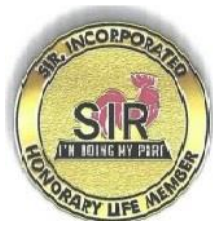


Honorary Life Member (HLM)

(Taken from State Policy and Procedures)



The HLM award is the highest and most prestigious award available within SIR. It is bestowed only to those who, upon careful review and scrutiny by the State Honorees Committee, are found to have:

- been a member for a period of 5 years or more.
- clearly earned it through exceptional and extraordinary service.
- steps forward whenever the need arises.
- would be recognized by his peers to have earned it.

The HLM is not to be treated lightly or awarded merely on the basis of good fellowship. An HLM shall remain a member of his Branch until death, transfer, resignation, or permanent relocation, but shall not be subject to attendance requirements.

An HLM shall be permitted to transfer from one Branch to another. The transferring HLM shall no longer be counted by either Branch in determining the number of HLMs authorized. All past active HLM recipients shall be identified and scheduled to receive the “HLM Gold Lapel Pin” to fully recognize their achievement. In the case of an HLM recipient that is no longer a member of SIR he will not be eligible for the HLM Gold Lapel Pin. However, the Big Sir may request one from the Vice President for a deceased member so it may be presented to his widow/partner or family member if appropriate.

The Branch HLM is entitled to a framed certificate, an “HLM Gold Lapel Pin”, and HLM badge: The State Certificates Chairman will prepare the HLM certificate and mail it to the person designated to receive it along with the HLM Gold Lapel Pin and an order form for the HLM badge.

Procedure: This HLM award is initiated by a member of the Branch’s BEC, a Branch Awards Committee or a current HLM member as appropriate using Form 45 accompanied with a formal letter of nomination.

There are two subcategories of members currently holding a Branch HLM:

1. **HLM Emeritus-** In situations where the BEC has determined that the HLM can no longer attend or participate in branch functions, the BEC may approve by two-thirds affirmative vote assigning that member HLM Emeritus status. The Branch shall notify the State Certificates Chairman and the State Database Chairman to update the State records for that Branch. An HLM Emeritus shall no longer count toward the number of Branch HLMs allowed. However, his status shall be part of that Branch’s and the Corporate HLM membership records.

2. **Senior HLM** When a Branch HLM has been an HLM for 10 years he shall automatically be elevated to Senior HLM in the Corporate HLM records and the State Roster, and he will no longer count toward the number of Branch HLMs allowed Also, an HLM Emeritus who has been an HLM for 10 years automatically becomes a Senior HLM.

Use the HLM Award availability by Branch Size table below to determine how many HLMs may be in your Branch. These are the only HLMs that count toward the number of HLMs you are allowed for your Branch Size.

Branch Membership	# of HLMs Allowed
0-49	1
50-99	2
100-149	3
150-199	4
200-249	5
250-299	6

Approval Process: The facts related in the formal letter describing the members’ contribution should only concern SIR Branch achievements. Non-SIR activities and achievements are immaterial and will not be considered in determining the worthiness of an application.

Note: The formal letter of nomination is very important as it provides the presenting officer a clear summary of the nominee’s contributions that will be used in the presentation of the award. The application, along with the formal letter describing the member’s contributions and why this award is merited is sent to the State Honorees Committee for their approval and then forwarded to the President for approval. Upon approval, the President forwards the approved application to the State HLM Certificates Chairman for processing.

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HLM Emeritus: An HLM Emeritus who has been an HLM for 10 years automatically becomes a Senior HLM.