

GRAND LODGE
FRATERNAL COMMITTEE

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TO: All Exalted Rulers and Lodge Secretaries

SUBJECT: Grand Exalted Ruler Outstanding Member Commendations and Special Citations

Enclosed are the request forms for the Grand Exalted Ruler Awards for 2016-2017. The criteria for earning these awards are detailed in the Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee/Lodge Activities Program pamphlet, as well as on the request forms. These awards are an excellent motivational tool available to you to build pride in your membership and a special way for you to thank those Members who have helped you demonstrate to your Lodge and community that “*Elks Care — Elks Share.*”

Grand Exalted Ruler Michael F. Zellen laid out an ambitious program this year with challenging goals for our Lodges and Members. Both the Grand Exalted Ruler and the Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee consider it an honor to recognize your Members who have worked hard to achieve our goals, but we cannot do it without your recommendation.

Remember, the **Exalted Ruler** can select **TWO** outstanding Members. Please take the time right now to request these awards from your Grand Lodge Area Committeeman listed at the bottom of Page 3 of this file. Please allow two weeks for processing.

If you qualify for the Local Lodge and Exalted Ruler Special Citation, it would be appreciated if you order these at the same time to save on the cost of additional mailings.

DEADLINE MARCH 31!

Sincerely and fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. A. Schiefer".

Douglas A. Schiefer, Chairman
G/L Fraternal Committee

GRAND EXALTED RULER AWARDS

Certification



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EXALTED RULER and LOCAL LODGE certification request for G.E.R. Special Citation Award

We hereby certify that the Exalted Ruler and Local Lodge named below have met the requirements as checked and are therefore qualified to receive the *Grand Exalted Ruler's Special Citation* to be awarded by **Grand Exalted Ruler Michael F. Zellen** for having demonstrated: *"Elks Care — Elks Share!"*

REQUIREMENTS:

A. Special Citations will be awarded to:

Exalted Rulers that participate in SIX (6) or more of the following:

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- Elks "Hoop Shoot®" Program
- Youth Scholarship Program
- Achieve \$4.65 Elks National Foundation per capita goal plus participating membership by all Lodge Officers.
- Entry into the All-American Lodge Contest
- Drug Awareness Program
- Elks National Youth Week
- Ritualistic Contest
- Student/Teenager of the Month/Year Program
- Veterans Service and/or Adopt-A-Vet Program

Local Lodges that participate in SIX (6) or more of the following:

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- Elks "Hoop Shoot®" Contest
- Ritualistic Contest
- Youth Scholarship Contest
- Veterans Service and/or Adopt-A-Vet Program
- Drug Awareness Program
- Every Officer a subscribing member of the Elks National Foundation
- Mother's Day Program
- Raises \$4.65 per Member in donations to the Elks National Foundation.
- Achieves a net membership gain of at least ONE (1) Member.
- Achieves a level at or below TWO PERCENT (2%) lapsation (*as noted in Section B below*).
- Every Lodge Officer elected and appointed (15), sponsors a New/Reinstated Member.

B. A Grand Exalted Ruler's Special Citation will be awarded to each Lodge with a lapsation rate of TWO PERCENT (2%) or less as of March 31, 2017. Entitlement to this award shall be determined by the Office of the Grand Secretary based on information provided by each Local Lodge in its final membership report for the period ending March 31.

Exalted Ruler _____

Local Lodge Name and Number _____

OUTSTANDING MEMBERS

Certification request for G.E.R. Special Commendation Award

Each Exalted Ruler is authorized to award TWO (2) Grand Exalted Ruler's Outstanding Service Certificates to Members performing outstanding service for their Lodge. These Certificates must be ordered, in writing, from your **Area Member** of the Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee. Please order on a timely basis. Specify if any special presentation date is required on the certificates.

Name of Member _____

Title/Committee/Comments _____

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Such as: Any Member or Chairman of a Lodge Committee; for years of Outstanding Service to the Lodge. Service to the Community; Scouting, Little League, etc.

Lodge Name and Number _____

Special presentation date desired (*allow at least ten working days*) _____

Mail Certificates to _____

Mailing Address _____

City & State _____ Zip Code _____

District _____

Exalted Ruler Signature _____ Secretary Signature _____

Note: Upon completion, please submit the Certificate request to your **Area Committee Member of the Fraternal Committee of the Grand Lodge** (*names and addresses are listed below*) at any time, but not later than March 31.

FRATERNAL COMMITTEE OF GRAND LODGE — 2016–2017 —

Chairman & Area 4 – IN, KY, MI, OH, WV

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