

Grand Master's Award Program - 2018

The Grand Master's Award Program for 2018 is based upon a lodge earning points for different activities. The maximum point totals can vary from lodge to lodge based on the number of members and widows it has. The period for consideration shall be August 1, 2017 through July 31, 2018. There is only one mandatory requirement. Additional information and guidelines appear after the form.

Points earned	Max. Points	Action or Activity
Mandatory requirement		The Lodge Participates in The Replace Yourself program.
	2	Inspection – Confer the inspection degree on a true rather than pro-tem candidate.
	10	Ritual – Three points for each new lecture given by an officer. Two points for each new lecture given by a member. (max of 10 points)
	2	Charity - Discuss in open lodge how the lodge is and should be practicing Masonic charity, including community service. Decide how it wants to do charity in the future.
	2	Petition Verification – To verify information used by the Investigation Committee, conduct a trial, requiring background checks on <u>all</u> petitioners from the lodge annual meeting until July 31, 2018.
	1 to 3 —	Roadmap for Improvement – Set one to three goals to improve a performance categories, put a plan in place, and achieve it to the satisfaction of the Master and DDGM. (1 pt. per successfully completed goal.)
	2	Both Wardens attend a warden training session (1 pt. per officer, 2 max possible)
	2	Both Deacons attend a deacon training session (1 pt. per officer, 2 max possible)
	5	Elected progressive officers attend Typewritten Ritual Training Session (1 pt. per officer – WM, SW, JW, SD, JD - 5 max possible)
	5 max —	Make a personal contact (telephone, visit) with lodge widows. A gift basket or similar token is encouraged but not required. (1 point earned for each 10 widows up to a max of 5 points)
	5 max —	Make a brotherly contact with members who are age 80 and over as well as those whose dues has been remitted. (Non-dues call) (1 point earned for each 10 members up to a max of 5 points.
	2	Present a Community Builders Award, Dan Beard Masonic Scouter Award, or Major Jonathan Hart Service to Country Award to a deserving person who has given of his time and/or talents to community service. Person cannot be paid for this service.
	2	Youth Group Visitation – At least five members of a Lodge to visit a Masonic Youth Group or Boy/Girl Scout Function
	2	Hold at least one family friendly lodge activity.
	2	Increase number of members email addresses in MORI by 20%
	2	Conduct an inventory of historic items, artwork, and creative items owned by the lodge and send a copy of the inventory to the Grand Lodge Museum and Library
	2	Hold a fundraising event for a Masonic charity (GL Charitable Found., OMH, MSA or Honor Flight)
		Maximum Points Possible (Maximum is 50. Could be less based on # widows, etc. Adjust max accordingly.)
		Total Lodge Points earned
		80% of Maximum Total Possible (round off to nearest number whole number)
Yes No		Did the Lodge Meet the total required for an award

Submitted By: _____

Lodge Office: _____

Approved By: _____, District Deputy Grand Master, who will

email the approved form to the Grand Tyler Ronald L. Runion at rlrunion@gmail.com.

Comments on Grand Master's Award Program 2018

- Inspection – Lodges may receive one half credit (1 point) for conferring the inspection degree on a courtesy candidate.
- Charity – Lodge charity may be thought of as the time, talent, and treasure of the lodge.
- The Grand Master is asking lodges to review what they do as good works for people and their communities as well as charitable giving. Are the lodge's service efforts still appropriate in today's society and is it raising funds for causes valued by today's members, or is the lodge doing it because they've been doing it for years? Is your lodge raising funds or giving to the charity or charities that match your member's interests today and positioned to meet the needs of tomorrow?
- The lodge can give to whatever it chooses, but the decision should be an informed one based on the wishes and opinions of today's members.
- Petition Verification – If done, it must be applied to all petitioners.
- Roadmap – Lodge officers and interested brethren need to be able to complete the self-evaluation of the Roadmap without concern that they will be criticized for being honest about lodge strengths and weaknesses. But filling out the form is just a first step. Setting a goal and working to achieve that goal is the road to success. One point for each meaningful, measurable goal achieved up to 3 points.
- Training – Wardens, Deacons, and Typewritten Ritual training session attendance should be self-evident.
- Widows – We promise to contribute to the relief of our Masonic widows. That effort must begin by knowing how this women are doing. For every 10 widows contacted, the lodge earns a point up to a maximum of 5 points. If the lodge has less than 50 widows, it can adjust the maximum score down. (For rounding up or down, 1 to 5, round down, 6-9 round up, e.g., 45 counts as 40 or 4 pts., 46 counts as 50 or 5 points.)
- 80 Years – The same process applies to our senior members and those who have had their dues remitted. Chances are many of our older members cannot get out or come to lodge, so the lodge should be willing to go to them. Often, if we remit the dues of a Brother, it is because he cannot work or travel, and we lose track of them. For every 10 brothers contacted, the lodge earns one point to a maximum of 5 points. (Round up or down as above.)

- Awards – While it would be nice to present an award at a dinner or other lodge functions open to invited guests, the lodge has great latitude here regarding when and how the award is presented. Make it special for the awardee. Send a press release to the local paper if one is available. Place an announcement on the lodge Facebook or web page.
- Youth – Visit the youth group as the lodge, not as individuals. It is not necessary to wear Aprons, although dress in a manner that reflects positively on the Lodge.
- Family – The lodge can hold any kind of family friendly event it chooses. It should see that it is announced to the entire membership through its newsletter, email list, etc. Picnics, Movie Nights, Holiday Party, etc. are all appropriate.
- Email Addresses – Check the number of email addresses of Lodge members in MORI then contact members to collect a minimum of 20% more. The Lodge's goal should be 100%.
- Inventory – Prepare an inventory of lodge property that is of historic value (aprons, early minutes, etc.), and locally made creative works (paintings, pictures, gavels, alters, etc.). Send a copy to the Grand Lodge for the Museum and Library.
- Fund Raiser – This should be a fundraiser for one of the classic Masonic charities to care for distressed brethren, their widows, and orphans: Grand Lodge Charitable Foundation, the Ohio Masonic Home, the Masonic Services Association or Honor Flights.