

**Title:** Elk's Club Collection

**Reference Code:** Mss-2099

**Inclusive Dates:** 1888 – 1961

**Quantity:** 0.3 cu. ft.

**Location:** GV, Sh. 046

**Abstract:** The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks was formed in 1868 in New York City. Its purpose is to practice the four cardinal virtues (charity, justice, brotherly love and fidelity), to promote the welfare and happiness of its members, cultivate good fellowship and “quicken the spirit of American patriotism.” Milwaukee Lodge No. 46 was formed in December 1886. The Lodge's first home was in the Empire Building at Grand Avenue (now W. Wisconsin) and West Water (now Plankinton Ave.). After several moves, the Lodge settled into the building at 448 Jefferson Street in 1906. A new Elks Lodge on E. Wisconsin and Marshall Street opened in 1925, but the building was razed in 1971. The organization currently is located at 5555 W. Good Hope Road.

**Scope and Content:** The collection contains newspaper clippings, booklets, brochures, programs re the new clubhouse, the March 1933 issue of *The Elks* magazine and “Spirit of 46” lodge publication.

**Access and Use:** No restrictions

**Language:** English