

There are no words to express how humbled and proud I am to have the privilege to serve as your 2019 / 2020 Alberta Elks Association President. Thank you to my family, friends and the members of the Elks for their support on my road to becoming Provincial President. I hope I am able to serve you proud during my term of office.

Elkdom is in my blood you could say as both of my parents were members of the Elks of Canada in Edgerton, Alberta. My mother was a proud member of the Royal Purple while my father was a member of the Elks. Watching them volunteer with this great organization sparked an interest in me to join.

Twenty-seven years ago, I proudly took the oath and became a member of the Breton Elks Lodge. During my time in Breton I was able to serve as Exalted Ruler in 1999-2000 and then again in 2002-2003 before settling into my role as Treasurer which I have held now for thirteen years. I had the opportunity to serve as District Deputy, followed by District 6 Acting District Deputy, Liaison Officer, North Zone Central Curling representative for many years and a member of the Host Committee for both the 2011 and 2019 Provincial Conferences.

In 2012 while attending the Provincial Conference held in Edmonton, I was approached by fellow delegates and asked to run on the Provincial Executive which I gladly accepted. The years flew by and gave me the opportunity to learn and grow not only as a member but a leader. Being installed as President was a day I will never forget. With the help of my Executive Team I believe we are going to have a strong and accomplished year.

I have lived in Breton, Alberta for the past twenty-eight years where I own my accounting business. I enjoy participating in curling and golf when time allows. I have also served on many community boards and committees as both a member and chairman.

I look forward to meeting as many members as possible during my travels this year. My theme for this year is MEMBERSHIP RETENTION.