



Dear Lodge Members:

Enclosed is the Lodge Recognition Program for 2016. It has changed significantly from last year so it is important that you read the materials carefully.

We will still be offering Awards for Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze levels of participation. However, points now must be earned in each of four different categories. Many of the Options are the same, however, point values differ. As mentioned in the material, one Option may earn you one, two, three, or even four points.

Certain requirements must be fulfilled: A new member for all awards except Bronze; Lodge Election and Financial reports must be submitted to Home Office; and a certain number of meetings must be held for each award level. As in the past, documentation must be submitted for all completed Options. Work Sheets have been included for each category to help you keep track of the Options (and point values) completed under that category.

Good News! Award dollars have increased in most cases: \$500 for Platinum, \$350 for Gold, \$250 for Silver, and \$150 for Bronze.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call the Fraternal Department at 800-543-3272 or email gromanelli@csalife.com.

Good Luck!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Gerri Romanelli'.

Gerri Romanelli
Fraternal Director

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How to Complete the 2016 Lodge Recognition Program Forms

Step 1: Read the Lodge Recognition Program Breakdown and List of Options on pages 2-4.

Step 2: Fill-in the Award Requirements on page 5 regarding which award you are applying for.

Platinum Star Award – \$500

- ☒ { 10 meetings held
- 1 new member added
- 40 total points (10 points per category)

Our lodge earned 40 /40 points.



Step 3: Fill-in the tables on pages 6-9 regarding Option #, Points Earned, and Activity Description.

Submission for Lodge Czech it Out # 999

II. Social Engagement/Traditions/Rituals

Option #	Points Earned	Activity Description (Include documentation of activities on separate page)
9	3pts.	Lodge Czech it Out hosted a craft night (social activity) with Sis. Caroline Doe, Sis. Jen Doe, Sis. Jan Den, and Sis. Karen Den present.

Step 4: Write the Option # on the documentation it proves (i.e. event photos, copies of checks, thank-you cards, etc.).



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Program Breakdown

The Lodge Recognition Program was created to motivate the lodges of CSA Fraternal Life and to recognize them for their efforts in exhibiting Equality, Harmony, and Fraternity to both our members and our communities. Awards for this program are granted to lodges that are well-rounded and meet criteria in four areas:

- I. **Service Activities** – Serving our communities is what we do. This area is measured by how lodges motivate members to improve the communities around them.
- II. **Social Engagement/Traditions/Rituals** – Fraternals are unique and founded on the principle that all of us are brothers and sisters. Social activity is what keeps our members together. In addition, CSA's fraternal history consists of significant various traditions and rituals that make up the backbone of this society.
- III. **National Involvement** – Our organization consists of a nationwide network of lodges. We maintain our bond by engaging in activities that unite our members on a national level.
- IV. **Lodge Reporting (Sound Operations)** – The strongest lodges are the ones that meet regularly, maintain best business practices, and operate consistently with the CSA Home Office and Fraternal Department.

The healthy balance of the above criteria will be rewarded as: Platinum, Gold, Silver, or Bronze.

Important: Please keep in mind that one point does not equal one option.

You may select a single option that can be as little as one point or as much as four points. For example, trying to earn a Platinum Award does not mean you have to choose 40 options, rather you have to **earn** 40 total points.

- To earn the **Platinum Award** (\$500 Award) designation, a lodge is required to earn **Ten (10)** points or more from each category, plus gain at least one new member during that calendar year.
- To earn the **Gold Award** (\$350 Award) designation, a lodge is required to earn **Eight (8)** points or more from each category, plus gain at least one new member during that calendar year.
- To earn the **Silver Award** (\$250 Award) designation, a lodge is required to earn **Seven (7)** points or more from each category, plus gain at least one new member during that calendar year.
- To earn the **Bronze Award** (\$150 Award) designation, a lodge is required to earn **Six (6)** points or more from each category.

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List of Options

Points for this program need to be earned in **EACH** category in order to receive the respective award. Below is a description for the activities under each category and their point allotment.

I. Service Activities *(at least 3 members must participate in Options #1-5)*

1. 4 points – **Lodge coordinates and participates in an official Join Hands Day activity**
2. 3 points – **Lodge participates in National Project** (Must provide service hours AND donations) Donations must be at least 25% of annual allocation and lodge must perform minimum 50 volunteer hours
3. 2 points – **Lodge volunteers for a service activity for a charitable organization** that is different from National Project (maximum 6pts., i.e. 3 events = 6pts.)
4. 2 points – **Lodge members participate in the Get-Together Service Project** (maximum 2 pts.)
5. 1 point – **Lodge holds a fundraiser and raises \$200 for a charitable organization** (This total can be an accumulated throughout the year.) (maximum 5 pts., i.e. \$1,000 = 5 pts.)
6. 2 points – **Provide transportation** to at least 3 meetings for lodge member(s) (maximum 2 pts.)
7. 2 points – **Lodge donates items made by lodge members** to a hospital, senior center, shelter, etc. (blankets, hats, gloves, scarves, etc.) (maximum 2 pts.)
8. 1 point – **Lodge donates minimum \$50 to Emergency or Disaster Relief Fund** (Red Cross, FEMA, Salvation Army, etc.) (maximum 1 pt.)

II. Social Engagement/Traditions/Rituals *(at least 4 members must participate or be in attendance in any of the Options of this category.)*

9. 3 points – **Lodge hosts social activity** (movie night, craft night, etc.)
10. 2 points – **Lodge members attend an activity** (attend a play, visit another lodge, go to holiday party, etc.) (maximum 4 pts.)
11. 2 points – **Lodge members hold a competition** at a regular lodge meeting, vote for a winner, and give an award or small monetary prize
12. 1 point – **Lodge member gives a report or presentation** on Czech culture, traditions, etc.
13. 2 points – Conduct a **Baby Naming Ceremony** (maximum 2 pts.)
14. 2 points – Conduct a formal **Installation of Officers** (maximum 2 pts.)
15. 2 points – Conduct a **Memorial Service** for deceased members (maximum 2 pts.)
16. 2 points – **Lodge invites an (outside) speaker** to lecture or give presentation on topic of interest to lodge members (maximum 2 pts.)

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List of Options (cont'd)

III. National Involvement

17. 3 points – **Lodge submits a nominee for CSA Fraternalist of the Year**
(maximum 3 pts.)
18. 4 points – **Lodge member runs for Miss National CSA** (maximum 4 pts.)
19. 2 points – **Per lodge member attending CSA Annual Bowling Congress**
(maximum 4 pts.)
20. 2 points – **Per lodge member attending CSA Annual Get-Together**
(maximum 6 pts.)
21. 2 points – **Per youth member participating in CSA Jr. Bowl-O-Rama**
(maximum 4 pts.)
22. 1 point – **Per submission by lodge member for Photo Contest** (1 point per person submitting; maximum 4 pts.)
23. 1 point – **Lodge donates minimum \$50 to Scholarship Fund** (This total can be an accumulated throughout the year.) (maximum 1 pt.)

IV. Lodge Reporting (Sound Operations) – *Duplicate documentation not needed.* *Submissions verified by Home Office.*

24. 2 points – **Annual Lodge Election Report** submitted to Home Office by end of calendar year*
25. 2 points – **Annual Financial Report** submitted to Home Office by March deadline for previous year* *Additional point awarded if received by January 31.*
26. 3 points – Lodge submits minimum **six Lodge President's Reports** by December 31
27. 3 points – Lodge submits minimum **six Journal Articles with a photo** during 2016
(additional photos do not count for additional points)
28. 3 points – **Lodge sends brief article and photo** to Fraternal Dept. for Facebook post
(maximum 3 pts.)

*Required criteria in order to be eligible for **any award**.

REMEMBER: **10 Points per Category (40 total) for Platinum Award**
 8 Points per Category (32 total) for Gold Award
 7 Points per Category (28 total) for Silver Award
 6 Points per Category (24 total) for Bronze Award

Documentation MUST be submitted for EACH completed Option.

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Award Requirements

CSA Fraternal Life
Attn: Fraternal Dept.
2050 Finley Rd. Suite 70
Lombard, IL 60148

Phone: 1-800-LIFE-CSA (543-3272)
Fax: 630-472-1100
www.csalife.com

Lodge Name: _____ Lodge No: _____

View the requirements for each award. Check the box of the Star Award you are applying for, and on the blank line, enter the number of points your lodge has earned.

Platinum Star Award – \$500



- ☐ { 10 meetings held
1 new member added
40 total points (10 points per category)

Our lodge earned ____/40 points.

Gold Star Award – \$350



- ☐ { 10 meetings held
1 new member added
32 total points (8 points per category)

Our lodge earned ____/32 points.

Silver Star Award – \$250



- ☐ { 8 meetings held
1 new member added
28 total points (7 points per category)

Our lodge earned ____/28 points.

Bronze Star Award – \$150



- ☐ { 6 meetings held
24 total points (6 points per category)

Our lodge earned ____/24 points.

The dates our lodge meetings were held:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____
11. _____

The names of the new members we have added:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____
11. _____

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Submission for Lodge _____ # _____

I. Service Activities

Option #	Points Earned	Activity Description <i>(Include documentation of activities on separate page; National Project documentation – must be submitted by Dec. 31 – will be verified by the Home Office)</i>

Total points earned for *Service Activities*: _____

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Submission for Lodge _____ # _____

II. Social Engagement/Traditions/Rituals

Option #	Points Earned	Activity Description <i>(Include documentation of activities on separate page)</i>

Total points earned for *Social Engagement/Traditions/Rituals*: _____

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Submission for Lodge _____ # _____

III. National Involvement

Option #	Points Earned	Activity Description <i>(Items must be included on this form in order to be counted; all items will be verified by the CSA Home Office)</i>

Total points earned for *National Involvement*: _____

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Submission for Lodge _____ # _____

IV. Lodge Reporting (Sound Operations)

Option #	Points Earned	Activity Description <i>(Duplicate documentation not needed. Submissions verified by Home Office.)</i>

Total points earned for *Lodge Reporting (Sound Operations)*: _____