GRAND LODGE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

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Community Projects Contest



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To: All Elks Lodge Exalted Rulers and Secretaries

Subject: COMMUNITY PROJECTS CONTEST

Congratulations to all the Lodges whose hard work this past year led us to "Soar With Four". Our membership has increased for four consecutive years now, crushing our previous trend of losses. Elks have more than proven that they can Be The Difference! Being visible and viable in our communities has enhanced our image and resulted in significant increase to our membership. This must continue. Being LOUD, PROUD, and VISIBLE generates success!

The Grand Lodge Activities Committee encourages your Lodge to maintain a project in your community. The project focus should be:

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

Recent successful projects focused on youth literacy, veteran homelessness, hunger and essential needs, to name a few. The goal is to have a relevant presence in your community that connects your good work directly to your Lodge. Communities will better understand who Elks are and what we do as a service organization and may help boost membership in your Lodge.

To help fund a project in your community, apply for a \$4,000 Beacon Grant from the Elks National Foundation's (ENF's) Community Investments Program (CIP). Other CIP grants, such as the Gratitude, Impact, and Spotlight Grants, are available for qualifying Lodges and can be added to the Beacon Grant to expand your community's project. Detailed information is available 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 Chicago, Illinois.

To enter the contest, the Exalted Ruler must complete the attached Lodge Community Project Contest Entry Form. *The completed form is due by April 1, 2026.* Please send the contest entry form to: Terence P. Ford, Contest Coordinator and Area 1 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,
William J. Mack
Community Projects Contest Coordinator
Grand Lodge Activities Committee





LODGE COMMUNITY PROJECTS CONTEST

— ENTRY FORM —

Lodge Name	Lodge #	
Community Project Contest for April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026 Lodge Year		
District State Association		
Lodge Membership as of March 31, 2025	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 Radio and Television Reports	× 5 =	
Number of Electronic Media Messages**	× 5 =	
Number of Signs Posted		
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Exalted Ruler's Name _	
Exalted Ruler's Signature	
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Exalted Ruler's E-mail	

Send this entry to: William J. Mack

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(Please note that all entries must be received by April 1st, 2026)

*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.

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