

ALBERTA ELKS NEWSLETTER MAY 2023



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ALBERTA ELKS PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE



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JUNE 1-4, 2023

COME JOIN THE FUN IN
STETTLE THIS SUMMER

HOSTED BY DISTRICT 11

FRIDAY NIGHT TRAIN RIDE

FOR ALL CONFERENCE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION
PACKAGE VISIT OUR WEBSITE ELKSOFALBERTA.CA



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ALBERTS ELKS FOUNDATION

WE'RE LOOKING FOR NEW FACES!

as per the Bylaws of the Alberta Elks Foundation it is time to advertise for a raffle chair

DO YOU HAVE WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR? APPLY TODAY!

Interested? Email the Alberta Elks Foundation at albertaelksfoundation@gmail.com to get a full job description



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 3\$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 April 13, 2023 May 11, 2023
\$500 Fas Gas Gift Card \$750 Fas Gas Gift Card \$750 Fas Gas Gift Card

TICKETS AVAILABLE

Local Contact

www.elksalberta.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

Volunteers needed

Alberta Elks Foundation needs Casino Volunteers

July 18 & 19

Paid travel, hotel and mileage



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 13th

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

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TABS FOR TOTS INFORMATION

- CREATED IN 2000 OUT OF RED DEER LODGE
- 138,334 POUNDS OF METALS COLLECTED
- 64,293.5 POUNDS OF TABS COLLECTED

**HOW DOES THAT HELP OUR PAEDTRIC WARDS?
TABS AND OTHER METALS COLLECTED PROVIDED
\$201,801.02 FOR NECESSARY EQUIPMENT!!**

QUESTION - Since 2021 not one Lodge has requested funding from the Tabs for Tots program. Why?

PLEASE - this program was created to provide necessities for our hospitalized children. Reach out to your local hospital, see if there is something needed and complete the grant application.

A request of up to \$2,000 can be dealt with by the Trustees anytime of the year. A request \$2,001 to \$5,000 must go to the Conference floor.

DON'T WANT TO COLLECT TABS? A couple of Lodges have reached out to their local Meals on Wheels programs and are collecting the aluminum trays that can be used only once. Two volunteer organizations helping each other - what a wonderful concept!!

DID YOU KNOW? The Foundation Office has boxes to help collecting tabs easier. There are also information brochures available - just reach out and a supply will be sent to you.



It takes 1123 tabs to make 1 pound.
This means since 2000, the Tabs for
Tots program has collected
72,201,039 tabs!



President Travels

May

May 4	Heisler	305	8:00pm
May 9	CANCELLED Royal Purple	71	7:30pm
May 15	Fort McLeod	129	7:00



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District 2 Travelling Gavel



Peter Haynes presenting the travelling gavel to Mike Irla the District Deputy of District #2.

District 14



District 14 held their Spring District meeting hosted by the Stavely Royal Purple Elks. They had a great turn out, and the their Travelling Gavel arrived at the meeting completing its round of travels to lodge.

Installation in Stavely



Message from Jordie Bronson:
Tonight we had installation of officers at Stavely Elks lodge #112 and Royal purple Lodge #99.

Debbie Bronson and I have been proud elk members for the last 2 years and have the privilege of being nominated into leadership positions.

As 30-year-olds, Elks have helped give us a newfound purpose in life. We love giving back to our communities and having the opportunity to be mentored by those that have done it before us.



Station to Giveaway



Red Deer Elks lodge has stations to give away. Any lodge needing or wanting stations for their lodge, please contact the Red Deer Elks Lodge

Carstairs Elks



Carstairs donated \$3000.00 to the Carstairs Heritage Festival happening June 3-4. Sharon Lampitt president Terry Read District Deputy. Eric Vester ER. Pam Montgomery Treasurer

ELKS



Join Us!

BROTHER DON GILLIS, GER ELECT
Breton Elks No. 402
Breton Royal Purple Elks No. 285

Invite you to the **INSTALLATION**
and **CELEBRATION**
of our
GRAND EXALTED RULER OF
THE ELKS OF CANADA

Saturday, May 13, 2023
1:00P.M.
Breton Community Center
4732 48TH Street
Breton, Alberta

The Installation ceremony is being taped by a videographer in advance of the Virtual Elks of Canada Convention on July 15-16th.

Food (appetizers / Snacks) will be served.

Regalia is at the pleasure of attendees.

RSVP bretonelks402@gmail.com
Ann 1-867-444-9202

Brooks Elks



The Brooks ELks Lodge 77 once again is helping out youth in their community with the Jr. and Sr. High School Rodeo. The Elks stepped up to be a gold sponsor of the event.

Breton Elks Celebrates Easter



Breton partnered with their local FCSS and other groups for this Easter event. The lodge donated and served Hot Dogs and hot chocolate. An easy peasy task which contributed to a lovely family oriented afternoon.

Carstairs Elks 24th Annual Bonspiel

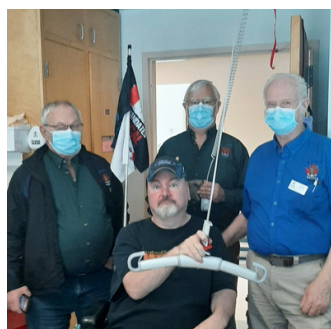


Stopped by to watch some curling at the Carstairs ELK's 24th annual bonspiel. Great job brother Evan Ingram and crew for organizing this event. Evan has organized this bonspiel for all 24 years. A great turnout with 22 teams participating in the bonspiel.

Breton Elks Helps Purchase Lift

The Breton Elks presented two donations this month to the Breton Long Term Care. The lodge donated \$5000 to help in the purchase of a lift tracking system to move residents safely within the room.

The lodge also donated funds to support one of the residents who required funds for specialised transport to a major centre, for medical treatments.



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Beaverlodge Elks



The Beaverlodge Elks raised over \$1000 at the last BBQ, lets get out and support them again! They will be at the KMS Tools parking lot May 11-13 from 11am - 3pm. Drop by for a hot dog, smokie, and drinks, all by donation. Tell all your friends!

The Beaverlodge Elks have been in Beaverlodge since 1934 contributing to Youth Sports, Families in Need, Recreation Facilities, Community Requirements and so much more. All money collected goes directly back into our community!

Sundre Elks



The Sundre Elks Lodge presented a cheque for \$2176 to Nutrition for learning.. this amount represents 60% of the proceeds from our Tuesday night Bingos from January-March... Thank you

Carstairs Elks

CARSTAIRS ELKS



FESTIVAL SPONSOR

The Carstairs Elks #556 is a shining example of community service. This year, the Carstairs Heritage Festival is grateful and excited to partner with the inspiring men and women of the Elks!

An active group in Carstairs for 45 years, the Carstairs Elks #556 current 54 members meet every second Wednesday at 7:30pm at the Community Centre to plan ways to support the community with sponsorships and volunteerism. Some of those projects include local 4H, Junior Curling, Carstairs Rodeo, STARS, local food banks, Carstairs Lions, Girl Guides, High Steaks Beef Club, local football and, of course, the gigantic community garage sale coming up in two weeks on May 5&6.

Thank you for your sponsorship and for all you do for Carstairs!

If you are looking for a way to give back, consider popping into any Elks meeting or flag Erik Vester down on the street. At 6'7", you can't miss him!

Photo: Elks Exalted Ruler Erik Vester, Elks District Deputy Terry Read, festival volunteers Sharon and Pam

Sundre NFL

On behalf of the Sundre and District, Nutrition For Learning, we would like to thank the Sundre Elks Lodge for their very kind donation. Over the last 12 weeks volunteers from Sundre NFL were able to take part in the Bingos. Duties included, selling tickets, selling concession items, helping call out numbers, and just helping anywhere we could be of value. Every one of our volunteers loved participating in the events. At our monthly meetings discussion around the bingo's was a highlight. Again thank you and we look forward to being able to help out again or come and participate in the weekly bingo's!



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The Breton Elks recently celebrated their 67th birthday this month with a " Blast from the Past" and a photo from 1972



"Back in the day, we participated fully and enthusiastically in the Travelling Gavel by including a goat, in full regalia, to the proceedings. The Gavel and the Goat moved from Lodge to Lodge. It's still whispered, with great admiration, at the speed of travel time and the Lodges' active participation that year. Plus the goat had the time of it's life.

All too soon, the Gavel and the Goat returned to Breton. Alas, there was no goat. What Leduc presented to the Breton Lodge was box of cut and wrapped meat. After its long and storied adventure the goat had passed on. Announcing the goat's demise in this way caused consternation, distress even anguish to our Brothers. They searched the ritual book for "Announcing the Death of a Goat". Nothing.

As the sadness and tension built, our Leduc brothers finally let it slip that the animal was very much alive and well. The goat was brought into the meeting to raucous laughter. Faith in our Leduc brothers was duly restored.

Years later the perpetrator, who was a butcher by trade, told one of our members what was in the meat wrap. Nothing more than pieces of wood.

The retelling of this saga still makes us chuckle over 50 years on."

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 Robert Bird
Okotoks Elks Lodge
August 2, 1939 -
February 13, 2023*



*Brother Frank Bishop
Olds Elks Lodge
December 19, 1956 -
February 13, 2023*

