





HISTORY OF THE ELKS OF CANADA


 Founded September 26, 1912 and incorporated under a special Dominion of Canada Charter.


 First lodge established in Vancouver, B.C. The Officers and members expanded the **Elks** organization across Canada. Charles E. Redeker became the first National Leader of the **Elks of Canada**.


 The **largest, all-Canadian, Fraternal organization in Canada** developed.


 Prior to 1912 an Elks organization flourished in the USA. The **Elks of Canada** are not affiliated with the American Elks, but share a common history and enjoy a friendly relationship.


 In the USA the Elks began with a group of actors and entertainers led by Charles A. Vivian, an Englishman. They chose the name Elk because of the animal's stately qualities. The framework of the organization was developed at a meeting in New York on February 16, 1868 and spread rapidly becoming one of the most respected and successful organizations in the United States of America. It was only natural to base the **Elks of Canada** on such a fine example.


 The **Elks of Canada** have grown to over 300 lodges with more than 20,000 members and are committed to our **Vision** of being the most progressive family focused organization in Canada, meeting community and member needs and expectations.


 Over the years changes have been made to realize this Vision. In 1998 a referendum was passed by the membership removing the word male from the Constitution - permitting women to join the Elks

 The qualifications to become a member of the Elks are: **Any person of good reputation, a believer in a Supreme Being, an adherent of lawful government and having attained the age of majority as established by the province or territory in which the Lodge is located.**

 Members are initiated by their home lodge, become members of the National Order and receive a warm welcome in any lodge they visit across Canada. Think of it as a "national network" of friends.

 All applicants must complete a **membership application (attached)** and be proposed by a member in good standing at a regular meeting of a Lodge. Membership fees are collected and a ballot/vote upon the admission of the candidate is taken. (Fees are determined by each local Lodge).

 Once approved each member is "initiated" into the **Elks** by a special and meaningful ceremony. Once initiated they are entitled to all the privileges of membership in the **Elks of Canada**.

 The men and women of the **Elks of Canada** promote and support community needs across Canada.

National Programs

The Elks and Royal Purple Fund For Children, Drug Awareness Program, Literary and Poster Contest

Local Programs

Hospitals and building projects, sports groups, playgrounds and community centres

Provincial Programs

BC - The Elks Family Hearing Resource Centre, B.C. Children's Camp Society

Alberta - The Institute for Stuttering Treatment and Research

Saskatchewan – SPARC (Saskatchewan Pediatric Auditory Rehabilitation Centre), Senior's Homes, DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Program

Manitoba – Central Speech & Hearing Clinic, Westman Regional Hearing Clinic, Camp WannaKumbac, Manitoba Special Olympic Floor Hockey

Ontario – Ontario VOICE, Camp Tillicum

Quebec - Cochlear Implant Program

Nova Scotia - Local and Community Directed Programs

N.B./P.E.I. – NB/PEI Elks & Royal Purple Deaf Camp

NFLD./Labrador - Deer Park Integrated School
NorthWest Territories –Elks Hearing Centre, Elks Youth Centre

Yukon - Local and Community Directed Programs

Nunavut – Local and Community Directed Programs



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Please Print)



I, _____ apply for membership in the
_____ Elks Lodge No. _____

- I have never been a member of the Order. - I was a member and am applying for re-instatement.
 - I am a member of another Lodge applying to join as a plural member.

My address is:

Street/Box No. _____

City _____ Province _____

Postal Code _____ Phone _____ (Res) _____ (Bus)

Birthdate / / Email _____
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References:

(Name)	(Address)	(Phone)
_____	_____	_____
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1. Do you believe in the maintenance of law and order? Yes No
2. Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offence? Yes No
 If Yes, please explain

3. Do you believe in a Supreme Being? Yes No

4. Are you willing to assume an obligation that will not conflict with
your duties to yourself, family, your religious belief or political opinion? Yes No

5. Have you ever been proposed for membership in any other Elks Lodge?
If yes, what Lodge and with what results? Yes No

I have read all the questions, answered them completely, and do verify that my answers are true and will abide by the rules of the Order, if accepted.

(Signature of Applicant) (Date)

(Signature of Proposer) (Date)

(Print - Name of Proposer)

Please check the appropriate categories you are interested or have a specific talent in.

- Finances Computers Public speaking Fund Raising
 Communications Sports (Types) Other (List)

What is your present occupation?

Do you think you might like to become an Officer or a member of a Committee? (Not mandatory).

- Yes - No - Possibly

Please list the names of any other organizations that you now, or have belonged to and any offices or committee positions held in these organizations.

IMPORTANT: Our organization has prospered since 1912 because of the high calibre of members who have joined. They have been interested in the fellowship provided, and in helping those less fortunate. We urge you to become knowledgeable about the organization, to become active in our work and to assure the continued strength of our Order through proposal of your friends as members. Please consider yourself an ambassador of the Elks and part of the Membership Committee.

The Membership Fee is as follows:

Membership Fee _____

Date of Initiation _____