

**Grand Lodge of Kentucky**  
Grand Master's Excellency Award  
2016-17

Todd Jones, Grand Master

**Directions:**

- Step 1: Read and do the Required items #1-#5 on page 25.
- Step 2: Read the choices of activities in Categories 1-5 on pages 25-29
- Step 3: Decide which activities you are going to do to get 125 points.  
(You must complete at least 1 activity from each category)
- Step 4: Do the activities you picked. (Note: You can get a maximum of 20 points by donating bicycles to your local elementary schools as a good attendance reward.)
- Step 5: Fill out the Tally Sheet and turn in to Grand Lodge by August 25, 2017.
- Step 6: Attend Grand Lodge Session to receive your Excellency Award!!!

## Required items for the Grand Masters Excellency Award

- 1) Sponsor a youth program in your community
- 2) Attend District wide (Family Picnic)  
Time and location to be set by Your DDGM
- 3) Open installation of officers to public
- 4) Must have a member of your lodge past masonic scholar quiz (last year counts)
- 5) Lodge must have their Officers Names and Contact Info. Along with Lodges Mailing, and Lodge Physical Address in the Grand Secretary's Office by January 15,2017

### 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: Phoevite System)
- C) 5 Points** Lodge uses the petition which is available online instead of the old petition.
- D) 10 Points** Host a Friend to Friend Dinner and invite QUALITY 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) 10 Points** At least 3 lodge members participate in the Masonic Homes Great Day of Service.
- F) 10 Points** Adopt a policy that the lodge will use a national criminal background check service on all petitioners (Example: Info Check USA. Note: The Grand Lodge of Kentucky has no affiliation with, and receives no proceeds from, this company).
- G) 20 Points** At least 3 members of the lodge visit all lodges in district and 3 lodges out of district. (Verify using the Masonic Passport available from DGM Tim Sanders.) \*Attendance at your District Meeting will count as visit to your DDGM's Lodge\*

## CATEGORY 2 – QUALITY OF WORK/OUR OBLIGATION

**A) 5 Points** Provide refreshments at each meeting.

**B) 10 Points** Participate in a re-obligation ceremony. (The ceremony should be planned to rotate between lodges in the county. (If no re-obligation currently exists, you can start one with the other lodges. (Procedure: The lodge is opened on the MM Degree. The Master, or designee, assumes position to receive the MM obligation. The other brothers behind him, each with a hand on the shoulder of the person in front of them. The Secretary, or another Master Mason, recites the MM obligation which all repeat in unison.)

**C) 10 Points** The Master and at least 2 of the following officers (SW, JW, Secretary, Treasurer) attend the education meeting .

**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)259-9627 \*\*\*

**E) 30 Points** At least 1 member of the lodge attains a Ritual Pin during the 2016-17 Masonic Year for a maximum of 30 points. (10 points for Ritual Pin, 10 points for Senior Ritual Pin and 10 points for Master Ritual Pin)

(Attachment B) \*Note: If a brother already has a pin.

### CATEGORY 3 – COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT/MASONRY MATTERS

- A) 5 Points** Sponsor a high school or college scholarship. (5 points for \$250, 10 points for \$500, 20 points for \$1000)
- B) 10 Points** Enter a Masonic Float in a local parade (add 10 points if with an OES Chapter). **C) 10 Points** Participate in the P.R.I.D.E. Cleanup Program (Eastern and Southeastern KY).
- D) 20 Points** Support your local schools Family Resource/Youth Service Center Backpack, Shoes, food, etc. programs. (Contact your area officer for approval of your program)
- E) 30 Points** Cook out for your local high school senior class as positive recognition for their achievement of graduating. (Masons support education!!!)
- F) 20 Points** 10 points per bicycle (maximum of 20 points) donate a new bicycle(s) to your local elementary school 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 DDGM Handbook Appendix for an example of a letter to have signed by school principal and 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 are available from the Masonic Service Association.
- B) 5 Points** Host 1 tiled meeting as a “CamoTie” meeting.
- C) 5 Points** The secretary, or the Master’s designee, will participate in your district Facebook page. (See Attachment B)
- D) 5 Points** One or more members participate in the GLKY Constitution Discussion Facebook page. (See Attachment B)
- E) 10 Points** Support a Masonic Youth Group through finances or in-kind contributions (meeting place, etc.)
- F) 20 Points** Host an appreciation dinner(s) for active military/veterans, fire, police, EMS, First Responders and/or local community leaders. (Maximum of 20 points for this item)  
(\*Note: Past Masters Night or Widows Dinner will not qualify\*).
- G) 20 Points** Host a dinner/social function and invite members of college fraternities/other community organizations. The event should have a leadership speaker, or some other entertainment, as part of the program. (Maximum of 20 points for this item)  
(\*Note: Past Masters Night or Widows Dinner will not qualify\*).
- H) 20 Points** Attend either the Demoley or Rainbow Girls Installation
- I) 30 Points** Convey a Masonic Festive Board with a written agenda, Masonic Education Speaker, and a business attire or black tie dress requirement. (Ladies may, or may not, be included) (For an example of a Masonic Festive Board contact John Bizzack ((859-221-2696 ) or Cameron Poe (859-361-7747)).

## CATEGORY 5 – GOVERNANCE OF THE LODGE

**A) 5 Points Keep Lodge outside Appearance Respectful**

**B) 5 Points** Adopt a policy that “All officers will wear ties” during each tiled lodge meeting.

**C) 5 Points** Establish a “Mason of the Month” program complete with a quality certificate. **D) 10 Points** The lodge carries insurance for the first time during the 2016-17 year.

**E) 10 Points** The Master installs his own officers in long form according to the KY Monitor.

**F) 20 Points** The lodge adopts a camera/electronic media usage policy that specifies:

“No camera, cell phone, or other electronic recording device will be used while the lodge is open for work on any degree and no aspect of our ritual is to be recorded at any time.” (\*Note: a permissible exemption is for a recording device used by, and under the control of the secretary for performance of his duties\*)

**G) 20 Points** The Master and 5 of his officers attend their district meeting (\*Note: no makeup visits) to other districts are allowed without approval by the Area Officer\*)

**H) 20 Points** Establish a planning committee and develop a four year growth plan for your lodge. The plan must be discussed and adopted in open lodge.

# 2016-17 Grand Masters Excellency Program Tally Sheet

**Lodge Name and #, District # (Printed):** \_\_\_\_\_

Total Points Achieved \_\_\_\_\_

Place a check beside required items (1-5) that have been completed.

1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_ 3) \_\_\_\_\_ 4) \_\_\_\_\_ 5) \_\_\_\_\_

**\*MUST DO ENOUGH ACTIVITIES TO GET 100 POINTS FROM CATEGORIES 1-4 BELOW\***

**Category 1 Activities** (Record the date for each activity completed) (Must do at least 1 activity)

A     5 pts _____,	B     10pts _____,	C     5 pts _____,
D     10 pts _____,	E     10 pts _____,	F     10 pts _____,
G     20 pts _____,	<b>SUBTOTAL</b> _____	

**Category 2 Activities** (Record the date for each activity completed) (Must do at least 1 activity)

A     5 pts _____,	B     10 pts _____,	C     10 pts _____,
D     10 pts _____,	E     20 pts _____,	<b>SUBTOTAL</b> _____

**Category 3 Activities** (Record the date for each activity completed) (Must do at least 1 activity)

A     5 pts _____,	B     10 pts _____,	C     10 pts _____,
D     20 pts _____,	E     30 pts _____,	F     20 pts _____,
		<b>SUBTOTAL</b> _____

**Category 4 Activities** (Record the date for each activity completed) (Must do at least 1 activity)

A     5 pts _____,	B     10 pts _____,	C     5 pts _____,
D     5 pts _____,	E     10 pts _____,	F     20 pts _____,
G     20 pts _____,	H     20 pts _____,	<b>SUBTOTAL</b> _____

**Lodge Name and #, District # (Printed):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Category 5 Activities** (Record the date for each activity completed) (Must do at least 1 activity)

A 5 pts \_\_\_\_\_, B 10pts \_\_\_\_\_, C 5 pts \_\_\_\_\_,  
D 10 pts \_\_\_\_\_, E 10 pts \_\_\_\_\_, F 20 pts \_\_\_\_\_,  
G 20 pts \_\_\_\_\_, H 20 pts \_\_\_\_\_, **SUBTOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Signature of Master Lodge**

**Date**

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**Signature of Lodge Secretary**

**Date**

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**Seal of Lodge**

**\*\*\*Please make a photocopy of this document before you mail it!!!\*\*\***