

**Perth Elks Lodge # 362**  
**549 East Riverside Drive**  
**Perth-Andover, NB E7H 1Y4**

March 2, 2014

Dear Elks,

The next regular meeting of Perth Elks Lodge # 362 will be held on Thursday, March 13, 2014 at 6:00 PM. **Please note that because our Steak Dinner and Silent Auction is on Saturday, March 15, 2014 we will not be having a dinner on Lodge night.**

We are asking that all members who would like to have input into the future of our Lodge be in attendance that night. The Executive has decided to make some changes in how we run our Lounge. We want all members to be involved in these important decisions. **If you are interested in the future of Perth Elks Lodge and if you have no other pressing matters to attend to then this is the meeting that you should come to.**

This year we have a very strong Executive Committee who attend all meetings. They all believe that Perth Elks has a vital role to play in our community and they are interested in taking important steps that will ensure that our total operation is sustainable. In the fiscal year starting on May 1, 2012 to April 30, 2013 our Lodge gave almost \$10,000.00 in donations. As well, we provided our hall to families and groups to raise well over that amount. This year from May 1, 2013 to the present we will have contributed \$7,528.25. By the end of April we will be again be close to or over \$10,000.00.

We believe that we need to make some minor adjustments in our operations that will reduce our overhead so that we will be financially secure for the long haul. Right now we are debt free and our income of about \$18,000.00 yearly from the Elks/Legion 50/50 will pretty much take care of our basics. We want all of our members to be involved in these decisions.

**Our Steak Dinner and Silent Auction will be \$15.00 per person.** This has been a very good Fund Raiser for us and we receive tremendous community support for our Auction. We want to have a good turn- out for the dinner so that there will be good healthy bidding at the Auction. So plan to come and bring a group with you. The Lounge and Silent Auction opens at 5:00 PM and the dinner will be served at 6:30 PM. **I would encourage members to get tickets and sell them for us. Also if you would like to donate to the auction let me know as well.**

The next Lodge Meeting will be April 17, 2014 and not on the regular night of April 10 because we are **receiving a special visit from our Grand Exalted Ruler, Jim McLeod. We will be having a dinner that night as well.**

Our May meeting will be on May 8, 2014 **and our final meeting of the year will be our Installation and it will be on Saturday, June 7, 2014.**

Several members have expressed an interest in playing darts on Saturdays at 3 or 4 PM for a couple of hours. If you are interested call Alta or let me know.

The Food Bank is looking for help for their Breakfast which they are having at our Lodge on Saturday, March 22, 2014. Let us know at the Lodge Meeting if you would like to help.

Fraternally,  
Ron Gaunce, Secretary