

# THE ACADEMY OF ELECTRICAL CONTRACTING

## The Academy Medal



The device is basically a circle within a square from which burst forth lightning bolts symbolizing the harnessing of electrical energy for the good of the world. The device is modeled in bas relief. A feeling of dynamic torque or rotation is developed by the offset of the corner angles of the lightning bolts from the corner of the square. The square itself, of academy-blue enamel, is symbolic of electrical energy. Tradition is represented by the universalism and classicism of the square and the circle which are precisely centered on each other to enhance these qualities. Leadership is symbolized by the eagle which has its wings raised in an attitude of triumph.

Many of the Academy's activities, functions, and aspirations are explicitly symbolized in the device. The splitting of the square into four elements and the exact repetition of the lightning bolts in quadric-array are symbolic of the four principal symmetric activities of the Academy: The Academy Working Groups during the Annual Meeting; The Academy's participation in surveys; the preparation of papers; and the exchange and cross-fertilization of ideas among the Fellows. This last activity particularly

is visualized if one imagines that the square is formed by the bringing together of individual elements, such as individual members of the Academy come together. The result is a rich cross-fertilization of ideas.

The device symbolizes this through a bursting forth of radiant lightning bolts, depicting far-seeing and outward looking results developed by the Fellows through the experience, ability and years of dedicated effort, which they bring to the Academy and to each other. The symmetry and the classicism further symbolize the reasoned and unhurried way in which the deliberations and inter-communications of the Academy proceed.

The overall contour forms a rich radiant shape broadly symbolic of the illustrious nature of the Fellows of the Academy, their outstanding contributions to the industry, and their role in helping the Academy seek and face the new challenges and high hopes of the future.

## Ribbon Colors

New Fellows receive their Academy medal with a red ribbon to symbolize that they are new Fellows. Recognition of new Fellows by existing Fellows is the purpose of this custom. The red ribbon is replaced with a turquoise ribbon at the first annual (summer) meeting attended by the new Fellow. The red ribbon is to be worn at the first formal dinner attended by the new Fellow.

## The Wearing of the Medal

The medal of the Academy of Electrical Contracting shall be worn by Fellows of the Academy present at:

- All official Academy Induction Ceremonies
- All formal Academy Receptions or Dinners
- Any other auspicious occasion which, at the call of the Chairman of the Academy, is so designated as to be appropriate to wear the medal.