



## PERTH ELKS LODGE NO. 362

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Brother Narrowmore,

I am pleased to submit the Annual Exalted Ruler's Report for Perth Elks Lodge # 362 on the occasion of the NB/PEI Provincial Elks Association Annual Conference in Moncton on April 12, 2014.

Following is a summary of changes that have taken place in our membership since our last Annual Meeting:

- Membership - March 31, 2013	- 100	Auto Life - 5
- Deceased	- 1	
- Issued Resignations - involuntary	- 10	
- Membership- December 31, 2013	- 89	Auto Life - 5
- Total Membership	- 94	

During the past year our Executive Committee has concentrated its attention on renovating our building. This included measures that would mitigate damages caused by future flooding by, among other things, eliminating everything from our basement, as well as creating an attractive and functional facility with everything on one floor. Owning a building that had 6,600 square feet and all of a sudden having only 3,300 square feet required a lot of decision making. Our biggest expense was creating a men's washroom out of what was previously an office and still keeping enough space for a photo copier and some storage.

In spite of all of this we still carried on a very active schedule. In the fiscal year from May 1, 2012 to April 30, 2013 we were able to donate \$9,743.00 to charities including \$2,372.00 to the Elks and Royal Purple Fund for Children and \$1,200.00 to the Deaf Camp. In the present fiscal year to date, including our donation today to the Deaf Camp we have made donations of \$7,528.25.

Following is a list of activities and projects that we have been involved in over the past year:

1. Fund Raiser - In June we sell tickets on a **Cooler Stuffed with stuff for Dad.**
2. Fund Raiser - In December we sell tickets on a **Christmas Basket and a Christmas Dinner.**
3. Fundraiser - In March we have a **St. Patrick's Day BBQ and Silent Auction.**
4. Fundraiser - Perth Elks and the Perth-Andover Legion have joined forces to run a weekly 50/50 Draw. We have over 1100 participants and each organization have cleared about \$1,500.00 per month.

5. Fundraiser – We have an **Annual Remembrance Day Breakfast** on November 11 and the proceeds go to our charity work.
6. We donate our hall and kitchen free of charge for **Benefit Breakfasts and Dances**. The local Food Bank had one in March and raised over \$2,100.00. The Southern Victoria Skating Club are going to have one this month.
7. We made a sizeable donation to the **Perth-Andover Middle School Varsity and Junior Varsity Girls Basketball Program**. This resulted in them naming their Varsity team the **Elks** and the girls came and waited on tables at our St. Patrick's Day Dinner.
8. We give our hall free of charge to the **Hotel Dieu Hospital Foundation** and to the **Perth-Andover Business Connection** for their monthly meetings.
9. We have a **Potluck Dinner** on the first Friday of each month.
10. We usually have a dinner on meeting night and this is open to members and guests. They usually have anywhere from 35 to 80 in attendance.
11. We have created our own website: [www.perthelkslodge.ca](http://www.perthelkslodge.ca)
12. This year we had a **Super Bowl Party**. We got a 48 "TV from Home Zone Electronics in Woodstock for a good price and sold tickets on it. Everyone who came to the Party paid \$10.00. This gave them a ticket on the TV, free snacks and drink specials. The draw was held at half time and you had to be there to win. We made \$150.00 on the TV and had a really good night at the bar.
13. We get a really good turnout for the **Exalted Ruler's Annual Corn Boil** in September. This is open for members and **Friends of the Elks** families and we serve hamburgers and hot dogs as well as the corn. There is no charge.

The emphasis at Perth Elks Lodge is on building strong community ties. Because of our openness we have developed good will and respect from the people of our area and they have expressed their confidence in our work by supporting us. In our **Elks/Legion Lotto** we have 12 local business who sell tickets for us every week. One of these businesses does from \$500.00 to \$750.00 per week in sales.

Next year we need to cash in on this good will and convince them to join. Let's hope that Mother Nature is good to us this year and we are able to concentrate on **membership growth and not flood recovery**.

Fraternally,  
Ronald Dube  
Exalted Ruler