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Exalted Rulers:

Elks Lodges increasingly are turning to Community Projects in an effort to play a vital role in their respective communities. To underscore our Lodges' commitment to improving their communities, the Grand Lodge Activities Committee is instituting a contest to promote their Community Projects.

Since each Lodge is different, no single program has been recommended. But Lodges should share with the public as much information about their project as possible. The type of Community Project and involvement should be detailed in the report form on the back of this letter.

Cost need not be major concern in hosting a Community Project. Some projects can pay for themselves or at least a portion of the cost. Help also is available through Elks National Foundation grants. First is the \$2,500 Beacon Grant, which is available to all Lodges with no strings attached. Gratitude and Promise grants of \$2,000 each are also available but with qualifications. Another grant that is available to qualifying Lodges is the Impact Grant, which has a maximum of \$10,000.

Certificates will be presented by the Grand Lodge Activities Committee to the first-, second- and third-place Lodges in each membership category beginning at the July 3-6, 2016, Grand Lodge Session in Houston.

Please schedule and hold a qualifying event and send in the report form by May 1, 2016, following your term of office.

Fraternally and Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ron Olson".

Ron Olson, Chairman
GL Activities Committee



LOCAL LODGE COMMUNITY PROJECT REPORT



_____ Lodge # _____

Community Project Report for _____ (LODGE YEAR)

District _____ State Association _____

Lodge Membership as of March 31 _____ Lodge Size Division* _____

Lodge Community Project Chairperson _____

Name of Community Project _____

	POINTS
Number of Lodge People Involved _____	x 1 = _____
Number of Man-hours Involved _____	x 2 = _____
Number of Days for the event _____	x 5 = _____
Number of Public Attending _____	x 10 = _____
Number of Newspaper Articles _____	x 10 = _____
Number of Television Reports _____	x 10 = _____
Number of Electronic Media Messages** _____	x 5 = _____
Number of Signs Posted _____	x 10 = _____
TOTAL POINTS = _____	

Exalted Ruler Name _____ Exalted Ruler Signature _____

Send Report to your State President by May 1.

**Electronic Media Messages include e-mail, twitter, etcetera.

***Lodge Membership Divisions**

Division 1: 0 – 300

Division 3: 501 – 700

Division 5: 1,101 – 1500

Division 2: 301 – 500

Division 4: 701 – 1,100

Division 6: 1,501 or more

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Dear State Association President:

One of the major problems facing the Order of Elks is a decreasing membership. This is in large part due to the general public being unaware of the good things we do nationwide.

In an effort to make sure the public is informed, the Grand Lodge Activities Committee is instituting a contest nationally to honor the states whose Lodges are committed to promoting a "Community Project". Each of our Lodges is urged to adopt, implement and promote a Community Project to inform the citizens of their communities about what we do for them.

Each Exalted Ruler has been asked to hold such an event during his or her Lodge Year. They have also been asked to send you by May 1 a copy of the completed Lodge Community Project Report on the back of this letter. The May 1 deadline should provide sufficient time for you to complete the form and send it to the designated member of the Grand Lodge Activities Committee by June 1.

Certificates will be presented to the Lodges that place first, second and third in each membership category. These certificates will be awarded by the Grand Lodge Activities Committee beginning at the July 3-6 Grand Lodge Session in Houston.

Fraternally and Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ron Olson".

Ron Olson, Chairman
GL Activities Committee



STATE ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY PROJECT REPORT

State Association _____ # of Lodges _____

Name of State Activities Chairperson _____

DIVISION 1 (0 – 300 Members)•••••

Lodge Name _____ Lodge # _____ Point Total _____

Description of Community Project _____

DIVISION 2 (301 – 500 Members)•••••

Lodge Name _____ Lodge # _____ Point Total _____

Description of Community Project _____

DIVISION 3 (501 – 700 Members)•••••

Lodge Name _____ Lodge # _____ Point Total _____

Description of Community Project _____

DIVISION 4 (701 – 1,100 Members)•••••

Lodge Name _____ Lodge # _____ Point Total _____

Description of Community Project _____

DIVISION 5 (1,100 – 1,500 Members)•••••

Lodge Name _____ Lodge # _____ Point Total _____

Description of Community Project _____

DIVISION 6 (1,501 or more Members)•••••

Lodge Name _____ Lodge # _____ Point Total _____

Description of Community Project _____

Signature of State Association President _____

PRIOR TO JUNE 1 Send Report to: Manuel C. Rodriguez

GL Activities Committeeman

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