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**2020- 2021**

**Lodge Activities/Star Lodge Program**



The Lodge Activities Program has been established by Grand Lodge to encourage participation in the many programs that are so important to our Order, our State Association, our Lodges and our communities. This program serves to recognize the success of Lodges, Lodge Officers, and outstanding members and to reward them for their individual achievements.

**The Michigan Star Lodge program is designed to recognize those Lodges that have excelled in achieving the goals set by Grand Lodge and the State Association. Each Lodge is working towards a standard, they are not grouped by size, nor are they competing against one another.**

The Michigan Star Lodge awards will be issued at three levels:

**Gold      All line items in red must be met, at least one in each category and 90% of all items.**

**Silver      At least one item in each category must be met and 80% of all items.**

**Bronze      At least one item in each category must be met and 70% of all items.**

I wish you all the very best in competing in this program. I am confident that you will make every effort to become a Michigan Star Lodge. The State goal is 100% participation from all Lodges.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,  
Jerry Alexie State President  
Michigan Elks Association

## **Star Lodge Program Final Report Due Dates To The District Chair March 15<sup>th</sup> 2021**

<p>The requirements for receiving the award of being a Michigan Star Lodge is by having met the highest standards of the Michigan Elks Association –  <b>Every red goal must be met to be rated as a Gold Star Lodge.</b>  <b>(NOTE: Certification is by request only, it does not have to be submitted with form)</b></p>			
	<b>MICHIGAN ELKS ASSOCIATION</b>	<b>MET</b>	<b>NOT MET</b>
1.	Complete roster of Officers and Committees		
2.	Use of the MEA official lodge email and website		
3.	Provided information to the State to update website on Lodge information		
	<b>ACCIDENT PREVENTION/RISK MANAGEMENT</b>	<b>MET</b>	<b>NOT MET</b>
1.	A current Self Inspection report must be filed with the State Chairman, dated for the 2020 – 2021 Association year.		
2.	Certify to the District Chairman that the Lodge Trustees have reviewed your insurance coverage		
3.	Certify to the District Chairman that you have purchased D & O additional coverage protecting Lodge Officers from discrimination suits.		
	<b>AMERICANISM</b>	<b>MET</b>	<b>NOT MET</b>
1.	<b>Must have conducted a Flag Day ceremony.</b>		
2.	Must have filed the Americanism report by the due date.		
3.	Must have been involved in any community parade, Boy/Girl Scout troop or recognition night of any public non-Elk person or group		
4.	<b>Display an outdoor American Flag at the Lodge 24 hours a day.</b>		
5.	Must have submitted an entry in the State Americanism Essay contest.		
6.	Must have awarded at least two Flag recognition certificate.		
7.	<b>Must have a Heritage Corner in the Lodge.</b>		
8.	Conduct any other acceptable activity (Law and Order Night, Safe Night, News Media, or Community night). Please specify -		
9.	Must have submitted an entry in the State Americanism Coloring contest.		
	<b>DRUG AWARENESS</b>	<b>MET</b>	<b>NOT MET</b>
1.	<b>Must have conducted a Drug Awareness Program (news release, seminar, advertisement or education program).</b>		
2.	Must have distributed Drug Awareness material to area school students.		
	<b>ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION</b>	<b>MET</b>	<b>NOT MET</b>
1.	<b>Must have two (2) new participating members</b>		
2.	Must maintain an up to date recognition board for participating ENF members.		
3.	Every Lodge Officer has contributed to the Foundation during year		
4.	Must have met the Lodge per capita goal as set by Grand Lodge.		
5.	Lodge applied for and received one of ENF Grants		

<b>LODGE ACTIVITIES / MEETING ATTENDANCE</b>		<b>MET</b>	<b>NOT MET</b>
1.	Must file the Lodge Activities report by the required date.		
2.	Attendance of the Exalted Ruler, Leading Knight, and Secretary at the State Fall Conferences (Business Meeting) as required. Or by Zoom		
3.	Attendance of the Exalted Ruler, Leading Knight, Secretary, and Board of Trustees member at all District Deputy Clinics is required. (Zoom)		
4.	Attendance of the Exalted Ruler at the Grand Lodge Session is required or designated alternate.		
5.	The Lodge must qualify for a G.E.R. Special Citation Award.		
6.	The Lodge will present two G.E.R. Special Citation Awards.		
7.	The Lodge will present "Elk of the Year" and "Officer of the Year" awards.		
8.	Complete and submit on time the "All American Lodge" contest form.		
<b>MAJOR PROJECTS</b>		<b>MET</b>	<b>NOT MET</b>
1.	Must have submitted at least one case to the Commission.		
2.	Must hold a Major Project event.		
<b>MEMBERSHIP / LAPSATION</b>		<b>MET</b>	<b>NOT MET</b>
1.	New members initiated must equal 6% of your membership total as of April 1 <sup>st</sup> 2020 or show a + 1 gain in membership for 2020-2021 year as shown on the Grand Lodge Annual Report.		
2.	Must show a 5% or less Lapsation for the Lodge Year.		
3.	Must have submitted all Membership/Lapsation reports on time.		
<b>NATIONAL VETERANS SERVICE</b>		<b>MET</b>	<b>NOT MET</b>
1.	Must have filed the Veteran's Remembrance report on time.		
2.	Must have conducted a Veterans Remembrance Month activity.		
3.	Must have donated articles to a veteran's hospital.		
4.	Must have a veteran's hospital on the Lodge bulletin mailing list.		
5.	Must have adopted at least one (1) veteran.		
6.	Must have a minimum of 5 members volunteer time at a Veterans Facility.		
<b>PUBLIC RELATIONS</b>		<b>MET</b>	<b>NOT MET</b>
1.	Must maintain a Lodge Bulletin		
2.	Participation in a community parade		
3.	Media coverage of Installation of Officers		
4.	Publications of Youth Week Activities		
5.	Must have published one article in the local news media about the Elks.		
6.	Must have printed in the National Magazine or Michigan Elks News one article about a Lodge activity.		
7.	Must have submitted at least one entry in the Grand Lodge Public Relations contests.		

<b><i>SPECIAL EVENTS/ORGAN DONOR/ COMMUNITY WELFARE</i></b>		<b>MET</b>	<b>NOT MET</b>
1.	Hold an "Elks Pumpkin Patch"		
2.	Must have had at least 2 Community Welfare Projects, ie; Donating Lodge for Charitable Fundraiser Event or anything that involves the community and the lodge members.		
3.	Publish an article about Organ Donation in your Lodge Newsletter		
<b><i>RITUAL</i></b>		<b>MET</b>	<b>NOT MET</b>
1.	Must enter and compete in the District Ritual Contest.		
2.	Perform entire ritual initiation for new members		
3.	Perform Memorial Service 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Dec		
4.	Perform Mothers Day Ritual program.		
<b><i>YOUTH ACTIVITIES</i></b>		<b>MET</b>	<b>NOT MET</b>
1.	Must have conducted a Hoop Shoot or one other youth program involving the community.		
2.	Must have a Drug Awareness display at these activities.		
3.	Must have a Membership display at these activities.		
4.	Must have an Americanism Essay Contest display (if timing is appropriate)		
5.	Must have participated in the student certificate awards program. (Teenager of Month, etc.)		
6.	Conduct a local Scholarship program and submit "on time" two winning entries (one boy & one girl) to the District competition		
7.	Hold Member / Son/Daughter Banquet or other Family Activity at Lodge		
8.	Hold an event for the youth of the community (banquet, dance, etc.) at the Lodge.		
9.	Sponsor a Scout Troup (boy or girl), Little League, Hockey, Soccer, Basketball, Baseball Team, etc.		
10.	Must have participated in School Dictionary Program		

Proofs required (if requested) may consist of your Lodge bulletin, newspaper articles, photos, etc.

**Reminder:** For a Lodge to receive a Star Lodge Award they must participate in at least one phase of all fourteen categories.

**Deadline to District Chair is March 15, 2021**

**This form can be sent in by email to address below**

**Any questions contact:**

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Exalted Ruler

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Signature

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Lodge Name and Number

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Membership as of 1/31/2021

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Date