

# Washington State Elks Association

## Frank O. Garland Award



Lodges are scored against each lodge in the state of Washington via a number of criteria and averaged out to produce a winner. This is a low scoring system. The Lodge with the lowest score wins the Frank O. Garland (FOG) Award.

The annual winner of the Frank O. Garland Lodge Excellence Award will receive check in an amount up to \$5,000.00 to be used for Lodge beautification and/or facility upgrades/improvements. The funds cannot be used for operating expenses.

The program shall function under the following guidelines:

1. The Lodge shall identify a beautification and/or facility upgrades/improvements project they wish to complete.
2. The Lodge shall contact the District Advisor and provide details of the project and estimated costs.
3. The District Advisor evaluates the project and if believed warranted shall contact the State Sponsor for concurrence.
4. When approved the Lodge can start the work. When the project is completed it will contact the District Advisor for confirmation.
5. Once project confirmed by District Advisor the Lodge will complete a voucher and attach copies of receipts. The voucher will be sent to the District Advisor for approval and then sent to the State Office and a check will be issued.

### Lodges are scored upon:

- **Therapy Program**
  - The Lodges score is based on their March 31<sup>st</sup> per capita standing. The Lodge that gives the most based on per capita gets "1" point. The last place lodge gets a score of "35".
- **Elks National Foundation**
  - The Lodges score is based on their March 31<sup>st</sup> per capita standing. The Lodge that gives the most based on per capita gets "1" point. The last place lodge gets a score of "35".
- **Membership Growth**
  - This score is based on March 31<sup>st</sup> year end CLMS totals. The Lodge with the highest % of overall growth gets "1", the Lodge with the lowest % gets "35". Tie breaker is the Lodge that brought in the most members.
- **Raffle Calendar**
  - Position in state for number of State Raffle Calendars sold
- **Polly Garland Award (PGA)**
  - -10 Points for the Lodge submitting a viable candidate
- **Ritual Competition**
  - -10 points possible for ritual Competition 2018/19
  - Beginning in 2019/20 a total of -15 possible points from participating and scoring perfectly in a ritual competition

*Beginning with the 2019/20 Ritual Cycle the following changes will take place:*

- Subordinate Lodge Team walks on contest floor: Three (3) points.
- Each "Elected, Appointed and Installed Officer" that gives his/her part from memory\*\* earns (one) point for the team score. Seven (7) officers plus 3 (three) points equals ten (10), the

historical amount for the FOG award. If the entire team is from the subordinate Lodge, an additional five (5) points are added, totaling fifteen (15) points.

- **\*\*Memory being defined as getting a score of 50% or better on their word accuracy score.**
- If the officer reads their part, no additional point is awarded.
- The contest winner for each part (in each region) must still do their part from memory.
- The teams going forward to the State competition must have all performing members (excepting Candidate) from their own Lodge.
- In the case of a vacant position, an Elected, Appointed and Installed Officer from a different Lodge can join a different team and earn a FOG point for their own Lodge.
  - Example: Shoreline Lodge has all officers wanting to compete except for their Inner Guard. The Inner Guard from Everett Lodge wants to compete but their Lodge does not. The Everett Inner Guard performs with Shoreline Lodge. Shoreline would receive nine (9) points- {6 Officer points, and 3 for showing up} and Everett Lodge would receive one (1) point for their Lodge.
- **Clinic Attendance**
  - The Lodge earns one Negative Point for each of the four officers required to attend the Clinics. The Lodge earns an additional bonus point for every 5 Lodge members in attendance which includes the 4 required officers.
- **Convention Attendance**
  - The Lodge earns one Negative Point for each 5 registered members based on the registration due date.
- **Officer Training**
  - -10 for attendance at the yearly officer training
- **Lodge Reports Worksheet Score**
  - Annual Report
    - -2 points for turning in on time the Annual report with per capita payment
  - Annual Audit
    - -5 points for turning in on time a complete Annual Financial Report with IRS forms included.
  - Charity Report
    - -3 points for turning in the yearly charity report
  - All American Lodge Contest
    - -10 points for participating in the All American Lodge Contest
  - State & Grand Lodge Directory Information
    - -2 points for properly completing the Grand Lodge directory information in CLMS after Election of Officers.