

ALBERTA ELKS NEWSLETTER

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AB Elks Association Committee Reports

Communications

Have you ever heard the story about The Lion and the Mouse: This story is about the power of kindness and gratitude. The lion spares the mouse's life, and later, the mouse repays the favor by gnawing through the ropes that bind the lion. This story teaches us that small acts of kindness can have a big impact, and that we should always be grateful for the work we do in our communities, helping others. Help us by sharing your story to inspire others to continue the work we are so proudly doing. Every story makes us who we are as an organization today.

A Walk Down Memory Lane

Did you know:

Elks Of Canada's 50th Anniversary in 1962 there was 35,740 members

In 1967 Canada's Centennial we had 38,722 members

In 1979 Elks membership peaked: 51,590

In 1987 Elks of Canada's 75th Anniversary dropped to 43,199

As of today, 2024, Elks of Canada has 7151, active members

In 2022, 10 of our very own Alberta members stood on stage in Didsbury and was honoured to receive the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal.



Presenting the awards were Bill Ward, MC, Kelly Sanford, President and Sharon McLean, Presenter. Receiving the awards were Don Rush, Jim McLeod, Leonard Shain, Duane Felt, Doug Benard, Margo Ward, Nick Hanger, Ed Heck, Marjoire Dowell and missing is Doug Beacote.

In Memorium

Correction of name:

Brian Elle Medicine Hat #412



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Submission to the Newsletter

If you have a story to share with us for the Newsletter please submit a picture and 2 or 3 lines of what the picture is about and ensure your writing is legible. Please forward your submission by the 1st of every month to:

abelkscommunication@gmail.com

With limited space and trying to accommodate all lodges, we are asking for 1 or 2 submissions from each lodge.

4 Generations of Elks



In Barons, Alberta, the Turner family is proudly celebrating four generations of membership. How many can claim such a legacy? Shelby, Glen, and Loyal Turner, a Charter Member since 1929, along with Avery and Trevor, exemplify this family's commitment. Their dedication to the Elks community is truly impressive, showcasing their ongoing devotion to service and camaraderie. Each generation has made significant contributions to the Barons Elks legacy. The Turners take great pride in their heritage and are enthusiastic about continuing to support and enhance their community for generations to come.

ALBERTA ELKS
FOUNDATION



56th ANNUAL RAFFLE

First Prize

\$30,000 CASH

Second Prize

\$10,000 CASH

TICKETS

Third Prize

\$5,000 CASH

\$2.00 each or
3 for \$5.00

PROCEEDS FROM THIS RAFFLE ENABLE US TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO:

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

ISTAR - Institute for Stuttering Treatment & Research
Training, Research & 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 Test for Canadian Children

Early Bird Draws

March 13, 2025

3 prizes of \$750.00 Each

FINAL DRAW DATE JUNE 26, 2025

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

TICKETS AVAILABLE

Local Contact

www.elksf Alberta.ca

78,200 TICKETS PRINTED Tickets may only be purchased or sold within the Province of Alberta. Tickets are not to be sold to anyone under the age of 18 years. LICENSE 698092



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Barons Elks



Barons Elks Lodge recently marked an impressive 95 years of dedicated service. Throughout its journey, the lodge has experienced both triumphs and challenges, yet their commitment to serving the community has never wavered. During the festivities, they honored Life Member Don Lyon, who is 98 years young, by presenting him with his 75-year pin! From left to right: Exalted Ruler David Bishop, Don Lyon, and PDD Glen Turner, a 55-year member, who shared a brief history of Barons Elks during the celebration.

Trenville RP Elks



Trenville Royal Purple Elks #248 happily gifted a \$400.00 donation to the Elnora FCSS.

Pictured are District Deputy, Louise Higginbottom and FCSS Community Worker, Michelle Rich.

National Curling



Congratulations to the Barons Elks on their 3rd year in a row win. Alberta Provincial President Meghan Pollard, Lead Jared Sundquist, Skip Avery Turner, 3rd Trevor Turner, & 2nd Erek Bishop

THANK YOU!



A heartfelt thank you goes out to the Vulcan Elks Club for providing funding for a Pediatric Crash Cart and baby scale at the Vulcan Community Health Centre, made possible through The Alberta Elks Foundation's Tabs for Tots program.



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Beaverlodge



Charlie, Elks Members and Beaverlodge Fire Fighters getting fireworks ready



Charlie, Santa and Brian Auberry's great grandson

Trenville RP Elks



PTrenville Royal Purple Elks #248 Butterfly Tree. Located at the Elnora Community Health Centre. Decorated by District Deputy - Louise Higginbottom, Honourable Royal Lady Loretta Fraser and Member Connie Fossen. What a beautiful tree! A job well done..

Slave Lake



Slave Lake Elks # 379 present Lisa Jackson with a cheque for \$500.00 for Disaster Assistance in the loss of their house in a fire.

Red Deer Elks



Exalted Ruler Ken Komarnisky receiving a presentation from Red Deer Elks minor hockey team that we sponsor



Trenville RP Elks



The Snowflake Christmas Market held at the Drop In in Delburne was not only a lot of fun but also a tremendous success in terms of raffle tickets sold for the AB Elks Foundation, as well as for our Trenville Royal Purple Elks #248. Let's all embrace the spirit of being winners this Christmas!

In the picture are: HRL Loretta Fraser and Marilyn Rich.

Stavely Elks



Stavely Elks Exalted Ruler Jordie Bronson, presenting a \$1000.00 check to Kinley Toone, for the Nanton Skating Club, to help with their season expenses.

Stavely Elks



Exalted Ruler Jordie Bronson, presenting a \$10,000.00 check to Gentry Hall, for the Stavely Community Hall's Dishwasher Project.

Red Deer Elks



IPER Colin Teterssell donating \$1000 to red deer veterans food bank at our Meat draw



Wetaskwin Elks



Wetaskwin Elks Lodge #91 executives members donated \$2,000.00 towards the Hillside Community Hall renovation. Elks #91 received a matching grant from Alberta Elks Association towards the donation.

From Left to Right: Tony Greenidge - Elks Historian, Lyla Goin - Hillside Hall President and Carol Blair - Treasurer, Eldon Dumkee - Elks President, Tom Bukkems - Membership Director and Francis Koppe - Financial Secretary.

Strathmore Elks



A heartfelt appeal from the Strathmore Health Unit resulted in a generous donation of \$3,500 from the Strathmore Elks, aimed at purchasing a stair mobility device. This contribution will greatly assist a local boy in Strathmore who has bilateral spastic cerebral palsy and is increasingly struggling to access the only accessible shower located downstairs in his home.

Recognizing the pressing need, the Strathmore Elks stepped up to support this initiative, ensuring the boy can safely and comfortably reach essential facilities. This generous act showcases the community spirit and commitment of the Strathmore Elks.

Special thanks are extended to Bryce Currie of Assist Health Supplies for his collaboration with the Elks in making this important project a reality.

Red Deer Elks



Children's Xmas part held on December 8 kids really enjoyed bouncy castle

Welcome New Members



Installation of new members Monica Krull to Edmonton Elks Lodge # 11 & Parry Will to St. Albert Elks Lodge #585



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Edmonton Elks Cheque Presentations



Edmonton Elks Exalted Ruler Lyle Ozouf presenting a cheque to Marjorie Benz, Edmonton Food Bank for \$1,000



ER presenting a cheque to Greg Nielsen, Camp He Ho Ha for \$3,000



ER presenting a cheque to Ethan Siemens, War Amps CHAMP for \$2,500



ER presenting a cheque to Candice Fehr, CASA for \$2,000



ER presenting a cheque to Janice Foote, Santa's Anonymous for \$1,000



ER presenting a cheque to Marissa Schmidt, Zebra Foundation for \$2,000

Edmonton RP Elks



Elks Exalted Ruler Lyle Wirsta presenting a cheque to Abbott Elementary School, Edmonton for \$5,000



Elks Exalted Ruler Lyle Wirsta presenting a cheque to Candice Fehr CASA for \$5,000



Joanne Siemens presenting a cheque to Marisa Schmidt, Zebra for \$2,000



Joanne Siemens presenting a cheque to Ekota Elementary School, Edmonton for \$2,000

