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Moose Jaw Elks Club fonds. – [textual record, graphic material, architectural drawing]. – 1910-2007. – 312 cm of textual records. – 832 col. photographs, 252 negatives, 105 b&w photographs, 108 slides. – 1 poster. – 19 sets of architectural drawings.  
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### **Administrative history**

The Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks was founded in the United States by Charles Algernon Vivian during the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century. Inspired by their American neighbours, the first B. P. O Elks Lodge in Canada was founded in Vancouver, British Columbia in 1912. The Elks of Canada are a fraternal and charitable organization whose volunteers (over 12 000 nationally) serve community needs across Canada. The Elks were organized in Moose Jaw from 1909-1913 under the Church-Lewis group. In 1913, the group decided to become associated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks of the Dominion of Canada, and was instituted on August 5, 1913. The group stayed together until 1915, but seemed to disappear until 1920. The Moose Jaw Lodge #7 was reinstated on July 12, 1920 and has been in operation ever since. The Moose Jaw Elks support the community in a variety of ways. They started a program to assist in the construction of senior citizens' homes and their charity fund, the Elks and Royal Purple Fund for Children, helps families with children with medical needs. The Elks met in the Cruikshank home at 358 Langdon Crescent from 1934 until 2008. Since 2008, the Moose Jaw Lodge #7 meets at the Royal Canadian Legion building in Moose Jaw.

### **Fonds level scope and content**

The Elks Club fonds contains 312 cm of textual records, 19 sets of architectural drawings, 1 poster, 108 slides, 252 negatives, 105 b&w photographs, and 832 col. photographs. The Elks Club fonds consists of 11 series: Scrapbooks and Clippings, Financial Records, Legal Documents, Meetings and Conferences, Publications, Correspondence, Membership, Events, Rules and Regulations, History of the Lodge and Lodge Renovations. This fonds also contains some material from the Elks' Club auxiliary group, The Order of the Royal Purple.

### **Conservation note**

This fonds was re-boxed and foldered in 2012.

### **Note of immediate source of acquisition**

This material was donated to the Moose Jaw Public Library Archives Department by the Moose Jaw Elks Lodge #7, through Alex Wilson, in 2009.

### **Accruals**

No further accruals expected.

## **Series Level Description**

### **Scrapbooks and Clippings**

**Dates:** 1949-2007.

**Extent:** 33.0 cm of textual records, 67 photographs : b&w, 18 photographs : col., 23 negatives.

**Scope and Content:** This series contains scrapbooks and clippings put together by Elks' members. The scrapbooks are mostly pictures of the Elks, some are annotated. The clippings are generally obituaries of late Elk members and Elks in the news.

### **Financial Records**

**Dates:** 1949-2005 ; predominate 1989-2005.

**Extent:** 54.0 cm of textual records.

**Scope and Content:** This series consists of receipts, financial statements, ledgers and invoices. It also includes financial projections, forms and budgets for the Elks' Club.

### **Legal Documents**

**Dates:** 1910-1998.

**Extent:** 7.50 cm of textual records.

**Scope and Content:** This series consists of legal documents, such as documents pertaining to amalgamation, incorporation and leases. It contains material regarding construction agreements and certificates of purchased shares. Charles Nicolle's will is also included with this material.

### **Meetings and Conferences**

**Dates:** 1921-2002; predominate 1958-2002.

**Extent:** 73.5 cm of textual records, 1 photograph : b&w.

**Scope and Content:** This series contains minutes, proceedings and reports from various meetings at the Lodge, including Lodge meetings, House Committee meetings, Directors' meetings, Provincial Officers' meetings and many others. It includes reports and proceedings from annual provincial and national conferences. There is also a black and white photo from the Elks' 32<sup>nd</sup> annual convention in 1961.

### **Publications**

**Dates:** 1930-2006.

**Extent:** 10.5 cm of textual records.

**Scope and Content:** This series consists of material produced by the Elks Club. This includes programs, newsletters, handbooks and pamphlets. This series also includes four copies of The Canadian Elk, the Elks of Canada's publication.

### **Correspondence**

**Dates:** 1980-2003.

**Extent:** 19.5 cm of textual records.

**Scope and Content:** This series contains correspondence between the Elks of Canada and the Moose Jaw Lodge #7 regarding official Elks business. Some files are specific correspondence to Harold Willfong, past Exalted Ruler in Moose Jaw.

### **Membership**

**Dates:** 1941-1992.

**Extent:** 36.5 cm of textual records.

**Scope and Content:** This series consists of membership applications for inactive and deceased members, membership reports, directories, reminder cards for members and attendance registers.

### **Events**

**Dates:** 1931-2002.

**Extent:** 43.0 cm of textual records, 1 poster, 108 slides, 229 negatives, 37 photographs : b&w, and 814 photographs : col.

**Scope and Content:** This series contains multimedia materials depicting various events hosted and attended by Elk members. This includes curling tournaments, minor football, loonie draws, fashion shows, fundraisers, and various other events. Many of the photographs are not dated and the individuals are unidentified.

### **Rules and Regulations**

**Dates:** 1948-2005 ; predominate 1979-1998.

**Extent:** 16.5 cm of textual records.

**Scope and Content:** This series consists of booklets containing the rules and regulations of the Order of the Elks. This includes the constitution, bylaws, and rules for rituals and ceremonies.

### **History of the Lodge**

**Dates:** 1950, 1982, 2001-2002.

**Extent:** 12.5 cm of textual records.

**Scope and Content:** This series consists of items written about the history of the Elks. This includes the historian's report, Elks History Book and the history of the Moose Jaw lodge.

### **Lodge Renovations**

**Dates:** 1958, 1960, 1986.

**Extent:** 5.50 cm of textual records, 19 sets of architectural drawings.

**Scope and Content:** This series contains documents regarding proposed additions in 1986 and renovations in 1958 to the Elks' lodge. It consists of contracts with the contractors, construction specifications and architectural drawings.

### **Finding aids**

See file list.

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## File List

### **Box V-132**

001 – New Lodge Hall Souvenir Programme – 1959

002 – Corby Cup Ribbons

003 – Fun Curling Photos – 1980, 1982 (62 col. photos)

004 – Colby Cup Trophy Ceremony – n.d. (1 col. photo)

005 – Financial Records 1994 – receipts, financial statements and invoices

006 – Financial Records 1993 – receipts, financial statements and invoices

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007 – Financial Records 1992 – receipts, financial statements and invoices

008 – Financial Records 1991 – receipts, financial statements and invoices

009 – Financial Records 1990 – receipts, financial statements and invoices

### **Box V-134**

010 – Financial Records 1989 – receipts, financial statements and invoices

011 – Executive Minutes – 1950-1959

### **Box V-135**

012 – Lodge Minutes 1960-1961

013 – Lodge Minutes 1962-1963

014 – Lodge Minutes 1964-1965

015 – Lodge Minutes 1966-1970

016 – Lodge Minutes 1956-1957

017 – Lodge Minutes 1958-1959

018 – Deceased Members – A-G Membership Applications – 1942-1976

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019 – Deceased Members – H-Z Membership Applications – 1942-1978

020 – Per Capita Tax and Membership Report – 1967-1986

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021 – Inactive Members – I-P – 1942-1984

022 – Inactive Members – R-Z – 1941-1982

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023 – Visitors' Register – 1984

024 – Visitors' Register – 1989

025 – Visitors' Register – 1991

026 – Visitors' Register – 1992

027 – Visitors' Register – n.d

028 – Visitors' Register – n.d

029 – Elks' Minor Football Tickets – n.d.

030 – Correspondence: Harold Willfong & Past Provincial Presidents Association – 1996

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031 – Correspondence: Memos, Agendas, and Minutes – 1994-1995

032 – Amalgamation Documents – 1998

033 – Correspondence: Programs and Memos – 1983, 1993, 1996

034 – Correspondence: By-laws, and other business

035 – Financial Statements – 1993-2005; predominate 2000-2005

036 – Correspondence: Harold Willfong – 2003

037 – Publications by the Elks Club: Newsletter 2003, Curling Program 1994, New Lodge Hall 1959, District Deputy Seminar 1996

038 – Financial Records: Invoices, Receipts, and Raffle Lists – 1990, 1991, 2006

039 – Clippings: Obituaries and Elk Members in the News – 1996, 2006

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040 – Events: 6 col. Pictures of Elks in parade in Moose Jaw – no date (n.d.), no one identified

041 – Events: 35 col. Pictures of Elks' Dart League 2002, no one identified

042 – Events: 1 col. Picture of Elks' golf, n.d., no one identified

043 – Events: 7 col. Pictures Show at Lodge, n.d., no one identified

044 – Events: 12 col. Pictures Halloween, n.d., no one identified

045 – Memorial Service –John Alexander Hannah, John M. Gamracy, Lorne Carr, Rodney Fredoff Sandahl – 2000; memorial service pamphlet from 2005

046 – Financial Statements – 1996

047 – Saskatchewan Elks and Royal Purple Associations Telephone Directory – 1999-2000

048 – Correspondence: Moose Jaw Lodge and Elks of Canada - 1997, 1994, 1980

049 – Rules and Regulations – bylaws – 2005

050 – Proceedings from annual conferences - 2002, 1999, 1978, 1994

051 – Correspondence: Harold Willfong and Campus Photo – 1990, 1992

052 – Photo: Elks' Minor Football: Sask. Semi-Finalist – South Hill Roughriders – 1966

053 – Historian's Report - various accounts in the Elks history, including a history of Bill the Elk and a list of Brothers that served in WWII – 1950

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054 – Loonie Draw Participants – 1990

055 – Loonie Draw Participants – 1992-1993

056 – Loonie Draw Participants – 1994

057 – Loonie Draw Participants – 1994-1995

058 – Loonie Draw Participants – 1995

059 – 31 negatives – Elk event, n.d.

060 – 10 col. Photos, 1 B & W: unknown events (4), Life members qualified 1980 (4), Travellers day parade 1980 (1), 25 years members' event 1980 (1), Elks Members n.d. (1)

061 – 28 negatives – Anniversary Event, n.d.

### **Box V-142**

062 – Correspondence: Greeting and thank you cards, 1987-1988

063 – Clippings: Obituaries and Elks in the news

064 – Stories by Brother Art Bonneau

065 – House Committee Meeting Minutes – 1955-1956

066 – Provincial per Capital Tax – 1968-1987

067 – Elks' Reading - stories published about the Elks

068 – Elks' History – 2001-2002

069 – Certificates: from Saskatchewan Workers' Compensation Board – 2005, 2006

070 – Curling – National Senior Corby – 1984

071 – Correspondence: Elks Business 1990-1992

072 – Correspondence: Constitution and Bylaws – 1992

073 – Saskatchewan Elks Foundation Inc. Certificate of Incorporation – 1987

074 – B. P. O. E Moose Jaw #7 Monthly Meetings Agendas – 1995

075 – Financial Records: Projections, Forms & Budgets – 1991, 1994

076 – Rules and Regulations – 1991, 1993,

### **Box V-143**

077 – Saskatchewan Elks Association's Fall and Christmas Bulletins – 1992-1993

078 – Minutes of Directors Meeting – 1992-1994

079 – Minutes of the Provincial Officers Meeting – 1991-1993

080 – Saskatchewan Elks Senior Citizens Homes Society – Directors' Meeting Minutes – 1992-1993

081 – Directory – Provincial Officers and other Officials

082 – Annual Conference Reports – 1992 – 1994

083 – Elks Newsletter – 1978

084 – Elks Management Committee – Income Statement 1998

085 – Provincial Conference Agenda – 1977

086 – Clippings: Elks in the news

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087 – Proceedings from Annual Conferences: 1958, 1959, 1960, 1962, 1964, 1977, 1978

088 – Col. photo – 8 men standing, n.d., no one identified

089 – 58 col. photos – fashion show, n.d., no one identified

090 – Scrapbook 1949-1952– events at the lodge mounted on black pages, people are identified in most photos

091 – Guests book – 1959, 1987/1988

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092 – Elks History Book - 1982

093 – Moose Jaw Elks Lodge Sixtieth Anniversary – 1980 – 50 col. photos, unidentified

094 – Photo album – 85 photos, 67 B & W photos, 1969, 1972; 18 colour photos, 23 negatives

095 – Clippings from Photo Album - 1969, 1972

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096 – Financial Statements – 1997

097 – Meeting Minutes – 1993

098 – Moose Jaw Tourist Information – n.d.

099 – Correspondence: Christmas Baskets – 1982

100 – Annual Conference Proceedings – 1951, 1953, 1956



- 101 – Annual Conference Proceedings – 1979, 1980, 1981
- 102 – Saskatchewan Elks and Royal Purple Associations' Conference Program – 2003
- 103 – Constitution and Bylaws – 1997/1998
- 104 – Joint Directory of the Elks and their Auxiliary the Royal Purple – 1988-1989
- 105 – Charles Nicolle's Will – 1910
- 106 – Progress Reports on the Elks' Building Addition – 1958-1959
- 107 – Payments to Freoschl & Heisler Ltd (contractor for addition) -1958-1959
- 108 – Ritual and Floor Work of the Order of the Royal Purple – revised 1977
- 109 – Ritual and Floor Work and Constitution and Statues of the Order of the Royal Purple-owned by Gladys Bellows – revised 1977, 1973
- 110 – Ledger – 1949-1951

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- 111 – Book of Meeting Minutes – 1939-1942
- 112 – Constitution and Bylaws of the Elks – Sixtieth Edition – 1981
- 113 – Proceedings of the Forty-Fourth and Forty-Fifth Annual Conventions – 1956-1957
- 114 – Saskatchewan Elks Association Annual Conference Programs – 1990, 1994
- 115 – Saskatchewan Elks Association Provincial Conference Programs – 2001, 2002
- 116 – 90 col. photos – fashion show, n.d., unidentified

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- 117 – 36 col. photos – Elks and Royal Purple Provincial Mixed Curling Bonspiel Moose Jaw Nov. 28-Dec. 1 2002; individuals identified
- 118 – 120 col. Photos - Various events at the Lodge: fundraisers, meetings, ceremonies, n.d., 1991, 1998, 1999
- 119 – 23 Negatives – unidentified Event

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120 – 104 col. Photos – Various events at the Lodge: parades, Christmas parties, ceremonies, n.d. 1998, 2003

121 – 104 col. Photos – various events at the Lodge: fundraisers, darts, bowling, n.d.

122 - 2 Elks' poker chips – red and white

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123 - 104 col. Photos – various events at the lodge: fundraisers, darts, float, n.d., 2001

124 - 147 Negatives – unidentified event

125 - Reminder cards for Members

126 - Grand Lodge and Supreme Lodge 1992 Convention Program

127 - Reports of the Saskatchewan Elks Association 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference 1997 and Reports of the 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Lodge Convention 1997

128 - Correspondence – 1997 –Grand Lodge Services Committee – re: revitalizing lodge

129 - Financial Records – n.d. – financial statements

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130 - Officer's Workshop Manual with a Special Section for Secretary-Treasurer

131 - Why Do We Need a Membership Director? – 1997-1998

132 - Reports and Proceedings of the Saskatchewan Elks Association – 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference – 1994

133 - Reports and Proceedings of the Saskatchewan Elks Association – 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference – 1995

134 - Elks of Canada: Proceedings of the 84<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Lodge Convention – 1996

135 - The Elks Purple Cross Fund: Annual Report – 1994-1995

136 - Proceedings of the 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Grand Lodge Convention – 1995

137 - Elks of Canada: Proceedings of the 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Lodge Convention – 1997

138 - How to be a Great Membership Director: Step by Step – 2003-2005

139 - Elks and Royal Purple Fund for Children: Resource Booklet – 2006

140 - The Canadian Elk September 2005, Vol. 55, no. 1

141 - Elks & Royal Purple of Canada: Public Relations Handbook

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142 - Rules for Exalted Ruler & Loonie draws - n.d.

143 - Financial Documents – 1952

144 - Elk Poems, n.d.

145 - Guestbook – 2003, 2005

146 – Contract Documents for Addition to Elks Club Building - 1986

147 - B & w photo – men with billboard: J. D McKay, Loren Carr, Leo Heisler, Mayor Lewery, Karl Freoschlil, R. Price, A. Bonneau and H. Lewis

148 - 32 col. photos – provincial conference, billiards and other ceremonies, 1977, n.d.

149 – Moose Jaw Elks' Lease - 1933

150 - Programs: Provincial Curling Bonspiel, Annual Conference and Saskatchewan Centennial Celebration

151 - House Rule No. 7 Violation Card – n.d.

152 - 2 B & W photos: North Hill Stampeders – Elks minor football 1966

153 - Freoschl & Heisler Limited Construction Agreement – 1958, 1960

154 - Construction Specifications for Addition - 1960

155 - Inactive Memberships – A- C – 1930 – 1984

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156 - Inactive Memberships – D – H – 1940 – 1984

157 - Events: Invitation to Banquet and tickets to Farewell to Temple Gardens and Brother Elks 1978, 2005

158 - Deceased Members' Paid Dues Cards – 1953 – 1974

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- 159 - Pamphlets: Invitation to and History of Elkdom – n.d.
- 160 - Constitution and By-Laws – 1948
- 161 - Constitution and By-Laws – 1990-1991 – two copies, one annotated by J. D. Findlay
- 162 - Constitution and By-Laws – 1994-1996 – one annotated by J. D. Findlay
- 163 - Book of Rituals – 1951 – signed by C. W. Cooper
- 164 - Book of Rituals – 1985, 1991 – signed by J.D Findlay
- 165 - Book of Rituals – 1979, 1988
- 166 - Book of Ritual/Ceremonials – 1991, 1999
- 167 - Elk Ceremonials – 1975

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- 168 - 24 photos, 17 b & w, 7 col., events and ceremonies, n.d.
- 169 - 24 col. photos, events – unidentified ceremony, Tomorrow Run, Christmas party – n.d., 1991
- 170 - Elks' Curling Flag –n.d., signed by members
- 171 - Certificates of purchased Moose Jaw Elks Limited Stocks – 1934, 1940
- 172 - Certificate of purchased shares in Moose Jaw Elks' Golf Club – 1944, 1946, 1947
- 173 - The Canadian Elk publication – March, April and June 1930
- 174 - 4 b & w photos of groups of Elks, n.d.
- 175 – 5 b & w photos of Elks and the Elks' Lodge
- 176 - Christmas Hamper Correspondence – n.d.
- 204 – Regular meeting minutes – 1997-2003

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- 177 - Architectural drawings of proposed addition – n.d. – 3 drawings

178 – Oversized Photos: B & w photo – Moose Jaw Elks’ Band at Dominion Convention – Edmonton July 15<sup>th</sup>, 1924; Fabric representation of Elks’ symbol – donated by Gordon Bein; Moose Jaw Lodge’s Members 1921

179 - Sask. Elks Corby Cup Bonspiel and Playdowns – n.d.

180 - Elk’s Football Scrapbook – 1953-1981

181 – Photos: Royal Purple Convention (B&W, 1946), Elks’ Banquet (B&W, 1931)

182 - Scrapbook – pictures from 1959-1973, individuals identified

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183 - Scrapbook – 1949-1954, most pages are annotated

184 - Newspaper Clippings: Elks in the News – 2005, 2007; Elks Hearing Awareness Flyer

185 - Certificate to Royal Purple: Acknowledgement of contribution to Jubilee Cancer Fund

### **Box H-77**

186 - History of B. P. O Elks Moose Jaw Lodge #7 1920-1959 (runs until 1963)

187 - History of B. P. O Elks Moose Jaw Lodge #7 1960- (runs 1964-1979)

188 - Attendance Register – 1985 – 1992

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189 - Minute Book - 1920-1921; includes letter of dispensation for Moose Jaw Lodge

190 - Minute Book 1921-1922

191 - Minute Book 1922-1923

192 - Minute Book 1923-1927

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193 - Minute Book 1927-1929

194 - Minute Book 1929-1932

195 - Minute Book 1932-1935

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196 - Minute Book 1935-1939

197 - Elks 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention at Temple Garden in Moose Jaw – 1961 – b & w photo

198 - T. P and Vern Hudson Behind Bar – n.d. – b & w photo

199 - C. W. Cooper – 1941 – b & w photo

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200 - Elk plaque – owned by W. H Towle in the 1920s and given to C. W. Cooper at his death

201 - B & w photo – 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Lodge Convention B. P. O. Elks of Canada July 28, 29, 30 1952 Calgary, Alberta

202 - B & w photo – 42<sup>nd</sup> Dominion Convention B. P. O Elks of Canada July 26, 27, 28 1954 Penticton, British Columbia

203 – 108 slides – Elks' events – Provincial Conference 1956, Elks' Canteen and Social 1957

### **Oversized**

**OS-31** - 3 sets of architectural drawings – renovations to Elks' building – 1958-1960 and Purple Cross Fund Poster – n.d.

**OS-32, OS-33** - 14 sets of architectural drawings – addition to Elks' building - 1986