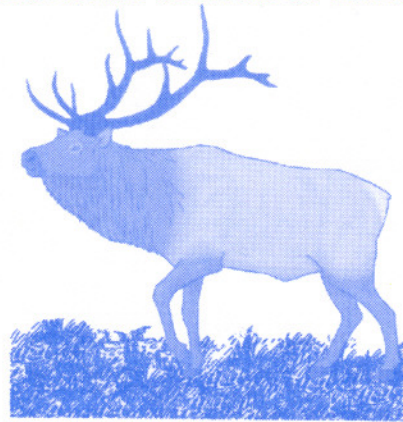


# An Invitation to Join the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



The works of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks are well-known throughout the Country. Organized on February 16, 1868, we are the largest American Benevolent Organization in the United States of America, consisting of American Citizens of the United States and its Territories.

The Order of Elks is a benevolent organization, not a "Social-Business Club." It is dedicated to Service to our Communities and our Country. The various phases of our work, whether it be with the fortunate or unfortunate youths, care of the needy, Veterans Service, furtherance of Americanism, or other Benevolent activities, . . . offer you a wide choice from which you may choose areas of interest.

Upon attaining membership in our Order, you will become part of a National Organization, with a membership of well over a million American Citizens, from every prominent city of our Country, who are respected Citizens in their Communities and are proud to say that they belong to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America.

Please complete the information on pages 2 and 4 (*optional*) of this invitation and return it with your deposit to your proposer. You will subsequently be contacted by the Lodge Secretary with further instructions.



**CIVIC/COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:** Americanism – Drug Awareness – Charities – Community Welfare – Community Affairs – Law and Order – Elks Hospitals – Elks Clinics – Handicapped Children – Summer Camps – Scholarships – Poster Contests – Essay Contests – Blood Drives – Boy and Girl Scouts – Veterans Service – Youth Sports (Other Activities as may develop)

**LOCAL LODGE ACTIVITIES:** Lodge Entertainment – Lodge Sports – Bridge, Chess, Card Clubs – Games – Conventions – Glee Club – Bus & Boat Trips – Lodge Maintenance – Grounds Maintenance – Photography – Publicity – Bingo – Bulletin – Sick Visitation – Breakfast – Dinners – Monthly Birthday Parties – Dances – Decorating – Greeter – Auditing – Membership and Lapsation – Inter Lodge Visitations – Family Activities (Other Activities as may develop)

**FOR A BETTER COMMUNITY, FOR BETTER COMPANIONSHIP, JOIN THE BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS.**

**Proposal for Membership**

**Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks  
of the United States of America**

Member \_\_\_\_\_ under the obligation of the Order, proposes for membership,

Signature of Proposer \_\_\_\_\_ Member # \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE PRINT OR  
USE TYPEWRITER

Address of Proposer \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number of Proposer \_\_\_\_\_

**QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED BY APPLICANT**

**IMPORTANT!** Applicant's name, complete address including P.O. Box, Rural Route, correct Post Office and Zip Number should be given. Your home address will be used as mailing address unless otherwise specified.

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security No. \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Business Name \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Business Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

2. State the place and date of your birth. Answer: Born in City of \_\_\_\_\_  
 County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ in year \_\_\_\_\_

3. Do you believe in the existence of God? ..... Answer \_\_\_\_\_

4. Are you a Citizen of the United States? ..... Answer \_\_\_\_\_

5. If foreign born, when and where were final naturalization papers issued? Answer \_\_\_\_\_

6. Are you willing to assume an obligation that:  
 (a) Will not conflict with your duties to yourself, or your family, or your religious or political opinions, and that  
 (b) Will bind you to uphold the Constitution and laws of the United States of America? Answer \_\_\_\_\_

7. Are you now a member of the Communist Party or directly or indirectly connected or affiliated with the Communist Party, or with any organization or group advocating or believing in the overthrow of the government of the United States by force? ..... Answer \_\_\_\_\_

8. Have you ever pleaded guilty to, or been convicted of a felony? ..... Answer \_\_\_\_\_  
 If your answer is affirmative, state nature of crime, date and place of conviction, and sentence imposed. Give details on an attached sheet.

9. If you have ever been discharged from the Armed Services of the United States or any of its Allies, state the character of the discharge received ..... Answer \_\_\_\_\_

10. Do you anticipate any pecuniary benefits by becoming a member of this Order? ..... Answer \_\_\_\_\_

11. Have you ever been proposed for membership in any Lodge of this Order, if so, where and when and with what result?  
 Answer \_\_\_\_\_

12. Have you been a bona fide resident within the jurisdiction of this Lodge immediately preceding the date of this application?...Answer \_\_\_\_\_

13. Give references of at least two members of this Order, other than the proposer, stating the name, home address, and business address of each.

Name	Home Address	Business Address	Phone

14. Give the name of each place of residence you have had during the last five years preceding the date of this application specifying date of each change therein, and the occupation followed by you in each place.

Place of Residence	When Established	When Changed	Occupation	Phone

15. Give the name and address of at least two citizens of any city in which you have resided during the last five years, where a Lodge of this Order is located.

Name	Home Address	Business Address	Phone

The above blank must be fully filled out by the Proposer and the Applicant, and be accompanied by an Application Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_ or it will not be considered. Balance of Initiation Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_, and proportionate (Semi-)Annual Dues up to next April 1st/October 1st (strike out date not needed) must both be paid at time of initiation.

I hereby give my consent that this application may be investigated through the use of a Consumer Credit Reporting Agency.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_