

# FOUNDATION NEWS

## NOVEMBER 2015

### CHAIRMAN DON'S COMMENTS

Good day and welcome to another letter from the Trustees of the Foundation. We are very happy to announce everything has fallen into place and the raffle tickets should be in the Lodge's hands pretty soon. Other than that it has been a quiet month. The Trustees would like to thank Westlock Elks #330 for their generous donation.

I know that summer is a long way off but I think that we should mention the float being available for all of the parades and rodeos throughout Alberta. What a great way to show everyone who we are!! On that thought - if some of you are thinking of a membership drive in the spring/summer, maybe you can use the float to be a part of it, either parked outside the local hall or else at one of the community places that the Elks has sponsored.

Another worthwhile note is that our Secretary – Treasurer term will be up at the conference in 2017. Here is a great opportunity to help the Elks and the Foundation and to gain a better insight into the workings of our Charity. If possible it would be nice to have someone in place this year so that our current Secretary can show the new

person all of the ins and outs of the position.

Please remember the Foundation in

any plans you have for a social event, hockey tournament, curling bonspiel and yes, even a golf tournament (even though summer is far away).

Thanks for your time and as the President has said "Remember the children" in all your efforts.

### MAIL

Please ensure that your Lodge Secretary has the correct mailing address for the Alberta Elks Foundation. It is noted on the bottom of this newsletter. By using the correct address, your cheques/applications/etc. will be handled expeditiously.

### FOUNDATION GRANTS

Do you know of a family with children under the age of eighteen in your community that have been devastated by a fire in their prime living quarters? By contacting the Foundation with the name, address and ages of the children, they will qualify for an immediate \$500 grant from the Foundation. Your Lodge is not required to make a matching donation but are encouraged to make a donation to the family. We would appreciate photos of the presentations.

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REACHING OUT TO OTHERS

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## **SPECIAL EVENTS/CELEBRATIONS**

To promote the Order, we are asking for photos of your anniversaries or any other special events your Lodge may be doing. We know that each Lodge has a yearly function of some sort and no matter the size of the event or what it is for, send us a couple of photos – we would like to feature them on the Association and Foundation website. Let's get our name out there and increase our membership!!

Send them to the Foundation Office and we will forward them on to the Website Manager.

Does your Lodge want to spread the word to other Lodges about something special coming up – a member celebrating a milestone membership, your Lodge having a birthday, etc.? Why not let us know and we will spread the word through our newsletter – at no charge to your Lodge. Just send the information to our Secretary-Treasurer either by e-mail or regular mail (at the address below) no later than the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month, and it will be included.

## **GET WELL WISHES**

Brother Vic Schmidt, Alberta Elks' Association Third Vice-President, has had open heart surgery. We all wish you a speedy recovery Vic!!



Lay a wreath at Remembrance Day Services for your Lodge – your community will appreciate your thoughtfulness.

## **FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

*“Renewal requires opening yourself up to new ways of thinking and feeling”.*

As Lodge members, we should think about this quote, put it in context of our own Lodges and accept what our newer members have to offer. In turn, we may be able to renew the foundation of why our Order was created. In the beginning, all ideas were new!!

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