

CONVENTION NORTH BAY ONTARIO 2024

It was a very good experience for Sherry and myself to go to North Bay. There was about 73 delegates who attended the convention 29 of those were on zoom.

They spoke about the Royal purple fund for children and said they were profoundly fortunate to receive an exceptional donation from the South Vancouver elks lodge number 55 which contributed \$1 million from the proceeds of their building sale as they wind down operations. While the closure of the lodge marks an end of an era. Their contribution will leave a lasting legacy significantly enhancing the lives of children across the country. Managed by the grand lodge Charities Committee, the Elks and Royal Purple for children has ensured that the donated funds are effectively utilized to assist children in need. They also extended gratitude to everyone who has contributed to the success of the Elks and Royal purple fund for children. The Elks members and lodges are the back bone of our efforts and they encouraged all of us to continue this noble work together, we can make a difference in the life of children across Canada one child at a time.

The new Grand executive

Myles Reid Grand Exalted Rule
Kari Senko Grand Leading Knight
Luc Chouinard Grand Royal Knight
Eugene Harder Grand Lecturing Knight
Darren Stevens Grand Esquire
Gordon Moon Chaplain

Sherry and myself spoke with a lot of members in other Lodges across Canada to see how their Lodges run.

New plastic membership cards will be issued Sept or October this year . There will be a sticker to put on back of card every year. If you lose your card there will be a \$15 charge to replace.

I believe Sherry and myself represented the White Rock Elks well by asking questions. We participated in all of the functions and I am pretty sure the White Rock Elks is now known at the national. I also believe that it is very important that the White Rock Elks have representation at national and conference level.