

GRAND LODGE
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To: All Elks Lodge Exalted Rulers and Secretaries

Subject: COMMUNITY PROJECT CONTEST

An obvious challenge facing the Order of Elks is decreasing membership. This unfortunate trend is in part due to the fact that much of the general public in our communities is not aware of the great works of Elksdom. We need to be **LOUD, PROUD AND VISIBLE**.

The Grand Lodge Activities Committee wants to encourage your Lodge to conduct a project in your community. The project focus should be:

- ▶▶ one that fills a need in your community, *and*
- ▶▶ makes a difference to those you serve.

Some successful project ideas recently have focused on youth, veterans or others in need. The goal is to enhance community awareness of the good work we do as Elks and to have the community associate that good work directly with your Lodge. These projects can help the community better understand who we are and what we do as a fraternal organization and as such, develop membership in your Lodge.

To help fund a project in your community, your Lodge can apply for a \$4,000 Beacon Grant from the Elks National Foundation (ENF). Other ENF grants such as the Gratitude, Promise and Impact Grants may be available if your Lodge qualifies. Visit the [elks.org](https://www.elks.org/cip/) website for detailed information at: <https://www.elks.org/cip/>.

The Grand Lodge Activities Committee will award first-, second- and third-place winners in each of the six membership divisions (*on last page of entry form*). Certificates will be awarded to the winning Lodges at the Elks Grand Lodge Convention in Minneapolis, MN.

To enter the contest, the Exalted Ruler of the Lodge must complete the attached Lodge Community Project Contest Entry Form. ***The completed form is due by April 1, 2023.*** Please send the contest entry form to Michael B. Bryant, Contest Coordinator and Area 3 Member of the Grand Lodge Activities Committee. My contact information is listed above and on the attached entry form.

We wish you a successful community project!

Fraternally,
Michael B. Bryant
Community Project Contest Coordinator
Grand Lodge Activities Committee



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LODGE COMMUNITY PROJECT CONTEST

— ENTRY FORM —

Lodge Name _____ Lodge # _____

Community Project Contest for April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023 Lodge Year

District _____

State Association _____

Lodge Membership as of March 31, 2022 _____

Lodge Size Division* _____

Lodge Community Project Chairperson _____

Description of Community Project _____

(Attach pictures, if available)

Points

Number of Lodge People Involved _____ × 1 = _____

Number of Man-hours Involved _____ × 2 = _____

Number of Days for the event _____ × 5 = _____

Number of Public Attending _____ × 5 = _____

Number of Newspaper Articles _____ × 5 = _____

Number of Television Reports _____ × 5 = _____

Number of Electronic Media Messages** _____ × 5 = _____

Number of Signs Posted _____ × 5 = _____

Total Points = _____



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Exalted Ruler's Name _____

Exalted Ruler's Signature _____

Exalted Ruler's E-mail _____

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(Please note that all entries must be received by April 1st, 2023)

***LODGE DIVISIONS:**

(The following membership divisions were adopted at the February Advisory meeting in 2021)

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

** Electronic Media Messages include E-mail, Twitter, Facebook, and etcetera.