

# SPJST 2016 Fraternalist of the Year Program



**Recognizing Members  
Making a Positive Difference  
for Each Other and  
for the Communities  
SPJST Serves**

## **Purpose**

**The SPJST Fraternalist of the Year program recognizes members who have, through example and accomplishment, provided outstanding volunteer service to their lodge, society and community during the past year. The selection process has been greatly streamlined for 2017.**

**If you are selected as the Fraternalist of the Year for your local lodge, you are encouraged to complete the short biographical form included with this mailing.** In turn, you will be recognized in the *Vestnik* and at your district's 2017 Spring Meeting. There will not be a statewide Fraternalist of the Year selected in 2017. The reason for this change is to shift the attention to recognizing and celebrating fraternalism in the lodge and community rather than characterizing fraternalism as a competitive endeavor.

## **Eligibility**

**Each lodge is encouraged to sponsor the program within their local lodge.** It is suggested that the program be coordinated by the fraternal activities coordinator. Annually, each lodge may select one Fraternalist of the Year. Individuals previously selected by a lodge may be honored more than once. Nominee must be at least 16 years old and be a member in good standing in a local lodge and must be living at the time of selection.

## **Selection Procedure**

Your local lodge Fraternalist of the Year may be chosen in a variety of ways. The lodge decides upon the method that works best for you. The main emphasis should be on making sure that all adult members 16 or older be considered without bias and that the member's effort was in some way exceptional or outstanding.

## **Please Submit by December 30**

An original head and shoulders color photograph of the nominee must be included and will not be returned. All nominations are requested to be submitted to the Home Office by December 30, 2016.

**Thank you for taking the time to recognize your lodge's Fraternalist of the Year for 2016! Any related questions may be directed to the Fraternal Department at 800.727.7578 or locally at 254.773.1575. Please send completed selection form to:**

**SPJST State Fraternal Activities Coordinator  
c/o SPJST Home Office  
P.O. Box 100 • Temple, Texas 76503**

**Selection Form**  
**2016 SPJST Fraternalist of the Year**  
(To Be Completed by Lodge or Nominee)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address/city/state/zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (Including Area Code) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

SPJST Lodge No. and Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Since (Year) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Spouse and/or Children, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please attach a head and shoulders color photograph of the nominee.**  
**Thank you for returning your**  
**completed nomination form on or before December 30, 2016.**

**Lodge and Community Support**

On a separate sheet, provide a description of the fraternalist's significant involvement over the past year in the lodge and/or community. 250 words or less is sufficient.