

**Kevin Kennedy - State President – 2011-2012**  
**Illinois Elks Association**



**A Message From Your State President, Brother Kevin**  
**January - February 2012**

I trust the Holiday Season was great for all of our members, their families, and our friends. Yes, we focus on the holidays to remember how fortunate we all are and address the needs of those less fortunate... Please remember that for those in need, including our veterans, a short visit, a smile, handshake, and perhaps fixing a leaky faucet, will represent a "joyous holiday" for them any time of the year.

While preparing for our upcoming IEA State meeting, please be generous with your donations for the S.O.S. program. We still have service-people all over the world who appreciate our efforts. Let's show them how much Elks Care – Elks Share.

Our IEA State Meeting is approaching fast. All IEA State Meetings offer a wealth of information for our Lodges and our members. Many members have never attended a State Meeting. Please make them aware of all of the information shared in our meetings and conferences. If you are in attendance, take advantage of all the various committee meetings that are available. Our State Chairpersons and their committee-members, as well as our Program Coordinators spend a lot of time preparing information for the Districts and Lodges. Your participation not only shows support for their efforts, but also your ideas, suggestions, and contributions will help to inspire other Lodges and Members. Your participation does make a difference.

Our IEA Website, the IEA Newsette, and our email distribution list continue to be a wonderful source of information for our members and friends. What better way to acquaint new members with what we are about. These publications represent all Lodges and aspects of Elkdom from across our great State of Illinois and well beyond.

**Remember, keep your eye on the big picture: Have fun, get along, help those who need help, and get the word out about Elkdom.**

Remember to continue "**Helping America**" one deed at a time.

**K.E.V.I.N**  
**(Keep Elks Volunteering Intensified & Noticeable)**

My email is [K.Kennedy@illinois-elks.org](mailto:K.Kennedy@illinois-elks.org) and my telephone number is in the IEA State Directory.

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