



BROTHERS, SISTERS AND LADIES OF THE ALBERTA ELKS ASSOCIATION;

On behalf of the Alberta Elks Foundation Board, I would like to thank you for your support of the Foundation over the past year. I would like to point out a number of items as we enter the last month of this year's term.

- Overall, our budget is running close to what was approved at last year's conference. I ask you to please consider sending in your Lodge donations if you have not done so. The fiscal year end for the Foundation is April 30th.
- I ask all Lodges to please submit any Lodge Assistance Requests as soon as possible so they can be prepared for this year's Conference. Any request under \$2,000 can be approved by the Foundation Board; however, any requests over \$2,000 need to be approved by the membership at the Foundation meeting at Conference. ***Deadline is May 1st*** for submissions for any application over \$2,000.

We also need any applications for funding from the Tabs for Tots to be submitted no later than ***May 1st***. If any lodge has any tabs or metal, please arrange to have delivered them to Nick Henger in Red Deer.

- To date a number of Lodges have requested the Provincial float for their local parade. If your lodge would like have the float, please contact the Foundation Secretary. The fee for the float is \$300.
- The time has come when we start the "early bird draws" for the Foundation Raffle. Please ensure that all sold tickets are sent to **Sister Margo Ward in Didsbury** and return ALL tickets before the end of May, whether they are sold or not so we comply with gaming regulations.
- ISTAR has a new Executive Director – Mr. Anwar Haq. He recognizes the importance of the Elks to ISTAR and thanks everyone for our participation. Anwar is very interested in meeting as many Elks as possible to discuss the Elks and ISTAR and would be very happy to attend any Lodge or District Meeting. If you wish Anwar to attend, please let me know so I can coordinate logistics.

Thank you all for your support of the Foundation. We look forward to seeing as many as possible at the Conference in Wainwright in June

Fraternally,
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