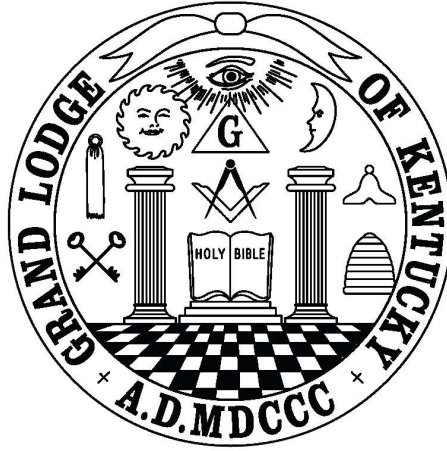


APPENDIX I



GRAND MASTER'S LODGE OF EXCELLENCE AWARD

The Grand Master's Lodge of Excellence Award has very high achievement requirements and is the highest award a lodge can receive. Although the qualifications are set high, a lodge can choose those areas in which they currently excel and then look to the challenges that best suit the talents of its officers and members.

The award is designed to raise the overall proficiency of a lodge by encouraging it to broaden its horizons and increase its visibility and activity within its community. The Grand Master's Lodge of Excellence Award will be presented during the 224th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky in October 2023 to those lodges that complete all five (5) mandatory tasks and at least two (2) tasks from each of the remaining categories beginning November 1, 2022 and continuing through August 1, 2023. Lodges are encouraged to submit notices to local media about receiving the award.

All applications must be signed by the Worshipful Master and certified by the Lodge Secretary with his signature and the seal of the lodge. The applications must be received by the Grand Lodge Office by August 15, 2023.

Mandatory Category

Lodges are required to complete all of these tasks in this mandatory category.

Task	Description
M1	Establish a committee to contact Widows and Shut-ins and provide reports which are reflected in the minutes each month.
M2	Principal five officers pass the 2022-2023 Constitution Quiz.
M3	The Master reads an Article and its sections from the Constitution at each stated meeting.
M4	Review lodge bylaws during a stated communication, update as needed, then ensure that the Grand Secretary has the most up-to-date copy.
M5	Complete monthly lodge safety checklists.

Brotherhood Category

Lodges are required to complete at least two (2) tasks in this brotherhood category.

Task	Description
B1	Host a guest educational speaker from another lodge.
B2	Establish or maintain a system to send meeting reminders and other announcements.
B3	Host an event for members of the lodge and their families (e.g., Past Master's Night, award presentations, holiday gathering).
B4	Conduct a Master Mason re-obligation ceremony.
B5	Establish or sustain a Mason of the Year recognition program with a certificate and/or plaque.

Community Category

Lodges are required to complete at least two (2) tasks in this community category.

Task	Description
C1	Donate food and/or funds to a school's backpack program.
C2	Donate goods and/or volunteer at a food pantry.
C3	Conduct a community service project. Examples include Adopt a Highway, cemetery cleanup, and hosting a community blood drive.
C4	Participate in a community event (e.g., festival or parade) and provide Masonic information.
C5	Host an open installation of officers and invite the public where feasible.

Governance Category

Lodges are required to complete at least two (2) tasks in this governance category.

Task	Description
G1	All officers <u>elected</u> and <u>appointed</u> hold a MM proficiency card.
G2	Establish and approve a budget for the lodge.
G3	The Master and at least 2 lodge officers attend an in-person education meeting
G4	Master installs his own officers from memory using ceremonies contained within the Kentucky Monitor or Kentucky Ritual.
G5	Minimum of 10% of membership participates in the District Meeting. [Tie this into the Attendance Award.] 10% of total membership OR Master +15

Service Category

Lodges are required to complete at least two (2) tasks in this service category.

Task	Description
S1	A member of the lodge assists another lodge by providing a lecture or educational presentation as part of a stated or called communication.
S2	Participate in the Masonic Homes Great Day of Service.
S3	Host an event recognizing veterans and/or first responders.
S4	Minimum of 5 members travel as a group to each lodge in the same district.
S5	Adopt a Resident at the Masonic Homes.

Supporting Our Youth Category

Lodges are required to complete at least two (2) tasks in this education incentive category.

Task	Description
Y1	Donate bicycles to schools for attendance incentives.
Y2	Contribute to a local music education program. EG. ASSIST PURCHASE OF A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT
Y3	Provide a scholarship for college and/or trade school.
Y4	Participate in a school's career or vocational day.
Y5	Support an appendant Masonic youth body by making a donation, attending their event, or participating in a service program. Example: Two members attend the installation or ceremony.

**GRAND LODGE OF KENTUCKY
GRAND MASTER'S LODGE OF EXCELLENCE AWARD
E. DARREN WILSON, GRAND MASTER 2022-2023**

Lodge Name:	Lodge Number:	
Mailing Address:		
City:	State:	Postal Code:

Application for Consideration

Use the table below to indicate which initiatives the lodge completed throughout the year by circling the corresponding task identifier for each category. All five tasks must be completed for the mandatory category. Other categories require at least two tasks to be completed. By applying, the lodge shall furnish any supporting documentation only upon request of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. **Do not submit any additional documentation at this time.**

CATEGORY	<i>Required Tasks</i>	Task Completed	Task Completed	Task Completed	Task Completed	Task Completed
Mandatory	5	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5
Brotherhood	2	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5
Community	2	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5
Governance	2	G1	G2	G3	G4	G5
Service	2	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5
Youth	2	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5

Upon my sacred honor as a Master Mason and under the seal of this lodge, I hereby certify the information provided for the consideration of obtaining the Grand Master's Lodge of Excellence Award to be accurate and true. I further understand the Grand Lodge of Kentucky may request supporting documentation for any claimed task.

MASTER'S SIGNATURE DATE

SECRETARY'S SIGNATURE DATE

LODGE SEAL

MASTER'S NAME PRINTED

SECRETARY'S NAME PRINTED