fill. I know there will be challenges along the way and we will meet these challenges. Together, we can make a difference and continue the success that our State Association has had. It is important that we continue to report all the great activities that we do within our lodges and communities. If you are a committee chair in the state association or in your lodge, please keep track of your events and document hours, miles, and contributions to be able to report to the State Committee Chairs so we can brag on ourselves. Speaking of bragging, for several years, Nevada has been #1 in Elkdom for giving to the Elks National Foundation (ENF) based on per capita by member. I would like to take this opportunity to THANK ALL OF YOU for this accomplishment. The more we give to ENF the more we get back in grants for the great charitable activities that we do in our communities.

Once again, Marie and I look forward to traveling to the Lodges in the Great State of Nevada, connecting with old friends and making new ones! I was once told that an Elk does not have to be asked to do something, they just jump in and do what is needed and a member is a card carrier that usually just complains. BE AN ELK, NOT A MEMBER!!!

Faternally,

Frank Reynolds, III
NSEA President