

APPENDIX H

GRAND LODGE OF KENTUCKY GRAND MASTER'S LODGE OF EXCELLENCE AWARD

2017-2018

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Directions:

- Step 1: Read and do the Required Items 1 through 5.
- Step 2: Read the choices of activities in Categories 1 through 5.
- Step 3: Decide which activities you are going to do to accumulate 150 points. (You must complete at least 1 activity from each category)
- Step 4: All Required Items and activities must be completed between September 2017 through August 19, 2018.
- Step 5: All required paperwork must be submitted to the Grand Lodge Office by August 26, 2018.
- Step 6: Come to Grand Lodge Annual Communication in October 2018 and pick up your award!!!

Required items for the Grand Master's Lodge of Excellence Award

1. Annual Installation of Officers must be open to the public.
2. Must support a youth group in their community.
3. Each Master must appoint a committee responsible for the outreach and communication with the lodge's inactive and shut-in members.
4. Must have a member of the lodge pass the Masonic Scholar Quiz.
5. Must have at least three members participate in the Veterans Cemeteries Program, or adopt a local cemetery. Check the Grand Lodge website, or ask your D.D.G.M., for details.

CATEGORY 1 – MAINTAINING THE BROTHERHOOD

- A) **5 Points:** Fly the American Flag outside the lodge hall during each meeting (weather permitting).
- B) **10 Points:** Implement an automated calling system for your lodge. (Example: Phonevite System)
- C) **10 Points:** Lodge uses the petition which is available online instead of the old petition.
- D) **10 Points:** Host a Friend to Friend Event and invite worthy men, and their significant others. (Consider inviting Coaches, Pastors, Professionals, Community Leaders, etc).
(Note: Family Night or Past Masters Night will not qualify for this)
- E) **20 Points:** At least three lodge members participate in the Great Day of Service at one of our Masonic Homes campuses.
- F) **20 Points:** Adopt a policy that the lodge will use a national criminal background check service on all petitioners (Example: Info Check USA. The Grand Lodge of Kentucky has no affiliation with, and receives no proceeds from, this company)
- G) **20 Points:** At least three members of the lodge visit all lodges in district and three lodges out of district. (Verify by using a Masonic Passport.) *Attendance at your District Meeting will count as visit to your D.D.G.M.'s Lodge*

CATEGORY 2 – QUALITY OF WORK/OUR OBLIGATION

- A) **5 Points:** Provide refreshments at each meeting.
- B) **10 Points:** Have a Re-Obligation Ceremony. (Procedure: The lodge is opened on the MM Degree. An exemplar candidate assumes position to receive the MM obligation. The other brothers stand behind him, a hand on the shoulder of the brother in front of them. The Master, or his designee, recites the MM obligation, which all repeat in unison. The EA and FC obligations may be added to the ceremony, but are not required.)
- C) **10 Points:** The Master and at least 2 of the following officers: SW, JW, Secretary, Treasurer, attend the Education Conference, either by telecast or in person.
- D) **10 Points:** Participate in the Masonic Homes “Adopt a Resident” Program.
(For example: Send Birthday and Holiday Cards, personal visits, telephone calls, fruit baskets etc. to a Masonic Homes Resident) (Contact Bruce Lott at the Masonic Homes of Kentucky for more details. 502-693-6381, blott@mhky.com.
- E) **20 Points:** At least one member of the lodge attains a Ritualist Pin, or advances to a higher award, during the 2017-18 Masonic Year. (Example: If a member receives a Ritualist Pin, or a Ritualist advances to Senior Ritualist, or a Senior Ritualist advances to Master Ritualist, the lodge receives 20 points.) (Attachment B)

CATEGORY 3 – COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT/MASONRY MATTERS

A) **10 Points:** Award a scholarship to a high school or college student.

B) **10 Points:** Enter a Masonic Float, either as a lodge or jointly with other Masonic Appendant Bodies, in a local parade.

C) **10 Points:** Have a Lodge booth at a community event, county fair, or other local activity

D) **20 Points:** At least 5 lodge members attend the “All Masons Day” at the Kentucky Capitol. (Date to be determined and announced in the Masonic Home Journal.)

E) **20 Points:** Support your local schools’ Family Resource/Youth Service Center programs, such as backpacks, shoes, food, supplies, etc.

F) **Up to 40 Points:** (10 points per bicycle, maximum of 40 points) Donate a new bicycle(s) to your local elementary schools as an attendance award. You may partner with an O.E.S. Chapter. Contact the principal to organize this activity. The principal should set the attendance criteria. (See APPENDIX E for an example of a letter to have signed by school principal and APPENDIX F for presentation talking points)

CATEGORY 4 – THE FUTURE OF FREEMASONRY

A) **5 Points:** Have Who are the Masons and What do they Do? and/or What has Freemasonry Done for the World brochures available for the lodge. The brochures may be purchased from the Masonic Service Association.

B) **10 Points:** The Master, or his designee, will participate in your district Facebook page. (See Appendix D)

C) **10 Points:** Support a Masonic Youth Group through finances or in-kind contributions (meeting place, etc.).

D) **20 Points:** Host an appreciation dinner(s) for active duty military, veterans, first responders, police, and/or local community leaders.

(Note: Past Masters Night or Widows Dinner will not qualify)

E) **20 Points:** Host a dinner/social function, for members of college fraternities and other community organizations. The event should have a leadership speaker, or some other entertainment, as part of the program. (Note: Past Masters Night or Widows Dinner will not qualify)

CATEGORY 5 – GOVERNANCE OF THE LODGE

A) **10 Points:** Adopt a policy that “All officers will wear ties” during each tiled lodge meeting.

B) **10 Points:** Establish a “Mason of the Year” program complete with a quality certificate.

C) **10 Points:** The Master installs his own officers using the Installation Ceremonies in the Kentucky Monitor or the Kentucky Ritual, from memory.

D) **20 Points:** The lodge adopts a cellular phone usage policy that specifies:
“No cellular phone, or other electronic devices will be used while the lodge is at labor on any degree, for social media, texting, or any other unnecessary activities.” (*Note: a permissible exemption is for brothers to check or record events on electronic calendars.)

E) **20 Points:** The Master and 7 of his officers attend their district meeting (*Note: No makeup visits to other districts are allowed without approval by the Area Officer*)

F) **20 Points:** Establish a planning committee and develop a long-term growth plan for your lodge. The plan must be discussed and adopted in open lodge

2017-2018 Grand Master's Lodge of Excellence Scoresheet

Lodge Name, No.: _____

District No.: _____

Required Items:

1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____

MUST EARN AT LEAST 150 POINTS FROM CATEGORIES BELOW:

Circle each Activity completed. Must complete one Activity in each Category.

Category 1	Category 2	Category 3	Category 4	Category 5
A) 5 pts	A) 5 pts	A) 10 pts	A) 5 pts	A) 10 pts
B) 10 pts	B) 10 pts	B) 10 pts	B) 10 pts	B) 10 pts
C) 10 pts	C) 10 pts	C) 10 pts	C) 10 pts	C) 10 pts
D) 10 pts	D) 10 pts	D) 20 pts	D) 20 pts	D) 20 pts
E) 20 pts	E) 20 pts	E) 20 pts	E) 10 pts	E) 20 pts
F) 20 pts		F) 10 pts (up to 40 pts)		F) 20 pts
G) 20 pts				

Total Points from Each Category:

Category 1: _____
Category 2: _____
Category 3: _____
Category 4: _____
Category 5: _____
Grand Total: _____

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Required Items	Categories	Total Points
1: Y / N	1: Y / N	Y / N
2: Y / N	2: Y / N	
3: Y / N	3: Y / N	<i>Award Earned:</i>
4: Y / N	4: Y / N	Y / N
5: Y / N	5: Y / N	

Master's Signature

Date

Lodge
Seal

Secretary's Signature

Date

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