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TO: ALL STATE ASSOCIATION ELKS TRAINING CHAIRPERSONS!

RE: 2007–2008 ELKS TRAINING PROGRAM

The ELKS TRAINING PROGRAM for 2007-2008 was delivered personally to all Exalted Rulers, District Deputies, State Presidents and State Secretaries at the July Grand Lodge Session in Charlotte, NC. 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, as well as the number of Lodge Officers and Elks participating and passing, forward the numbers to me on APRIL 1, 2008.

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: "ONE ELK CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE. LET THAT ELK BE YOU!"**

Fraternally and sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donald Sansoussi".

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SOURCE REFERENCES:

Statutes Annotated — CODE 520100	2006
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 3/2003; Reprinted 1/2006
Regular Ritual Manual — CODE 511500	Green Book, Revised 2/2006

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RE: 2007-2008 GRAND LODGE TRAINING PROGRAM

Source reference:

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

1. Statutes Annotated • 2006 — 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 3/2003; Reprinted 1/2006
6. Ritual Manual • Code 511500 — Green Book. Revised 2/2006

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, 2008. 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,

William J. Chemelli, Chairman
G/L-Lodge Activities/State Associations Committee



GRAND LODGE TRAINING COURSE FOR 2007-2008

The following 20 Questions are from the Statutes Annotated 2006 — CODE 520100	
1.	A LODGE CANNOT EXEMPT ANY MEMBER FROM PAYMENT OF DUES AND ASSESSMENTS LEVIED BY THE GRAND LODGE.
2.	THE GRAND FORUM SHALL MEET AT TIMES AND PLACES DESIGNATED BY THE GRAND SECRETARY.
3.	LODGE AND CLUB PRIVILEGES MUST BE DENIED A MEMBER PENDING THEIR TRIAL BEFORE A SUBORDINATE FORUM.
4.	THE FILING OF A FALSE ANSWER BY A MEMBER ACCUSED OF AN OFFENSE AGAINST THE ORDER IS A VIOLATION OF OBLIGATION.
5.	THE LODGE IS NOT OBLIGATED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE ORDER, NOR DOES IT HAVE THE AUTHORITY, TO PAY THE EXPENSE OF COUNSEL FOR AN ACCUSED.
6.	WHEN A MEMBER IS EXPELLED FROM THE ORDER, THE SECRETARY OF THE LODGE SHALL CONFISCATE HIS OR HER MEMBERSHIP CARD, AND THE PAID DUES SHALL BE RETURNED TO THE EXPELLED MEMBER.
7.	THE GRAND EXALTED RULER, BY EXECUTIVE ORDER, MAY REMOVE AN OFFICER WHO FAILS OR REFUSES TO DO HIS OR HER DUTY RELATING TO FILING AND PROSECUTION OF CHARGES BEFORE A SUBORDINATE FORUM.
8.	A MEMBER MAY BE CHARGED WITH CONDUCT UNBECOMING AN ELK EITHER AT THE LODGE, CLUB OR ELSEWHERE.
9.	REFUSAL OF A MEMBER TO PAY A PROMISSORY NOTE GIVEN IN AID IN SECURING A BUILDING FUND AFFORDS NO GROUNDS FOR PREFERRING CHARGES AGAINST HIM OR HER IN THE LODGE.
10.	PLAYING FOR DRINKS IS A PRACTICE OF SELECTING AN INVOLUNTARY HOST AND IS NOT GAMBLING WHICH IS USUALLY CHARACTERIZED BY THE EXCHANGE OF MONEY OR TOKEN USED THEREFORE.
11.	THE GRAND EXALTED RULER MAY GRANT A DISPENSATION FOR A NEW LODGE DESPITE ADVERSE REPORTS FROM A STATE ASSOCIATION OR ANOTHER LODGE.
12.	THE EXALTED RULER OF THE LODGE MAY SUSPEND ANY MEMBER FROM THAT MEETING FOR CONDUCT UNWORTHY OF A MEMBER OF THE ORDER.
13.	AN OFFICER WHOSE RESIGNATION HAS BEEN ACCEPTED CANNOT RECALL THE RESIGNATION AND MAY NOT BE A CANDIDATE FOR THE VACANCY CREATED.
14.	THE LODGE TRUSTEES SHALL CONSTITUTE THE STANDING RELIEF COMMITTEE OF THE LODGE.
15.	LIVING IN A COMMUNITY BECAUSE OF EMPLOYMENT ESTABLISHES RESIDENCE OF ANY APPLICANT.
16.	A VIOLATION BY A LODGE OFFICER OF THE SECRECY OF THE BALLOT IS NOT GROUNDS FOR REMOVAL FROM OFFICE.
17.	TO SOLICIT A BLACKBALL OF AN APPLICATION OF A CANDIDATE FOR MEMBERSHIP IS NOT A VIOLATION OF OBLIGATION AND OF THE LAWS OF THE ORDER.
18.	A MEMBER OWING ONE YEAR'S DUES TO THE LODGE SHALL BE DROPPED FROM THE ROLLS PRIOR TO APRIL 1ST WITHOUT THE VOTE OF THE LODGE THEREON, PROVIDED THAT THE DELINQUENT MEMBER HAS BEEN GIVEN A WRITTEN NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION THEREON NOT LESS THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS PRIOR TO APRIL 1ST BY THE SECRETARY OF THE LODGE.
19.	A MEMBER OWING ANY INDEBTEDNESS TO THE CLUB OR LODGE MAY BE DROPPED FROM THE ROLLS OF THE LODGE UPON A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE OF THOSE PRESENT AT A REGULAR LODGE MEETING AFTER THIRTY (30) DAYS NOTICE IN WRITING DELIVERED IN PERSON OR SENT BY FIRST-CLASS MAIL, POSTAGE PREPAID, TO HIS OR HER LAST KNOWN ADDRESS.
20.	LODGES OR MEMBERS MAY SOLICIT AID FROM OTHER LODGES OR MEMBERS IF THE GRAND EXALTED RULER HAS APPROVED THE SOLICITATION.

The following 2 Questions are from the Lodge Activities Manual — CODE 510300 — REVISED 3/1997; REPRINTED 5/2006	
21.	ELK OF THE YEAR CAN BE A MEMBER OR AN OFFICER.
22.	DEVELOPING AND EXECUTING A BALANCED PROGRAM OF LODGE ACTIVITIES IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE EXALTED RULER.

**The following 2 Questions are from the Membership Program and Planning Manual —
CODE 510400 — REVISED 8/2001; REPRINTED 5/2005**

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| 23. | THE AVERAGE LODGE LOSES APPROXIMATELY 9 PERCENT OF ITS MEMBERS THROUGH DEATHS, DIMITS, AND NONPAYMENT OF DUES. |
| 24. | NATIONWIDE, FOR EVERY THREE MEMBERS INITIATED, ROUGHLY FOUR OLD MEMBERS ARE DROPPED. |

**The following 2 Questions are from the Auditing, Accounting & Management Manual —
CODE 510100 — REVISED 9/2006**

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| 25. | FEDERAL INCOME TAX RETURN FORM 990EZ (SHORT FORM) MAY BE USED WHEN GROSS RECEIPTS ARE LESS THAN \$75,000 AND TOTAL ASSETS ARE LESS THAN \$200,000. |
| 26. | IN-HOUSE PERSONNEL MAY BE USED FOR PREPARATION OF THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT WHEN APPROVED BY THE GRAND LODGE AUDITING & ACCOUNTING COMMITTEE MEMBER. |

**The following 2 Questions are from the Manual On Protocol — CODE 510600 — REVISED
3/2003; REPRINTED 1/2006**

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| 27. | ALL INVITATIONS FROM A LODGE TO A GRAND LODGE OFFICER SHOULD FIRST BE CLEARED THROUGH THE PAST GRAND EXALTED RULER OF JURISDICTION. |
| 28. | A LARGE WELCOME GROUP IS ENCOURAGED FOR THE ARRIVAL OF A GUEST. |

**The following 2 Questions are from the Regular Ritual (Green) Manual — CODE 511500
— REVISED 2/2006**

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| 29. | WHEN DIRECTED BY THE EXALTED RULER TO ORGANIZE THE LODGE, IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF THE INNER GUARD TO SEE THAT THE DOORS ARE CLOSED, AND THE ESQUIRE TO SEE THAT THE OFFICERS ARE AT THEIR RESPECTIVE STATIONS. |
| 30. | THE INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS MAY BE A PUBLIC CEREMONY. |

— CIRCLE CORRECT ANSWER —

[NOTE]: List reference where answer was found including page, section or chapter, opinion, decision or paragraph.

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