The annual awards ceremony dinner is our opportunity to have a little fun, to share in fellowship with each other and to recognize a few people for their accomplishments. The Texas Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators has three awards:

**The Life Membership Award**
The nominee must be or have been an active member of the chapter in good standing for ten (10) years. The nominee must have rendered distinctive service to the chapter through participation on committees or activities for a minimum of five (5) years.

**The John R. Rauch Award**
The nominee is, or has been, actively engaged in the field of fire cause determination and arson investigation and further, that the nominee selected had demonstrated their ability in the teaching and/or promotion of fire cause determination and arson investigation, and/or, in the areas of arson awareness and arson prevention.

**The Jack Sneed Award**
The nominee has done something outstanding in the field of arson investigation and/or arson prosecution. This shall include but not be limited to, outstanding achievement in the investigation of an arson case, the prosecution of an arson case, the enhancing of legislation relating to the arson statute, or in any way contributing to the abatement of arson in the State of Texas.

We all know that there are numerous members among us that certainly deserve recognition and are deserving of these awards. We are seeking nominations for all of the awards categories. Nomination forms are attached to this newsletter. Please complete these and turn them into the Awards Committee Chair, Kelly Clements – Awards Committee Chairman at kclements@cj.southlake.tx.us. We need to have these nominations in by no later than March 1st to allow for time to get the plaques made.