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Grand Exalted Ruler

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A Fraternal Organization

TO: The Membership and Local Lodges of the BPOE

REG: COVID-19 Relief

As the COVID-19 pandemic has taken over our lives, it has also taken over the financial stability of many of our Lodges within the Order of Elks. After discussions with various Grand Lodge officials, the following action was recommended and approved by the Board of Grand Trustees:

It is the recommendation of the Board of Grand Trustees that Grand Lodge provide to each Local Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America a monetary one-time grant in the amount of \$1,500 for Lodge COVID-19 financial relief.

Be advised, the total amount provided to assist our Local Lodges finances will be more than \$2.7 million dollars.

On behalf of the Grand Lodge family, I want to thank everyone for all you do in making the BPOE the greatest fraternal organization around.

And lastly.....Stay Safe, Stay Healthy and God Bless!!

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul R. Ryan".

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