

THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS

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GRAND MASTER'S AWARD PROGRAM

(May 16, 2009 – May 15, 2010)

The Grand Master's Award will be presented at the Annual Communication in May to the Constituent Lodges that achieve the following accomplishments as certified by its respective District Deputy Grand Master by April 30, 2010.

1. A Lodge must have raised at least one Brother to the degree of Master Mason.
2. A Lodge must accumulate 150 points in a year to meet the criteria for the Grand Master's Award, not including the other requirements. Each line officer of a Lodge (Deacons, Wardens and Worshipful Master) will receive 10 points for attending a Masters Class in his District. Any other member of the Lodge will receive 5 points for attending a Masters Class in his District. Dual members can only accumulate points for one Lodge.

The Masters Class coordinator in each District will keep the point totals to communicate to the DDGM for his accounting when he reports his recommendations to the Grand Master. Any Worshipful Master can receive the information from either the District Coordinator or the DDGM.
3. A Lodge must have a phone tree and an e-mail address list in place so that a large nucleus of the membership could be alerted whenever an important occasion requires: e.g. request for a funeral service, a distressed worthy Brother, an important upcoming event, or any other situation which might require immediate notification to the membership.
4. A Lodge must have a Directory of its members with addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses, available for every Brother.
5. A Lodge must accomplish at least *two* of the following:
 - a. At least once a year a Lodge must sponsor a "Go-To-Church" event where at least *five* of its members attend as a Lodge.
 - b. The Lodge must promote the Grand Lodge Annual Charity Fund Drive to all of its members.
 - c. At least five members of the Lodge must attend the Annual St. John's Day Service at the Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge, NH.
 - d. The Lodge Secretary must attend a seminar conducted by the Grand Secretary. These seminars are usually conducted every other year.
6. The Required Officers of the Lodge (per the Constitution) must attend the Annual and Semi-Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge for the entire session *excluding* the Installation at the Annual.
7. The Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, and Secretary must attend a Lodge of Instruction in New Hampshire.

8. A Lodge must invite the DDGL to at least 2 rehearsals and view the Master Ritual and sign the log.

9. At least four members of the Lodge including Officers must attend at least 4 visitations within or without their District.

10. A Lodge must have demonstrated an effort to promote "Masonic Awareness" by accomplishing at least three of the following:

- a. Held a Friendship/Enlightenment program either individually or jointly.
- b. Presented a "Community Builders Award" to a non-Mason or an organization that has made a notable contribution to the betterment of the region.
- c. Participated in a "Matching Funds" program.
- d. Demonstrated evidence of involvement in a local charitable or volunteer activity.
- e. Demonstrated evidence of involvement in a volunteer program in conjunction with the city or town: ie: Roadside litter removal; public park clean-up or beautification; etc.
- f. Utilized the Masonic Trailer or promoted Masonry in the community through favorable newspaper publicity.
- d. Presentation of the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award to a member active in the Boy Scouts.

11. A Lodge must provide evidence that it has endeavored to increase its attendance at meetings by accomplishing at least three of the following initiatives:

- a. Held a "Brother to Brother", "Bring a Brother", or "White Apron" Night.
- b. Held an event to honor "Special Ladies".
- c. Scheduled a "Veterans/Awards" Program, and insured that the families were invited and that the Veterans were listed in the Trestleboard.
- d. Held a "Past Masters" event.
- e. Invited the Grand Master to be present at one of the Lodge's meetings.
- f. Held an Open House for the public.

12. A Lodge must achieve at least three of the following to demonstrate its genuine concern for the elderly, the youth and for communicating with the Brotherhood:

- a. Visited Special Ladies & Shut-ins.
- b. Visited the NH Veteran's Home in Tilton.
- b. Shown evidence that it has contributed to the support of the DeMolay and Rainbow.
- c. Sent its Trestleboard to its District Officers and Grand Lodge Line Officers.

13. A Lodge must provide evidence that it has promoted Masonic Education by inviting the DEO at least twice to present a program and hold in-Lodge Masonic Book Sales; presented Educational Booklets to its Candidates; and read provisions of the Grand Constitution in open Lodge.

It is hoped that every Lodge will make a sincere effort to fulfill the requirements in the year 2009 – 2010. Remember that it is always better to try and fail then fail to try. I am sure that any Lodge that exerts a genuine effort will find their endeavors beneficial and rewarding to our beloved Fraternity.

Special Note:

Any Lodge that qualifies for the Masonic Service Association's Mark Twain Award will also qualify for the Grand Master's award by completing items 11, 12 & 13 above.