



ELEVENTH ANNUAL WISCONSIN LODGE OF THE YEAR Guidelines

As part of its commitment to promoting innovative fraternal programs and acknowledging exceptional work of members, the WFC will award the **Eleventh Annual Wisconsin Lodge of the Year Award** as a way of recognizing the *cornerstone* of the fraternal movement - the local fraternal lodge.

The program is open to any Wisconsin-based local lodge belonging to a fraternal benefit society that is a dues-paying member-society of the Wisconsin Fraternal Congress. The award is given to a local lodge that best exemplifies the spirit of fraternalism through its efforts on behalf of the membership and the community at large. **The 2008 award is for activities held in 2007 only!**

The Lodge of the Year program features three awards to be presented at the annual meeting of the WFC on September 25, 2008, to be held at the **Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in Green Bay, Wisconsin**. The awards include a commemorative certificate and a donation of \$250 to the first-place winner, donation of \$150 to the second-place winner, and \$100 to the third-place winner, to be awarded to charities designated by the lodge officers. The donations will be presented by the WFC in the name of the lodges and their societies. The award-winners will be selected by a panel of independent judges.

Deadline for submission of entries is: **July 31, 2008**. The application and any supporting materials (e.g. news clippings, photos,) should be sent to:

***Gene Schindler, WFC Past President
Lodge of the Year Committee
Wisconsin Fraternal Congress
508 Macomber Street
Chippewa Falls WI 54729
715-723-9089
FAX: 715-723-2751***

LODGE OF THE YEAR AWARD

Presented by the Wisconsin Fraternal Congress

Please type or print.

Lodge Number: _____ Lodge Name (if any): _____

Location (Community): _____

Society affiliation: _____ Number of members in lodge: _____

1. What fraternal activities were organized and implemented by this lodge in 2007 only? _____

2. What fund-raising events did this lodge undertake in 2007 only? _____

3. How much money was raised by these events and what groups benefitted from the fundraiser? _____

4. What family and youth activities were organized by this lodge? _____

5. What is the approximate number of members participating in the lodge during 2007? _____

6. What events were organized by the lodge that captured the mission of the society? _____

7. What non-fund-raising programs were undertaken by the lodge in cooperation with other groups in the _____

community (including schools, parishes, civic organizations)?

8. Additional comments:

Name of person submitting nomination: _____

Title (if any): _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: (Daytime) _____ (Evening) _____

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Mail application and supporting documents to:

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Supporting material such as news clippings, photos, letters of endorsements from religious and civic groups may be included.