



# WELKCOME to the ELKS OF CANADA!

YOU ARE AWESOME!

My name is Cory Blair and I am the Director of Member Services for the Elks of Canada. I am writing you today in saying thank you for joining our organization. You make us ELKSPROUD:

We are non profit organization that has been giving back to communities across Canada since 1912 .We have over 200 Elks Lodges with about 7,000 members across our country. Every year we give back to our local communities in Canada through fundraising, special projects and our national charity for children. Over the past 100 years we have donated funds to over 10,000 individual kids with disabilities and sponsored provincial hearing and speech programs. We help build and maintain hockey rinks, ball diamonds and recreation centres so families like yours and mine can enjoy community togetherness. We help our communities when they are in need.

As a new member I would encourage you to follow us on social media, get familiar with our website and most importantly bring your personal strengths to your local lodge. Without people like you, our kids, families and communities would not have programs in place or receive support when in need. In this package there is information on our national charity as well as a quick to do list for you to get acclimated as a member of our organization! Again thank you and we appreciate your passion for helping people across Canada!

Sincerely,

Cory Blair

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## Vision

To be the most progressive family focused organization in Canada, meeting community and member needs and expectations

### What it means to be an Elk/Royal Purple Elk

- Proud to serve the community we live in
- Helping children and families through tough times
- building friendship and fellowship
- Volunteering
- Building self esteem and leadership skills

## Lodges

Each lodge from across Canada is different. There are many lodges that have been around for years that have a more traditional legacy style. There are lodges that are also incorporated with business investments. There are also lodges more contemporary, with diverse members that are younger, older and people in between, that focus on the social cause.

**Welcome to the Elks. We are so excited that you have joined our dedicated, community minded, proud organization.**



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## Mission

A national, fraternal, charitable organization identifying and addressing community needs through volunteer efforts of its membership

## Grand Lodge

Grand Lodge is based out of Regina SK. It is made of an executive board that is comprised of 8 members elected from across Canada. Positions are the same as individual lodges with the leader called the Grand Exalted ruler. Grand Lodge also has staff that handles the day to day operation of the organization. All of this information can be found on the website: [Elksofcanada.ca](http://Elksofcanada.ca)

## Convention

Each July, we hold our national convention. It is held in a different lodge location each year. It includes presentations, from our national committees, voting on executives, resolutions but most importantly a chance to meet other members from across Canada.

## Positions of the lodge

President  
Immediate Past President  
1st Vice  
2nd Vice  
3rd Vice  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Chaplain  
Membership Director  
Publicity Director

## Lodge Committees

Lodges may have standing committees for certain events and projects. Lodges that own property or are incorporated have a management committee that acts as a buffer between the lodge executive and the incorporated business

## What to wear to meetings?

Regalia is optional at meetings. Please feel free to wear what is comfortable. Our on-line store has lots of Elks branded clothing to choose from if you need new gear!



## Elks Apparel



## Social Media

The Elks use social media to communicate. Join us on Facebook as well as Twitter. We use our social media platforms to tell our stories and communicate important information to our members. We also post our digital Canadian Elk magazine on-line for our members to read. When you have an awesome story let us know! We can post it, share it and tell the world!

## Website

Our website has everything you need. We have lodge materials, our bylaws and constitution, blogs, lodge directory, info on our charity, and of course our story. We also have an On-Line store to get all of your Elks apparel.

## National Sports

Every year there is a national curling event, dart events, provincial bowling and golf.

## National Committees

There are 5 main committees each with a prevalent role in our organization. Charities, Member Services, Marketing, Finance and Judiciary

NEW MEMBER  
TO DO LIST:

HAVE A CONVERSATION WITH  
AN ELK MEMBER AND ASK  
THEM WHY THEY ARE AN ELK

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE  
ELKSOFCANADA.CA

CONNECT ON SOCIAL MEDIA  
@ELKSOFCANADA

WRITE A SHORT PARAGRAPH  
ON WHY YOU BECAME A  
MEMBER AND SEND IT TO US

SIGN UP TO BE A MONTHLY  
DONOR TO OUR NATIONAL  
CHARITY

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Elks & Royal Purple  
Fund for Children







# The Fund for Children

*Transforming lives one child at a time....*

In 1956 the Royal Purple Fund for Children was created by the Elks to be their nationally charity. The fund for children is there as support to help lodges reach their mission and goals of growing and helping communities, and children with hearing and speech disorders across the country. We could not help the children as we do without Elk member's and lodges immense generosity and enthusiasm.



Caitlyn was funded 3 times over the course of her life for hearing aids from Elks & Royal Purple Fund for Children. She is now a graduate of Vancouver Island University's Child and Youth Care Degree Program



Emily was behind in her development due to the inability to hear with an insufficient hearing aid, funded by the Elks & Royal Purple fund for Children for advanced hearing aids, Emily's speech and language development skyrocketed.

When YOU join The Elks of Canada, YOU change the lives of in-need children and their families. Your dedication, passion and contribution are vital to expanding the incredible charitable work of lodges and the charity on a national platform. We are so excited to welcome you into The Elks family, and community. We know that you and your lodge are going to impact your community in invaluable ways. Thank you for exemplifying what it means to be an elk, Equality, Love, Kindness and Service.

Sincerely,

National Charities Committee  
Elks & Royal Purple Fund for Children