



A Fraternal Organization

MICHAEL F. ZELLEN
Grand Exalted Ruler

July 2016

Dear Exalted Ruler:

I am happy to offer you a terrific opportunity to distinguish and recognize your Lodge Members for “*Leading the Way*” in strengthening our Order by sponsoring new Members into your Lodge.

Membership growth is the lifeblood of any Lodge and should be our highest priority. We offer great appeal to those who know who we are and what we do. So, let it be known that the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is the leading patriotic and charitable organization in the nation, and we encourage your Members to proudly share the value of an Elks membership with their friends and neighbors throughout the community.

When a Member recruits new Members, it is important that the Lodge shows its appreciation for the recruiter’s efforts in helping to grow the Lodge.

I would be more than pleased to help with that recognition! You, and every Member of your Lodge, can receive a personalized letter of thanks and my Grand Exalted Ruler Membership Award Pin by bringing in any combination of three (3) new Members or Reinstated Members.

Please have your Lodge Secretary submit, early and often, the enclosed order form to make sure that every deserving Elk receives my GER Membership Award Pin. (The enclosed form may be duplicated as many times as needed, and all forms must be submitted before June 15, 2017.)

I’d like to see many of these pins on display as I make my visits around the country, so I hope your Members will wear the GER’s Membership Award Pins proudly. Thank you for joining me this in strengthening your Lodge by increasing membership. By doing so, your Lodge will demonstrate that “*Elks*” continue “*Leading the Way.*”

Sincerely and fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael F. Zellen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michael F. Zellen
Grand Exalted Ruler



REQUEST FORM for a Grand Exalted Ruler Award Pin



[NOTE: These GER RECRUITER PINS can be earned and requested at any time between **JULY 1, 2016**, and **JUNE 15, 2017**, as the program follows the term of the Grand Exalted Ruler under which the New/Reinstated Members are added. Postmark deadline is June 15, 2017.]

Dear Grand Exalted Ruler:

The following Member is entitled to receive one of your Award Pins:

Member _____ Membership # _____

has proposed the following three American Citizens for membership in the Order by INITIATION or by REINSTATEMENT [indicate new (N) or reinstated (R) at end of each line]:

1. _____ Membership # _____ ()
2. _____ Membership # _____ ()
3. _____ Membership # _____ ()

The *Pin and Personal Letter of Congratulations* will be sent to the Exalted Ruler or Secretary named below for presentation to the Member(s).

EXALTED RULER OR SECRETARY: _____
(Please Print)

LODGE NAME: _____ LODGE NO. _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Please e-mail to: [**MemberAwardPin@Elks.Org**](mailto:MemberAwardPin@Elks.Org)

— OR —

Please mail to: Office of the Grand Secretary
Membership Award Pin Request
2750 N. Lakeview Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60614-1889

DATE RECEIVED: _____ AWARD MAILED: _____

“Elks Care — Elks Share”