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A Fraternal Organization

July 2022

To: District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers

The GL Fraternal Committee is now relying mostly on the thumb drives and the elks.org website as the source for the **All-American Lodge — Contest “A”** material. The Lodge Certification form and instructional letters can be downloaded at: <https://www.elks.org/grandlodge/fraternal/files/contestALodgeCertification.pdf>. The Lodges in your district have received this material on their ER Thumb Drives. Please promote this contest and recognize participating Lodges by presenting to them a completed copy of the enclosed fillable Certificate of Participation.

Entries must be sent to you, postmarked no later than April 1, 2023, for your review. Be sure to give the earned points for each separate activity as indicated on the form and verify those requiring lists on the form’s reverse side and/or separate sheets supplied by the Lodge. Leave any backup material attached when you forward the winners from your District to your State Lodge Activities Chairperson. Please take special care that the point values assigned on the form are properly calculated and entered in the POINTS column as Lodges sometimes instead mistakenly enter the number of participants, times and event occurred or dollar amounts.

We also ask you to check the Lodge membership as of March 31, 2022, and the totals, and choose the highest-scoring Lodge in each of the six membership divisions:

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| I = 1-150 Members (345 Lodges or 18%) | IV = 301-450 Members (318 Lodges or 17%) |
| II = 151-225 Members (302 Lodges or 16%) | V = 451-700 Members (316 Lodges or 17%) |
| III = 226-300 Members (345 Lodges or 18%) | VI = 701 Members & over (258 Lodges or 14%) |

Forward these six District winners with all the documentation attached to your State Lodge Activities Chairperson no later than April 15, 2023. If you don’t have a Lodge in every division, select and forward fewer than six winners to your State Chairperson with an explanatory note.

Your confirmation of the information on these forms is the only verification of the activities conducted by these Lodges. That confirmation plays a key role in accurately selecting only the hardest-working Lodges of the Order as your State’s and Elkdom’s All-American Lodges.

On behalf of our Grand Exalted Ruler, the Fraternal Committee of Grand Lodge and the dedicated Lodges of your District, thank you for your cooperation in recognizing these hardworking American citizens and neighbors who make the proud name of Elkdom stand out across our nation. They put into practice daily their belief that **“Elks Care — Elks Share.”**

Sincerely and fraternally,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandra Brantner".

Sandra C. Brantner, Contest Administrator
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To: State Association Lodge Activities Chairpersons

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Lodge Officials complete the form and submit it to their District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler by April 1, 2023. Each DDGER will then determine which Lodge is the District winner in each of six membership divisions. He or she forwards the winning entry forms to you by April 15, 2023, complete with any listings that a Lodge supplied for the contest’s extra-points categories, as well as other attached backup documentation.

As of this April 15, 2023 date, when you have received all entries, you will then determine the **top three finalists** in your State Association’s All-State Lodges in the six membership divisions as follows:

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Send these **maximum of 18 entries**, along with all backup lists and documentation, to me for the ultimate National determination, postmarked no later than April 30, 2023. The six 2022-2023 All-American Elks Lodges will be announced in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Being the best Lodge statewide from all contenders in a given membership division is no small accomplishment. We certainly hope that your Association will budget for and provide the top Lodges within your state with suitable awards and recognition.

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To: All Exalted Rulers:

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Circle the points earned as listed in the point value column. Where no points are shown in the point value column on the form, please list the points that the Lodge earned in that area as indicated for the item in the “Activity” block. ***Be sure to list all the different activities for which points are being requested on the back of the form or on separate pieces of paper.*** This is considered backup material.

If not properly documented, points will not be allowed. Please be careful that activities having a point value stated on the form are not included again for additional points on the backup material.

Please note that points are only awarded for participation in a program and not based on the number of participants or the number of times it is done. Donations of money are reported separately.

The form must be signed by you, the Exalted Ruler, and by the Lodge Secretary. ***Important:*** the Secretary must certify the membership of the Lodge as of March 31, 2022. The number you submit will determine the division in which you compete.

This is the most prestigious of the Grand Lodge Awards, for it recognizes those Lodges best exemplifying that ***“Elks Care — Elks Share.”*** You must, however, enter in order to have a chance to win.

Sincerely and fraternally,

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Sandra C. Brantner, *Contest Administrator*
Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee

2022-2023 All-American Lodge – Contest “A” — LODGE CERTIFICATION

NOTE: Contest Form will not be considered unless signed by Exalted Ruler, Secretary, District Deputy and State Chairman.

<p>1 SECRETARY: Complete this section, sign and give <u>to EXALTED RULER.</u></p> <p>Membership as of 3/31/2022 was: _____</p> <p>LODGE NAME, No.: _____</p> <p>ADDRESS: _____</p> <p>Signed, _____</p>	<p>3 DISTRICT DEPUTY: Complete and Verify “Points Earned” column and mail District Winning Entries <u>to your STATE LODGE ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN</u> postmarked no later than April 15, 2023.</p> <p>Signed, _____</p>
<p>2 EXALTED RULER: Complete “Point Value” column by circling points, sign and mail <u>to DISTRICT DEPUTY,</u> postmarked no later than April 1, 2023.</p> <p>DATE: _____</p> <p>Signed, _____</p>	<p>4 STATE CHAIRMAN: Please select the top three finalists in each Membership Division and mail their applications <u>to GRAND LODGE COMMITTEE-MAN below,</u> postmarked no later than April 30, 2023.</p> <p>Signed, _____</p>
<p>5 GRAND LODGE FRATERNAL COMMITTEE MEMBER:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SANDRA C. BRANTNER 1157 Old Crellin Road, Oakland, MD 21550-3044 • C (301) 501-7533 • Lodge (301) 334-1119 • F (301) 334-1334 • scbrantner78@gmail.com</p>	

ACTIVITY	(LODGE CIRCLE)	(D.D. ENTER)	ACTIVITY	(LODGE CIRCLE)	(D.D. ENTER)
	POINT VALUE	POINTS EARNED		POINT VALUE	POINTS EARNED
Achieve Elks National Foundation Goal of \$4.80 per Member.	25		Participation in Veteran Programs — 2 points for each program — MAX 40		*
5 additional points for each full \$1.00 over the Goal (\$6.80 = 10 additional points) — MAX 25			Participated in GL Americanism Essay Contest	40	*
Lodge’s ENF Chairman Challenge Score – enter one-tenth of the Lodge challenge score (score of 560 = 56 points)— MAX 100			Participated in Other Americanism Activities — 2 points each — MAX 40		
Membership — Lodge achieves PLUS 1	25		Conducted a Flag Day Service	10	
New Members (Added/Reinstated) — achieve a 5% annual increase over the starting base number	25		Flag Disposal Ceremony & Fly the Flag Certificate — 10 points each — MAX 20		
New Members — 5 extra points for each full percentage over 5%, i.e., 6% = 5 additional pts; 10% = 25 additional points. — MAX 25			Citizen, Elk & Officer “Of The Year” — 5 each — MAX 15		*
Member Non-Payment — Lodge did not exceed 5% of the base number	25		Outstanding Member — 5 each — 10 MAX		*
Member Non-Payment — 5 extra points for each percentage lower than 5%, i.e. 4%-4.99% = 5 additional pts; 2%-2.99% = 15 pts — MAX 25			GER Special Citation ER & Lodge — 5 each — MAX 10		*
* Circle grant(s) applied for — Impact + Beacon + Gratitude + Promise + Freedom + (Other) Grant — 25 points each — MAX 150			GER Citation — Lodge received Award of Excellence for full complement of officers with a minimum of PERs	10	*
* Circle grant(s) received — Beacon + Gratitude + Promise + Freedom + (Other) Grant — 25 points each — MAX 125			Conducted Teenager of the Year Program	5	*
* Lodge received Impact Grant	50		Conducted Youth Week Program	5	*
Most Valuable Student Scholarship Contest (MVS) — Lodge participated in judging local applications	25		Annual Report with Charity data submitted by April 30th	30	
* Lodge Funded Scholarship Programs — 1 point for each \$200 — MAX \$5,000 (monies from Lodge resources, not GL) — MAX 25			Financial Reporting System (FRS) Monthly Reports filed by 3rd Friday of each month — 5 points each — 60 MAX		
Dictionary Project — 1 point for each \$200 — MAX \$5,000 — MAX 25			Lodges By-Laws current	5	
* Eagle Scout Recognition Program	10		Publishes Monthly Lodge Bulletin — 1 point each — MAX 12		
* Girl Scouts Gold Award Recognition Program	10		The Lodge has a “ Virtual Home Page ” at elks.org	5	
Conducted a Drug Awareness Education Program	40		Lodge uses a formal and structured Indoctrination Program for new Candidates	10	
Conducted a Hoop Shoot Contest	40		Lodge offices filled	10	
Conducted a Soccer Shoot Contest	20		Local media — 2 points for each article, etc. — Max 30		*
Participated in the Antlers program	10		Publication of Lodge articles & photos in the Elks Magazine — 2 points for each article or photo article — Max 30		*
* Conducted Youth Activities — 1 point each separate activity — MAX 30			Use of various Social Media Venues — 5 points each venue, i.e., Facebook, Twitter, Online Bulletin, others — MAX 20		
The Lodge has an Organ Donor program	5		Ritual Team — Lodge Team participated in a Certified Competition	50	
* Veteran Donations — 2 points for each \$100 — MAX 40			11 O’Clock Toast Contest — Lodge Member participated in a certified competition	20	
			Grand Lodge Flag Charge Contest — Lodge Member participated in a certified competition	20	
			Conduct an Elks Memorial Day Service — 10 points	10	
			Conduct an Elks Mother’s Day Service — 10 points	10	
			TOTALS		