

RECOMMENDATION FOR
GYRO AWARD of MERIT

"Recognition of Exception Service to Club or District"

AUTHORITY Any District, after action taken as herein provided, may award a Gyro insignia of honor to a gyro who has rendered exceptional service to a club or district. Such insignia shall be known as the Award of Merit.

PROCEDURE Written application for such an award ... Shall be made by a club upon order of its directors, or by a District Officer. The application will be filed with the District Governor and/or advisory committee, approved by all the incumbent District Officers and forwarded to the International Secretary-Treasurer, 30 days in advance of the next Board of Governors meeting. The Secretary-Treasurer will submit the application, along with supporting data to the Executive Council in advance of the next scheduled meeting for review. Action to approve or deny will occur at the scheduled meeting, and if approved, the district will then be authorized to make the award. A full description of outstanding activities throughout a Gyro's career should be included.

CRITERIA The Merit Award is NOT given to a Gyro who has done a good job as a club President or District Governor, indeed, EVERY Gyro is expected to do a good job in any office, elected or appointed. Rather, the award is to that man who does a good job when it is not expected. The man who day in and day out serves as a reminder of what true Gyro spirit is; the man who is indeed special, perhaps in his own quiet way, but who has provided Exceptional Service.

ANALYSIS Review the nominee analysis examples within the Policy and Procedures Manual to better determine whether the proposed nominee fits the criteria.

COMMENT "We believe that the Gyro Award of Merit is perhaps the most honored of any of the awards or trophies given by this Fraternity of Friendship – not because it exemplifies "exceptional service" by one member for the benefit of his fellow members – but perhaps even more so because it is a service that is recognized and acknowledged by his peers, via this award, within his lifetime. In this sense, the Award of Merit is truly a memorable recognition of the recipient's extraordinary efforts and should be awarded accordingly.

Further, in keeping with its unique character, we recommend that sponsors and District Officers, consider well the thoughtful examples noted in the analysis, and submit only candidates who fully meet the criteria, so as to not dilute the value of the award. It is perhaps noteworthy, in testimony to the award's uniqueness, that throughout all the years of Gyro, if all the recipients were alive, they would total only 4% of our existing membership. This is not to deny a worthy candidate being nominated and so honored ... It is only an admonition to respect the intent of the award and look beyond length of membership, holding office often, frequent attendance, or "being a good guy!"
- The Executive Council, 1992 -

For recognition of good, but lesser service at the club level, consider one of the many Certificates of Appreciation available. For long membership, there are 25, 40 & 50 year pins available. For expansion, consider the Hubbell Award.

FORM Submit the appropriate form and supporting data along with letters of recommendation.

