

FEBURARY 2023

# ALBERTA ELKS NEWS



## Queen's Jubilee Medal Recipients



On January 28, 2023, at a special ceremony at the Didsbury Elks Hall, 10 Members of the Alberta Elks Association were recognized with Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Medal. Each member was recognized for their significant service to the Province, the Association and the Order. The ceremony took place in 3 locations over the month of January recognizing the contributions of the members.

*Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Medal is used to recognize outstanding Nova Scotians of all ages and from all walks of life, who have built and continue to build a caring society and Province through their service, contributions and achievements. The recipients were all recognized through this medal program as contributors to building strong community.*

To the members, Thank You for your unwavering support for the Elks of Canada, our Association and most of all our Communities. You are what makes us all Elks Proud. Congratulations and Well done.



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# Alberta Elks Foundation Proudly Presents Mighty Lil' Elk Program

Dear Brothers, Sisters and Ladies,

At the 2022 Conference held in Brooks, the Alberta Elks Foundation presented the Mighty Lil' Elk Program to the delegates. Mighty Lil' Elk is a new program created to support children and their caregivers in medical emergencies. Lil' Elk bags are \$60 each, and contain hygiene products, a universal phone charger and a \$25 Visa gift card.

The Mighty Lil' Elk program has currently distributed 150 bags to the Red Deer Regional Hospital, Medicine Hat Regional Hospital and Grande Prairie Regional Hospital. Bags will be distributed to patient families by the hospital Social Workers and Nurses as they see a need. The bags are targeted to be given to families who end up in the hospital during an emergency with their child and haven't had time to grab essentials before transport. This means, a family went to their local hospital for medical support or treatment and before they have a chance to pack they are loaded into an ambulance and sent to a bigger center for treatment.

In addition to the Hospital Survival Bags, parents are given a postcard that leads them to the Alberta Elks website where they can find additional information about the Elks as well as nominate their child for the "Mighty Lil' Elk Club".

The children who are nominated will receive a certificate welcoming them to the club, and one child will be selected monthly to be featured in our Alberta Elks Newsletter with their contact information forwarded to the lodge closest to the child in the event that the Lodge has the Alberta Elks Foundation Float or has a special event.

We look forward to sharing with everyone at the AGM this June the successes we have already seen with the project and are looking forward, because "Together We Can" make the lives of families change during great uncertainty.



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# ALBERTA ELKS FOUNDATION



## 54th ANNUAL RAFFLE

First Prize

# \$30,000 CASH

Second Prize

## \$10,000 CASH

Third Prize

## \$5,000 CASH

Fourth Prize

\$1500 in Fas Gas Gift Cards



PROCEEDS FROM THIS RAFFLE ENABLE US TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO:

I.S.T.A.R. - Institute for Stuttering Treatment & Research Training, Research and Treatment of Stuttering in Children and Adults

Local Community Projects  
Support Local Minor Sports, Youth Groups, Playgrounds, etc.

Assistance to Underprivileged Children  
With Equipment to Live and Learn in Special Schools

Elks & Royal Purple Fund for Children  
Supply Hearing Aids and Tests for Canadian Children

Tickets  
**\$2 OR \$5**  
each for

30% of all Ticket sales go directly back to the selling Lodges to invest in their communities

### FINAL DRAW DATE JUNE 8, 2023

All Draws to take place at the Didsbury Elks Hall, 1914 - 20th St. Didsbury, AB

Early Bird Draws **March 9, 2023** \$500 Fas Gas Gift Card **April 13, 2023** \$750 Fas Gas Gift Card **May 11, 2023** \$750 Fas Gas Gift Card

## TICKETS AVAILABLE

Local Contact

[www.elksofalberta.ca](http://www.elksofalberta.ca)

78,200 TICKETS PRINTED Tickets may only be purchased or sold within the Province of Alberta. Tickets not to be sold to anyone under the age of 18 years. LICENSE NO. 605560



## ELKS AND ROYAL PURPLE

# Walk for Children

The Elks and Royal Purple Fund for Children is our national charity. It provides us with an excellent opportunity to help those in need as well as exhibiting the very principles on which we were founded.

The 2023 Walk for Children is being held on May 15th

The Chair of the Walk is looking for coordinators for all 4 Zones to help plan the walk for each region. The Chair is also seeking and host Lodges for each region.

Interested in hosting or coordinating in your Zone?

Connect with Walk for Children Chair

Brother Vern

email: [vernthuroo@yahoo.ca](mailto:vernthuroo@yahoo.ca)

ph: (403) 820-0650



TAKE A PHOTO OF ME WITH YOUR SMARTPHONE TO CHECK OUT THE FOUNDATION WEBSITE!

<p>13606 Name: John Doe Address: Mailing Address City/Town: Didsbury Phone: 999-999-9999 AGLC Required</p>	<p>13606 Name: J. Doe Address: Box 000 City/Town: Didsbury Phone: 999-999-9999</p>
<p>13606 Name: John Address: Box 000 City/Town: Didsbury Phone: 999-999-9999</p>	<p>13606 Name: John Doe Address: - City/Town: Didsbury Phone: 999-999-9999</p>

Incorrect!  
No Initial  
must be  
full name

Incorrect!  
NEEDS  
last name

Incorrect!  
must have  
FULL address

Did you know there is a right and wrong way to fill in our Provincial Raffle Tickets?

In order for us to present a winner to AGLC all tickets MUST have the following;

**FULL ADDRESS**  
**FULL FIRST AND LAST NAME**  
**CURRENT CONTACT INFORMATION**

It is the responsibility of the Lodge selling the tickets to ensure they are correct prior to handing your customer the ticket stub.

This must be completed **prior** to sending your tickets into the Raffle Chair

Thank you to everyone for ensuring we run a great Raffle!  
Margo

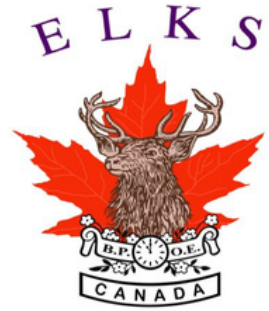


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# ALBERTA ELKS ASSOCIATION COMMUNICATION CHART



You're invited to **Join Us** OKOTOKS ELKS PRESENTS SUPER BOWL 2023

Great Food  
Cold Beer  
Pool  
Darts  
Poker  
Game Draws

**NFLA-Arizona Chapter Welcomes Super-Bowl LVII**

ELKS MEMBERS ONLY

ARIZONA

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 12<sup>th</sup> 4:00 – till whenever

## Dawson Creek Elks

Dawson Creek Elks #289 on behalf of the Elks & Royal Purple Fund for Children donated \$4,000 to the Voss Family for speech therapy for young Idabel Voss. Pictured are members Doug Becotte, Shirley Brown and Pat Hunter along with mom Amy Voss as well as children Joe, Idabel and Nick Voss.

### We Have a QR Code!

**What is it?** A QR code is a machine-scannable image that can instantly be read using a Smartphone camera.

**How Does it Work?** QR codes often contain data for a locator, identifier, or tracker that points to a website or application.

**Why is it Awesome ?** The quick response system became popular because of its greater storage capacity compared to standard barcodes. Use of QR codes allow Non-Profits the ability to Market their information without the bulky "packaging".



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## Elk Point No. 460



Brother Michael, acting Exalted Ruler of Elk Point Elks Lodge #460 presents a \$1000 cheque to Bro. Albert who has served on the Haying board and was a volunteer at the Haying in the 30s Annual Festival in Mallaig for many years. Thanks to all who attended the meeting and we look forward to our next gathering

## Vulcan Elks No. 121



Vulcan Elks recently made a donation to the Vulcan Food Bank. The members donated \$2000 to the Society to support the community accessing supports.

## Dawson Creek Elks



Dawson Creek Elks #289 presented a cheque in the amount of \$1,000 to the Mizpah Transition House. This organization provides safe shelter to women and their children who are at risk of violence. Pictured are members Bruce Christensen, Ray Hogleund, Lorraine Summers, Shirley Brown, Clara Ryan, Pat Hunter and Doug Becotte. Receiving the cheque on behalf of the Mizpah Transition House is Amy Washington.

The Speed Skating Club also received a donation of \$500.

### Join us for the inaugural 2023 Regalia Exchange

Together with the Host committee of the 2023 AGM, members are invited to bring with them the Regalia that might be hiding in closets including any jackets, vests, jewels, fez's, cases etc. that you no longer need and we will try and find it a new home.

We are readily able to help those members new to the Association and the Order save money and find regalia for a donation to the Foundation.

If your Lodge or members have Regalia they no longer need (of fit!) Please arrange to have that brought to Stettler in June where it will be made available to the Members in between session.

We are asking **EACH** Lodge to bring home what you bring to Stettler until the next year.

We are hoping this will bring attention to our history and allow our newer members to build their own wardrobe. If you have members unable to attend conference please let someone from your Lodge know so that maybe we can help connect them with properly fitting Regalia.



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# Planning a Better Tomorrow



This past weekend the Executive and District Deputies met for our Mid-Term meeting. Topics of discussion during the meeting included the status of our Association Lodges and what we, as an Association can do to help.

We heard tons of amazing ideas from our District Deputies and WOW we have so many amazing things happening.

Let's keep the momentum going, what are you doing that is awesome for your community? Send us an update on your Lodge!

## Three Hills Elks No. 190



On Thursday, January 26, 2023, Three Hills Elks BPOE #190

Exalted Ruler Brother Mike Reynolds Sr. presented a cheque for \$5,000.00 to Stephanie Walters, of Three Hills, for her 13-year-old son, Tylor, who was diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder at the age of two. Tylor has been selected as one of seven persons to participate in a clinical trial with Sick Kids Hospital, in Toronto, as the only site.

The funds are to help with travel and accommodation expenses as Tylor and his mom, travel to Toronto, in March 2023, to take advantage of this opportunity.

Funding has been provided by the local Elks lodge, the Elks and Royal Purple Fund for Children and the family of the late Bob and Shirley Deans, long time residents of Three Hills and past members of the local Elks and Royal Purple lodges.



# Whitehorse Elks No. 360



Whitehorse Elks Lodge 306 hosted a Robbie Burns night that was the talk of town! Looks like a great night was had and so amazing to see events and engagement happening in the Association.

**JOIN THE FUN**

## 2023 ELKS OF CANADA NATIONAL CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Hosted by  
Stavelly Elks Royal Purple 99  
and  
Stavelly Elks 112  
Stavelly, Alberta  
March 22 - March 25.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**  
Brother Dean Steeves  
403-629-5717  
email:  
dsteeves369@gmail.com

# Three Hill Elks No. 190



Three Hills Elks BPOE #190 Brother Exalted Ruler, Mike Reynolds, presented a donation cheque of \$600 to cover a free Three Hills Community Bus ride program to a very grateful Terry Schlinker, Administrator, Seniors Outreach Program Society. Beginning February 2, 2023, the rides on the Community Bus will be covered under this program and may be ongoing, depending on funding.

## EDMONTON ROYAL PURPLE ELKS #22 CHILI DINNER & SOCIAL



Come out and have a great meal, bring your friends, and meet some new people, enjoy some music, and have a drink (cash bar).

**Saturday, MARCH 4, 2023, 5:00 PM**  
**\$12.00/person**  
11823 - 129 Avenue NW, Edmonton, AB T5E 0N1

Tickets can be purchased in advance by February 25, 2023  
Contact: Joanne Siemens

780.504.7605 or email: [jakeandjo@shaw.ca](mailto:jakeandjo@shaw.ca)



**BROTHER DON GILLIS, GER ELECT**

**BRETON ELKS #402**

**BRETON ROYAL PURPLE ELKS #285**

Invite you to the **INSTALLATION**  
and **CELEBRATION** honouring  
**OUR INCOMING**  
**GRAND EXALTED RULER OF THE ELKS OF CANADA**

Saturday, May 13th, 2023

1:00 pm-5:00 pm

**BRETON COMMUNITY CENTRE**

4732-48 STREET

**BRETON, ALBERTA**

Please RSVP to this friendly gathering by April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023

to: [bretoneleks402@gmail.com](mailto:bretoneleks402@gmail.com)

For questions please contact Ann 1-867-444-9202

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of people attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: The closest accommodations are in Drayton Valley, Rimbey or Leduc. Camping may be available at the Breton RV Park.



A thank you card from Avondale School Students after a January Turkey Dinner was cooked for Students from the Elks.

## With sadness we share with you the following



*"It is the hour of eleven when all Elks cease from their labours and again renew within their hearts their obligations to each other with special regard to our absent and departed Members"*



*Brother Norman Rodger  
Acme Elks Lodge  
October 30, 1933*

*January 31, 2023*



*Brother Gordon Peterson  
Warner Elks Lodge  
November 3, 1942*

*January 26, 2023*



*Brother Rosslyn Zuehlke  
Vulcan Elks Lodge  
January 11, 1945*

*December 25, 2022*



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#somethingtothinkabout

What would happen if all volunteers ceased to give of their time starting tomorrow? We often take for granted the benefits we receive because others take their time to serve, but stop for a minute and think about a community without volunteers.

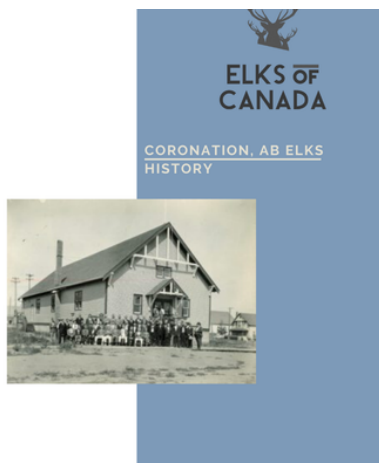
What would happen if volunteers simply disappeared? Seniors would be without meals, parks would close, the natural world would suffer; people would be greeted with locked doors and dark buildings when looking for services they desperately need.

You can't help but wonder how many of those feats never would have happened without volunteers showing up to give of their time? Where would YOUR community be without Volunteers? #VolunteersMatter Your postal code may make you part of a community, but volunteers make you a family. They bind society and create that shared, treasured experience we all seek most in our lives.

#didoeknowfacts;

The Non-profit sector contributes approximately \$9.6 billion in revenue to #ABEconomy **EACH YEAR** There are an estimated 13.3 million Canadians contributing 2.1 billion volunteer hours annually. That's the equivalent of 1.1 million full-time jobs;  
47% of Canadians volunteer; and those volunteers typically contribute 156 hours per year

#thatscrazy #volunteer #elksproud #elks



### Meet Coronation #360

In July 1927, construction of the Elks' Hall was undertaken by the Coronation Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (BPOE). The Club maintained an active membership from 1926 until 1941, when they disbanded. In 1945 the Hall was leased to the Canadian Legion for a ten year term.

In March of 1950, the Legion excavated under the building and a Bowling Alley was installed in the Hall basement. The Bowling Alley was operated by Archie Waltham, and it provided a new source of recreation for the Town's residents. The Legion gave up their lease on the building in 1955.

In 1952 the Elks Lodge formed for the second time and have maintained an active membership to the present day. The Elks' Hall was utilized by residents for weddings, funerals, anniversary and birthday celebrations, meetings and a variety of other community events.

Unfortunately in 2006 the Town of Coronation was forced to demolish the 80-year old building due to structural issues."

Coronation No. 360 is a thriving Lodge in South Central Alberta. Find them on [Facebook!](#)