

ALBERTA ELKS NEWSLETTER

January 2024



Happy New Year Everyone!!

Wishing you a happy and prosperous New Year to all your family and friends.

To the Elks Lodges within the Provincial Association, may this be a great year for all. Let us each do great things in our communities where and whenever we can!!

James Zimmer

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Provincial President

Upcoming Visits

January 8	Leduc #156	8:00 p.m.
January 15	Rosalind #209	8:00 p.m.
January 18	Breton #402	7:30 p.m.
January 22	Lloydminster #171	8:00 p.m.
February 12	Camrose #70	7:30 p.m.
February 19	Chauvin #261	8:00 p.m.
March 4	Stettler Elks #92	7:30 p.m.
March 7	Wetaskiwin #91	8:00 p.m.



Bow Island Elks Lodge 440's Pin Night Celebration



The Bow Island Elks Lodge is a valuable asset to its community, with its members' unwavering dedication. To wrap up 2023, the members gather to celebrate Pin Night.

Here are the pins awarded in the most recent celebration:

- 34 pins for new members and those with 20 years of service
- 36 pins for those with 35 to 60 years of service
- 2 pins for those with 65 years of service.

In the photo, you can see an astounding total of 2368 years of combined membership. We'd like to give a special shoutout to the members in red who have assumed leadership of the lodge, working together to advance fundraising, membership, and community involvement, all while honoring the work of our senior members.



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Notice Regarding Newsletter Submissions

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our monthly newsletter at Alberta Elks is curated by a team of dedicated volunteers. As a result of the considerable time and effort invested in creating this newsletter, we would like to draw your attention to the following guidelines:

- Please ensure that the picture is sent in JPEG format.
- Along with the picture, a separate write-up about the donation or event must be included. This can be submitted as a Word, PDF, or in the body of the email.
- Lodges submitting donations or years of service we ask that you submit one(1) picture and a list of the donations. Exceptions will be made for lodges giving significant donation amounts.

Please note that we will no longer accept ZIP or EML files or pictures without a description.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. Any questions or concerns please feel free to contact Kelly Sanford by emailing kellysanford85@gmail.com.

Thank you

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Brooks Elks Lodge



The Brooks Elks 77 are proud to announce the donation of a \$20,000.00 cheque to the Brooks Fire Department, presented to Fire Chief Kevin Swanson and Deputy Fire Chief Barry Yokoyama. This donation will be put towards a Fire Stimulation Trailer, which will be purchased in the coming year. The trailer will be used at schools and other events throughout the city and county to educate people about fire safety.

Camrose Elks Lodge



Camrose Elks Lodge Brings Joy to the Holidays
During this holiday season, the members of the Camrose Elks Lodge have been tirelessly spreading good cheer through their charitable donations. Their efforts have benefitted several organizations, including:

- Camrose & District Music Festival: \$100
- Star Air Ambulance
- Camrose Food Bank: \$500
- Camrose Refugee Centre: \$400
- Camrose High School Sponsorship: \$400
- Christmas Cheer: \$350
- Silent Santa: \$250
- Remembrance Day: \$50



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**The Alberta Elks
Royal Purple
Walk for Children**

May 11, 2024

**Looking for a Host Lodge in
each Zone. North, South,
Central, South central.**

**Email Vernon Thuroo -
vernthuroo@yahoo.ca with
the name of the Lodge and
contact person by
Feb. 28, 2024.**

**ALBERTA ELKS
FOUNDATION**

55th ANNUAL RAFFLE

**First Prize
\$30,000 CASH**

**Second Prize
\$10,000 CASH**

**Third Prize
\$5,000 CASH**

Tickets
**\$2.00 each or
3 for \$5.00**

PROCEEDS FROM THIS RAFFLE ENABLE
US TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO:

U.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

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

Early Bird Draws March 21, 2024
3 prizes of \$750.00 each

FINAL DRAW DATE JUNE 20, 2024
All Draws to take place at the Didsbury Elks Hall, 1914 - 20th St. Didsbury, AB

TICKETS AVAILABLE

Local Contact www.elksalberta.ca

78,200 TICKETS PRINTED *Tickets may not be purchased or sold within the Province of Alberta. Tickets not to be sold to anyone under the age of 17 years. LICENSE NO. 648820

Deborah Kully Scholarship

Sylvia Ramorasata – ISTAR Recipient
Deborah Kully 2023 - 2024

WE NEED YOU!

The Alberta Elks Foundation is searching for
a rural Alberta resident who has an area to
store a trailer that would house our float.

If you are interested in helping or would like
more information, please contact Joanne at
780-504-7605 or
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Alberta Elks Foundation Rebranding

The Alberta Elks Foundation Executive started September off with a bang. It all began with the design for a new trailer, but eventually led to a complete rebranding of the Foundation. The Executive realized that many of their excellent projects lacked a logo for advertising purposes, so they presented and refined numerous options. We would like to kick off the New Year by presenting the new logo's of the Alberta Elks Foundation.

Logo Changes:

Alberta Elks Foundation

Logo received a minor update to improve its appearance on the trailer and letterheads. The font now matches the new Branding Guidelines adopted by the Foundation Executive in November 2023.



Tabs for Tots

a program within the Foundation since 2000, lacked a logo. After narrowing down numerous options, the official Tabs for Tots logo was adopted.



Mighty Lil' Elk

adopted in 2022, also received a logo. The colors were updated to match the newly adopted Branding Guidelines.



Alberta Elks Foundation Toy Drive, now in its fifth year, also received its own logo.



In addition to the new logos, the members of the Foundation Executive has created material for the Foundation for both lodge and marketing purposes.

Brand Guidelines

The Alberta Elks Foundation has recently updated its branding guidelines, which can be accessed on our website or by clicking the link [here](#). It is crucial to adhere to these guidelines when using any of the foundation's logos to ensure consistency and effective branding. Logos for the Alberta Elks Foundation are now accessible on the elksfalberta.ca website or by clicking [here](#)

Foundation Brochure

To complement the new branding guidelines, we have released an updated brochure that combines all the Alberta Elks Foundation programs into one easy-to-read, public friendly brochure. You no longer need to distribute multiple brochures! To get your hands on the new brochure, please get in touch with the Alberta Elks Foundation Secretary.

Foundation Manual

We are pleased to announce that the Foundation Manual has been created and is in the final stages of editing and will be available soon. This comprehensive manual provides all the information you need about the Foundation in one place. It describes the available grants, the programs, how to access them, which forms to use, and the Branding Guidelines. **Please note that manuals are exclusively for lodges.**



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Brooks Elks Lodge



Brooks Elks Lodge stepped up to help the residents of Villa 3 get a new bingo machine, ensuring they can enjoy their afternoons and evenings to the fullest.

Valleyview Elks Lodge



Valleyview Elks presented Santas Anonymous with a cheque for \$500.00.

Past DD Roger Cauchie did the presentation to Royal Purple member Pat Mabley.

Drayton Valley OORP



In 2021 the Drayton Valley OORP #196 donated \$13,500 to the Drayton Valley Legion to recover 100 chairs. On October 19, 2023 the Drayton Valley Legion invited the ladies to view the chairs they paid to recover. Although the Ladies surrendered their charter they are still thought of fondly.

Standing: Donna Tinney, Caroline Harrison, Donna Olson, Lilly Mayhew, Kay Hrynyk, Ethel Mankow

Seated: Reta Kenworthy, Bill Cavanaugh (Legion President), Betty Starling (Sitting on the newly recovered chairs).

Barrhead Elks Lodge



On December 08 the Members had the opportunity to go to the Barrhead Elementary school and visit the Snoozalon rooms. These rooms are designed to soothe and comfort children and adults that may be experiencing stressed or anxiousness while at the school.

The Members were so impressed that they decided to return with a cheque for \$5000.00

The Barrhead Elks are proud to be able to contribute to such a wonderful cause.



Vegreville Elks Lodge



On December 3, 2023 the Vegreville Elks Lodge donated \$1000 to the Vegreville Food Bank and \$1000 to the Vegreville Christmas Bureau. This money for these donations were raised from raffle ticket sales during last summer's Vegreville Country Fair. Shown in the photo (L to R) are Elks Lodge Raffle Chairperson Bro. Bernie Florkow, Krystal Hook (Christmas Bureau Volunteer), Melody Batchelor (Christmas Bureau Volunteer), Joanna Karczmarek (Food Bank Coordinator) and Elks Lodge Exalted Ruler Bro. Paul Bosse.

Dawson Creek Elks Lodge



Shirley Brown on behalf of the Dawson Creek Elks #289 presented Sandra Biddulph of the Dawson Creek Charity Society with a cheque in the amount of \$2,000.

The money will go towards feeding 4-6 needy families on Christmas Day which involves presents for all as well as a meal that includes a full course Christmas Dinner.

Vulcan Elks Lodge



The Vulcan Food Bank recently received a generous donation of \$2000 from the Vulcan Elks Lodge #121.

Bassano Elks Lodge



The Bassano Elks Lodge # 487 welcomed four new members to the Lodge and the Order on December 7, 2023.

New members in the photos from left to right Craig Shearman, Lana Conley, Carine Stevenson and Dan Balance. Centre is Brother Brad Biette ER of the Bassano Lodge.



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Barrhead Elks Lodge



Barrhead Elks lodge #332 member Ted Krysa proudly presenting the Barrhead healthcare center with donation of \$2500.00 for the tree of hope.

We are delighted to be able to contribute to this cause.

The tree of hope is an annual fundraiser for the Barrhead hospital. The proceeds of this are used to purchase new bedside cardiac monitors, blanket warmers and many other well needed equipment.

Grand Prairie Elks Lodge



Shout out to the Grande Prairie Elks Lodge #285 The Lodge held their Annual Christmas Dinner, and presented this year's donation recipients.

Pictured with Exalted Ruler Randy Nelson GP Elks #285;

Left to right: Barry Longson from Camp Tamarack, Adam Stoppler from Kidsport Grande Prairie, Crystal Ibach from Boys Choir, Captain Peter Kim from Salvation Army, Lyn Lovrod from GP Music Festival, Tayo Adegunju from Center for Young Parents, Bailey Randolph, and friend from GP Public Library

Sundre Elks Lodge



This is amazing - you would not believe the atmosphere at the Elks Hall today! The children's Christmas miracle market is well underway, as we watch the children pick up gifts for their mom and dad, grandma and grandpa, brother and sisters. The elves are working hard to help them choose their perfect gift for their loved ones. We have so many donations from the wonderful community of Sundre, as well as the various businesses. There's plenty to choose from. If you have not had a chance to come down to the Elks Hall, this is a magical experience for you and your children. Hot chocolate, and lots of treats for all. We look forward to seeing you!

Barrhead Elks Lodge



Spreading holiday cheer the Barrhead Elks Lodge #332 is busy making people smile.

Today the Barrhead Elks had the pleasure to present Millie Scheurman, Dale Clark, and Henry Wierenga of "Together Talk" a cheque for \$7000.00

"Together Talk" came to us recently and told us about their work in our community. They expanded their work to Athabasca, and they would love to offer their support in Swan Hills.

"Together Talk", along with Barrhead Association for Community Living has a wonderful program that provides family counselling for children and their parents. We hope that our donation helps put big smiles on many families' faces



Sundre Elks Lodge



2023 Has been an amazing year for the Sundre Elks Lodge 338. No official numbers yet but we donated approximately \$20,000 back to the amazing community of Sundre with plenty of help from the community and the wonderful local businesses that donated merchandise, cash donations. They sponsored our golf tournament and helped us make a very successful marathon Bingo with so many door prizes for our dedicated excited bingo players and was greatly appreciated! Let's not forget the community and businesses that purchase our annual Elks raffle!! The businesses in and around Sundre are always eager to support us in so many ways!!! The members of the Elks here in Sundre have some wonderful ideas coming into 2024, that we would like to see take shape that will benefit the community of Sundre and surrounding areas. On behalf of the members of the Sundre Elks we would like to wish Everyone a safe and a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!! We witnessed a miracle at the Children's Christmas market which is a sign 2024 is going to see so many positives! We are excited for 2024. We hope that we have made a positive impact on your lives, as well as the community. Thank you Everyone.

Breton Elks Lodge



Well, happy holidays to everyone. Here is hoping that the season will be filled with love and warm wishes.

On December 16 approximately 250 people sat down to a fabulous meal prepared by Elks and Royal Purple members along with the assistance of members from the Village Council, ATB, and our community under the watchful eye of Brother Bob.

A big thank you to all who participated in this great event to help spread the holiday spirit. Thank you to Lindale Trucking Service for supplying power plants to light up the parking lot. In total 166 volunteer hours made this event possible.

Thank you as well to the man in the red suit for adding in extra color.



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Vulcan Elks Lodge



Vulcan Elks Lodge #121 Donates \$10,000 to Vulcan AG Society!

At the Vulcan AG Society's expansion fundraiser, Denis Machacek (second from right), presented Richard Ellis with a generous donation of \$10,000 on behalf of the Vulcan Elks Lodge #121. Harold Lewis, Duane Felt, and Lee Sommerville were also in attendance to show their support.

Red Deer Elks



The Red Deer Elks Lodge was the place to be as we threw our Annual Children's Christmas Party! The kiddos' faces lit up like stars as they spotted a bouncy castle, ready for some bouncing fun! But wait, there's more! Santa Claus himself made a grand entrance, handing out presents to all the good little boys and girls. With everyone on cloud nine, we all gobbled down some scrumptious pizza and washed it down with some yummy juice. A day to remember forever!



While driving down the road one day a thought came to mind on how to raise awareness about the Elks and all that they do.

The idea of incorporating local businesses into this was something to bring to light for the Tabs for Tots project and the good that it does.

After some pondering and consulting with Brother Coltan Bosman we made our pitch to the Brooks Elks Lodge with our idea. So here it goes;

As we are fortunate enough to have a local metal recycling facility (Secure Energy) in our community we approached them about donating pick up/drop off bins at a local business each month and keeping a tally at the end of the year for us to make one big donation to the Alberta Elks Foundation Tabs for Tots.

The next step was getting local businesses to jump on board with this idea. So we started approaching places in our community and asking if they would be interested in donating their bin contents for one month to put towards the tabs program which helps put children's hospital equipment in local hospitals where it's needed. The support of everyone that we approached was amazing and they were quick to jump on board.

So month by month we will recognize a local business that was so generous to donate their bin for our time and effort towards this project. We will also recognize our local recycling yard with their great commitment to our project and past projects with them.

This project kicked off with a bang and is almost full. If you know a local business that would love to be part of this program please feel free to contact. #elksproud.

Brad Biette

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