

May 1, 2025

Dear Fraternal Leader:

It is time to submit nominations for the New Jersey/New York Fraternal Alliance “Fraternalist of the Year” Award for 2025.

Can you answer "Yes" to the following questions?

- ✓ Do you have a member residing in New Jersey/New York who, through example and accomplishment, provides outstanding volunteer service?
- ✓ Would you like your member to be honored at the 2025 New Jersey/New York Fraternal Alliance Annual Meeting, scheduled for October 2, 2025.
- ✓ Would you like your society to be recognized for the outstanding fraternal and volunteer efforts of its members?

If you answered yes to the above, please read the attached guidelines, choose the member you would like to nominate and complete the forms and submit no later than September 1, 2025.

On behalf of the other members of the NJ/NY Fraternal Alliance 2025 “Fraternalist of the Year” Award Committee, namely, Charlotte Androckitis and John Payerchin, I would like to thank you in advance for taking the time to recognize someone in your society as a nominee for this celebrated award.

Fraternally,

Frederick M. Durso
Chairperson

NJ/NY Fraternal Alliance 2025 “Fraternalist of the Year” Award Committee

New Jersey/New York Fraternal Alliance

“Fraternalist of the Year” Award Nomination Form

1. Personal Data

Nominee's Name: _____

Home Address _____

Home Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Marital Status: _____ Married _____ Single _____ Divorced _____ Widowed

Date of Birth: _____

Occupation: _____ Employer: _____

II. Fraternal Benefit Society Association

Name of Society: _____

Number of Years Nominee is a member of this Society: _____

Local Lodge/Council Name/Number: _____

City and State of Lodge/Council: _____

Person Submitting Nomination: _____

Title of Position: _____

Email Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Home Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____

Please remember to include one head and shoulders photograph of nominee with this form. Additional materials may include letters, testimonials, news clippings, pamphlets, etc. Do not submit audio or videotapes, display materials, films, or scrapbooks, as they will not be considered in judging the nomination. Submitted materials will not be returned.

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III. Nominee's References

**References cannot be family members and may be contacted to verify the nominee's activities.

1. Name: _____

Address: _____

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Home Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____

Email Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

2. Name: _____

Address: _____

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Home Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____

Email Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

3. Name: _____

Address: _____

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Home Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____

Email Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

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IV. Statements

A. Fraternal Support

Using examples, describe the personal commitment and significance of your nominee's service to your fraternal. Specific activities may be noted.

B. Community Service:

Describe the ways in which your nominee has provided volunteer service within his or her community and/or church.

C. Ability to Mobilize Others

Describe ways in which your nominee has provided leadership and mobilized others.

D. Family and Youth

List any significant accomplishments as a volunteer for the nominee.

E. Achievements and Awards

List any awards/special recognition that the nominee has received.

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2025 “Fraternalist of the Year” Award Guidelines

PURPOSE

The “Fraternalist of the Year” Award is an honor presented by the New Jersey/New York Fraternal Alliance to recognize an individual within the fraternal benefit system who, through example and accomplishment, provides outstanding volunteer service.

ELIGIBILITY

- The nominee must be a member of a local lodge/council of a NJ/NY Fraternal Alliance member-society and must be living at the time of selection.
- Officers of member societies and fraternal leaders within the Alliance are not eligible to receive the award.
- An individual can win the award only once.
- Must be a resident of New Jersey or New York.

DESCRIPTION OF AWARD

- A certificate and medallion will be presented to the honoree at the 2025 NY/NJ Annual Meeting Luncheon to be held at approximately noon on Thursday, October 2nd.
- The honoree will be invited to attend the NJ/NY Fraternal Alliance Annual Meeting with two (2) complimentary luncheon tickets and \$250 to help defray the cost of attending the meeting and luncheon. Only the honoree (& guest) will be “invited” to attend the alliance meeting; no substitutions are permitted. Additional tickets may be obtained by contacting the Committee Chairperson.

PROCEDURE

- The award will be administered by the NY/NJ Fraternal Alliance “Fraternalist of the Year” Award Committee.
- Each society is encouraged to sponsor the program within their local lodges and councils. It is suggested that the contest within each society be coordinated and promoted by the fraternal director.
- Each member-society is eligible to submit one nomination per year.
- Nominations are to be received and/or postmarked by September 1st, 2025. No faxed or emailed forms can be accepted.
- The NJ/NY Fraternal Alliance “Fraternalist of the Year” Award Committee will choose the honoree.
- Press information regarding the “Fraternalist of the Year” program and the 2025 honoree will be distributed by the NJ/NY Fraternal Alliance “Fraternalist of the Year” Award Committee.

Please send nomination package to:
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Laurel Springs, NJ 08021
856-401-3055 (O)
Email: fmdursosr@comcast.net

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