



AMERICANISM MANUAL Supplement

Americanism Essay Contest

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— Lodge, District and State Procedures —

LODGE AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN selects:

Top three from Division I (combined 5th & 6th Grades);
and
Top three from Division II (combined 7th & 8th Grades);
and

sends the 6 Essays to District Americanism Chairman by January 30, 2010 or the date established by the State Association.

DISTRICT AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN selects:

From all entries submitted by Subordinate Lodges, the 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place Winners from each Division and sends the 6 top Essays to the State Americanism Chairman by February 28, 2010, or the date established by the State Association.

STATE AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN selects:

From entries submitted by District Chairman the top three Winners for the State. In addition, State Chairman forwards ONLY the 1st Place Winners from each Division to the Grand Lodge Essay Contest Administrator (**must be postmarked by 3/31/2010**). State Chairman must also submit State Essay Contest Report Form with the submitted Essays.

NOTE: State Winners MUST HAVE Social Security Numbers Attached!

MAIL ESSAYS TO:

JAMES E. DESMARAIS, SR.
Grand Lodge Americanism Committee
71 Walnut Street
Naugatuck, CT 06770-3839

Essay Contest Posters for Schools will be sent to all Lodges.
(extras can be downloaded from the Elks Web site:
www.elks.org.)

AWARDS

Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place National Winning Essays in Divisions I and II will be presented at the Grand Lodge Session in Orlando, FL, July 4-8, 2010, as follows:

- 1st Place — \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bond
- 2nd Place — \$500 U.S. Savings Bond
- 3rd Place — \$250 U.S. Savings Bond

AMERICAN FLAG LAPEL PINS

Catalog #: Americanism Pin USA #06

From: Harry Klitzner Co.
Attn: Tom Matt
Fax: (401) 621-6744

DO NOT ORDER FROM GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE

Your Lodge may order lapel pins at 75¢ each plus shipping. *No minimum order required!*

**Encourage Your Members To Wear
The Symbol of Freedom Proudly!!!**

PATRIOTISM WEEK STARTS 2ND MONDAY IN SEPTEMBER

REMINDER: In observance of National Patriot Day, the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, and the brave men and women who suffered in that tragedy, National Patriotism Week begins the second Monday in September and no longer the third Monday in February. The February observance date was changed in 2008.

Please note this change on Page 16 of your Americanism Manual (Code 512000, revised January 2007), if you haven't already done so. Plan a special event during National Patriotism Week to honor America's Finest and America's Bravest!

State Association Report & Contest (Not a Brochure)

State Association Americanism Committees will be asked to submit an Annual Report that will be judged for its merits and quality of its State programs and activities.

Some of the CRITERIA

Activities of State Association Americanism Committee at State Association Meetings and District Deputy Clinics, Communications with Lodges, Participation in the Brochure Contest, and in the Essay Contest, and Participation of Lodges in other Programs outlined in the G/L Americanism Manual.

FORM

The official form will be mailed to State Chairman and available from your Area Americanism Committee Member. **FORMS must be postmarked on or before March 31, 2009.**

JUDGING

State Association Categories:

- Division I – up to 12,000 Members
- Division II – 12,001 thru 24,000 Members
- Division III – 24,001 and up in membership

AWARDS

Award plaques will be presented at the Grand Lodge Session in Orlando, FL, in July 2010.

MAIL STATE ASSOCIATION REPORT FORMS TO:

JAMES A. COGGINS, Chairman
Grand Lodge Americanism Committee
P.O. Box 3230
Pensacola, FL 32516-3230



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Lodge Brochure Contest

The Lodge Brochure is a chronicle of activities of the Americanism Programs of a Subordinate Lodge. During the year, have someone take pictures of your Lodge functions such as Flag Day, 4th of July parades, firefighters and police officer award ceremonies, Veterans Programs, Patriotic Programs with other Lodge Committees, Lodge decorated in a patriotic manner, etc. and compile the photos and articles into a Brochure. The 2009-2010 Lodge Americanism Brochures will be judged using the suggested Americanism Programs and activities listed in the column at the right and those on Page 2 of the Grand Lodge Americanism Manual. Judging will be on a point system.

CRITERIA AND JUDGING

Three (3) points will be awarded if the Brochure contains a program or activity listed in the Manual. One (1) to ten (10) additional points will be awarded on the quality and layout of the program or activity. Additional points will be awarded if you include Americanism programs/activities of your own (*not listed in the Manual*).

PRESENTATION RULES

Only present enough material to show and describe the program or activity. The points are awarded for quality not quantity or volume of material. The Brochure is not to exceed 8 1/2" wide by 11" high and 3 1/2" thick. Brochures must be postmarked on or before March 31, 2010. **You must have the Lodge Secretary attest the membership, sign the cover sheet and affix the Lodge Seal.** Tiebreakers will be total points awarded for the Flag Program Category and then by postmark.

Brochures are judged by Membership as of 4/1/2009. Divisions are as follows:

<u>Division</u>	<u>Membership Range</u>
1	★ under 301 Members
2	★ 301 thru 500 Members
3	★ 501 thru 700 Members
4	★ 701 thru 1,100 Members
5	★ 1,101 thru 1,500 Members
6	★ over 1,500 Members

AWARDS

Plaques will be presented at the Grand Lodge Session in Orlando, FL, on Tuesday, July 6, 2010. Brochures will not be returned by mail. Please pick them up at the Americanism Booth in the Exhibit Hall by 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, July 7, 2010.

MAIL BROCHURES TO: RONALD A. HAWKINS
Grand Lodge Americanism Committee
993 Flatwoods Road
Vanderbilt, PA 15486-1203

Please inform your State Chairman that your Lodge has entered the Contest!

Basis for a Good Lodge Americanism Program and the Basis for the Americanism Brochure Contest

FLAG PROGRAMS

- a) Fly Flag Day and Night
- b) Flag-Flying Calendar
- c) Present Flag (and/or Flagpole) to Community
- d) Present Flags to New Residents of Community
- e) Flag (and/or Flagpole) Dedication Ceremony
- f) Present Classroom Flags to Every School
- g) Flag Presentation to Boy/Girl Scouts
- h) Flag Retirement Program
- i) Replace Worn-out Flags

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- a) Honor New American Citizens
- b) Honor Citizens for Outstanding Service
- c) Honor Award for News Media
- d) "Get Out and Vote" Program
- e) Cooperate with Local Service Clubs
- f) Work with School Boards, PTAs, etc.
- g) Flag History Display
- h) Conduct Veterans Remembrance Program
- i) Participate in Parades (4th of July, Christmas, Memorial Day, etc.)

LODGE ACTIVITIES

- a) Heritage Corner
- b) Flag Day
- c) Law and Order Night or Day at the Lodge
- d) National Patriotism Week
- e) Lodge Programs for Veterans in Hospitals

PUBLICITY/PUBLIC RELATIONS ACTIVITIES

- a) Distribute "You and Your Flag" Booklets
- b) Distribute "Honor Our Flag" Decals
- c) Distribute "I Am Your Flag" Booklets
- d) Display "Honor Our Flag" Placards

AMERICANISM CONTESTS

- a) Americanism Essay Contest 5th, 6th, 7th, & 8th Grades
- b) Lodge Americanism Brochure Contest
- c) Lodge Poster/Coloring Book Contest

OTHER PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

- a) Other Displays for Community Special Days
- b) Distribute "Citizens Rule Book"
- c) Distribute "Flag Code"
- d) Distribute American Flag Lapel Pins
- e) Present Recognition Certificates for Flying Flag
- f) Distribute Children's Pledge Kits to Schools
- g) Distribute Pledge of Allegiance Wallet Cards to Schools

OTHER AMERICANISM/PATRIOTISM PROGRAMS

- a) Your Ideas to show that Elks are Leaders in Americanism
- b) Your own programs/activities not listed



Requisition for Americanism-Related Items

Ship To [Name]: _____

Lodge Name: _____ Lodge Number: _____

Address: _____

City, State ZIP Code: _____

Is the above address the _____ Lodge Address _____ Business Address _____ Private Residence? [check one]



Code #	QTY.	Description	Price
512000	_____	Americanism Manual with current year's insert	\$ 2.40 each
540000	_____	6' x 10' US Flag, Outdoor Use	65.20 each
540100	_____	Candidate Flags [11" x 17"]	19.80 per dozen
540200	_____	Replacement Eagle Finial [plastic] for Indoor Flag Pole	27.40 each
540300	_____	3' x 5' US Flag, fringed, with Eagle, pole and stand	137.75 each
540400	_____	4' x 6' US Flag, fringed, with Eagle, pole and stand	136.50 each
540500	_____	2' x 3' US "Classroom" Flag with wall bracket [min. order 6]	7.00 each
540600	_____	5' x 8' US Flag, Outdoor or Indoor Use	52.05 each
540700	_____	Extra Flag Stand	27.65 each
540701	_____	8' - 2-part wooden Flag Pole [no flag included]	14.95 each
540800	_____	3' x 5' US Flag, fringed, Indoor Use Only	26.70 each
540900	_____	4' x 6' US Flag, fringed, Indoor Use Only	31.80 each
541000	_____	4' x 6' US Flag, Outdoor or Indoor Use	31.20 each
541100	_____	3' x 5' US Flag, Outdoor or Indoor Use	22.55 each
541300	_____	Historic US Flag Set [includes 8 historic Flags, with poles]	188.55 per set
541301	_____	Gadsden [Snake] Flag	28.30 each
541302	_____	Pine Tree Flag	28.30 each
541303	_____	Grand Union Flag	28.30 each
541304	_____	Betsy Ross Flag [13 Star]	28.30 each
541305	_____	15 Star Flag	28.30 each
541306	_____	20 Star Flag	28.30 each
541307	_____	48 Star Flag	28.30 each
541308	_____	50 Star Flag	28.30 each
541400	_____	P.O.W.-M.I.A. Flag	31.90 each
570800	_____	"Honor Our Flag" Decals [100 per pack-Removable]	19.75 per pack
570900	_____	"Honor Our Flag" Window Placards [10 per pack]	12.00 per pack
571200	_____	"About Our Flag" Brochure [50 per pack]	30.00 per pack
571400	_____	Heritage Corner Kit [10 American Documents]	5.75 per kit
571500	_____	US History Poster (to 1989)	7.30 each
575000	_____	Pledge of Allegiance Complete Kit, including Video	20.00 per kit
575001	_____	Pledge of Allegiance Coloring Books [30 per pack]	5.85 per pack
575002	_____	Pledge of Allegiance Certificates [30 per pack]	4.20 per pack
575003	_____	Pledge of Allegiance Flag Stickers [30 per sheet]	3.50 per sheet
575004	_____	Pledge of Allegiance Cards [30 per pack]	3.20 per pack
575005	_____	Video Only, Pledge of Allegiance	7.90 each
700100	_____	Eagle Scout Certificates	No Charge
700200	_____	Girl Scout Gold Certificates	No Charge
700300	_____	Girl Scout Silver Certificates	No Charge

Prices are as of April 2007. All prices subject to change without notice.

Additional Items Needed?

Signature: _____ Print Name: _____

Title: _____ Exalted Ruler _____ Lodge Secretary _____ Other _____

(Authorization Signature Required)

Order supplies by writing to the Shipping Department at the Elks National Headquarters, 2750 N. Lakeview Avenue, Chicago, IL 60614-1889; calling (773) 755-4710; faxing (773) 755-4711; or e-mailing shipping@elks.org.