

The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio

Grand Lodge
Education & Information Committee



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To: **Lodge Education Officers**
From: Grand Lodge Education Committee
Re: Promoting the Grand Master's Education Award

The Grand Master's Education Award was created to encourage Lodges to practice excellence in the education of the members of the Lodge and new Brothers joining our Fraternity. These goals are designed to promote the overall use of the Apprenticeship Program both with candidates and as a source of programs and presentations for the Lodge. In addition, we encourage activities that promote quality in lectures, innovative educational activities, and the use of other resources as part of the overall Lodge education program.

Eighty eight lodges qualified the first year of the award. Our hope is that even more will this year. To assist Lodge Education Officers in keeping track of the progress of their Lodge, we offer the Grand Master's Education Award Progress Worksheet.

Once you've completed the application as your Lodge's LEO, please send it to your assigned DEO for review. He will, in turn, email it to the Chairman of the Education & Information Committee.

Included with this memo, you will find a copy of the worksheet and the award application.

Lodge Progress Worksheet for Grand Master's Education Award

Lodge _____ No. _____

Lodge Education Officer _____

1. Master Craftsman Workshop(s) held on date(s) _____

2. Education programs presented in Lodge (enter dates)

Mandatory No. 1 _____ Program No. 5 _____ Program No. 9 _____

Mandatory No. 2 _____ Program No. 6 _____ Program No. 10 _____

Mandatory No. 3 _____ Program No. 7 _____

Mandatory No. 4 _____ Program No. 8 _____

3. District Education Activities

Activity 1 (date) _____ attended by _____

Activity 2 (date) _____ attended by _____

4. Apprenticeship Program materials used with all candidates (Yes) _____, In-lodge programs (Yes) _____

5. Additional materials used in Lodge education programs (please list). _____

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6. Special event held (date and description)

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7. Recognition for excellence in lecturing (date and description)

_____.

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8. Progressive line officers who have completed the Grand Lodge Officers Manual Course this year.

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9. Progressive line officers who have completed the Grand Lodge Code Courses this year.

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10. Other members and/or Past Masters who have completed the Grand Lodge Code Courses and/or Officer's Manual Course this year. _____

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Grand Master's Education Award Application

To qualify for this award, the Lodge must complete at least 7 of the 10 items. 1. – 3. are mandatory.

Required:

- _____ 1. The Lodge Education Officer must hold at least one (1) workshop for Master Craftsmen.
- _____ 2. Present at least ten (10) education programs during the Lodge year (August 1 to July 31) (4 must be chosen from the mandatory Grand Lodge programs).
- _____ 3. LEO and/or Assigned Master Craftsmen must attend at least two District education program, such as workshops by the DEO's, lecture schools, type written ritual, or other activities made available to promote Masonic education.

Optional (must have 4 of the 7)

- _____ 4. Use the Apprenticeship Program with all Candidates and in Lodge Education Programs.
- _____ 5. Provide and/or promote the use of independent materials such as books by authors on Masonic symbolism, history, and other topics which have been approved by the Grand Lodge Committee on Education and Information. (A list can be found at the end of the Apprenticeship Manual and in Bulletin 11)
- _____ 6. Create and/or host at least one (1) special events to promote education within the Lodge, Temple building, district, or community. These events should encourage innovation and creative thinking.
- _____ 7. Hold at least one (1) activity that pays special attention to improve the quantity and quality of lectures being presented to the new Brothers during degree work. (i.e. recognition of Brothers learning lectures, certificates, lecture pins/bars, etc.)
- _____ 8. Two (2) progressive line officers complete the Grand Lodge course regarding the Grand Lodge Officer's Manual.
- _____ 9. At least two (2) progressive line officers complete the Grand Lodge Code Courses at any time.
- _____ 10. Have at least one (1) other Brother and/or Past Master complete the Grand Lodge Code Courses and/or the Grand Lodge Officer's Manual course during the current Masonic year.

Lodge _____ No. _____

Lodge Education Officer (legible please) _____

Name as it is to appear on Certificate _____

Approved by District Education Officer (Signature) _____

DEO will forward completed form of successful applicant by August 1, 2014 to:

Ronald L. Runion, 42450 Smith Road, Wellington, OH 44090-9671

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