



Dear Brothers and Sister Elks and Royal Purple Elks -

The Christmas Season will be soon upon us and I think it only appropriate to remind ourselves that this is a time of hope. For 2020, hope that you stay safe and healthy. Hope that 2021 will bring relief from the challenges of the COVID19 pandemic. Hope that we can soon sit together and share our stories. Hope that soon we can laugh about 2020 - the year that truly wasn't!

Many Lodges have faced the challenges of 2020 with courage and continued Elks Pride in reaching out into their communities to do whatever they could to help. Thank you. Others have had to hunker down and suspend meetings and fundraisers. But you've done it to be safe. Thank you. To Lodges who want to have meetings, reach out to find out how the ZOOM system works...the Association can help you set it up! It's really quite easy and very fun...much better than teleconferences.

My friends, remember... no matter how small, every kindness is rewarding. So, this season, although you may be unable to celebrate in the traditional manner your family and friends hoped for, remember the little joys in receiving a phone call or a face-time call...an email or Christmas Card. Be the one to reach out and call or text or post or mail....reach out with a smile and love.

On behalf of the whole of the Alberta Elks Association Executive, thank you for your time, energy, commitment and faith that we will get through this.

Seasons Greetings and Best Wishes to All with Hope for a better 2021!

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