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Grand Exalted Ruler



Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

In writing this final report I'm not sure if I'm happy or sad. This year has gone by so fast and although it has been the most wonderful time for Debi and I travelling and meeting so many great members, it feels like I should be able to do more. I want to help every Lodge that is struggling and participate with Lodges that are doing great. I've had the opportunity to do a lot more radio and newspaper interviews these past few months and I do my absolute best to promote the local Lodges and what they accomplish in their communities.

In Gander while I was there I was even invited to be the guest speaker at a volunteer appreciation evening. I congratulated all the people who were there (60) on helping their community and then stressed the importance of belonging to a group that does this on a regular basis. I then spoke to what the Elks do locally and nation wide. I was approached after the meeting and was asked further

questions about how they could help. I hope they felt the passion I spoke with and realize that as a member of a charitable group there is so much more they can accomplish.

Looking back to May of 2018 when the worst thing in my life happened with the passing of our son, Debi and I had to take a little time to assess what we were going to do. We knew we needed family support to get by this. Both of us feel that the Elks are our family and we decided that we would do the travel and try our best to move forward with our lives. Our son wanted us to do this. Our whole family wanted us to enjoy this experience. And the choice we made was definitely the right one. Our Elks family welcomed us with open arms and made us feel fantastic. Not a day goes by that we don't think about Michael but we know he is with us and smiling down on us.

All the Lodges we visited and the anniversaries we attended have been special in their own way. Each visit we learn something new and meet a whole new bunch of friends (family). Yes, there has been some bumps along the road but were easily overcome. The time Debi and I have spent travelling this great country has been invaluable to us and I have said if this job was open to apply for I would be all over it!!! The positives from this job far outweigh any negatives that may arise.

As I mentioned, there are some Lodges out there who need some assistance and maybe we need to look at reinventing the office of "Grand Lodge Organizer" to lend help and troubleshoot problems with Lodges before they turn in their charter with no warning. It seems like every meeting we are accepting charters at an alarming rate. Is there something we could have done? I read with great interest the exploits of Paul Miquelon who did this job over the course of many years. His revitalization skills were quite amazing. By visiting all these different Lodges and provinces one sure can see what the problems may be and offer help to get by them. At the rate we are losing Lodges and members we are not going to be here for our second hundred year celebration. Brothers and Sisters, we need your help in identifying the troubled Lodges and if you can't help, let us know so we can offer something to them. Our communities and every child in Canada deserves a normal and happy existence. **We do that!!!**

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A MESSAGE FROM THE

Grand Exalted Ruler

I have been asked in interviews what is the “take away” for you this year. My answer has been my take away will be the satisfaction that I have done everything in my power to ensure the survival of the Elks and Royal Purple Elks in all our great communities. One of the greatest things I have done this year is present years of service pins. Anywhere from 5 years all the way to our first ever 80 year pin!!

Yes 80 years of service. Mr. Allen Bowie has been a member of the Rosalind Elks Lodge (Alberta) since 1938. I have a picture of the actual membership application Mr. Bowie filled out in 1938. A great celebration was held in the small town of approx. 100 people. He still attends Lodge meetings if he has a ride there. The 50 year pins I presented were special as they come with an official letter of thanks from me as the GER.

I was told by Past Grand Exalted Rulers, that this was going to be a wonderful experience but they didn't tell me it would be this fantastic time that Debi and I will never forget. It is the most rewarding time a person could have meeting people from all over this diverse country. So therefore I think it is sad I'm going to be when I have to hand over the reigns to Brother Barkley. I have great confidence in the abilities of Brother Barkley to continue the great works of the Elks of Canada with the Grand Executive by his side. But happy I was able to do my part in spreading the encouraging words that all Lodges need to continue to do the great things we do.

So I am still on the fence on the “happy or sad” question. I guess I am both happy and sad.

Remember, **“BE PROUD OF WHO YOU ARE AND VERY PROUD OF WHAT YOU DO”**

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Yours in Elkdom,



Ron Potter
Grand Exalted Ruler



Hour of Eleven

"The clock of their day has stopped...across it's face the motionless

shadows mark the hour of eleven - our period of recollection."

British Columbia

DUNCAN ELKS #69
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FERNIE ELKS #81
KELOWNA ELKS #52
KIMBERLEY ELKS #90
MISSION ELKS #30
NANAIMO ELKS #26
PENTICTON ELKS #51
PORT COQUITLAM ELKS #49
SALMON ARM ELKS #455
TERRACE ELKS #425
VANDERHOOF ELKS #473
WESTSIDE ELKS #592

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Brother ROBERT D. YOUNG
Brother DAVID WALKER
Brother RON BEANLAND
Brother HORACE M. HICKERSON
Brother LEO VAN PELT
Brother DON MCKILLOP
Brother VICTOR PRISE
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Brother JOHN YAZLOVASKY
Brother FRANK GIGLIOTTI
Brother MORRIS WRIGHT
Brother PETER SMYTH
Brother W. T. NORISH
Brother EDWIN DIRKS

Alberta

BARONS ELKS #224
BARONS ELKS #224
BARRHEAD ELKS #332
BROOKS ELKS #77
CALGARY ELKS #4
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DELIA ELKS #489
DIDSBURY ELKS #514
DRAYTON VALLEY ELKS #391
GRANDE PRAIRIE ELKS #285
HAIRY HILL ELKS #304
LAC LA BICHE ELKS #470
LESLIEVILLE ELKS #351
MYRNAM ELKS #350
PICTURE BUTTE ELKS #268
PINCHER CREEK ELKS #474
RED DEER ELKS #85
RED DEER ELKS #85
STAVELY ELKS #112
THREE HILLS ELKS #190
TRENVILLE RP ELKS #248
TROCHU ELKS #168

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ESTEVA ELKS #113
KINDERSLEY ELKS #492
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Manitoba

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MONCTON ELKS #229
MONCTON ELKS #229
WOODSTOCK ELKS #349

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Brother GERALD J. GAUDET
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Ontario

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Quebec

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Northwest Territories

YELLOWKNIFE ELKS #314

Brother ANDY BARNET

Nunavut

IKALUKTUTIAK ELKS #593

Sister SHANNON KEMUKTON

PAST GRAND EXALTED RULER BROTHER ROBERT J. LARSEN PASSES AWAY



Robert was a member of the Grande Prairie Elks Lodge No. 285. He first joined the Elks in 1977 in Crossfield. Robert's parents were members of the Elks and Royal Purple in Hardisty. When his parents worked on projects in Hardisty as he was growing up, they brought him along. It was through his parents he became interested in community service and the Elks, and thus when asked if he was interested in joining, the answer was yes.

As a member in Crossfield Lodge, he became Exalted Ruler in 1981-82. That year the Lodge celebrated its 25th anniversary and saw the Lodge gain 23 new members. He served as P.E.R. continuously for 2 years, rewriting the Lodge's Bylaws, and serving on many committees.

Robert served on various Grand Lodge and Provincial Committees, served as a District Deputy, and in 1986 was elected to Tyler in the Provincial Association and

progressed to Provincial President for the 1991-92 term. His tenure in the Elks included serving on the Alberta Elks Foundation, many years on the Provincial Judiciary and Forward Planning Committees as well as two years as Chairman on the ISTAR board.

In 2005, Robert was elected to office of Grand Inner Guard and worked his way up to becoming Grand Exalted Ruler in 2012.

Robert had his own computer consulting business, in Grande Prairie, and continued to be actively involved in his community.

Robert spent time with his family, 5 children; Jo-Anna (Dwayne) Camrose, AB; Victoria, Hafford SK; Martin (Jackie) Fairview, AB; Evelyn (Bruce), Rainbow Lake, AB; Baron, Lloydminster, AB and 5 grandchildren. He also enjoyed his high performance cars, collecting firearms, and the great outdoors including photography and hunting.

Robert's theme for his year as Grand Exalted Ruler was **"The Future is Now"**. This stemmed from the belief that the Elks have built a strong foundation to continue into the next century with confidence that the principles and ideals of the Elks hold true. Robert believed we could make a difference to those who needed the help as we worked together for the betterment of the communities that we live in.

Unfortunately his health failed him in the last couple years of his life and Robert passed away peacefully on April 4, 2019.

"Well done thou great and faithful servant"

ALBERTA



Being President of the Alberta Elks Association has been a big event in my life. Not only did I achieve a goal I had set for myself a long time ago, but I did it with the help of some of my best associates and people I have a great deal of respect for in the Elks of Alberta.

Yes – I achieved my goal. But it came with a great deal of responsibility and dedication. I tried to keep these factors in mind while discharging my duties. I tried to represent our Association in the best light possible and not bring any due dishonour to the office I was responsible for, and proud to hold.

Yes – there were places where I could have done things better or more efficiently but time and my health limited me to certain restraints. For this I am truly sorry.

A President likes to leave his office in a bit better position than he entered it and I hope I have done this.

I was blessed with some of the best Executive that any leader could have on his team and I thank each and every one of them for their efforts and in some cases, going that extra mile.

With the strategic plan we started in Nisku, we hope that we have laid the cornerstones for Lodges to improve and grow well into the future. This is a work in progress and my wish is that future Executives will add to the ground work your current Executive have laid out.

It was a pleasure to visit our member Lodges. Thank you for courtesies you extended to me on my visits. It was great to see how our member Lodges have taken the needs of their communities and made them their own. They have raised funds to aid the less fortunate and in doing so have made their Lodge a proud part of every community they are in. Thanks to the members who traveled with me and drove so I wouldn't get too road weary.

Yes – membership is our big issue but many Lodges I have visited are working hard to increase their membership and, in some cases, helping neighboring Lodges to bring their roll up.

I cannot brag too much on the efforts the many Lodges do to make well needed funds for those projects the Association and the Foundation provide, but they also help their down-home projects as well. This gives them a solid base in their community. The population of said communities have nothing but praise for their local Lodges.

I would be remiss in not thanking Lynda Petten for her due diligence to the Secretary-Treasurer's office. She has been a big help not only to myself but to the two factors of our Association. The selection committee will have a hard time to replace her as she has set the bar very high. Thanks again, friend.

To Darren and his team – I wish you the best in your term and if there is some way I can help, please give me a call.

With this I remain –

Vic Schmidt, President 2018-2019
AB Elks Association



ONTARIO



Greetings brothers and sisters,

Well this past year has flown by as I am sure the same is true for all presidents across the country. I was able to make 9 lodge visits this past year and I have been very inspired by my visitations to lodges across the province and meeting some of the membership that are doing all the hard work that is required to help their communities and promoting Elksdom!

Although Ontario has some lodges that are struggling and membership is always an issue overall, we have some lodges that are doing better than ever! As an association it is our responsibility to make sure these lodges that are struggling do get the help they need and not by supervision or that type of mechanism but by being proactive and providing some nuts and bolts solutions to membership and the other issues that arise in lodges. This past May 17-18 was our Provincial Conference held at my home lodge of Wellington #566 and those issues were front and centre at the pre and post conference discussions not to mention a motion was passed that will help the membership director to make a difference going forward! I would like to give a big shout out to G.L.K. brother Derek Barkley and G.E.R. brother Ron Potter for attending our conference. Brother Ron made a very entertaining and passionate address to the delegates and I want to thank him for attending and conducting our elections. My year has come to an end now so I will take this opportunity to thank all the executive members and all the appointees for their efforts this past year! I would also like to wish incoming president Brother Randy Vincent a very successful year going forward and I know he will do a great job! In closing I just want to thank everyone for their support over the past year and wish everyone success in the coming year. THANK YOU!

Fraternally,
Immediate Past Provincial President
Dave Bowden

TERRITORIES



Greetings from the Territorial Elks Association!

This has been a great year for Lodges in the Northwest Territories and Nunavut. Over the past few months, we've all been busy initiating new members and making a big impact in our communities. I am particularly excited that Lodges in the Territorial Association are bringing together youth, adults and elders to interact and learn from each other. This gives me great hope for the future of the Elks in Canada.

Cambridge Bay's spring festival happened in late May. Ikaluktutiak 593 hosted a youth and elders day including fun games and lots of good food. Each elder received a special gift at the

event, and there were door prizes available for youth in attendance. A community pancake breakfast and wing nights are among the other things that 593 is doing to bring the community together and entice new members.

Frobisher Bay 570 in Iqaluit donated \$500 to the Kids Help Phone and \$1,500 to their yearly Bruce Borton scholarship. The Lodge provided \$500 in funding to their local arts festival, Alianait, which will give the Lodge tons of local and tourist exposure for two weeks in the summer. They are also trying out an elimination draw, which could raise \$40,000 for their Lodge if all tickets are sold!

Yellowknife 314 continues to give out several scholarships a year as well as support the local Air Cadets program. The "Adopt a Street" garbage pick-up program has proven to be a great way for cadets to keep the area around the Lodge clean which is greatly appreciated by members. Best of luck to Ikaluktutiak 593 in Cambridge Bay who continue to fundraise for their new building expansion, including a raffle with a brand new ATV as the grand prize. The expansion will be 80 by 40 feet and attached to their existing Lodge. They are hopeful construction will start this summer and continue in 2020.

Fraternally,
Nicole Bonnell – Yellowknife No. 314
President, Territorial Elks Association

MANITOBA



It has been my very great privilege to be the President of the Manitoba Elks Association. I was also very honoured to be elected by all the other Provincial and Territory Presidents to be their Chairman (President of the Presidents).

Looking back, there are always things I could have done better during my tenure, but we must all look forward. It was my great fortune to have a great team and I thank the M.E.A. Executive for their dedication and support during the past year.

During my travels, visits, awards, anniversaries and phone conversations, I have concluded the following:

- We, the Elks, have some of the most dedicated members of any organization I have ever seen.
- The amount of good we do for our communities would be sorely missed if we should cease to exist.
- I feel that we should be more proactive in helping lodges and work closely with Member Services both Provincially and Nationally.

I can think of 3 things that could be accomplished in the next year by our National Member Services and Provincial Member Services Committees:

- Help each lodge to use social media.
- Help each lodge prepare a hand-out brochure listing their past accomplishments, etc. to promote their lodge and increase public awareness.
- Help struggling lodges put on, plan and organize a membership event.

These 3 steps have the potential to improve the morale and health of all our lodges.

As we go forward, I encourage all our members to be gentle and kind with each other. Remember, co-operation with others is so important. Use your perception, experience and tenacity for the betterment of your lodge. Know when to lead and when to follow!

God Bless You All!

Guy J. Mullen, President
MB Elks Association

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These gorgeous butterfly cards were created by Hannah Hicks of Nova Scotia in support of the FFC. Hannah Hicks is an accomplished artist with down syndrome, her mother Jill is an audiologist and member of SAC. All money raised from the sale of these cards goes to the charity!



LODGES IN THE COMMUNITY

Carstairs Elks wELKome New Members and Award Longtime Member



Pincher Creek Elks Spearhead Massive Project



Sixteen months after an open house to unveil the project, \$104,183.46 has been raised to support the local Habitat build.

The Pincher Creek Elks spearheaded the drive to raise funding for a Habitat for Humanity build in Pincher Creek. With the assistance of all the service clubs and charities here in Pincher Creek (population approx. 4000) they can now begin the construction of a duplex for two deserving families.

The project was worked on by all of the service clubs in the area and shows the power that a joint effort can accomplish. Individually this would have been a monumental task but together the people of Pincher Creek made it happen.

Way to go!

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LODGES IN THE COMMUNITY

Prince Albert RP Elks Make Multiple Donations!

Community involvement and supporting our community are what the ladies of the Royal Purple Elks #50 are proud to be a part of. Over the past few months donations have been made to various community organizations throughout our city.

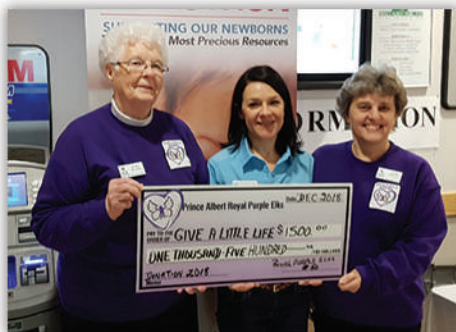
With hard work and dedication, the Royal Purple Elks #50 ladies, procure funds through their Tea and Bake sales held twice yearly, monthly bingo's and ticket sales. Funds raised go back into the community. Youth are our future. Program's enhancing and developing our youth are a way to ensure continuation of volunteering and leadership in our communities. In our city, Senior's make up the largest percentage of Volunteer's. With continual exposure around the community and in the media, various clubs and organization's could once again become vital and vibrant.

The Royal Purple Elks #50 have been involved in our community since it's inception and work closely with the Elks club. Both men and women are EQUALLY WELCOME to join either the Elks or Royal Purple Elks. Our joint "FUND FOR CHILDREN" and the S.P.A.R.C. Center (Saskatchewan Pediatric Auditory Rehabilitation center in Sktn) are examples of the outstanding work done by the Royal Purple Elks and the Elks. S.P.A.R.C. is an active participant in the Saskatchewan Cochlear Implant Program. In Prince Albert we have had a significant number of youngster's go through our program. One young man continues the commitment of volunteering by collecting tabs and donating them back towards helping the S.P.A.R.C. Program.

The Fund For Children, efforts are directed to the communication, health and needs of children, in many cases providing kids with the funds to attend speech therapy, afford hearing aids and more. Requests for (children) 19 years and under are all considered.

As an organization, being totally community supported, we, the Ladies of Prince Albert Royal Purple Elks #50 would like to sincerely Thank everyone for your continued support.

Donations have been given to:
Camp Circle of Friends
Cartier Equine Center
Give A Little Life Day
Two Miles For Mary
Crime Stoppers
Mt. St. Joseph's Foundation



Sports Pins...Did you pay your \$50 invoice to support our beloved National Curling & Darts programs?

Thank you to all the lodges who continue to support our annual Sports Pins campaign! We cannot do it without you!

LODGES IN THE COMMUNITY

Riverton Elks Celebrate 50 Years!



On May 4th the Riverton Elks #530 celebrated their 50th anniversary. The ceremonies included the installation of new officers and 50 year pins for four members who have been part of the Riverton Elks for all 50 years.

Left to right are the 50 year members: Stefan Eyolfson, Anton Peterson, Wilbert Thorarinson and Carl Monkman with the new Exalted Ruler, Brady Collins.

The Riverton Elks motto is: "Working with the Community for the Community". To that end, charitable donations are annually made to community events, sports and recreation, community services and facilities, seniors, youth, medical needs, education, and many other charitable activities. This year's fundraising is for renovations to the Riverton Centennial Park, the Riverton Memorial Arena and community charitable donations.

The Riverton Elks are proud of the fact that we have had a new Exalted Ruler for each of those 50 years!

Carberry Elks Win Volunteer Group of the Year



When you think of the Carberry BPO Elks, the first thing that comes to mind, is "Where do I even begin describing what they have done for us over the years." They have been a big part of our community and surrounding area for over 57 years. With their active participation in the many events in town like running the Food Booth all weekend at the Fair and putting on the Pancake Breakfast Sunday, to participating in the Fair and Christmas Parades among other things. It just wouldn't be an event if the Carberry Elks weren't involved.

The Elks have quite the history in our community since they began on November 1, 1961. The Ice Carnival with the King and Queen contests were quite popular for many years and of course it can't be Grey Cup season without their Grey Cup ticket fundraiser and the

Garden Shed Raffle in the spring/ early summer. It's through their fund-raising efforts and participation in the different community events, that our area has benefitted greatly from their generosity.

The Elks have contributed so many positive things to our town over the years. Starting off with their very first project of installing and painting the ceiling for the Community Hall, to assisting in the formation of the skating club in 1962 and to this day, still supporting the Public Skating - Sticks and Pucks program. But that's not all, they also make donations to the people in the community as well. Whether it be sponsoring the youth in the area to have the chance to take part in amazing learning or sports experiences, helping out different community members by donating two Victoria Life Lines to Service for Seniors, assisting with donations to other community groups like Christmas Cheer, continuing their work on providing financial support to children under the age of 19, that have hearing and speech disorders and possibly working with another service group to provide eye screening for children, this group really and truly believes in giving back to the community.

These are just a couple of the numerous things that the Elks do for our community. I know there is so much more that can be mentioned about this group and their generosity to the area, but I would be afraid of leaving something out. This small snapshot into what they have done for us definitely shows that they are very deserving of the Volunteer Group of the Year award. This award was presented at the Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting

- Al Sjolie



LODGES IN THE COMMUNITY

Reaching for Rainbows



Wellington Elks Exalted Ruler, Randy Vincent, presented a cheque for \$500.00 to the directors of Reaching For Rainbows. This is a Prince Edward County program which helps girls, ages 6-9, build their self esteem and reach their potential in life.

Great job Wellington Elks Lodge!

Elkhorn Elks Recognized for Outstanding Community Efforts



It was an amazing night for the Elkhorn Elks Lodge. Taken from their Facebook page you can read here:

"Big night for our Lodge!! We were lucky enough to be awarded a grant from the Elkhorn and Area Foundation Inc for \$5,885.00 with which we will purchase a new floor machine for our hall. Thanks to Progressive Westman for helping us out with the new machine. Also very surprising we were awarded the Community Contribution Relationship Award, and thanks to Westwood Ranch Garden Centre for sponsoring that award! Tough for us to say thank you to everyone, BUT Thanks to the Elkhorn & District Chamber of Commerce for again hosting their Gala Awards Night in our hall!!! #ElksProud Elks of Canada"



Congrats to all the members of Elkhorn on some recognition well deserved!

Gander, Newfoundland

Gander is a town located in the northeastern part of the island of Newfoundland. It is located on the shores of Gander Lake and it is the site of the Gander International Airport.

Gander was chosen for the construction of the airport in 1935 because it is very close to the great circle route from Europe to Canada.

During the Second World War, the area was a strategic post for the Royal Air Force Air Ferry Command which transported Canadian and American personnel, fighter and bomber aircraft to Europe.

After the war, the airbase became a civilian airport and the location of the town was moved to its present site.

Most of the streets in Gander are named after famous aviators.

The population of Gander is approximately 12,000.

The average temperature in Gander for July month is 22 degrees Celsius.

Gander has many parks and walking trails such as Cobbs Pond Rotary Park, Gander Heritage Memorial Park, Silent Witness Memorial, the War Memorial, the Thomas Howe Demonstration Forest trails and Gander Heritage Trails.

The Gander Elks Lodge would like to welcome you to our beautiful community and the 107th National Annual Convention.



Twillingate Tour

Join us for a once in a lifetime experience. Enjoy a beautiful boat tour (see some Whales perhaps?), see the Long Point Lighthouse and enjoy a Dinner Theater with your choice of meal.

Please contact us for more information!

North Atlantic Aviation Museum

The North Atlantic Aviation Museum is conveniently located on the Trans Canada Highway, in the town of Gander, NL. The property is located immediately adjacent (and connected by walking trail) to the Tourist Information Center. Appointments can be made to view the museum and the 9/11 tour as well.



Silent Witness Memorial

The Silent Witness Memorial Park is dedicated to those who lost their lives in the 1985 Arrow Air Crash at that site. The Silent Witness Memorial is located eastbound on the Trans Canada Highway.

Thomas Howe Demonstration Forest

Along with some surprises, the Thomas Howe Demonstration Forest walking trails provide great opportunities to explore the local floral and fauna near Gander, Newfoundland.

The 54 square km of land is located on the Gander International Airport Site.



NATIONAL ELKS OF CANADA CONVENTION 2019

Quality Hotel & Suites
100 Trans Canada Hwy, Gander NL
(709) 256-3931

MONDAY, JULY 15 AT 4:00 P.M. – FLAG RAISING AT TOWN HALL

TUESDAY JULY 16, 2019

<u>TIME</u>	<u>FUNCTION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
2:00 – 4:00 pm	NL Provincial Conference	Quality Inn – Salon A & B
3:00 - 6:00 pm	Convention Registration	Quality Inn – 2 nd floor top stairs
12:00	Lunch (NL delegates, etc)*	Gander Elks Lodge
7:00 pm	Meet & Greet	Gander Elks Lodge

- Lunch – NL delegates, Grand Executive, Grand Lodge Staff, Provincial Presidents, 1st Vice Presidents, Committee Chairs

WEDNESDAY JULY 17, 2019

7:30 am	Store/Office (closes ½ hr after sessions)	Quality Inn – Salon C
7:30 am - 8:15 am	Convention Registration	Quality Inn – 2 nd floor top stairs
8:30 am – 12:00 pm	Sessions (10:30 am Coffee)	Quality Inn – Salon A & B
12:00 - 1:00 pm	Convention Registration	Quality Inn – 2 nd floor top stairs
	Lunch (included with registration)	Lunch – Gander Elks Lodge
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Sessions (2:30 pm Coffee)	Quality Inn – Salon A & B
6:00 pm	Fish & Chips night/ Karaoke (Included with registration) (non delegate tickets \$35.00)	Gander Elks Lodge

THURSDAY JULY 18, 2019

7:30 am	Store/Office (closes ½ hr after sessions)	Quality Inn – Salon C
7:30 am - 8:15 am	Convention Registration	Quality Inn – 2 nd floor top stairs
8:30 am – 10:00 pm	Elks & Royal Purple Fund for Children Annual General Meeting	Quality Inn – Salon A & B
10:00 am – 10:30 am	Cheque Presentations	
10:45 am – 12:00 pm	Sessions (10:30 am Coffee)	Quality Inn – Salon A & B
	Lunch (included with registration)	Lunch – Gander Elks Lodge
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Sessions (2:30 pm Coffee)	Quality Inn – Salon A & B
3:00 pm SHARP	Election of Officers	Quality Inn – Salon A & B
6:00 pm	Fin & Feather Supper (entertainment & Screech In) (non delegate tickets \$35.00)	Gander Elks Lodge

FRIDAY JULY 19, 2019

7:30 am – 12:00 pm	Store/Office	Quality Inn – Salon C
8:30 am – 12:00 pm	Sessions (10:30 am Coffee)	Quality Inn – Salon A & B
12:00 pm	Lunch (Not provided)	
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Installation of Officers	Quality Inn – Salon A & B
6:00 pm	GRAND BANQUET (included with registration)	Quality Inn – Salon A & B
	Cocktails at 6:00 pm	
	Supper at 7:00 pm (non delegate tickets \$45.00)	
9:00 pm	Entertainment – DJ at the Lodge	



ELKS Connect Your Community

Tips for getting a community project started:

- **Communicate the Significance of the event.** To inspire and persuade prospective partners to get involved, you must be able to explain the significance of the program or idea
- **Create Buy-In Within Your Organization.** Before you can elicit the support of outside groups, you need to create buy-in within your own organization. This will ensure that your organization's leadership and staff can work as a united, well-informed team as you reach out to external partners.
- **Decide What Level of Partnership You Want to Create.** There are four partnership levels: communication, coordination, cooperation, and collaboration. Each level reflects increasing levels of interaction, sharing of resources, and inter-connectedness among partners. Decide on which level you want to engage with others in your community.
- **Create a Community Partnership Committee.** The members of this committee should reflect the diversity of the community and represent various community stakeholders. The committee should focus on identifying prospective partners, reaching out to engage them in the initiative, and shaping the nature of the partnership.
- **Identify the Best People to Invite New Partners.** When reaching out to invite new partners to the initiative, think about who has an existing connection to the new partner and who would be most likely to get a "yes" response. For instance, your members may be best suited to reach out to other community leaders. But, volunteers can serve as recruiters too, if they have the best connection to the organization or person you're trying to involve. Help prepare these partnership ambassadors to make the "ask."
- **Engage New Partners.** Think creatively to find new individuals or organizations that are not currently involved in activities, but should be. Consider: who is absent? Do we represent a broad cross-section of the community? Are we being intentionally inclusive? Ask your partnership ambassadors to seek out three or four people with different skill sets and/or social networks to engage in the initiative.
- **Select a Meaningful Local Theme.** If you decide to have a local theme for your initiative, make sure that it has meaning for your community and for your potential partners by reflecting current local needs and concerns.
- **Define Goals and Desired Outcomes.** Work with your partners to explicitly define your shared goals and outcomes so that you know you are moving toward the same vision. You should also define clear roles and responsibilities for each partner. Make sure to communicate often with your partners to ensure that these shared understandings remain in the forefront of your initiative.
- **Keep it simple.** While planning an initiative is not really a simple undertaking, the spirit of the event is straightforward—respect each other and work together in goodwill. Remember to continuously say "thank you" to all involved and have fun!
- **Remember: Relationships Build Community.** The partnerships that you develop during an initiative can form the basis of ongoing, long-term relationships that extend beyond this collaboration to benefit the community in many ways. Relationship-building is a very powerful community development strategy.



ELKS EVENTS *Connect Your Community*

Lodge Promotion in Communities:

Self promotion, Media promotion (Advertising), Public Relations, Charity promotion

Self Promotion - Hold Community Minded Events that are **OPEN TO ALL**

- Yard sales, Dances, Dinners, BBQ's, Fish-Fry, etc.
- Entertainment such as live band, comedian, stage performers.
- Holding public events/activities like crib (cards), darts, paint nights,
- Wine/beer tastings, casino night, etc.
- Sporting events such as bowling, baseball or golf tournaments.
- Hold kids events!! (movie nights, arts and crafts, kids cooking, picnics, etc.). Have Charlie attend too if possible.
- Advertise within the Lodge itself (awards, posters, photo albums) showcase what the Lodge has done to help the community. Others will see this when they come for events. Information table set up in the Lodge at events also helps. Free give-aways are also popular.
- Consider partnering up with another non-profit group and host an event.
- Sponsor a children's sports team, such as soccer, hockey, T-Ball. This may offer you the opportunity to attend some games and set up a booth or table with info about your Lodge and the Order.
- Volunteer at already an established annual community events and wear an Elk's shirt... set up booth at event
- Advertise upcoming events in the Lodge (bulletin board, posters etc.)

Media Promotion (Advertising)

- Ensure media is present whenever donating within the community. If they are not available then take pictures and info yourself and provide it to them.
- Encourage the recipients of your lodge donations to share the news on their social media accounts, print media, radio, newsletters, etc.
- Set up lodge social media accounts (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc.). Be sure to appoint a lodge member or two to maintain the accounts and use #ElksProud
- Take advantage of free advertising available in community for non-profits.
- Circulate a lodge newsletter to members but also a schedule of events to the general public.
- Have media coverage at you lodge for GER visits. You can work in conjunction with Grand Lodge and your Provincial Association to ensure that this happens.

Public Relations

- Offer your hall to other non-profits that may not have a building. This is a great way to potentially establish a working relationship with them. If your lodge does not have a building then you could also approach a non-profit that does about sharing their facilities. Once again this can establish a relationship.
- Donate lodge rental time to community municipality events such as election voting, temporary shelter, warming centre. This is a great way to promote your lodge and generate positive public relations.
- Every person who walks into the Lodge is a possible promotion (word of mouth).
- Ensure the Lodge is friendly and inviting when the public is there.
- Hold a Membership Drive at the Lodge or elsewhere in the community.
- Again, have awards, posters, photo albums out in the Lodge to show how you contribute locally
- Advertise upcoming events the Lodge will be having in free newsletters etc.

Charity Promotion

- Have table set up at events for charities (info. banner etc.)
- Attend public events with free giveaways from FFC (book markers, stickers)
- Have advertisements set up at events you go to outside of Lodge. Making people aware of our charity is key.
- Promote the charity via social media. Share stories as well as information on the FFC.
- Direct people to the National website whenever the opportunity arises.
- Be sure to show off how the FFC has been utilized to assist within your own community.
- Use benefactors of Lodge Dollars as source for membership or at least asking a group that was helped to volunteer as helpers for an activity the lodge is hosting.
- Always have contact information available for anyone who shows interest.

Elks Proud Recipients

EST. 1912



Bro. Ron Ethier



Bro. Ken Thibault



Bro. Warren Garner



Bro. Mack Clark



Bro. Carl Potter



ELKS AND ROYAL PURPLE FUND FOR CHILDREN

TRENTON WOOLER ELKS HELP OUT SHEPHARD FAMILY



The Trenton Wooler Elks were able to present the Shephard family with two cheques in the amounts of \$500 and \$1000 to assist them after they suffered a fire to their home. They are now on their way to getting settled in a new place.

NEEPAWA ELKS HELP OUT KULBACKI FAMILY

On Mar. 21, members of the Neepawa Elks and Royal Purple presented the Kulbacki family with a cheque, following the loss of their home to fire on March 2.

From left: Ron Petch, Neepawa lodge chair of the Elks & Royal Purple Fund for Children; Jim Schmall, exalter ruler of the Neepawa lodge; Jory Kulbacki; Royal Purple member Bernice Nelson; Cohen Kulbacki; Royal Purple member Joan Kitson; Chris Kulbacki and Elks member Ross Howard.



Speech-Language &
Audiology Canada
Communicating care

Message from the Speech-Language & Audiology Canada (SAC) Scholarship Committee

This year, SAC received 26 applications for our Elks and Royal Purple Fund for Children scholarships. The recipients include one student in audiology and 12 speech-language pathology students.

Your contribution supports these students as they work towards their goal of becoming communication health professionals who will provide quality services to children with hearing, speech or language disorders and their families.

On behalf of SAC, the SAC Scholarship Committee and the scholarship recipients, I would like to warmly express our sincerest thanks for the Elks' continued support.

Benoît Jutras, Ph.D., Aud(C)
Chair, SAC Scholarship Committee



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NEW WAYS TO SUPPORT THE FUND FOR CHILDREN

6 Pack Butterfly Cards - \$30.00 (Blank Inside)



These gorgeous butterfly cards were created by Hannah Hicks of Nova Scotia in support of the FFC. Hannah Hicks is an accomplished artist with down syndrome, her mother Jill is an audiologist and member of SAC. All money raised from the sale of these cards goes to the charity!

Fund for Children / Elks proud Key Chain - \$25.00 (Receive \$20 tax receipt)



Heavy duty, high quality keychain for a cause!
When you purchase this keychain for \$25.00 you receive a \$20.00 tax receipt.

Both available for purchase through the online store or placing an order through Wes



Elks and Royal Purple Fund for Children

Scholarships

Elks & Royal Purple Fund for Children Susan Lane Scholarship (\$2000): Ngoc (Diana) Tran – University of Toronto

Elks & Royal Purple Fund for Children Deborah Kully Scholarship (\$2000): Lauren Komarnicki – University of Alberta

Elks & Royal Purple Fund for Children William Blake Scholarship (\$2000): Karen Lenehan – Dalhousie University

Elks & Royal Purple Fund for Children Gordon Leslie Memorial Scholarships(\$1000 each):

Andrea Power – Dalhousie University

Riddhi Thaker – Minot State University

Marika Robillard – Western University

Katelyn Bernier – McGill University

Carolyn Norton – University of British Columbia

Hanna Lyle – University of Alberta

Hilary Carroll – McGill University

Myriam Dupuis – University of Ottawa

Eugenia Gokhman – University of Alberta

Emily Lennon – University of Alberta

"Good evening,

I wanted to write and express my sincere gratitude for receiving the Elks & Royal Purple Fund for Children Gordon Leslie Memorial Scholarship for the 2018 year. This very generous support will be ever so helpful for my tuition payments for continuing to work towards my Speech-Language Pathology career.

I am so thankful for all of the amazing work that you do. I will be returning to Manitoba once I am finished my schooling, and I know that you have also provided funding for the Manitoba Central Speech and Hearing Clinic there.

Many thanks again, and all the best with the coming year.

Sincerely,
Hilary Carroll
Speech Language Pathology Student"

"I am very grateful to have received one of the Elks & Royal Purple Fund for Children Gordon Leslie Memorial Scholarships. I have attached a thank you letter addressed to the donors of this award. Would you be able to please forward this letter to the donors?

Thank you very much and happy holidays!

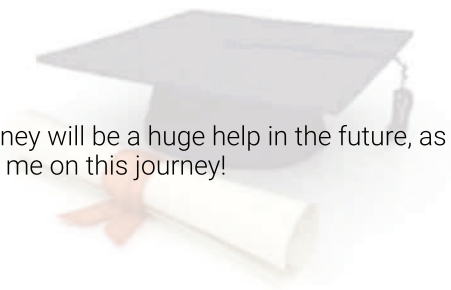
Marika Robillard
M.Cl.Sc. Candidate, Communication Sciences and Disorders (SLP), UWO"

"Good evening Ms.Hill,

Thank you so much for choosing me to get this scholarship, I feel so honoured. This money will be a huge help in the future, as I finish up my masters and move to a new place to start my career. Thank you for helping me on this journey!

Happy holidays, and once again, thank you.

Genie Gokhman
SLP Student Clinician
University of Alberta"





Memorial Donations

Golden Book of Memories

Memorial Donations are gifts of money given to the National Charity, the Elks & Royal Purple Fund for Children, in memory of a deceased friend or loved one. Forms are available to submit the information for a memorial donation, and donations can be made on line.

THE GOLDEN BOOK OF MEMORIES are leather-bound books with special pages which commemorate the memory of deceased persons. When memorial donations reach \$300.00, the name of the deceased is entered.

THE FOLLOWING NAMES WERE ENTERED INTO THE GOLDEN BOOK OF MEMORIES
BETWEEN JANUARY 8, 2019 AND APRIL 10, 2019:

Chick, David
Smyth, Peter
Hickerson, Horace M.
Montgomery, Marie
Hughes, Margaret
Herod, Wayne
Hiscock, Annie
Norish, Bill
Terlson, Clint
Manning, Roland
Lloyd-Carlson, Norman
Billington, Garth
Shofner, Marion
Byron, Howard
Terry, Eldon

Halkirk, AB
Terrace, BC
Fernie, BC
North Bay, ON
Elnora, AB
Vanderhoof, BC
Grand Falls Windsor, NL
Vanderhoof, BC
Swift Current, SK
St. John's, NL
Myrnam, AB
Edmonton, AB
Grande Prairie, AB
Corner Brook, NL
Milestone, SK



PRESERVE THEIR MEMORY IN THE GOLDEN BOOK

For a total memorial donation of \$300.00 or more individuals will be honored in the Golden Book of Memories.

Be sure to include name of deceased, and next of kin information with all memorial donations!

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THE ELKS &
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"PATIO LANTERNS"

ORIGINAL ART BY:
JUDY KOSZMAN

Purchase a Patio Lanterns
ringed notepad for **\$12.50** to
support your national charity!

WIN A WINE TREE!

Elks & Royal Purple
Fund for Children



NEW CONVENTION FFC AUCTION
PLEASE CONSIDER BRINGING a bottle of wine as a
donation to 2019 GANDER CONVENTION AUCTION!

**YOU will have the chance to bid on a
wine tree containing 30-60+ bottles
of wine!
Shipping of your prize is included!**

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Devon & Jones 1/4 zip pullover
\$49.95



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NOTEBOOK
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\$4.99



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