



## Newly Elected Alberta Elks Association President Brother James Zimmer



Another chapter has begun on my journey with the Provincial Elks Association with me taking on the role of Provincial President, having been sworn in at the conference held in Stettler on June 3rd. I am honoured the Provincial Elks Association have put their trust in me to take on this responsibility.

The Provincial Association has done a lot of work in the last couple of years and I hope to continue with this momentum. One of our main areas of concern is gaining new members and how to interest young people to join. Back when my children were small there weren't as many choices for kids after school activities. Now there is a great variety of extra curricular activities and therefore many young families are running in different directions, meaning possibly less time to join a service organization such as the Elks. Maybe we need to concentrate on the empty nesters looking for something to do. Just a thought.

Having said that, The Elks is a wonderful group of people that make the communities they are in better. We can lead by "Doing what you can with what you have" and hopefully people will follow.

I am looking forward to my year ahead, meeting many new members and connecting with old friends. In the meantime Have A Great Summer Everyone!

Fraternally Yours

*James Zimmer*

James Zimmer  
Provincial President  
Alberta Elks Association

## Meet Your New Executive



Immediate Past  
Provincial President  
Kelly Sanford  
Brooks Elks 77



1st Vice  
President  
Meghan Pollard  
Fort Saskatchewan  
Elks 399



2nd Vice  
President  
Terry Read  
Carstairs Elks 556



3rd Vice  
President  
Vernon Thuroo  
Hanna Elks 451



Provincial  
Esquire  
Lynn Williams  
Trenville Royal  
Purple Elks 248



Provincial  
Secretary  
Lynda Petten  
Breton Elks 402



# Meet Your New District Deputies



District 1  
Garry Schau



District 2  
Faye Rever



District 3  
Bev Monette



District 6  
Lawrence Pidluzny



District 7  
Edward Haun



District 8  
Claude Fell



District 9  
Myles Wasik



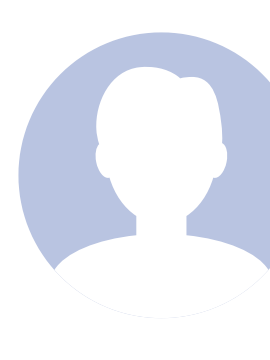
District 10  
Louise Higginbottom



District 11  
Eugene Thuroo



District 12  
Jayson Hughes



District 13  
Brett Wozniak



District 14  
Ken Lengyel



**Brother Ian Sunquist**  
named  
*Honorary Past President*  
*of the*  
*Alberta Elks Association*  
by the  
**Past Presidents Committee**



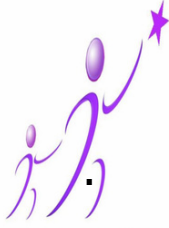
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# FINAL GRAND PRIZE DRAW WINNERS

Alberta Elks Foundation



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## RAFFLE #54

License #605560 - June 8, 2023

### 1st Grand Prize Winner - \$30,000.00

Harley Ferguson - Hythe, AB  
Ticket #31069 sold by Hythe RPE No. 106

### 2nd Grand Prize Winner - \$10,000.00

Linda Noskiye - Peerless Lake, AB  
Ticket #49606 sold by Slave Lake Elks No. 379

### 3rd Grand Prize Winner - \$5,000.00

Val McLean - Vegreville, AB  
Ticket #69468 sold by Vegreville Elks No. 143

### 4th Grand Prize Winner - \$1,500.00 Fas Gas Gift Cards

Elmer Crouser - Spruce Grove, AB  
Ticket #01305 sold by Barrhead Elks NO.332

Pictures to follow as the prizes are presented at their respective lodges.

# Thank You



On behalf of the Alberta Elks Foundation and all the lodges in Alberta, we would like to say **THANK YOU** to Sister Margo Ward of Didsbury Elks Lodge 514 for all your work on hosting another successful raffle!

## 3rd EARLY BIRD DRAW WINNER

Alberta Elks Foundation



REACHING OUT TO OTHERS

RAFFLE #54 - License #605560

Illie Drozd  
Barrhead, Alberta

**\$750 FAS GAS GIFT CARDS  
TICKET #01066  
SOLD BY -  
Barrhead Elks Lodge #332**

## Alberta Elks Foundation Annual Awards



Tab's for Tots Chairman Brother Nick Henger presents District 9 with the Tab's for Tots award for other metals. Accepting the award on behalf of District 9 is District Deputy Brother Myles Wasik.



Brother Bill Ward, Chairman of the Alberta Elks Foundation presents the Bill Hiltz award to Ken Lengyel of Stavely Elks No. 112.

The Bill Hiltz Award is awarded to the lodge who makes the highest donation to the Alberta Elks Foundation.



Brother Bill Ward, Chairman of the Alberta Elks Foundation presents the Bob Manning award to Brother Lyle Wirsta of the Edmonton Royal Purple Elks No. 22.

The Bob Manning Award is awarded to the lodge who makes the highest per capita donation to the Alberta Elks Foundation.



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# Lodge Donations

## Vulcan Elks No. 121



The sun is shining in Vulcan at the Vulcan Golf and Country Club. It is a good day to receive a donation from the Vulcan Elks #121 for the Junior Golf Program.  
**Thank you!**

## Picture Butte Elks No. 268



Picture Butte Elks #268 donated 1000\$ to the Picture Butte High School for their food programs to provide meals for kids that need lunch

## Sexsmith Elks No. 284



Dennis Stredulinsky of the Sexsmith Elks Lodge presented Brienne Dooley of Sexsmith Minor Ball. \$1500.00 to help cover the cost of new equipment.  
**Good luck Ball players.**

## Camrose Elks No.70



Camrose Elks Lodge presented a \$500 donation to the École Charlie Killam School music program towards the purchase of band equipment.

## Brooks Elks No. 77



The Brooks Elks once again stepped up to the plate to help sponsor two minor baseball teams.

Accepting the cheque is Ted Wipf and his daughter Josephine. Presenting the Cheque on the left is Brother Brad Biette and daughter Brynn

## Sexsmith Elks No. 284



The members of the Sexsmith Elks Lodge were pleased to help cover costs of sending these fine students to provincial skills championships.



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# Delegates in Attendance at the 95th Conference



## Race for Membership Competition Results Are in



	REG DPM	FAM DPM	TOTAL DPM	LIFE	TOTAL JULY 1, 2022	INITIATES UP TO MAY 30, 2023	INCREASED TOTAL	INCREASE %
AB	2442	91	2533	77	2610	68	2678	2.61%
SK	1400	49	1449	43	1492	41	1533	2.75%

Immediate Past Provincial President Kelly Sanford learned a tough lesson in what a "Per Capita" bet really means. Saskatchewan Provincial President Kyle Stevenson made an appearance at the Alberta Conference to make sure Sister Kelly made good on the bet. Alberta lost the membership competition, and as the ground rules she had to read the loser speech written by Brother Stevenson.

*"Now that I am nearing the end of my term, it has been recommended that I have my eyes checked again as I seemed to be very fuzzy about the details of our bet and how we decided the ground rules. I am so very happy that Brother Kyle kept a record of that conversation from last July to be able to remind me of what the battle lines were - percentages are very important units of measurement. And those numbers are in - Saskatchewan won with an increase of 2.75% and we, Alberta has an increase of 2.61%."*

## Conference Awards

### Traveling Gavel Award



Kelly Sanford presents certificate members of Rosalind Elks

### Community Service 1-30 members



DD Brother Claude Fell accepts certificate on behalf of Vegreville Elks \$2,011 per member

### Community Service 31-60 members



Brother Duane Romuld accepts certificate on behalf of the Brooks Elks \$754 per member

### Community Service 61+ members



Brother Duane Romuld accepts certificate on behalf of the Bow Island Elks \$826 per member



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# Medicine Hat Elks #412



Medicine Hat #412 carried on tradition as the members took part in a traditional Mothers Day service at their lodge.

# Camrose Elks #70



The Elks and Royal Purple would like to thank everyone that came out and supported our pancake breakfast this season. Our Mother's day breakfast marks the last breakfast for the 2022 - 2023 season. Thank you to the Camrose Scouts for their help and everyone who contributed in advertising and their time. We will see everyone September 10, 2023 for another great breakfast.

# District 12



April 13th, 2023 members of the Crossfield Elks Lodge #416 presented the Traveling Gavel for District 12 to Exalted Ruler George Mosier

# Walk for Children



Trenville RPE wishes to extend their thanks to our dedicated volunteers who put on our Walk a Thon for The Fund For Children. We would like to thank the parents and kids who came out and walked with us!

# CHARLIE....



Charlie was up to no good as seen in this picture. Poor elk was just trying to have some fun before the parade

# Traveling Gavel



May 4th, 2023 members of the Didsbury Elks Lodge #514 travelled to Okotoks and presented the District 12 Traveling Gavel to Okotoks Exalted Ruler David Milos. A great meal and fellowship was enjoyed by all.



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# Breton Elks Supports Local



Supporting the Breton community is what we do best.

- \* Supporting the 2023 Grad class. In exchange they help us at the Canada Day breakfast and the Community Christmas dinner.
- \* Supporting a fundraiser for a fire victim who will be hospitalised for many months.
- \* Supporting the Rimbey Hospital by working with the Royal Purple Elks, pooling our resources, and planning to purchase not 1- not 2- but 3 new blanket warmers.
- \* Supporting wildfire evacuees by offering them no charge accommodation at the Breton RV Park, courtesy of us and the Village of Breton.

## Regalia Swap



On behalf of the Alberta Elks Communications Committee we are pleased to announce that the 1st Albert Elks Regalia Swap was an outstanding success. Thank you to all the lodges that brought items to donate to the swap. We hope that delegates were able to find themselves new-to-them regalia at conference. The Communications Committee is designing a plan to work with lodges and members to develop an online store as an avenue to promote ongoing regalia exchange. Information will be distributed as it becomes available.

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# Come Together: National Online Convention 2023

## July 15 & 16, 2023



We are extremely excited to announce that this year's Elks of Canada National Convention will be held entirely online through Zoom, starting July 15th at 8:30 Mountain Standard Time!

Members from across Canada will come together to learn more about the future direction of the Order, have their voices heard on critical issues, and help set the future direction of the Order by voting on resolutions, helping elect the next member of the Grand Executive, as well as learning about best practices in social media engagement, community involvement and new member recruitment from Lodges who are viewed as some of the best in the Order at doing so.

This year we've also added some great enhancements to allow more members to attend and be a part of our National Convention.

- The release of a detailed agenda with specific times for resolutions, elections, and presentation of operating budgets for the Fund for Children and Grand Lodge so that those members who may only be able to attend some of the proceedings can come on and participate at critical times of the Convention. (Coming Soon!)
- Local Lodge viewing parties for those Lodges who want to open their Lodges to members as a group so you can participate together.
- Training sessions with Grand Lodge staff for members who may be new to operating Zoom or need a quick refresher.
- Sessions from some of our most successful Lodges to learn from members of our Order who are doing great things!
- A fun virtual mixer after Saturday's session
- A virtual installation of Officers and our new Grand Exalted Ruler's address

Register Today!



## Camrose Elks No.70



Chase the Ace's Draw 47 winner Corey Kudrowich won \$2,222. Corey chose the Ten of Hearts so the progressive jackpot carried on, moving forward to \$34,592. The Featured charity, STARS Ambulance, also received \$2,222 from the presenting sponsor, Camrose Elks Lodge.

Pictured left to right are Camrose Elks Lodge members Terry Pope and Larry Babiuk, STARS Air Ambulance representative Shannon Paquett, Camrose Elks Lodge past exalted ruler Gerry Czapp and Taylor Blum. Individual winner Corey Kudrowich was unavailable for photo.

# REMHINDER

Please remember that the Newsletter is produced by volunteers who love summer to! For that reason the next Alberta Elks Newsletter will be sent out in September! Please send your summertime submissions in no later than August 25th.

Don't forget to send your pictures as a JPEG and your writeup separate.  
**DO NOT SEND ZIP FILES!**

# ENJOY THE SUMMER



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