



**2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
CAMROSE, ALBERTA
FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2024, at 8:00 A.M.**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Bill Ward at 8:05 am

2. Introduction of Trustees

Chair – Bill Ward
Trustees – Lynda Petten, Darren Scott, Al Gummeson
Judiciary – Duane Felt, Jim McLeod
Association 1st Vice President – Meghan Pollard
Secretary/Treasurer – Joanne Siemens
Raffle Chair – Margo Ward
Tabs for Tots Chair – Nick Henger
Mighty Lil Elk Chair – Kelly Sanford

Regrets: Brad Biette, Vice Chair

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Margo Ward, seconded by Henry Rose, to approve the agenda with the following additions, CARRIED.

- New Business
- d) Foundation Branding Guidelines

4. Adoption of Minutes from the last Conference as distributed

Moved by Ken Lengyel, seconded by Bob Shave, to adopt the 2023 Annual General Meeting minutes as previously circulated, CARRIED.

5. Reports

a) Chair Report – Bill Ward

The Foundation again has had a busy year. We began the year in the midst of the general audit by AGLC and in discussions with them on areas that had to be addressed with our Raffle and with changes to the regulations regarding donations and charities. I am happy to report that all areas of concern have been addressed. Several areas of concern influenced how we conduct the Raffle and the new Mighty Lil Elk program. These have been considered and adjustments have been made.

We had a casino in Calgary during the summer. Thanks to Phyllis Anderson and all the volunteers that came out to help. The casino was a success and supplied much needed funds to our Foundation.

Our Raffle Chair made some adjustments to the information on the ticket, and this has been an improvement as to how our tickets are being handled. However, we still have lodge chairpersons that are not adhering to the instructions supplied and tickets are still not being properly filled out and this causes additional work for our committee chair. I would like to ask that you make an extra effort to be compliant with the instructions.

We grew the Mighty Lil Elk Program by adding hospital outlets (unfortunately only one so far) and allowing lodges to directly purchase packages for their own area use. This was made possible by

adjustments to what was in the bag and a request to AGLC - Use of Proceeds which allowed the use of gaming funds for some of the items in the bag.

We held an orientation meeting in the fall to discuss areas that needed to be addressed during the year, and from that determined that our Manual and some of our Regulations needed to be addressed. To that end we have completed an upgrade to the Manual which is available via the website, or a hard copy can be sent to your lodge at the lodge's expense. We now have a better format to access information on all our programs and grants including upgraded application forms for all our grants.

From this exercise we determined that one area lacking was the Branding of the Foundation so that we are more recognizable. This was done with the hard work of dedicated members (most specially Sister Kelly Sandford). The Branding was included when we had the trailer for the float decal and we are extremely pleased with the outcome. The trailer now looks good enough to be included in a parade.

Speaking of our float, we completed the purchase of a covered trailer to transport the float and protect it from the elements. Special thanks to Brad Biette for all his hard work in finding and negotiating a great deal on the trailer and transitioning the transfer of the float from one to the other as well as arranging the trade in on our previous trailer. We have had a member volunteer to co-ordinate and store the trailer and work with our Secretary/Treasurer in getting the float and Charlie out around our Province. Please take advantage of a great piece of advertising for our Foundation and Order. It will only be effective if our lodges make use of it. You may find that some of the requirements have changed a little but that was necessary as they always are as time brings experience.

Charlie the Elk continues to be a hit and many of the lodges have made great use of him. We continue to work with issues of transport and costs associated but there is no question that it is a useful tool in advertising our Order and Foundation and what we do.

We undertook placing information on our grants on a regular and rotational basis in the monthly communications so that our lodges are better informed on what grants are available and for what they can be used. We are committed to continuing this in the coming years.

I want to thank all our committee chairs and members as well as the board members for their continued commitment to the operation of the Foundation and all its parts. I want to encourage the membership to consider putting your name forward for a position on the board or a committee. You will find it rewarding and satisfying as you become better aware of all that we do.

b) Raffle Chair Report – Margo Ward

This past year has been much calmer as the Audit by AGLC was finished and the changes we made to the tickets have made everything much simpler. Lodge's feedback on these changes has been positive.

Because of the delays with the Audit last year, I completed 3 final reports for AGLC during December and January. This catches us up completely and there should only be our regular report for this year required in December.

Ticket shipments went out to the lodges beginning the first week of September this year. Sales started immediately and I was already getting calls for more tickets by the end of September. Unfortunately, I did have some lodges return all their books, but fortunately I had other lodges that were willing to pick up the slack. I currently only have 22 books on hand, at this time last year I had 474. I hope that there will not be too many unsold books coming back before the final draw in June.

At the time of writing, we have over 41 out of 63 lodges sold out. Total books sold are 5490, which represents an 84% sell through. As we have almost 2 months until the final draw, I hope we are much closer to that magic 6500 books. Lodges who helped by taking more books to sell were Beaverlodge, Breton, Brooks, Castor, Hythe RPE, Lac La Biche, McLennan RPE, Sundre, Trenville RPE, and Vegreville. Of these, all but 2 are sold out. Great Job! The position of top selling lodge is still up for grabs!

The final draw will take place two weeks after the Conference as it was last year. This change allows last-minute delivery of sold books and logistically is easier on the Raffle Chairperson, as the tickets do not have to be carted along with the draw barrel to the Conference. I am hoping that all tickets are in to me before the Conference so that I can give my final report. The final draw is in Didsbury on June 20th.

This has been my 7th year as raffle chairperson. Currently no one has come forward to volunteer to replace me. You can see the Foundation Board advertising in the Alberta Elks Newsletter, please consider this as it is very rewarding and a great way to get to know other lodges. I have agreed to stay on if there is no one immediately available or if my help is required to train the new chairperson so there is a smooth transition.

As this may be my last report to the members, I want to sincerely thank all the participating lodges for their unwavering support. It is a lot of work but the wonderful people you meet make it very worthwhile. Please contact me if you are at all interested.

Additions to the report:

There are 7 lodges that still have tickets outstanding, still selling books so these numbers may be higher when selling is done. Sold 6186.5 books, for a total of \$123,730.00 which equals 95% sold. This is up from last year which was 91% sold. In 2019 we were at 98% which is what the goal is.

Commissions that will be paid out this year will be \$37,119, prizes paid out will be \$47,250, expenses will be around \$8,800 for a net final of \$30,561 to be forwarded to the Foundation.

c) Tabs for Tots Chair Report – Nick Henger

2023-2024 was a good year once again with a total of 3,653 lbs. of Tabs and 3,546 lbs. of other recyclables. However, I feel that I did not receive all the weights from the districts that were sold.

Prices remain steady so it still makes it worthwhile to take the material to the scrapyards as it keeps the materials out of the landfills.

The program with Meals on Wheels continues to work well as we have now recycled over 19,000 pieces in Red Deer alone in just over 2 years and several other Lodges are now participating as well.

This year we were able to add \$5,043.31 to the fund with sales and your donations, for this we thank you.

d) Float Report – Joanne Siemens

The Float and Charlie have been quite busy for 2023/2024 and getting around the province. Visiting 9 lodges for parades/events and Charlie independently attending 2 lodges for events.

Building connections and raising awareness of our organization can certainly help in fostering a stronger community presence. Keep up the good work!

e) Mighty Lil Elk Report – Kelly Sanford

We are delighted to share the success of the Mighty Lil' Elk program in its second year. During the fall Foundation meeting, the committee decided to remove the \$25 visa gift card from the bags, reducing the cost per bag from \$60.00 to \$32.00. This change allowed us to distribute more bags to hospitals, and as a result, the Alberta Elks Foundation added Lethbridge Regional Hospitals to the recipients.

Moreover, the committee ordered an extra 150 bags for lodges within the Alberta Elks Association to purchase and distribute to their local hospitals. We received orders from various lodges, including Leslieville Elks, Olds Elks, Three Hills Elks, Delia Elks, Stavely Elks Lodge, Brooks Elks, Castor Elks, Stavely RP Elks, and Valleyview RP Elks.

Testimonials:

Mighty Lil Elks bags have been given to the families of pediatric patients at Grande Prairie Regional Hospital for the last two years and have had a significant impact on these families. They provide dignity to caregivers by way of providing hygiene items, as well as help to keep the lines of communication open with the universal phone charger. Because most families come to the hospital under emergency circumstances, it is not always possible to bring the niceties such as comfort items for children. The stuffed Elk in the bags provides comfort and a snuggle to children when they arrive here. Social workers have said they feel empowered to help families in meaningful ways because of these bags. The catchment area for the Grande Prairie Regional Hospital is over 300,000 patients, and last year there were almost 1,000 pediatrics admitted for care. Of those families, approximately 10% needed and appreciated the comfort these bags bring.

*Sally Bellerose
Grande Prairie Hospital*

Thank you very much Alberta Elks. The items that were so generously donated to ER, NICU and pediatrics have been gratefully utilized by our patients' families. When a parent has an ill child requiring either a hospital visit, or sometimes, a hospital stay, the last thing on a worried parents' mind is to pack anything for themselves. They often arrive at CRH in panic mode with only the clothes on their backs as all of their focus and energy is directed to the wellbeing of their child. The Mighty Lil Elk packages are thoughtful reminders that someone cares and that their community is behind them in their time of need. Thank you for extending your generosity to support our pediatric patients' families.

*Karen Marshall,
RNBN Unit Manager NICU,
Pediatrics and Pediatric Day Surgery/Outpatients
Chinook Regional Hospital*

I just wanted to send a great big THANK YOU full of gratitude and love; my son was admitted into Medicine Hat Hospital last Sunday, and we finally got up to the pediatric unit at 115 in the morning after sitting in the ER for most of the day.

I was going to run home once he was admitted and checked in, but it was so late and I was exhausted. The nurses asked if I needed anything and I replied, "a toothbrush would be great!" She arrived with the purple bag of toiletries and essentials to get me through that first night. You have no idea how much that meant to me. I was so touched.

The items inside came in handy, and I was especially excited to see the phone charging cord and cube as my phone was almost dead.

Please know that your generosity was noticed, and the thoughtfulness of the toiletry bag essentials helped me through a time when I needed it the most. Thank you, thank you.

Melissa McMillan

f) Elks - ISTAR Impact Summary Year End Fiscal 2023-2024 - Holly Lomheim, Clinic Director

Dear Alberta Elks Foundation Members,

I can't thank the members enough for their continued support of ISTAR and our clients this year. This year we welcomed three ISTAR babies into our world which is wonderful news! Our clinical and administrative team literally have their hands full with their bundles of joy. While this has been exciting for us all, it has also been very busy in training new staff and continuing to support our clients with a reduced number of therapists. In August 2023, we had the good fortune to move our Edmonton office location from the second floor to the third floor of Corbett Hall which provided us with more space, a board room, and a quiet area to conduct therapy. We participated in the documentary called "Echoed Voices" that featured an ISTAR client who was attending a refresher clinic, and it was released in August 2023 through AMI. The donations from the Alberta Elks Foundation and the lodges have been so generous this year and has helped us to treat 324 number of clients. The impact of your support has a long reach. Clients continue to report that as a result of being able to attend affordable therapy, they have improved in their academic achievements, their career goals, their social interactions, and their overall confidence. This is powerful. Thank you for providing the donations so that this is possible. I'm pleased to share the following details about our achievements this year.

I would like to share a few of the highlights from our 2023-2024 fiscal year. More details for all the items are below in the report.

- 370 clients received speech therapy at ISTAR.
- Elks donations from all sources were \$49,314.00 and supported the equivalent of 14 children to attend a full session (therapy for children averages \$3,500 each) but actually dozens benefited directly from your help due to our sliding scale of support to help each family as much as they need, usually between 25% to 90% of the total therapy cost.
- Our Elks Clinician, Jessica Harasym O'Byrne, completed her PhD in November 2023. She has a special interest in treating clients who have developmental and acquired stuttering. Her contributions to the field have already been significant and we expect this to continue.
- ISTAR trained 76 students and practicing clinicians this year which continues to help our colleagues across Canada provide effective speech therapy for stuttering.
- Clients who were directly impacted include Linkin who will be featured in an upcoming Canadian Elks article.
- The documentary "Echoed Voices" featured an ISTAR client and his experiences with stuttering therapy and was released through AMI in August 2023.

This year ISTAR treated 370 clients, including 349 who stutter. 189 children, 62 teens and 98 adults. More than 40% of our clients require funding support of some kind, and in some years that number is more than 50%. Despite having some of our team away for maternity leaves, we continued to deliver our intensive and refresher clinics and our children's camps with great results. Being flexible to deliver therapy via on-line sessions as well as in person has helped reduce the burden on families and clients to be away from their home and work for long stretches of time while they attend the intensive clinics. As rising costs of inflation impact all of us, additional

expenses required to attend speech therapy can be stressful for our clients and we are so grateful to have our donor supported ISTAR Client Assistant Programs to help with these costs.

ISTAR continues to be a wonderful asset to our colleagues in the field of Speech-Language Pathology. We provide much needed consultation to these therapists who aren't as experienced with working with people who stutter. We have conducted workshops and provided training to 76 students and clinicians this year. In addition, we have completed 2 individualized mentorship programs for our colleagues. This service to the community helps fulfill our mandate of providing training as well as indirectly ensures that people who stutter can receive effective stuttering therapy.

In November 2023, our long-time colleague and ISTAR Elks Clinician, Jessica O'Byrne Harasym, graduated with her PhD in Rehabilitation Science. Her thesis study titled "Draw It... So They Understand": An Arts-Based Reflexive Collective Case Study Exploring How Youth Navigate (Mis)Understandings About Communication Changes After Concussion was fascinating and will be so impactful to clients and to our field. We look forward to continuing to work with Jessica to conduct research into the nature and cause of stuttering.

The documentary entitled "Echoed Voices" followed an 18-year-old client of ours as he completed a two-day refresher in February 2023. The film was a labour of love as the director was a former client of ISTAR and he had long desired to tell the story of a client's experience with stuttering therapy. We were pleased to be a part of the project and delighted to be able to share how important the contributions of the Elks and the Royal Purple have been to ISTAR.

While we do enjoy training clinicians, conducting research, and educating the public, it is seeing the difference that therapy makes to our young clients that keeps us motivated to do our work. We recently shared a story with the Canadian Elks Magazine about one of our young clients who attended speech therapy this past year. I wanted to share a short excerpt from that article with you in this report.

Linkin is a nine-year-old boy in Grade 3 who is confident, outgoing, and happy to have conversations with family and friends. But it wasn't always this way.

When he was four, Linkin's parents — Nathan Astrope and Amanda Poels — noticed that he had a stutter. While living with his mom in British Columbia, he attended a speech-language program through B.C.'s Interior Health where he saw some improvement, but soon aged out when he began school. Without a consistent, specially trained therapist in stuttering at Linkin's school, by age eight his speech started to decline.

"As his speech declined, so did his relationships," says Astrope, who lives in Calgary. "He didn't speak very much. It was sometimes hard for us to understand him."

Linkin is in a two-household family — with nine children between them — that were able to access funds from ISTAR donor support to receive weekly remote speech session with therapist Spenser Halfyard.

"Sometimes when he is speaking to me, I just smile at him because I remember how much of a challenge it used to be for him to get any words out at all," says his dad, Nathan. "It's incredible to see how far he has come in such a short time."

After the article, Linkin's father also shared, "In our family, we believe that our children's future happiness and success is dependent on the opportunities they receive along the way. Being able to share thoughts and ideas is critical to a child's day to day wellness, and ISTAR is giving Linkin

tools so that he will be able to confidently share himself with his family and eventually, with the world. This opportunity that has been provided to him is in part because of financial support from ICAP and all those who have generously donated their time and money to this organization. Our family is grateful for your support and for your part in our son's journey."

As ISTAR is solely responsible for our operational costs, we rely on client fees and donor funds to support our work. We continue to see a need for donations to our ISTAR Client Assistance Programs. Your continued support is fundamental to the work that we do. This year we raised ~\$154,000 to support the ISTAR Client Assistance Program and expended ~ \$131,000.

ISTAR funding summary for April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024	
Total donors (including non-Elks)	52
10 Elks Lodges	\$8,290.00 donated to ISTAR
Alberta Elks Foundation	\$31,024.00 donated to ISTAR (includes some Lodges who gave via AEF)
Elks & Royal Purple Fund for Children	\$10,000.00 donated to ISTAR
All donations	\$249,375.00 donated to ISTAR

We are so grateful for your continued support of our work.

Donor recognition

Thank you very much for the long-time and ongoing support of the Elks Lodges, Alberta Elk Foundation and the Elks members who serve on our ISTAR Foundation.

We continue to acknowledge and celebrate the support of the Elks in many ways:

- Recognition of Elks support is noted prominently in our reception and the Clinic Director's office space.
- Acknowledged and featured at our presentations to local community groups, including ISTAR final speech events and workshops to practicing Speech-Language Pathologists
- We are honored to continue having both the official positions of the Elks and Royal Purple Fund for Children Clinical Chair and the Alberta Elks Foundation Clinical Chair be named in recognition of Elks support – All written correspondence from the Clinic Director and Clinical Chair position cites the Alberta Elks and the Elks and Royal Purple, respectively.
- The support of the Elks is displayed on a banner and sign on premises
- Featured prominently in the annual newsletter for decades, and on a feature donor page on the ISTAR website since its inception.
- An annual story about a child or family supported by Elks donations is featured in the Canadian Elk magazine and also given circulation on our website and social media.
- ISTAR has been a partner at various times to boost volunteer support or ticket sales for Elks events, raffles, casinos, and community events.
- ISTAR clinicians and clients have presented and participated at multiple Elks meetings and we continue to offer that availability.
- Elks members are featured on our website and social media as ISTAR Foundation members, including their bio, photo and video.

As part of our desire to demonstrate our gratitude for your donations, we routinely ask our clients to express what difference it has made to their lives to receive donor supported treatment. Here are a few comments that we would like to pass along to you and your group.

The parents of 8-year-old Luke wanted you to know: "We appreciate the message of hope that this funding provides. It is inspiring to know that there are people who care about the wellbeing of our child and are willing to invest in their future. This gift means more to us than just financial

assistance; it is a reminder that we are not alone in our journey, and that there are compassionate and generous individuals who want to make a difference in the lives of people who stutter."

An older teen client who faced severe fluency challenges but was able to attend our intensive program with help from the ICAP fund recently wrote, "My diagnosis of Childhood-Onset Fluency Disorder has been an extremely difficult journey for me and has consisted of multiple different treatments in the hopes of some relief. Contrary to my past experiences, I truly believe that this intensive program will change the way I see and handle my stutter.

Your generosity has and will continue to foster positive change within the stuttering community, and it means the world to me as a stutterer myself. The complications and complexities of our disability are often overlooked, as stutters are not visible nor portrayed positively towards society. I would like to thank you for not only recognizing our struggles, but for helping me overcome them.

Once again, thank you for the incredible support - I am truly grateful for the chance you have given me, and hope you are able to see the positive changes your donations have brought about." (Maya, age 18).

The monies that the Elks have donated over these past 38 years have directly impacted over 4,575 people who stutter and have communication challenges, helped to train hundreds of clinicians, and have indirectly supported research into the cause and nature of stuttering.

This year, your donations have helped the equivalent of 14 children to attend a full session of intensive stuttering therapy (averaging \$3,500 each) and your support has also helped many other clients who receive partial coverage. Your donations make up for 20% of our total donations. This support is vital to the continuation of our work.

100 % of the money that you donate to ISTAR goes directly into supporting clients and our ISTAR Client Assistance Programs which help support people who stutter by providing financial supports to offset the cost of specialized therapy.

In the last year (April 2023 to March 2024), ISTAR has been able to serve a total of 370 clients (children, teens, and adults). Of those, 1 child was helped from direct donations from individual lodges and by the Elks and Royal Purple Fund for Children. An additional 13 children were helped by the Alberta Elks Foundation and member Lodge donations during this time. Your recent generous gifts of \$49,314.00 will continue to help many more people in the months to come. We are grateful that the Alberta Elks Foundation, the Elks and Elks Royal Purple Lodges and the Elks and Royal Purple Fund for Children have chosen to ISTAR. We believe the gift of speech confidence and improved communication is priceless and has long-lasting impact in all aspects of our lives. It is vitally important to our clients and together we are changing lives for the better.

Moved by Nick Henger, seconded by Barb Evans, to receive the reports as presented, CARRIED.

6. Audited Financial Statements for 2023-2024

- Review Engagement Report read by Trustee Darren Scott.

Moved by Dianna Worsley, seconded by Margo Ward, to receive the Engagement Review Report for 2023-2024, CARRIED

7. Resolutions

It is my honour to present this report on behalf of the Judiciary Committee. The job of the Committee could not have been possible without the help and dedication of the other members of the Committee, Brother Jim McLeod, and Brother Don Rush. This job is to provide support to the Foundation, Chairman Brother Bill Ward, and its Executive, as well as the members, on matters pertaining to the Bylaws and Regulations.

Throughout the year, the Bylaws and Regulations are continually being reviewed to ensure they are being followed by all levels of the Association while also following the Bylaws and Regulations of Grand Lodge.

This past year the Foundation Executive had to make minor changes to the Bylaws as requested by AGLC. These changes related to rewording the terminology of “honorariums” and moving this as well as the duties of the Foundation Secretary Treasurer from the Bylaws to Regulations to comply with AGLC requirements. It must be noted that these duties **were not** changed in any way and are being followed. These changes will be itemized during the Foundation sessions.

Other minor changes were made to the Bylaws which are included in the proceedings and will be discussed. I ask that you review these Resolutions and be prepared to discuss them when they are presented.

I would also ask that you read the Bylaws and Regulations as set out in the Association and Foundation Website. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact a member of the Executive or Judiciary Committee.

Respectfully Submitted,
Duane Felt, Judiciary Committee Chair

RESOLUTION #1.

WHEREAS: the following Bylaw changes were recommended by the Foundation Executive and require approval by the membership at this AGM;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following Bylaw changes be made:

12.1 Include the following: “**The appointed Secretary-Treasurer shall not be a voting member of the Board**”.

12.2 Include the following after “(5) elected Trustees”: “**plus the 1st Vice of the Association**”.

Moved by Leonard Shain, seconded by Murray Fleming, CARRIED

8. Grants

a) GA 2024-02 Roundhill Elks \$5,000

Moved by Humphrey Banack, seconded by Bill Campbell, to support GA 2024-02 in the amount of \$5,000 to help with the addition to the Round Hill Community Hall. CARRIED

- If AGLC does not allow the use of gaming funds for this application, the Foundation will use general funds.

- b) GA 2024-03 Medicine Hat Elks \$3,423.32

Moved by Dave Carlson, seconded by Don Murphy, to support GA 2024-03 for \$3,423.32 for support in replacing the front doors to the lodge, CARRIED.

- c) Elks Royal Purple Fund for Children annual commitment \$5,000

Moved by Bill Ward, seconded by Michelle Englman, to provide the annual commitment of \$5,000 to the Elks Royal Purple Fund for Children, CARRIED.

9. Old Business

- No old business to discuss.

10. New Business

- a) 56th Annual Foundation Raffle

Moved by Margo Ward, seconded by Kelly Sanford, to hold the 56th Annual Foundation Raffle. CARRIED.

- b) Budget 2024-2025 for approval by membership

- AGLC was contacted after the 2023 AGM, and they have approved the Mighty Lil Elk program that other lodges can donate gaming funds to, and gaming funds can be used for hygiene products, and postcards. Gaming funds can not be used for bags or cell phone chargers.
- AGLC Audit was completed July 24, 2023
 - Honorariums can not be paid to the Raffle Chair or Secretary/Treasurer of the Foundation with gaming funds or nongaming funds.
 - Personal Assistance Grants – supporting individuals or families must be pre-approved by AGLC before funds can be disbursed.
 - Foundation fined \$225.00 in administrative sanctions.
- Budget reviewed line by line
 - Income
 - Increase Raffle to \$30,000
 - Expenses
 - Increase Auditor to \$6,100

Moved by Ken Lengyel to accept the 2024/2025 budget, seconded by Duane Rumold.

Discussion:

- Mighty Lil Elk Bags
- Donations from Lodges - gaming funds go into Foundation gaming account, general funds, goes into the Foundation general account.
- ISTAR – is an annual donation, have not locked the Foundation into long term.

2024/2025 budget approved with amendments, CARRIED

- c) Presentation by Holly Lomheim, Clinic Director ISTAR

- d) Upcoming Casino for 2025

- In first quarter of 2025 information will be coming out in the fall, the casino will be in Calgary.
- Send a letter to volunteers when they submit their application letting them know they are needed.

- e) Foundation Branding Guideline Presentation – Kelly Sanford
 - Prior to next printing of the brochure – add the Foundation Raffle

11. Good of the Order

- Presentation and acceptance of cheques.
 - Foundation donation collected \$28,706.75
 - ISTAR donation collected \$5,600
 - Fund for Children \$7,500
- Roy Poisson – 50/50 tickets selling during conference
- Duane Rumold – Fine box
- Don Gillis – Grand Exalted Ruler pins, and guest book
- Presentation of Certificates
 - i) Bill Hilz (largest single contribution) – **Stavelly #119**
 - ii) Bob Manning (highest per capita donation) – **Edmonton RPE #22**
 - iii) Tabs for Tots Contribution
 - a. **District # 3** - 807 pounds / **District # 13** runner up - 802 pounds
 - b. **District # 9** - 1,885 pounds (highest other metals)
 - iv) Raffle Sales Top – **Strathmore #491** 397 books sold.

12. Adjournment at 9:50 AM