



So you want to be an
Exalted Ruler



Exalted Rulers Duties

You are the leader of your lodge. You not only represent your lodge, but Elkdom.

- Your words and your actions will set the tone for your entire year.
- The Secretary can make you or break you – be nice and work together!
- A successful ER will find good people for committees, events and projects and will get out of there way. Be available for questions and direction when needed.
- Building a team is important – having a lodge uniform will help to united your Officers

You are responsible for the following:

- Fraternal Budget
- Calendar
- Ritual
- VP Visit
- DD Visit
- BPOE mandatory and prescribed events



Budget

The ER is responsible for providing the Trustees with the Fraternal Budget.

Make sure you include income and expenses for:

- Conventions - approx. \$5500 for midterm and State Conventions
 - Grand Lodge - \$1500-2000
- Fraternal Events
- Drink Chips and ER Pins (if your lodge pays for these)
- Officer Uniforms (If your lodge covers this)
- Ritual Team – dinners –
 - Should you make it to state, costs could exceed \$5000 additional in expenses.

Your budget is your budget! But...

- Work with your Trustees to make it work.



Budget

As an Exalted Ruler, you can expect for it to cost you personally for the following:

- ER pins (If not covered by the Lodge)
- District Event Meals – VP and DD Visits and Lodge Initiations
- Personal purchases at conventions and Grand Lodge

Out of pocket costs could be between \$2500-3000 for the year depending on what your lodge pays for.



Calendar

Who does the calendar belong to?

The Exalted Ruler

When should you provide the dates of the events that you want to have during your year to the Secretary

Start it now, so that you can block the dates you need

The sooner you get your calendar set, the easier for the lodge to book outside events

The Secretary or/and the Event Coordinator should confirm bookings with the Exalted Ruler to make sure that the fraternal calendar did not change.

What should be on your calendar –

- Add all District and GL dates that are confirmed
 - Installation of Officers
 - VP and DD Visits
 - Conventions
 - Ritual Contest dates
- Events and programs that you want to have during your year.



Calendar

When building your fraternal calendar you should never :

- Put events on days when there are District events that you and your Officers should attend – such as:
 - Installation of Officers
 - DD Visits
 - VP Visits
 - District Clinics
 - Conventions



Ritual

You should ready your Officer Corp to perform in the District ritual contest – whether memorization or reading

- Provide each Officer with the Ritual Program Book, Word Accuracy Guide and thought units
- Engage a PER to coach your ritual team
- If you make it a priority, so will your Officers

Why is it important?

- It will bring your Officer Corp together as a team and working together
- It will impress your candidates during initiation if your Officers know their parts
- You and your Officers are required to learn the ritual



???Questions???