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To: Drug Awareness Chairmen B.P.O.Elks Lodges of Maine

Re: Information on 2015-2016 Drug Awareness Program

Enclosed you will find information on the 2015-2016 Poster, Essay and Coloring Contests. Please take the time to review and distribute this material at the earliest possible date. Although the program is set up to be run in the classroom, please feel free to run the program at another level. If you cannot get into the schools you may run the program as a lodge project through the newspapers, cable TV or in the lodge using only member's children. You can still run the program with out using the schools. If you have a problem in the school system, your best resources are the substance abuse councilors in the system. They are often under funded and will gladly welcome your help.

You will also find samples of all materials available to you at no cost from the Grand Lodge. You may order up to 500 of each item if needed. If you do not need such large quantities please contact your district chairman or me for smaller amounts. In this way large unused amounts of materials will not be kicked around in the back room of the lodge and finally ruined and thrown out.

Many of the substance abuse programs around the state are in desperate need of help due to lack of federal funding. This is a perfect time for you to build a coalition with these agencies and let them help promote your program.

Please review the Drug Awareness manual. This is a new edition just out in June.

If you have any questions, please call and I will do my best to help you out. I hope you all have successful programs and I will be in touch will you soon.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Anthony D. Gause, PER, Chairman  
MEA Drug Awareness Committee

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