

AMERICANISM MANUAL

2015-2016 Supplement

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ALSO NOTE — This supplement and current Americanism manual are now available only at Elks.Org/grandlodge/manuals/. Refer to that link when your District Deputy asks your Lodge Officers to see these materials during his or her annual visit.

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Lodge Americanism Essay Contest

Theme

“What I Can Do to Promote Americanism and Love of Country”

Entry Rules

1. Eligible participants must be students enrolled in 5th, 6th, 7th or 8th Grades during the normal 2015-2016 school year preceding June 30, 2016.
2. Essay length is now not to exceed 300 words.
3. Essay must be typed or legibly printed in ink.
4. Essay must be submitted for judging to the Elks Lodge administering the contest at his/her school or, if unknown, the Lodge nearest to the home address of the entrant.
5. Entrant must be identified on the Essay by name, home address, grade, school attended and sponsoring Lodge (*Lodge may enter Lodge information on Essay.*)
6. **Deadline:** must be submitted to Local Lodge by **December 18, 2015.**
7. **Judging Criteria:**
Originality: avoids the use of trite or worn out words and phrases.
Development of theme: stays focused on ideas and thoughts don't ramble.
Mechanics and neatness: uses proper spelling, grammar and punctuation.

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Americanism Essay Contest *continued*

— Lodge, District, State and National 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 the District Americanism Chairman by January 30, 2016, or the date established by the State Association.

DISTRICT AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN *selects:*

From all entries submitted by Local Lodges, the 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place Winners from each Division and sends the 6 top Essays to the State Americanism Chairman by February 29, 2016, 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 first-place winners from each Division to the Grand Lodge Essay Contest Administrator. (Must be postmarked by March, 31, 2016.)

MAIL STATE-WINNING ESSAYS TO:

ROBERT E. DRISKO

Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee

528 Togus Road

Chelsea, ME 04330-1271

ESSAY CONTEST POSTERS FOR SCHOOLS may be downloaded at <http://www.elks.org/grandlodge/fraternal/downloads>. (Scroll down to “Americanism Essay Contest” and go to Page 3.)

PLAQUES WILL BE AWARDED for first-, second- and third-place National-Winning Essays in both Divisions I and II and mailed to their respective State Association for presentation

PATRIOTISM WEEK STARTS 2ND MONDAY IN SEPTEMBER

REMINDER: National Patriotism Week begins the second Monday in September.

Plan a special event for National Patriotism Week to honor America’s finest and America’s bravest! Some suggestions are listed on Page 13 of the Americanism Manual at elks.org/grandlodge/manuals/. For information, contact your Grand Lodge Fraternal Committeeman or State Chairman.

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Title: _____ Exalted Ruler _____ Lodge Secretary _____ Other _____

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