It is the privilege of any Lodge of the Ohio Elks Association to nominate one or more of its members for consideration as “***Elk of the Year”*** or for the “***Elks Hall of Fame***.” Every Lodge has at least one member who is there to help all the time to lend a helping hand or provide assistance as needed for lodge projects. Please take the time to review your membership and send your nomination forward to the State. It seems that when I think of a Lodge in the state, names always comes to mind that would be an excellent candidate’s for these awards. Maybe, your candidate or candidates who will be announced at convention, but if you don’t enter, 100 % your members won’t be announced! Get a committee together and write your candidate’s application.

These awards allow our organization to recognize our outstanding members or groups and is also a way to share the *opportunity* and meaning of “**Elkdom**” to others in your lodge and your community. The **“Elk of the Year”** is for work in your lodge, community and or district. The **“Hall of Fame”** should be for an Elk, Elks, a Community Service Group that supports the mission of the Ohio Elks, or a Group within the lodge that is active outside the lodge in their community, district, or State and also supports and promotes a Lodge. Every District should make sure that it is represented in the state level contest. You should use the official entry form or a photocopy of it, when submitting a nomination by **December 31, 2022.**

Fraternally,

Ohio Elks Association.

TO: All Exalted Rulers and Secretaries

RE: ***Elk of the Year and Elks Hall of Fame Awards***

The 2022 **Elk of the Year** and **Elks Hall of Fame** awards will be presented at the Spring Convention in Dublin, Ohio during the Installation Ceremony.

Enclosed are the rules governing these two award programs. I recommend the “Esteemed Leading Knight” and “President of the local PER Association” be appointed to the selection committee. I ask that the Exalted Ruler or lodge officer be present at Saturday evening’s business meeting. Please read this letter on the Lodge floor; then post it on your bulletin board.

Also enclosed is a nomination form for each program. This form must be used in submitting your nominations. I ask that your nomination not exceed 500 words. If additional space is needed, either use the back of the entry form or submit an additional page. Only typed or neatly printed ink entries will be accepted.

Please keep in mind that there are two separate contests:

• The ***“Elk of the Year”*** is given to a member who has performed outstanding service to ***Elkdom***, particularly at the local Lodge level, district or state.

• The ***“Elks Hall of Fame”*** is for a member, members, or a group that has distinguished themselves as an ***Elk/Elks,*** such as in civic leadership, education, medicine, sports, etc., while furthering the Cardinal Principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity or provided a partnership for the advancement and support of the Ohio Elks Association.

Both of these awards are separate and distinct from the Grand Lodge Elk of the Year Program. However, your Lodge’s Elk of the Year recipient would be a logical nominee for the Ohio Elks Association’s ***Elk of the Year*** award.

**Entries must be submitted NO LATER than December 31, 2022**. The nomination forms may be emailed to kcdenny@roadrunner.com or mail to:

Keith Denny

66 Dogwood Drive

Jackson, Ohio 45640

We look forward to receiving your nominations and Thank You in advance for your support of these recognition programs.

Thank you,

Ohio Elks Association

Enclosures: 3

Ohio Elks Association

***Elk of the Year* and *Elks Hall of Fame***

**Rules**

***1.*** It is the privilege of any Lodge of the Ohio Elks Association to nominate one or more of its members for consideration as ***Elk of the Year*** or for the ***Elks Hall of Fame***. Either the official entry form or a photocopy of it must be used when submitting a nomination.

***2.*** The nominee must be a member in good standing in the nominating Lodge.

***3.*** The ***Elk of the Year*** nominee shall not currently hold any office above Esteemed Leading Knight and may not currently hold a Grand Lodge or State Office.

***4.*** The ***Elk of the Year*** award will be made on the basis of service to the Order, particularly at the local Lodge level. The service rendered by an ***Elks Hall of Fame*** nominee may be in any field, such as music, art, science, politics, athletics, public service, education, medicine, etc. Achievements of the nominee should be something that has brought recognition to the nominee, nominees or group in the community, all while furthering the Cardinal Principles of the Order, Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity.

***5.*** All nominations must be in the hands of Keith Denny 66 Dogwood Drive Jackson, Ohio 45640 or email to kcdenny@roadrunner.com, for judging no later than **December 31, 2022.**

***6.*** The selected recipients, along with the Exalted Ruler of his or her Lodge, of both the ***Elk of the Year*** and the ***Elks Hall of Fame*** award must be present at the Saturday evening awards presentation at the Annual Convention of the Ohio Elks Association in Dublin, Ohio

***7.*** Persons nominated in previous years who were not selected as recipients may be re-nominated for this year’s award.

***8.*** Both the Exalted Ruler and the Secretary must certify the nomination for it to be valid. Signatures for both must appear on the nomination form.

\*\*Please post on Lodge bulletin board\*\*

**Elk of the Year Nomination Form**

(The **Elk of the Year** is awarded for a member’s outstanding service to the Order, particularly to his or her local Lodge. Please be sure the nomination reflects the member’s **Elk-**related accomplishments. Photographs, newspaper articles, and other supporting documentation may be included with this nomination, but they are not required. Please type or print in ink. Use the back of this page or submit an addition page if needed. The nomination application should contain between 300- 500 words.

Name of Nominee for **Elk of the Year:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Presented by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Lodge # \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Proposer: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Name

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Email \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Phone

Email of Nominees local newspaper\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is deserving of the **Elk of the Year Award** because:

**Elks Hall of Fame Nomination Form**

(The **Elks Hall of Fame** is awarded for member’s/groups service to his or her community or lodge, while furthering the Cardinal Principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity or furthering the mission of the Ohio Elks Association. Please be sure the nomination reflects the member’s or groups **civic accomplishments or Elk-related accomplishments**. Photographs, newspaper articles, and other supporting documentation may be included with this nomination, but they are not required. Please type or print in ink. Use the back of this page or submit an addition page if needed. The nomination form should contain 300- 500 words.)

Name of Nominee for **Elks Hall of Fame:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Presented by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Lodge # \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Proposer\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Name

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Email \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Phone

Email of nominee’s local newspaper\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is deserving of the **Elks Hall of Fame Award** because: