



Our Year in Review by Kelly Christman, President

2018 is now a memory and Canadian Royal Purple has grown in experience, some Lodges have grown in membership; we have welcomed a new Lodge in Kindersley and we have said good-bye to some Lodges as well as members. That sentence contains plenty of activity and does not mention the work that has been undertaken by the National Office and Board of Directors.

I am proud to be a part of this National organization reaching from BC to Ontario. At December 31st we were over 1100 members strong; belonging to 70 lodges and 5 Provincial Associations. Members remain members out of loyalty, comfort and a sense of belonging. It is a responsibility of each of us as members to encourage others to join. When you ask someone to join you are inviting them to give back to the community that they are apart. Have you encouraged someone to join your Lodge recently?

In review, under National President Lorraine Pezzutto's tagline of "Give It Your Best Shot", the National Board began strategic planning. The plan reflects present day actions/outcomes and moves forward to future actions/outcomes for sustainable health and wellbeing of the organization. This process can be difficult for some people as we face the reality that our membership is aging, traditions are being dropped/changed, the cost of doing business increasing, changes in volunteer patterns to mention the obvious. Since July when I was elected, under the tagline "Attitude of Gratitude" this work continues. Your Board of Directors is committed to progressing this plan for the betterment of Canadian Royal Purple. We have completed edits to the Procedures and Floorwork Manual, we have undertaken to call each and every HRL/President across Canada to gain insight into their operations, we are gathering legal advice around liability insurance for Lodges/members.

Royal Purple Week is May 12-18, 2019 which is a great opportunity to shed light on your local Lodge. Celebrate your contributions to the community by tooting your own horn or get businesses and local Government to toot it for you. Get creative and share your activities with us to promote membership and bask in the glory of your past years of work.

Preparations for the 5th AGM of Canadian Royal Purple to be held July 12-14, 2019 at Prince George, BC are well underway. Work continues to increase members and Lodges in areas where folks show initiative. Our website and Facebook is continually updated and available for good news stories. Has your Lodge provided news worthy information of late? www.canadianroyalpurplesociety.org Stop by and check in often for forms, news and documents available for printing.

As I look forward into 2019, it is with optimism, appreciation as well as the reality that some hard decisions are needed to sustain, retain and increase membership of this volunteer organization. Your patience, your willingness to get involved as well as your continued support are called upon and appreciated. Keeping it real with an Attitude of Gratitude; we move through our 5th year of operations.

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