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Message from Supreme Honoured Royal Lady Sharen McLean



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Wasn't that a party? What a "Rock"ing good time! Thanks to Gander's Chair and Co Chairpersons' Luc Chouinard, Elizabeth Manning, Susan Ash and their Committees for making our 87th Royal Purple and 99th Elks annual convention a memorable event. Not only did the executives and delegates get down to business, we accomplished more than anticipated. Deliberations, discussion and decisions were made for the betterment of our orders to assist us to move forward in a positive manner.

At this time I would like to thank the members of the Royal Purple for allowing me the privilege of being your Supreme Honoured Royal Lady this next year. Enthusiasm, patience and a positive attitude will allow us to increase our membership and institute new lodges. I look forward to working with all of you to obtain this goal. As Supreme Honoured Royal Lady, my primary responsibility is to each and every member of the Royal Purple of Canada.

My Theme for this term is "Overcome Challenges."

Together as members we are a strong unit and can conquer situations with determination and fortitude.

Message from Immediate Past Supreme Honoured Royal Lady Lynda Nolan

Thank you for the Memories.

Remember to Focus always!

Thank you to everyone for the so many courtesies to myself and Paul as we visited your Lodges, homes and communities. The memory of my year and everyone that I met or was reunited with was beyond my expectations and will be with me forever. For me, this term made a difference in my life. Thank you to Past Supreme Honoured Royal Lady Amy Cosins for so generously giving me your PSHRL jewel. I will wear it with pride for both of us.....your term 1980-81 and mine 2010-11. 30 years, WOW!! What an honour. Thank you Amy and one and all for the Memories. Hugs, Lynda





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Membership:

Reports from the 1915 Convention indicated 10 Lodges had been instituted. By 1927, there were 24 Lodges with 934 members. In 1928 there were 1,177 members and although membership increased over the next few years, there were only 644 members in 1937. By 1949 there were 97 active Lodges and 5,100 members increasing

to 13,616 members by 1961. The Order continued to increase membership: 1973 we saw 16,708 members and reached a high in 1986 with 306 Lodges and 17,407 members. The decline started to be obvious by 1997 when there were only 275 Lodges and 10,426 members and from 2010 statistics, totals of 166 Lodges and 4,172 members

CHARITIES Lorraine Pezzutto—Charities Co-Chair

"MAKING DOLLARS OUT OF CENTS"

100 years old in 2012 -- The Elks of Canada's Centennial!

A special project has been organized called "Making Dollars out of Cents". Soon the Canadian government will be removing from circulation over 20 Billion pennies. Get your members and the communities you live in to collect these pennies. They sit by the 100's in tin cans, jars, ashtrays, at the bottom of the closet or in corners of drawers; even in the shoe you are wearing (Did it bring you good luck?)

After your lodge has collected the pennies through the year, donate the money to the Elks and Royal Purple Fund For Children. I'm sure many imaginative ways can be dreamed up to get the lowly penny out of its hiding and piled up with other pennies to support programs that assist children and address the needs of children with hearing and speech disorders.



**ELKS & ROYAL PURPLE
FUND FOR CHILDREN**

News from Saskatchewan

(If your Province has a submission...we would love to have it in our next issue.)

News from Saskatchewan

I don't pretend to know all of what is happening in our province but I know the Lodges and the Association is ready for a busy fall. SHRL Sharen and PP Colleen MacDonald are busy making their official visits. Within a few days our Provincial Buddy Visit Team will be trained and Buddy visits will begin.

Our congratulations to Terri Paziuk on her election to the National Executive and to Denise Taylor of Prince

Albert on her appointment to Judiciary. Enjoy the National scene girls. Thanks to Jo Sweeting for her many volunteer hours on the Office Management committee as she retired from these duties this year.

Swift Current and Beechy Lodges have joined together on the Royal Purple bus to Dakota Dunes casino project. Each lodge is making good money and the whole day is a blast. Lots of bingo and jokes on the bus and good fellowship, too.

October 14 will see us all out in Nipawin walking in the Walkathon always a highlight of our Provincial year.

Also in October, Saskatoon will be hosting the Association's Diamond Ring Dinner so somebody will be the lucky winner. Bev Koval and the girls always put on a good show.

November in Saskatchewan will feature Beechy and curling as the local Elks and Royal Purple Lodges bid to hose the Mixed and the Ladies' Provincial curling and were awarded both bids. Christmas is the theme and we hope all the Lodges enjoy their time in Beechy.

We know many of the Lodges will be putting on fowl suppers, Oktoberfest's, fun days and Buddy visits and then getting ready for the Christmas parties. It will be a busy time – like the good old days when Royal Purple meant fun, travelling, fellowship and everybody was having just tooo much fun. Submitted by: Sandi Lougheed

Notes from National Lodge Development Chair Sharon Ozouf

What Can National Lodge Development Do For Your Lodge?

We will assist your lodge with funding to hold a Membership Awareness Campaign with or without a Provincial Association.

We can give you ideas for a MAC

We will help resolve conflict issues

We can put your lodge in touch with a Facilitator and this must be requested in writing

Do you have a question for National Lodge Development? Contact one of the members of the Committee and let them help you.

\$ Hello! Everyone from the FINANCE COMMITTEE

A few things to mention just as reminders as I know you all know the whys and wherefores but thought I would mention anyway.

National:

You need Receipts and approval from Finance committee before paying bills not budgeted (Pat and myself will try to approve or disagree these in a timely fashion) remember we are available by email or phone. And please note that Budgets can only be guidelines, they are not cut in stone. Approval from Executive committee on any projects before spending on any big dollar tickets Executive will notify the committee.

The Lodges:

2 signing officers on all cheques. Set your budgets, and try to stick with them (not always possible). You need approval from the Lodge before you spend money on big projects not approved in the Budget. I hope these little things help, if you would like us to address any particular issue please contact us and we will try and help out.

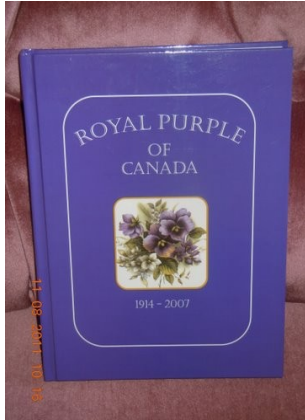
Jan Gammie Chairperson Pat Holowath Co Chairperson



**2012 Calendars
\$15.00**

HISTORY BOOK

1914-1994 Available at the RP Office \$45.00 plus shipping. Loads of pictures and stories!



NEW AT OUR ROYAL PURPLE STORE

Calendars: \$15.00
Purple Cloth Bags: \$2.00
Notepad & Pen Set: \$5.00



Resolutions

There were 6 resolutions for the Constitution, one resolution for the Procedures and Floor Work Book and one uncirculated resolution presented. Highlights included:

- Removal of the Supreme Guard position

- Reinstating the Convention Nominating Committee

- A Lodge may submit resolutions for amendments to the National Constitution and Procedures and Floor Work books (does not have to go through the District).

- National Registration/Affiliation fee (membership fee) be increased to \$50.00.

- District Deputies become "District Representative" no longer under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Lodge Executive, but are responsible to the Lodges within the District and will perform such duties as per the District Bylaws.

2012 National Registration/Affiliation Fees

\$50.00 per Regular Member

\$25.00 per Life Member, only for Members who were granted Life Membership prior to August 1992 – , the Lodge must submit full membership fees for any members granted Life Membership after 1992.

\$25.00 per Junior Member

\$10.00 per Restoration to Membership

2012 Convention will be in Chilliwack, BC July 24 – 26, 2012.

A daughter had just helped her 90 year old mother through the strain of moving out of the family home into a new unit in a senior's apartment building. The daughter was trying to make all the arrangements so she asked, "Mum, what about Meals on Wheels?" To which her Mother replied, "No dear, I don't think I could volunteer for them anymore."



A Lifetime of Memories

It seems only a short time ago since we set out on our travels and what an amazing year. We were indeed fortunate to have our spouses accompany us on our travels and wish to thank everyone for helping us collect our Lifetime of Memories.

We would like to thank all members of the Royal Purple of Canada and the Elks of Canada for their hospitality and the support they provided to us.

Best wishes to GER Jerry Wernicke and SHRL Sharon McLean in your travels this year. Meanwhile, we look forward to renewing acquaintances with all of our new friends at Chilliwack, BC in July 2012 as we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Elks of Canada and 98th Anniversary of Royal Purple.

Immediate Past SHRL Lynda and Immediate Past GER Dave.

This Newsletter is being produced, published and circulated by email only, at this time. If you have a submission please send by email to

nolan@pgonline.com Submissions for this Newsletter are most welcome and we will put in all we can. Pictures will be limited but activities you have done or are doing (and will be in time for next production) will go in on a first come basis. If you have any ideas, suggestions or comments regarding the Newsletter, please send us an email. Thank you.

How to view our photos on Facebook

We have made this as easy as pie. All you have to do is go on the Royal Purple of Canada Website:

royalpurpleofcanada.org

Go to The Photo Gallery/Facebook page and click on the “bold link” to our Picture Gallery on Facebook.

We hope this makes viewing our photos easy and enjoyable

If a person wants to add pictures they have to be a member of Facebook and be a member of our Fan Page.

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GREAT LODGE PROJECTS:

A person created Isabella's Umbrella after spending six weeks with her daughter in both the Stollery Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and the Foothills Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. During her time with Lizzie at the hospital, she wasn't able to hold her as much as she wanted. As her mom, she wanted to do the "normal" things that all parents want to do with their babies. They looked for comfort any where they could get it, and for the Mom, it was reading to her baby girl. "So looking back on our experience, we have decided to provide comforting items to the babies and their families in the NICU. Our hope is to create comfort bags for these very special babies and their loving families. In these bags, we are hoping to give the babies some very special items, their families some items to make their stay a little more easier, and a book that can be shared between the babies and their families The ladies running this in Red Deer say, the idea is to put together care packs for parents and sick babies. isbellasumbrella@gmail.com or call 403-347-8839.

Prince George just donated their 1000th Patient Kit to the Regional Hospital. The kits are given to patients who need them, dispensed by the Social Work Department. The kits include a pair of socks, lip gloss, deodorant, shampoo, lotion, bar of soap, disposable razor, notebook and pen. Include Lodge and or RP brochure and a contact person. The items are donated from the members from travel, Avon, etc., and purchases are also donated. Dollar store is a great place for many articles. For more information contact Bea Stanley at 250-564-4534.

From the National Co-ordinating Committee (NCC) Sandi Lougheed—Chair

It seems like only yesterday that the members approved our member activity plan and trusted us to use our reserves to fund 18 months of member activity. The four of us on our committee – Sandi Lougheed (SK), chair, Marilyn Allen (BC), Raylene Manning (NL) and Linda Rush (AB) – have taken the responsibility seriously and hit the ground galloping, let alone running. Our first meeting in Beechy in September brought together 14 ladies from across Canada to devise a plan which could work in every Lodge in Canada. We decided to establish a plan where each Lodge determines what activity it could undertake this year, outline how it could be accomplished and provide assistance to them to make that progress.

Our four ladies could not do this alone so we have found a group of women (30 or more) in every province and territory (whether or not they have a Provincial Association) who will dedicate this year to helping. We will provide every Lodge at least one buddy Lodge. The Buddies will visit each other, help out where they can, compare their progress and have FUN together. Each buddy grouping will have a team member assigned to provide help and encouragement.

Recently, I have travelled to Portage La Prairie, Kamloops, Edmonton, and Allan training provincial teams. I spent 34 hours on a bus and countless hours in the car so I had time to marvel at those ladies long ago who came to our communities to convince us as to the value of the Royal Purple as an organization. In many ways we have the same selling job and when we sell our organization and its many good works, we still are successful. If we are selling our traditional ways and unchanging attitudes, we are much less successful.

Raylene Manning is starting work with the first pilot junior lodge consisting of 14 to 21 year olds. They will wear purple t-shirts, be girls and boys, have their own meetings and hopefully grow up together knowing the difference that service work can make to our communities.

Eleven communities have been targeted to investigate to establish new lodges and members have been assigned to do this work. Sadly, at the same time, we have Lodges whose members are deciding they have served long enough. It is our hope that we can find new members in those communities quickly so that the Royal Purple can continue to be a part of that community.

In short, there is much to do. We need the continued support of the present membership as we try to renew Royal Purple in your Lodge and community and while we work on expanding back into communities where we once existed. Please co-operate with your buddy visit, team member and your fellow members as we look at member activity 2011 – 2012 AND BE SURE TO HAVE FUN DOING IT.



100 YEARS OF ROYAL PURPLE MEMORIES

DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE MEMORY THAT YOU COULD WRITE A STORY ABOUT . WE WANT AT LEAST 100 STORIES TO PUT IN A BOOK TO CELEBRATE OUR 100 YEARS OF ROYAL PURPLE. You would submit your story to nolan@pgonline.com and the MEMORIES COMMITTEE will put together and have the book ready for purchase at 2012 Convention. Help us share the memoriesstart yours today. **We will only take these by email** so if you have a story but no computer, hopefully you have a friend or relative that would send it for you. By submitting you are giving permission for us to include in the published book.

Top Reasons for Volunteering:

1. When you stay home you get too many telemarketing calls.
2. It's hard to win a game of solitaire

Which Lodge proposed the Pansy as a floral emblem and why was it chosen?

In which years were National Royal Purple Conventions cancelled?

What does 09/11/1914 represent?

(You can find the answers if you look in the History Book).

Ask Miss Pansy

Do you have a question that **Miss Pansy** can answer? It can be on any Royal Purple subject. The Office, store, committees, executive...someone will answer. Send your question to nolan@pgonline.com and title it "newsletter question". It will be sent to the appropriate person to answer.



SUPREME & GRAND LODGE EXECUTIVES 2011-2012

