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Dear Fellow Elks,

It is my great pleasure and privilege to announce that Grand Exalted Ruler Bryan R. Klatt and First Lady Susan Klatt will be joining us at the Washington State Elks Association Summer Convention in Pasco, Washington this June.

Grand Exalted Ruler Klatt, a proud member of DeKalb, Illinois Lodge No. 765, has dedicated over four decades to our great Order. He has served in virtually every capacity at both the state and national levels, including as Grand Secretary of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks from July 2008 through July 2025—the longest-serving Grand Secretary in our Order’s modern history. His tireless commitment to Elkdom and his passionate advocacy for our mission make this visit truly special for our state.

Bryan and Susan are traveling throughout America this year under their theme, “Be the Difference,” encouraging all Elks to make a meaningful impact in their communities. Their visit to our convention is a tremendous honor for Washington State, and I encourage every lodge to be well represented for this occasion.

The Washington State Elks Association Summer Convention will be held June 17–20, 2026, in Pasco, Washington. This is a truly exciting opportunity for our members to meet the leader of our great Order face to face — to shake his hand, share a conversation, and experience firsthand the energy and inspiration that Bryan and Susan bring to every community they visit. Moments like these remind us of the strength and spirit that unite Elks across the country, and they are ones our members will long remember. I encourage every lodge to be well represented and to bring as many members as possible to Pasco this June.

On behalf of the Washington State Elks Association, I extend our warmest welcome to Grand Exalted Ruler Bryan R. Klatt and First Lady Susan Klatt. We look forward to an unforgettable convention in Pasco this summer.

Fraternally,

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