## GRAND LODGE-LODGE ACTIVITIES/STATE ASSOCIATIONS COMMITTEE

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TO: ALL STATE ASSOCIATION ELKS TRAINING CHAIRPERSONS!

RE: 2009-2010 ELKS TRAINING PROGRAM

The ELKS TRAINING PROGRAM for 2009-2010 was delivered personally to all Exalted Rulers, District Deputies, State Presidents and State Secretaries at the July Grand Lodge Session in Portland, OR. Upon opening their packets and reading the material, they were engaged in intense discussions about the Lodge areas where these questions apply. YES, this year's thirty True/False questions are more thought-provoking than ever before, and you better be ready for the participation that it will generate in your state. Once the answer sheets start pouring in, grade them with the answer key (on the reverse side). Your initial supply of "GRAND EXALTED RULER CITATIONS" — for the ones passing the course with 5 or fewer answers wrong — is enclosed with this informational mailing. If you need more citations, contact the GRAND SECRETARY'S Office. Keep a record of how many citations you use. Send a REPORT to me indicating the number of Lodges in your State, number of Lodges participating, number of members in your State, and number of members participating by APRIL 1, 2010.

We urge you to request the assistance of your District Deputies. One aspect of their duties is to ensure that all Elks and Lodges in the District know and follow our Order's Laws and Procedures. This educational program has this as its prime purpose. Send out reminder letters to Lodges and District Deputies just before the three required District Deputy Clinics as well as other District meetings. Encourage Lodges to use their bulletins frequently to promote the program. If one Member in each Lodge participates and receives a citation in September, the rivalry and competitive spirit will bring you more participation.

The citation is attractive and a keepsake of each participating Elk Member. The value of the program is the increased knowledge and information that each Elk is exposed to, making them more confident in fulfilling their duties.

REMEMBER: WE ARE THE ELKS "GROWING ELKDOM & STRENGTHENING AMERICA"!

Fraternally and sincerely,

Larry N. Tomberlin

Training Program Administrator

G/L-Lodge Activities/State Associations Committee

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## **SOURCE REFERENCES:**

Statutes Annotated — CODE 520100 2008

Lodge Activities Manual — CODE 510300 Revised 3/97; Reprinted 5/2006

Membership Program and Planning Manual — CODE 510400 Revised 8/2001; Reprinted 5/2006

Auditing, Accounting & Management Manual — CODE 510100 Revised 9/2006

Manual on Protocol — CODE 510600 Revised 9/2007

Regular Ritual Manual — CODE 511500 Dark blue book, Revised 8/2007

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**TO:** ALL PARTICIPANTS

**RE:** 2009-2010 GRAND LODGE TRAINING PROGRAM

### **Source reference:**

(Do not confuse "Reprint" date on Manuals with actual "Revision" dates.)

- 1. Statutes Annotated 2008 Code 520100.
- 2. Lodge Activities Manual Code 510300 Revised 3/97; Reprinted 5/2006
- 3. Membership Program & Planning Manual Code 510400 Revised 8/2001; Reprinted 5/2006
- 4. Auditing, Accounting & Management Manual Code 510100 Revised 9/2006
- 5. Manual on Protocol Code 510600 Revised 9/2007
- 6. Ritual Manual Code 511500 Dark Blue Book. Revised 8/2007

The training exercise has been developed to offer all Elks the opportunity to increase their knowledge and aid them in improving their Lodges.

The questions are taken from the above listed references, which should be available in every Lodge. If your Lodge does not have a current copy of any of the above references you can obtain them from the Office of the Grand Secretary.

Participants can perform the exercise alone or with others. They should take their time to carefully read the questions, circle the correct answer and list the reference where the answer was found including the Page, Section or Chapter, and Opinion or Decision or Paragraph.

Completed answer sheets must be sent to your State Association Elks Training Chairman no later than March 15, 2010. Those who complete the exercise with no more than five (5) incorrect answers will receive a Grand Exalted Ruler's Special Citation. Should you wish your material returned to you please include a self-addressed stamped postage envelope.

## DO NOT SEND YOUR ANSWER SHEETS TO ANY GRAND LODGE COMMITTEEMAN

Fraternally and sincerely.

Donald Sansoussi, Chairman

G/L-Lodge Activities/State Associations Committee

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**TO:** State Presidents and Secretaries

**RE:** Congratulations to our new Chairmen of Elks Training

## Information needed for the Elks Training program is as follows:

Name of State	Association
	Group (Based on Lodge Count)
	Number of Lodges in State Association
	Number of Lodges participating
	Number of Members in State Association
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_	You can e-mail the data to: <u>LT30two@aol.com</u> Or send to: Larry N. Tomberlin GL-Lodge Activities/State Associations Committee 8 Catalpa Lane

Postmark Deadline for completion is April 1, 2010.

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If I can be of any service, please feel free to contact me.

Fraternally,

Donald Sansoussi, Chairman

Lodge Activities/State Associations Committee of Grand Lodge



### The following 20 Questions are from the Statutes Annotated 2008 — CODE 520100

- 1. ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER SHALL GOVERN ALL PROCEEDINGS UNLESS CONTRAVENED BY THE CONSTITUTION OR LAWS OF THE ORDER, OR BY THE BY-LAWS OF A LODGE.
- 2. A P.E.R. WHO TRANSFERS TO ANOTHER LODGE DOES NOT BECOME A P.E.R. OF THAT LODGE, BUT REMAINS A P.E.R. OF THE LODGE WHICH HE/SHE SERVED AS EXALTED RULER.
- 3. THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND EXALTED RULER MAY GRANT PERMISSION TO A LODGE TO HOLD THE ELKS MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES ANY SUNDAY IN DECEMBER.
- 4. NOMINATIONS MUST BE SECONDED BUT A MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS IS UNNECESSARY.
- 5. A RITUALISTIC TEAM APPOINTED BY THE EXALTED RULER MAY EXEMPLIFY THE INITIATION RITUAL DURING THE OFFICAL VISIT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY.
- 6. WHEN A MEMBER IS EXPELLED FROM THE ORDER, HIS MEMBERSHIP CARD SHALL BE CONFISCATED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE LODGE. PRO-RATED DUES SHALL BE REMITTED TO THE EXPELLED MEMBER.
- 7. A MEMBER SHALL BE EXPELLED FROM THE ORDER, UPON BEING FOUND GUILTY BY A SUBORDINATE FORUM OF HAVING VIOLATED HIS OBLIGATION TO THE INJURY OF A MEMBER IN HIS FAMILY RELATIONS.
- 8. "CONDUCT UNBECOMING AN ELK" SHALL INCLUDE PERSONAL CONDUCT LIKELY TO BRING REPROACH UPON THE ORDER AND EVERY WILLFUL VIOLATION OF HOUSE OR CLUB RULES.
- 9. THE EXALTED RULER CAN APPOINT A COMMITTEE TO HANDLE ALL OF THE COMMITTEE WORK OF THE LODGE.
- 10. THE LODGE HAS THE RIGHT TO DISCHARGE A STATUTORY COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE EXALTED RULER.
- 11. WHEN A PROPOSAL IS MADE FOR EXPENDITURE IN EXCESS OF THE ADOPTED BUDGET, THE PROPOSAL SHALL BE PROMPTLY REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR CONSIDERATION AND WRITTEN RECOMMENDATION AT THE NEXT REGULAR LODGE MEETING. THE PROPOSAL MAY BE ADOPTED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT AT A REGULAR MEETING.
- 12. THE LODGE IS THE SUPREME POWER AND THE TRUSTEES ITS AGENTS.
- 13. AMENDMENT OF A BUDGET PRESENTED TO THE LODGE DOES NOT REQUIRE A RE-SUBMISSION OF A NEW BUDGET. AS IT MIGHT WELL BE EXPECTED THAT THE LODGE WILL MAKE CHANGES.
- 14. THE EXALTED RULER, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE LODGE, BY AMENDEMENT TO ITS BY-LAWS, MAY APPOINT MEMBERS OF ANY LODGE ESPECIALLY QUALIFIED FOR THE RENDITION OF THE INITIATORY RITUAL.
- 15. WHENEVER AN ELECTIVE OFFICE SHALL BECOME VACANT, OR NO PERSON IS NOMINATED, THE EXALTED RULER SHALL ORDER AN ELECTION TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM AT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING.
- 16. THE AUDITING COMMITTEE IS RESPONSIBLE TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND IS TO REPORT TO THEM.
- 17. ONE OF THE DUTIES OF THE P.E.R. ASSOCIATION IS TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE LODGE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS AND CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE.
- 18. UNLESS AN APPLICATION IS WITHDRAWN, IT MUST BE VOTED UPON EVEN THOUGH THERE IS AN UNFAVORABLE INVESTIGATION REPORT.
- 19. A LODGE SHALL NOT ACT UPON AN APPLICATION FROM A MEMBER WHO RESIDES OUTSIDE ITS JURISDICTION UNLESS THE PERSON HOLDS A TRANSFER DIMIT.
- 20. QUESTIONS ARISING ON POINTS OF ORDER IN LODGES SHALL, IN THE FIRST INSTANCE, BE DECIDED BY THE EXALTED RULER. ANY MEMBER SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT OF APPEAL TO THE LODGE; A MAJORITY VOTE IS REQUIRED TO OVERRULE THE DECISION OF THE EXALTED RULER.

## The following 2 Questions are from the Lodge Activities Manual — CODE 510300 — REV. 3/97 — Reprinted 5/2006

- 21. MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR OUR "ABSENT MEMBERS" MAY BE HELD ON ANY SUNDAY DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER.
- **22.** PROGRAMS TO ENHANCE THE IMAGE OF ELKDOM WITH 13 SUGGESTIONS ARE FOUND IN THE LODGE ACTIVITIES MANUAL.

# The following 2 Questions are from the Membership Program and Planning Manual - CODE 510400 — REVISED 8/2001 — REPRINTED 5/2006

- 23. A STRAY ELK IS A DROPPED MEMBER OF ANOTHER LODGE WHO RESIDES WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF YOUR LODGE.
- **24.** A LODGE BY THEIR BY-LAWS MAY PROVIDE FOR "ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP" FOR THOSE STRAY ELKS RESIDING IN THEIR AREA WHO DO NOT WISH TO TRANSFER LODGES.

## The following 2 Questions are from the Auditing, Accounting & Management Manual - CODE $510100 - REVISED\ 9/2006$

- 25. LODGES ARE ENCOURAGED TO DISTRIBUTE OVERHEAD COSTS TO EACH ENTITY OR MAJOR ACTIVITY IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A TRUER AND MORE MEANINGFUL COST OF OPERATION FOR EACH.
- **26.** IT IS INAPPROPRIATE FOR A FUND-RAISING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TO REPORT RESULTS OF THE EVENT TO THE LODGE AT A REGULAR MEETING.

## The following 2 Questions are from the Manual On Protocol — CODE 510600 — REVISED 9/2007

- 27. IF POSSIBLE THE EXALTED RULER SHOULD PRESIDE AT ALL LODGE BANQUETS FOR VISITING OFFICIALS; HOWEVER ANOTHER CAN SERVE AS MASTER OF CEREMONIES.
- 28. IT IS CORRECT TO RISE AND GIVE THE HAILING SIGN WHEN ADDRESSING THE EXALTED RULER FROM THE SIDELINE DURING A LODGE SESSION.

# The following 2 Questions are from the Regular Ritual Manual — CODE 511500 — REVISED 8/2007 (Dark blue booklet)

- 29. IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF THE TILER TO HAVE CHARGE OF ALL PROPERTY OF THE LODGE PLACED IN HIS/HER CARE.
- 30. THE LAST MEETING IN FEBRUARY IS DESIGNATED AS PAST EXALTED RULERS' NIGHT.

City/State/Zip

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(Mail completed test to your State Elks Training Chairman)