

# ALBERTA ELKS NEWSLETTER

## Presidents Message



My year as Provincial President is officially underway, and I have had the opportunity to visit a few lodges in September. I am impressed by the feedback I have received on how to better serve you, your lodges, and your communities. Fresh views and ideas are always welcomed, and I assure you they do not fall on deaf ears.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that it is ELKtober. Take this opportunity to put a press release in your local newspaper highlighting the accomplishments of your lodge and what you do to help your community. Perhaps your lodge is in need of a membership drive; consider hosting an open

membership night and invite the community in to learn more about the Elks. Whether your lodge attracts new members, or relights the spark in current members anything we can do to help others is what Elkdom is all about.

I look forward to meeting new friends, catching up with old friends, and learning more about what role your lodge plays in your communities as I continue my journey.

## Volunteers Needed



Alberta Elks Foundation is in need of two members to sit on the Alberta Elks Foundation Float Committee. Duties will be to obtain requirements for large category parades and develop a design update for the float. The deadline for applications is November 30, 2019. If you have any questions please email [albertaelksfoundation@shaw.ca](mailto:albertaelksfoundation@shaw.ca)

# WANTED

FOUNDATION  
SECRETARY / TREASURER  
FOR A FULL LIST OF DUTIES  
AND RESPONSIBILITIES  
EMAIL  
[ELKS.SECRETARY@ABELKS.ORG](mailto:ELKS.SECRETARY@ABELKS.ORG)



Elks quilt made by Sister Shelley Fakir of Didsbury Elks Lodge #514. It accompanied Brother Ron Townrow when he was travelling during his time as Provincial President. The quilt was auctioned off and found its forever home in the entrance of Kimberley Elks #90.

GROW THE ORDER IN  
**ELKTOBER**



**ELKS OF  
CANADA**

EST. 1912

Host an event, bring a friend into the lodge, partner to do something awesome in your community!!! Our mission is to grow the order in October!! Lodge prizes for most member sign ups!! Instructions for ELKTOBER for lodges are below!

During the month of October get as many new members to sign up and fill out an application form [elkssofcanada.ca/join-us](http://elkssofcanada.ca/join-us)

With each new member take a picture of them with their application form. Send us the pictures @ [grandlodge@elkssofcanada.ca](mailto:grandlodge@elkssofcanada.ca)

Lodge secretaries were provided with a sign-up sheet to keep track of the new members during the month. After the month of October, lodges that participated are to send the sign-up sheet with new member information to Cory Blair – Director of Member services. @ [cblair@elkssofcanada.ca](mailto:cblair@elkssofcanada.ca), the due date for sending the sheet in is November 21st, 2019.

Lodge information will be updated and confirmed and winners will be announced by December 1st, 2019.

## We've simplified the website for you!!

Google "Elks of Alberta" and on the front page you will see "Bylaws & Regulations, Forms", etc. on the left hand side. Click on one of those "buttons" and it will open up both the Association and Foundation documents on one page - even easier to find items. Let us know what you think. If you any suggestions or questions, don't hesitate to contact the Secretary/Treasurer at [elks.secretary@abelks.org](mailto:elks.secretary@abelks.org)

# Meet the Team



**District Deputy Joan Hannah:** Sister Joan of Didsbury Elks #514, was born in Montreal, Quebec and resides in Didsbury, AB. Joan was a farmers' wife for many years and has two children, two step children, many grandchildren and great grandchildren and of course her love of animals is her greatest hobby. Joan has recently taken up camping, in her camping van, and her constant companions are her dogs Bruzer and Roxey. She has been involved in many organizations over the years from teaching swimming lessons at the YWCA, being a Girl Guide leader, Board of Director for the Lone Pine Agricultural Society, the Farmers' Curling Bonspiel as well as her love of the Royal Purple, of which she went through all the Lodge chairs, then served in 1996 as the Royal Purple Association President. Joan then joined the Elks of which she is still very involved in and is currently serving her 2nd term as District Deputy for District 12.

## Walk for Children

Looking for North & South zone hosts  
Contact Diane Wilson  
1 (780) 514-4273



**District Deputy Sister Meghan Pollard** of Fort Saskatchewan Elks #399. Meghan is a mother to 4 #Awesome kids, and wife to Neil for the last 16 years. She joined the Elks in 2013, which was the same year her dad Jim McLeod was GER of the Elks of Canada and is a 3rd generation Elk. Meghan is most known for spearheading or convincing the Fort lodge into new events and moving their annual Canada Day BBQ across the street. She has served as the lodge Publicity Director and Loyal Knight for the past two years. Meghan is serving her 2nd term as District Deputy to District 5 and has served on the Grand Lodge Membership Services Committee and Provincial Publicity Committee. Most of our members will recognise her name from our Facebook and Social Media platforms, as Meghan is the primary drive behind the daily posts to the pages for the past two years. On her non-Elk "off time" Meghan works for MCG Career Inc as a Job Placement Specialist assisting Albertans in finding work, volunteering in the community or hanging out with her family and giant dogs at home in Fort Saskatchewan.



## President Tracker 2019

October 2, 2019	Hardisty Elks #167	8:00P.M.
October 3, 2019	Wetaskiwin Elks #91	8:00P.M.
October 10, 2019	Fort Nelson Elks #400	7:30P.M.
<i>October 19, 2019 Red Deer Elks Anniversary</i>		
<i>October 19, 2019 Olds Elks Anniversary</i>		
October 22, 2019	Benalto Elks #40	8:00P.M.
October 23, 2019	Lac La Biche Elks #470	8:00P.M.



## Looking Good Didsbury



As part of the Alley Art Walk in Didsbury the lodge painted a mural on the back of the Elks Hall. The leaves were created by the community members. This mural is the first building done for the Alley Art Walk. Well done Didsbury!

# Coming Soon

**Leslieville Elks**  
ELKS B.P.O.E. 351

Please join us to celebrate the community spirit and involvement that supported us as we rebuilt!

**Leslieville Elks Lodge Grand Opening**  
Saturday October 5 3-9pm  
Ribbon Cutting @ 5pm  
Complimentary BBQ Supper ~ Cash Bar

Elks #412 Member and Guests are invited to our **ELKTOBER**

**Steak & Trivia**  
Saturday November 2, 2019 5:30PM - 9:00PM

Steak And Trivia Night  
Join us for a fun filled evening with great food, great prizes, door prizes and live trivia. The BBQ is on and we are excited to show off our local Elks Lodge.

Tickets  
\$15.00 Adult  
\$10.00 Child under 12  
\$25.00 Couple

Purchase tickets at 88 Goodwin, Office of Camp Head Quarters

Bring the Office of Camp Head Quarters (downstairs)

For more information  
Phone: 403-239-1146

**ISTAR FUNDRAISER EVENT**

When: Sunday, October 20, 2019  
Time: 4:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Where: Mayfield Dinner Theatre  
16615 - 109 Avenue NW, Edmonton

Cost: \$30 per ticket (charitable tax receipt will be issued for the eligible amount)

Tickets Available At: [bit.ly/ISTARquartet](http://bit.ly/ISTARquartet)

Come out and support ISTAR while enjoying a complimentary cocktail, a silent auction and music inspired by the great musicians - Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis and Carl Perkins!

This event will be held the week of International Shuttering Awareness Day (ISAD).

Note: A special price is reserved for Elks members who buy tickets before September 15th. One purchase will win a King suite stay at the DoubleTree Hilton in West Edmonton location of the Mayfield Dinner Theatre. This can be used on the event night, or before November 15, 2019.

**LOOKING FOR A LODGE PROJECT?**

For a list of lodge project ideas, visit our website at

<http://elkssofarberta.ca>

