

Ashlar Award



Section I

1) Attend a tyled Lodge meeting of your Lodge within 90 days of being raised.	30	
2) Sign the bylaws of your Lodge within 90 days of being raised.	30	
3) Review of the "Iowa Systematic Masonic Enlightenment Course" and be declared proficient on all degrees within 90 days of being raised.	40	

Section II

4) Attend a tyled Lodge for the first two sections of a first degree (other than your own degree).	25	
5) Attend a tyled Lodge for both sections of a second degree (other than your own degree).	25	
6) Attend a tyled Lodge for first two sections of a third degree (other than your own degree).	35	
7) Attend a Lodge of Instruction.	25	
8) Attend a Lodge that is located at least five miles from your Lodge with at least two brothers of your Lodge.	35	

Section III

9) Write a paper that may be read at a Stated Communication of your Lodge on the symbolism you discovered in one of the degrees or from your visit to the Iowa Masonic Library and Museums	25	
10) Learn a speaking part in one of the degrees and be found proficient in all aspects of that part including floor work.	25	
11) Organize a social occasion (Golf, Dinner, Cards, Bowling, Fundraiser etc.) attended by at least one non-mason and two brothers of your Lodge.	25	
12) Invite at least one man who is a non-mason to a social or fellowship event sponsored by your lodge.	25	
13) Attend a Masonic Family Oriented Event with at least one member of your family.	25	
14) Attend an event where two or more Grand Lodge Officers are present, or is sponsored by the Grand Lodge of Iowa. (Cornerstone, degree, reception, neighborhood meeting, etc.)	25	
15) Visit the Iowa Masonic Library and Museums with at least two other Brothers.	50	

Section IV

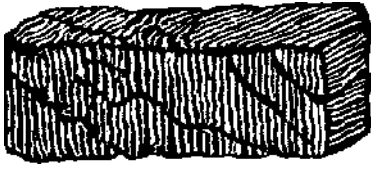
16) Be the top line signer on a petition for the degrees and submit before your completion date. Number of Petitions signed	50	
17) Memorize and demonstrate proficiency in open lodge the Obligations of the Three Degrees of Masonry. (20 points for each Degree Obligation) Number of Obligations: _____	20	
18) Take a part in the cast for a degree or Lodge of Instruction. Number of Casts:	30	
19) Take a part in a local Lodge event that directly benefits a non-masonic group or organization in your Community. Number of Events:	30	

TOTAL

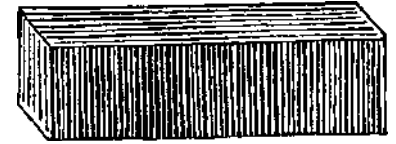
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A total of 100 points is required in each of Sections I and II, 150 in section III and 80 points in Section IV. A combined total of 430 points is needed to qualify.

(In Section IV, items 16 thru 19, the number of activities is for information only to assist the Grand Master in his choice for "New Mason of the Year." *Please include a letter of recommendation to further help the Grand Master in his choice.*)



The Ashlar Award for New Masons



Congratulations on being Initiated as an Entered Apprentice and beginning your journey in search of Masonic Light (knowledge). The Ashlar Award provides recognition and is a guide for you as you start down the path to Masonic education and enrollment. You will find there are many Brothers along the way who will be as eager to teach, as you are to learn. This program is designed to assist you in securing their guidance and help you build a strong foundation.

Although the deadline to complete the Ashlar Award program is 14 months from the date of Raising, you may/should begin completing applicable sections as degrees are received. Enjoy the journey!

Section I: In this section you are introduced to the elementary parts of Masonry. You are asked to attend Lodge so you may become familiar with the form and function of your Lodge. You will sign the by-laws as a Masonic record of the covenant you have with all Masons, but more especially the Brothers of your Lodge. Proficiency in the Enlightenment Course provides a solid foundation to work from on your Masonic path.

Section II: Attending the degrees will reinforce the symbols and lessons contained in each degree. Over the years each time you see or participate in a degree you will find more and more is revealed to you. A Lodge of Instruction will deepen your understanding of the details that are incorporated in each degree. Visiting other Lodges will begin to spread the Masonic bonds of Fellowship and Friendship that bind us all together as Brothers.

Section III: This section involves specific study of the parts of Masonry that hold particular interest to you. After learning more as we seek further knowledge in Masonry, it is only natural to want to share that knowledge with our peers and family. Attending a Grand Lodge Cornerstone Laying, Rededication, Reception, Communication, or other event allows us to continue to build the bonds that cement us all together. Donating your time is an outward and visible way of expressing your desire to improve your community.

Section IV: In this section you share your knowledge and leadership skills to benefit others. You will find a great deal of satisfaction when you complete this program. However, this is only the beginning of your Masonic Journey.

Each Brother who amasses 430 points and submits the application will receive an "Ashlar Award." The Award recipients each Masonic year will be recognized at the annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Iowa. One recipient will be selected by the Grand Master to receive the "*New Mason of the Year*" Award.

Completion Date: Date Raised plus fourteen months (e.g.: Date Raised: May 14th, 2019+14 months = July 14th, 2020)." Reporting period for Grand Lodge purposes will be from September 1st to August 15th the following year. All reports received during this period will be considered part of the same Masonic year based on the completion date. Applications are due in the Grand Lodge Office on August 15 annually to be eligible for the award in that calendar year. Send the completed form to: Grand Lodge of Iowa, P.O. Box 279, Cedar Rapids, IA 52406-0279 or email to dgs@gl-iowa.org.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

email _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Lodge name and number: _____

Initiation Date: _____ Completion Date: _____ Shirt Size: S M L XL, XXL, XXXL, XXXXL

Applicant Signature: _____ First name as to be embroidered on shirt: _____

Attest: WM or Sec'y: _____