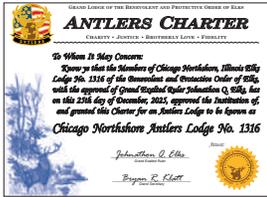


NEXT STEPS



Once enough Antlers members are ready to be initiated into the Lodge, the Advisory Council should request the Grand Secretary's

Office to issue a charter to officially institute the Antlers Lodge. To make that request, the Advisory Council will need to provide the following information:

- Elks Lodge name & number
- Date of institution
- Antlers Lodge name
- Antlers Lodge number
- Charter mailing address
- Contact name

This information can be e-mailed to grandlodge@elks.org

In addition, Antlers Membership Cards should be ordered from the Grand Lodge Supplies & Shipping Department through your Lodge Secretary via CLMS, or by e-mail to membcards@elks.org.

2024-2025 Antlers Card	
	
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Antlers Member Name _____	Member No. _____
Lodge Name & Number _____	
Antlers Member Signature _____	04/01/2024 Exp. Date
Antlers Secretary _____	

Schedule the institution of the Lodge, conduct initiation of Antlers, and then install interim officers chosen by the Advisory Council until elections are held by the Antlers. Officer terms run from April 1 to March 31.

Meetings are held either weekly or semi-monthly and must be held at the sponsoring Elks Lodge.

INTO THE FUTURE

Once the Antlers Lodge is up and running, it's important to ensure that it is supported by the membership of the sponsoring Lodge to keep it going well into the future. Because, that's what the Antlers are all about—the future!

The Antlers are about future of our young people, the future of the community, the future of our nation, and the future of the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks.

The Grand Lodge Activities Committee is ready to answer your questions about the programs. We encourage every Elks Lodge to become involved.

For more information on the Antlers Program, visit us at:
elks.org/grandlodge/activities/antlers.cfm

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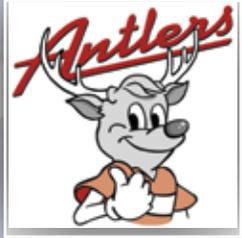
Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks



DEVELOPING AN ANTLERS LODGE

**Promoting
Love of Family, Country,
and Service to Others**

WHAT IS AN ANTLERS LODGE?



The Antlers are a youth group program of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. It is an organization that promotes the support of our youth, our veterans,

and our communities, and practices the principle of charity. Think of the Antlers as Junior Elks Members.

The Antlers program focuses on teaching our young people about:

- Patriotism
- Respect of parents
- Love of home
- Good citizenship
- Aiding a worthy cause
- Community service; and
- How to run their own organization

WHAT DO ANTLERS DO?

The Antlers program offers many activities that young people will enjoy, including social sessions, group trips, and other events where they can get together, have fun, and make new friends.

Fun is only a part of the experience. Antlers also learn about how organizations work through their meetings, participate in committee work, and aid a worthy cause in their community by working together. This teaches the members that helping others is what helps make them an important part of the community.

WHY HAVE AN ANTLERS LODGE?

It has been said that the youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow. As Elks, we want to encourage our nation's youth to learn about the importance of family, our country, and service to others.

The Antlers program is the perfect opportunity for Elks Lodges to engage directly with the youth of their community.

By establishing an Antlers program in your Lodge, you will be able to teach our young people about leadership, teamwork, good citizenship, love of country, and service to others—all of which we hold dear as Elks.

The program is open to youth between 12-20 years of age, and are not required to be related to a Member of the Order. By the time an Antler turns 21, he or she would be eligible to apply for membership in the Order. Many Antlers become active members of their Elks Lodge.

Many Lodges have found that the Antlers become great volunteers for many of the Lodge's projects and programs. Learning by doing is one of the best forms of education, and having more volunteers can help an Elks Lodge do more in the community to show that ***Elks Care—Elks Share.***

The Antlers program is a great way to perpetuate the ideals of Elkdom and to bring new like-minded Americans into our Order.

GETTING STARTED

To get started with establishing an Antlers program in your Lodge, it is recommended that you first visit the Activities Committee section of Elks.org and download all of the information you'll need to start the program. This includes:

- Antlers rules & regulations
- Bylaws
- Proposals for membership
- Antlers membership brochure
- Obligation
- Elks youth supervision guide
- Antlers logos

You will need to have a minimum of five (5) Members of the Order to serve on an Advisory Council that will work directly with the youth.

Your Lodge should also vote on the sponsorship of an Antlers Lodge, as this would be an ongoing program from year to year, and would use the Lodge facilities for its meetings.

Once approved by the Lodge, there will be a need to find a minimum of fifteen (15) youth between 12-20 years of age interested in becoming members.

The Advisory Council members must thoroughly review and understand the Antlers Rules & Regulations as well as the Elks Youth Supervision Guidelines before engaging with the youth.