# **Privacy Policy**

# **Terms of Service / Privacy Policy**

Passwords to this website are for paid-up members of the BPO Elks of the USA only. By registering and using a password, you are agreeing to the following:

- That you are a paid-up member in good standing of the BPO Elks of the USA.
  - That you are obligated for the regulations established by the Oklahoma State Elks Association, (OEA) for the use of this website and the message boards contained therein.
  - That the password issued to you is for your use only; that you will maintain
    its confidentiality; and that you are responsible for damages caused by
    breach of this confidentiality or negligence that allows others to breach
    the required confidentiality.
  - You further agree to indemnify and hold harmless the OEA and the BPOE of the USA, Inc., and other subordinate Lodges from any claims or expense arising out of your use of this password, your violation of the established regulation for the use of this website, or for the actions of other parties who gained access to this website due to your negligence or lack of care in maintaining the confidentiality of the password.
  - You agree that a violation of these terms could result in the withdrawal of your access privileges to the OEA website.

# **OEA Privacy Policy**

This Privacy Policy lets you know how the personal information that you submit to the OEA website is processed and used. We promise that we will take steps to use your personal information only in ways that are compatible with this Policy. The following policies are in effect for the Web pages, newsletters, message boards and opt-in announcement lists operated by the OEA website. Other Departments, Committees, Associations, and Lodges of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks may have different Policies.

# What information are you collecting and how are you collecting it?

Every computer connected to the Internet is given a domain name and a set of numbers called an "IP address." When a visitor requests a page from the OEA website, our web servers automatically recognize that visitor's domain name and IP address. The domain name and IP address reveal nothing personal about you other than the IP address from which you have accessed our site. We use this information to examine our traffic in aggregate. We also use "cookies" to track individual usage patterns on the OEA website. Our web servers do NOT record e-mail addresses of our visitors.

#### What are cookies?

From time to time, OEA may send a "cookie" to your computer. A cookie is a small piece of data that is sent to your browser from a web server and stored on your computer's hard drive. A cookie can't read data off your hard disk or read cookie files created by other sites. Cookies do not damage your system. We use cookies to identify which areas of the OEA website you have visited or customized, and to confirm your identity when visiting restricted-access pages.

## What other information do you request?

During our registration process we request your email address as well as additional "off-line" contact information. We maintain a strict "No-Spam" policy that means that we do not intend to sell, rent, or otherwise give your e-mail address to a third-party without your consent.

In addition, OEA will not send you email that you have not agreed to receive. We may from time to time send e-mail announcing new OEA services or events.

# Will you disclose the information you collect to outside third parties?

OEA will disclose personal information when required by law or in the good-faith belief that such action is necessary to:

- 1. Conform to the edicts of the law or comply with a legal process served on the OEA website or the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks,
- 2. Protect and defend the rights or property of the OEA website or the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, or the visitors of the OEA website,
- 3. Identify persons who may be violating the law, the legal notice, or the rights of third parties,
- 4. Cooperate with the investigations of purported unlawful activities.

OEA uses reasonable precautions to keep the information disclosed to us secure. However, we are not responsible for any breach of security or for any actions of any third parties which receive the information.

## **Your Consent To This Agreement**

By using our website, you consent to the collection and use of information by the OEA

website as specified above. If we decide to change our privacy policy, we will post those changes on this page so that you are always aware of what information we collect, how we use it, and under what circumstances we disclose it.

By using our website, you agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Oklahoma State Elks Association (OEA) and the B.P.O. Elks of the USA, Inc., from any claim, demand or expense arising out of your use of the website except for occurrences caused by the sole negligence of the OEA.

### **Elks Online Guidelines**

The OEA website is best experienced when members observe a few simple rules. Here are some key guidelines that apply to this website.

- 1. The OEA website is a service of the Oklahoma State Elks Association, and as such is governed by the Statutes of the Order. Please observe all applicable statutes as you participate in our online services.
- 2. The opinions expressed in our online message boards are those of the individual authors, and do NOT necessarily represent the official opinion of the OEA, Grand Lodge, or any of the Order's Committees, or subordinate lodges.
- 3. Those posting messages to our online message boards grant the OEA an irrevocable license to republish and use such messages at the OEA's discretion. The OEA also explicitly reserves the compilation copyright on the collected messages posted to this web site. Individual messages are copyrighted by the original authors. By participating in these message forums, you explicitly agree that you will not reuse these messages outside of this website.
- 4. The OEA website is provided by the Oklahoma State Elks Association, as a service to the Members of the Order, but since Internet access is not yet universal, our online services should NOT be seen as the Order's official means of communication with its membership. If you have a problem or concern of an official nature, please contact the Oklahoma State Elks Association.
- 5. The OEA message boards are intended to facilitate the exchange of positive, constructive information between members of the Order. The message boards should not be used to air private grievances, or to post submissions that reflect poorly on the Order, its policies, or on any member, officer, or employee of the Order. Matters of concern in these areas should be addressed "offline", through the customary channels of the organization. Messages and topics deemed inconsistent with this guideline may be removed from the OEA message boards at the discretion of the forum administrators. Members who repeatedly violate this guideline may be subject to the revocation of their message board access privileges.