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To: All Exalted Rulers

Subject: NEW Grand Lodge Americanism Program

WELCOME AND CONGRATULATIONS on your election as Exalted Ruler of your Lodge. This 2020-2021 Elks year, your Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee is continuing to encourage Lodges to embrace the **Fly the Flag** program which allows you to present a Recognition Certificate for properly flying the United States Flag ... 24/7.

Local Lodges will present a Grand Lodge Recognition **CERTIFICATE OF HONOR For Properly Flying THE UNITED STATES FLAG** to local businesses and merchants for proper display of flying our United States Flag during the day and at night with proper illumination.

The enclosed Recognition Certificate is available to Local Lodges at the elks.org website under the Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee section. The certificate is a "fillable" PDF for you to type in recipient's business name and address to create a more professional looking product.

The Fraternal Committee believes that this Americanism Program activity will provide Local Lodges another key tool to increase good effective public relations and patriotism in the community by promoting outside-the-Lodge relationships.

To print out the certificate correctly, "Landscape" should be chosen for the orientation in your print window. In Adobe Acrobat Reader, click the "Auto portrait/landscape" option, and both pages will automatically print out correctly. Get Adobe Acrobat Reader DC free at: <https://get.adobe.com/reader/>.

Thank you for all your efforts to recognize those who quicken the Spirit of American Patriotism!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert R. Hinkle".

Robert R. Hinkle, Chairman
Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee

CERTIFICATE OF HONOR

FOR PROPERLY FLYING THE
UNITED STATES FLAG

IS PRESENTED TO



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BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS



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