

RECOGNIZING AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING YOUTH

All too often the only publicity received by the young people of our nation is negative. The only teenagers mentioned in the media are those who for one reason or another have gotten into some trouble.

Our "Student/Teenager of the Month" and "Student/Teenager of the Year" program is designed to recognize outstanding young men and women for their achievements in their school and community life. The positive publicity generated by this program can do much to enhance the image of young people in your community and counteract the negative publicity.

The beauty of this program is that every Lodge in the Order can participate. This program can be as simple or elaborate as your lodge resources will allow. Your lodge should seek out an outstanding boy and girl every month and publicly reward them for their accomplishments. Toward the end of the lodge year all the monthly winners and their parents should be guests of the lodge at a dinner at which time the Teenager/Student of the Year is announced.

The method of selecting the "Student/Teenager of the Month" is the responsibility of a committee of students selected from the schools participating. The selection of the top student/teenager is based on multiple achievements such as character, leadership, community service, scholarship and other facts that make up a well rounded individual.

The Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee will provide guidelines, certificates, nomination forms, posters and news release forms to all State Youth Activities Chairmen. Additional supplies can be obtained from Victor J. Cid, Area 2 Committee Member, [email: cidvictorj@aol.com](mailto:cidvictorj@aol.com), in charge of this program.

Your whole-hearted efforts towards making this program a success will reap dividends from your community, our youth and the Order of Elks. Let's show that with this program we are making a difference for the youth of America.

Victor J. Cid, Member

G/L Youth Activities Committee