

TO: District Education Officers

FROM: Grand Lodge Education Committee

RE: Grand Master's Education Award for 2018

Brother District Education Officer,

This Grand Master's Education Award will identify and recognize Lodges and the Lodge Education Officer of that Lodge that practices excellence in the education of their Brothers. Those Lodges that exceed what is expected of them. The purpose of this award is to encourage Lodges to do more to offer Brothers a chance to explore the lessons of Freemasonry as we practice the Craft of Speculative Freemasonry.

The details of the items required for a Lodge to qualify for this award were outlined during the workshop for District Education Officers. We would like you to contact those Lodges assigned to you to remind them of this opportunity. Early announcement of these requirements will allow them to schedule the necessary activities to meet the requirements before the deadline of July 31, 2018.

Lodges wishing to qualify for the award should complete the application and return it to you for your review. You should satisfy yourself that they have taken the actions needed to fulfill the requirements and qualify for the award. If the Lodge qualifies, you should sign the form attesting to that fact. The completed and signed form should be forwarded electronically to the Chairman of the Grand Lodge Education and Information Committee by August 15, 2018 at glohioeducation@aol.com. A signed copy should be returned to the Lodge for their records so as to assure them that they have qualified and you have submitted their application.

The Award will be presented during the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ohio. (The time and location for the presentation will be announced during Grand Lodge.) We highly recommend the Lodge Education Officer be present to receive this award for himself and for his Lodge. If he cannot attend the Master may receive the award on behalf of the Lodge. If no one is there, then the assigned District Education Officer should arrange for the award to be presented in that Lodge.

All requirements shall be met between January 1, 2018 and July 31, 2018. Should you have a Lodge that does not plan to apply for the award, you should offer encouragement and suggestions for ways to fulfill the requirements and participation through the use of these education programs.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact the Chairman of the Grand Lodge Education & Information Committee at glohioeducation@aol.com

2018 Grand Master's Education Award criteria:

To qualify items all 1 through 5 plus one optional item from group 6, for a total of six (6) entries must be held between January 1, 2018 and July 31, 2018. Early starts are acceptable.

1. Host a More Light Night (or day) to which all members of the Lodge receive a special written or electronic invitation and to which Masons from other Lodges are invited. A More Light event should include an opportunity to break bread with the Brethren and to share in information provided by a guest speaker or speakers. The More Light Night can be open to invited guests with a non-masonic speaker.
2. Have at least three individual members of your Lodge attend a More Light event hosted by another lodge. Individually or as a group.
3. Make sure all candidates participate in the Apprenticeship Program with an assigned Master Craftsman.
4. Present the program on Sponsorship or Selective Invitation.
5. Present a program with discussion time on "The Replace Yourself Program"
The Program guidelines is located at <http://www.replaceyourself.org/>
6. Complete one of these four optional qualifiers:
 - a. Submit an LEO program, developed by a Brother of your Lodge, to the Grand Lodge Education and Information committee. This program may or may not be published.
 - b. Host a Friendship and Information event, to which potential new members are invited.
 - c. Host a Masonic Reunion event, to which members of the Lodge who were initiated in a year ending in "8" are invited, i.e. 2008, 1998, 1988, etc. Ask the Brethren in attendance to share why they became Freemasons. This is an opportunity to reach out to Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts who have stalled in their degree work.
 - d. LEO must complete a Master Craftsman training session, with the Worshipful Master and three brothers present.

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To qualify for this award all events shall be held between January 1, 2018 and July 31, 2018 7, and the Lodge shall complete all required items.

_____ 1. More Light Night (or day) was held on _____ with _____ members present and _____ invited Masons from other Lodges. The More Light event featured _____ as the guest speaker.

_____ 2. These members attended a More Light event hosted by another Lodge.

_____ 3. All candidates are participating in the Apprenticeship Program with an assigned Master Craftsman.

_____ 4. The program on Sponsorship or Selective Invitation was held on _____

_____ 5. The program with discussion time on the "Replace Yourself Program" was held on _____.

_____ 6. The following optional qualification was completed:

_____ a. Brother _____, developed a Lodge Education Program.

_____ b. A Friendship and Information event was held on _____ with _____ potential new members in attendance.

_____ c. A Masonic Reunion event was held on _____ for members of the Lodge who were initiated in a year ending in "8". The Brethren shared why they became Freemasons and their responses are listed separately.

_____ d. A Master Craftsman Training Session was held on _____.

This is to certify that _____ Lodge No. _____ of the _____ District has completed all requirements to receive the Grand Master's Education Award for 2018. The dates and descriptions are provided within this form.

Lodge Education Officer (Signature)

Date _____

Print Name & Title for the certificate. _____

Attest -

District Education Officer.