



Office of the
Grand Exalted Ruler

MEMO

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TO: Exalted Rulers/Presidents/Honoured Royal Ladies
Provincial Officers

FROM: Leonard Shain
Grand Exalted Ruler
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Brothers, Sisters, Ladies of the Royal Purple Elks and Provincial Officers,

As leaders of the Order, whether it be on the Grand Executive, Provincial Association, District Deputy/Regional Rep, and Committee Members or on your Lodge Executive, it is important that we all work together for a common goal, promoting the Order, increasing membership, helping our communities and the people within them.

I would like to thank you for stepping up and accepting the position to lead an excellent group of volunteers that put others ahead of themselves. Your dedication to help others will never go unnoticed, even if you do not personally receive recognition. It is your commitment that will make your community a better place to live, for everyone.

I chose a theme that reflects your dedication and commitment, "**Not Without You**". I encourage you to share my theme with your Executive, and Lodge members, as no member can do this alone. We need to assist each other to build the playground, raise funds to help a member of the community that needs our support, produce innovative ideas on how to fundraise and get new members.

At the 2022 Grand Lodge Convention, the members endorsed the Strategic Plan's direction of growing the Order, being transparent, and creating a marketing plan to ensure we are the Best Volunteer Organization in Canada.

My commitment to you is, we the Grand Executive will share information in a timely matter, both good news and bad. We will ensure that any part of this organization will receive answers to their questions or concerns, but in return, we ask that you also share with the Grand Executive the same questions or concerns. We need to work together to have a common response, so members feel confident they are not getting the run around. Again, I cannot do this alone. I cannot do this, **Not Without you**.

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Brothers, Sisters, Ladies and Officers, I am open to work with you and your team, and I encourage you to let me help you as much as I can, as I will be asking you to assist me. Each of you can stand tall and proud knowing we all are here to support each other and ensure we all have a wonderful year.

Brothers, Sisters, Ladies and Officers, my hope is that each one of you will have a wonderful memorable year that will bring a smile to your face, just as at the end of my term, I plan to reflect and recall we did it, but **Not Without You**.

In closing, thank you for making a difference in the lives of the families in your community and across Canada. None of this would be possible, **Not Without You!**

“Not Without You”

cc Past Grand Exalted Rulers
Grand Executive