





HISTORY OF THE ELKS OF CANADA


 Founded September 26, 1912 and incorporated by a Special Act of Federal Parliament, May 16, 1913.


 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 approximately 280 lodges with 15,000 members 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 members are "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, Addictions Awareness Program and Contest.

Local Programs

Hospitals and building projects, sports groups, playgrounds and community centers.

Provincial Programs

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

Alberta - ISTAR (The Institute for Stuttering Treatment and Research)

Saskatchewan - SPARC (Saskatchewan Pediatric Auditory Rehabilitation Center), Seniors' Homes, DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Program

Manitoba - Central Speech & Hearing Clinic, Camp WannaKumbac, Manitoba Special Olympics Floor Hockey

Ontario - Ontario VOICE, Camp Tillicum

Quebec - Cochlear Implant Program

New Brunswick/Prince Edward Island - NB/PEI Elks & Royal Purple Deaf Camp

North West Territories - Elks Hearing Centre, Elks Youth Centre, Stanton Territorial Health Region

Nova Scotia, Newfoundland/Labrador, Yukon & Nunavut - Local and Community Directed Programs



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Please Print)



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

Please check one:

- I have never been a member of the Elks of Canada.
- I was a member in the _____ Lodge and am applying for re-instatement.
- I am a member of another Lodge applying to join as a plural member.
- I am/was a Royal Purple member with _____ (years) _____ (months) of service in the Royal Purple.

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 for which you have not received a pardon? 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 Elks Lodge? Yes No
 If yes, what Lodge and with what results?

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

- Finances Computers Public speaking Charity/Fund Raising
 Media Skills Sports (Types) Entertainment Other (List)
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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.

The Elks of Canada respects your privacy. We protect your personal information and adhere to the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act. The information you provide will be used to provide you with the benefits of membership in the Elks of Canada. If at any time you wish to limit the use of this information, or would like to receive more information about our privacy policies please call our Privacy Officer toll free at 1-888-843-3557 or visit our website at www.elks-canada.org.

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.

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)

Date of Initiation _____