



UCT inAction

Information for UCT's Members and Councils

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Recognize your longtime members with UCT's anniversary awards

We all know that members are the heart and soul of UCT. Certainly no local and/or regional council could function without them. Showing appreciation for all that members do through their fraternal and community service efforts should be a priority for every council – and recognizing longtime members for their many years of service should be considered essential as well.

UCT makes ordering anniversary awards to recognize members who have served UCT for 25, 50, 60 or 75 years easy. Here's how it works:

UCT automatically sends out at no charge to the local council a 25 year pin and congratulatory letter to every individual who has been a member for 25 years.

We notify local council secretaries about 50, 60 and 75 year member anniversaries near the beginning of each month. For these anniversaries we have plaques and pins that your council can purchase and present to members or have shipped directly to members:

- **50 year membership pins are \$27 each, which includes shipping and handling**
- **50, 60 and 75 year membership plaques are \$13 each, including shipping and handling.**
- **If you order a 50 year pin and plaque together, the total cost is \$37, which includes shipping and handling.**
- **Pins are not available for 60 or 75 year members**



Orders for plaques and pins are placed on the 15th of each month. If you want to place an order, contact Keith Ward at kward@uct.org or at **502.758.4280** before the 15th of each month to ensure timely delivery. An invoice will be included with the shipment of your merchandise.

Moving forward we'd like to make the process of ordering member anniversary awards even simpler for everyone. That's why we would like local council secretaries to answer the following questions and send them to Keith by **NO LATER THAN NOV. 15:**

- **Does your council want to send a plaque, pin or both to your 50 year members?**
- **Does your council want to send a plaque to your 60 and 75 year members?**
- **Do you want the plaque/pin sent to the member or to you?**

If your council decides not to send out awards, UCT will send a letter of congratulations to those members eligible for anniversary recognition.

Please respond to Keith Ward at kward@uct.org OR mail your response to: UCT, 1801 Watermark Drive, Suite 100, Columbus, OH 43215, Attn: Keith Ward. Make sure to include your email address with your response.

Reports season coming up fast!

That time of year is almost upon us – the time when reports are due to the home office! In December all local council secretaries will receive local council activity reports that ask councils to detail community service hours and donations raised during the past year. This information is vital to help UCT maintain its tax-exempt status – and it will be mandatory for councils hoping to attain Medal of Honor status in the future.

Also mandatory for future Medal of Honor status and just as important to UCT overall are the fraternal and financial reports local and regional council secretaries will receive in February. These reports include new officers, delegates and alternates to regional and international conventions, and the A-16 and A-21 financial reports.

If your council wants to stay up to speed on what's happening in UCT world, returning your new officer reports is essential. If you want your council to continue to function, YOU MUST return your financial reports by the deadline dates specified!

If you have questions about any of these reports, contact Sandy Shafer at sshafer@uct.org or at 800.848.0123 x1146.

We're here to help! Please note the updated UCT Fraternal Department contact list

Due to some recent changes in Fraternal Department staff, please note the following UCT home office contacts for fraternal information. The toll-free number for the home office is **800.848.0123**.

130 Challenge	Kate Chillinsky	kchillinsky@uct.org	Ext. 1148
Anniversary Awards	Keith Ward	kward@uct.org	502.758.4280
Benefits & Discounts	Customer Service	customerservice@uct.org	Ext. 1300
Council Jewelry	David Knapp	dknapp@uct.org	Ext. 1108
Council Mergers	Sandy Shafer	sshafer@uct.org	Ext. 1146
Death Notices	Customer Service	customerservice@uct.org	Ext. 1300
Disaster Relief Benefit	Anita Neal	aneal@uct.org	Ext. 1100
Fraternal Fund	Jane Visocan	jvisocan@uct.org	Ext. 1112
Fraternal Membership	Customer Service	customerservice@uct.org	Ext. 1300
Local Council Websites	David Knapp	dknapp@uct.org	ext. 1108
Mailing Labels	Tony Hampton	supply@uct.org	Ext. 1147
Medal of Honor	Linda Fisher	lfisher@uct.org	Ext. 1130
Membership Reports	Anita Neal	aneal@uct.org	Ext. 1100
Officer Changes	Anita Neal	aneal@uct.org	Ext. 1100
Plaques & Pins	Tony Hampton	supply@uct.org	Ext. 1147
Product Applications	Tony Hampton	supply@uct.org	Ext. 1147
Product Information	Customer Service	customerservice@uct.org	Ext. 1300
Safety Poster Contest	Linda Fisher	lfisher@uct.org	Ext. 1130
Scholarship Programs	Anita Neal	aneal@uct.org	Ext. 1100
Sponsor Awards/Credits	Keith Ward	kward@uct.org	502.758.4280
Transfer of Membership	Sandy Shafer	sshafer@uct.org	Ext. 1146
UCT Convention	Sandy Shafer	sshafer@uct.org	Ext. 1146
Volunteer of the Year Award	Linda Fisher	lfisher@uct.org	Ext. 1130

Last call for local council COMMUNICATIONS CHAIRS!

If you haven't already sent us the name of your local council's new COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR, please do so before **Jan. 1, 2018**. The program is being put on hold until that date.

What is a local council COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR? This new position will share information like new programs and contests, what's new on the UCT blog, information on the UCT website, updates on the 130 challenge, local council successes around North America, new products, and more! They'll help to get this type of information both in and out so that everything is shared and all members are informed about all aspects of UCT. The position is designed to free-up local council secretaries to focus more exclusively on

financials, reporting, minutes, and other responsibilities.

COMMUNICATIONS CHAIRS must meet the following criteria:

- Be a member in good standing who attends local council meetings
- Be someone with a valid email address – and you check it at least daily
- Be someone with access to a printer
- Be a subscriber to the UCT blog
- Be someone who can navigate the UCT website

Email Linda Fisher at lfisher@uct.org the following information on your newly appointed Communications Chair: Communications Chair's name, email address and council number.