



TESA BULLETIN CONTEST CRITERIA

Thank you for researching information regarding the TESA Bulletin Contest. You are strongly encouraged to participate. Even if you don't receive the highest score, there are no losers in this contest. You gain insight by entering and receiving comments from the judges, to make the best possible bulletin for your own membership. The following rules and regulations for the TESA Bulletin Contest have been formulated for your information. In addition, a copy of the judges' scoresheets is included for your information. `Not every category can be included in each bulletin. The goal is to have as many as possible while having a high score as well.

1. Required articles and information:

- a. Exalted Ruler's message
- b. Officer's column: Secretary's input is sufficient.
- c. State, District/Interlodge, National and Lodge news
- d. Names of Lodge officers and list of committee chairpersons
- e. "A Fraternal Organization" must appear prominently on front of bulletin near return mailing address.
- f. Reports of committee activities
- g. Report sickness and distress; if none, please so note.
- h. Mailing and physical address of Lodge
- i. House Committee or social quarter's news
- j. Use of graphics or photos of American Flag
- k. Calendar of events

2. What Not to Include:

- a. Do not include photos of Elks in drinking situations.
- b. Do not print jokes or fillers that are racist, sexist, or in questionable taste.
- c. Never refer to the Lodge as a "club."
- d. Do not print political advertisements or endorsements.

3. Advertising:

- a. Ads must be no larger than a business card.

b. Postal regulations advise that you list your advertisers as “sponsors”.

Note: Auxiliary news is not included in the above requirements. However, it is important to include news of their activities in your bulletin. You will not be penalized or rewarded for inclusion or omission of this news; however, their activities might qualify for various community services, charitable, or social activities in the Lodge.

TESA BULLETIN CONTEST RULES

Please closely observe the following rules when submitting an entry for your lodge, because submissions that do not adhere to these rules will be rejected.

- Submit bulletins which were published from April 2025 through March 2026.
- Submit three bulletins consisting of the months of July, November and 1 month of your choice. This criteria has changed from past years to more closely match events we judge on.

Your entry must be accompanied by a letter from your Lodge Secretary with your lodge seal on it, stating what your total Lodge membership was on April 1, 2025. This must be submitted in PDF format, also. We need your membership totals to place your entry in the correct category. If we do not have this information, we are unable to place your entry in the correct category and would, therefore, reject your entry.

TESA BULLETIN MEMBERSHIP DIVISION

Division I Under 300 members

Division II 301-500 members

Division III 501-700 members

Division IV 701-1100 members

Division V 1101-1500 members

Bulletin Contest Deadline: March 31, 2026

Entries must be accompanied with a letter from your Lodge Secretary attesting to the number of members as of April 1, 2025. Please e-mail your entries and the secretary's statement to:

Elizabeth Sample

TESA Bulletin Contest Chairperson

e-mail: lizsample69@gmail.com

281-804-8425 (cell)

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

I look forward to seeing your Lodge bulletin in the Contest this year.