

2017 IOWA MASONIC LODGE OF THE YEAR AWARD

- 1.) A copy of this Award application has been mailed to the Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, and Secretary of all Iowa Lodges.
- 2.) Either the Secretary or Worshipful Master (or a member appointed by the Worshipful Master) should be responsible for submitting the report form.
- 3.) Your lodge must have been represented at the 2016 Grand Lodge Session in Cedar Rapids to be eligible for the Award in 2017.
- 4.) Your lodge must score points in each category listed in Group One to qualify for the 2017 Lodge of the Year Award.
- 5.) Lodges must score a minimum of 390 points in Group Two. Points must be earned in 12 of the 15 categories to qualify.
- 6.) Multiple points may be scored only in those categories designated as "per."
- 7.) There is no limit to the number of lodges that can earn the "Lodge of the Year" Award. For instance, if a total of 100 lodges meet the qualifications, then all 100 lodges will receive the "Lodge of the Year" Award at the Grand Lodge Session in 2017.
- 8.) The three lodges with the top point totals will receive special gold, silver, or bronze awards for their efforts. Mail completed application to: Grand Lodge of Iowa, P.O. Box 279, Cedar Rapids, IA 52406 - 0279
You may view the application online at: <http://grandlodgeofiowa.org/>
Your lodge must earn points in each of the following 12 categories and accumulate at least 300 POINTS IN GROUP ONE to establish eligibility for Iowa Lodge of the Year.

GROUP ONE:	Possible	Earned
1.) Lodge representation at Grand Lodge by the following:		
Worshipful Master	20	_____
Senior Warden	20	_____
Junior Warden	20	_____
Proxy (per)	10	_____
2.) Lodge Annual Planning Calendar prepared and distributed to lodge membership with a copy sent to Grand Secretary's Office by January 31.	25	_____
3.) The lodge's Annual Return, lists of the members of the Membership and Education Committees, and a copy of the lodge's approved budget are sent to the Grand Secretary's Office by January 31.	25	_____
4.) Lodge confers all three degrees during the year on its own Candidate(s) and utilizes the "Iowa Systematic Masonic Enlightenment Course" and the "Mentor Guide" (Passport to Light.)	25	_____
5.) Lodge Membership Committee sponsors an activity other than installation of officers which includes prospective members. To be eligible for points, there must be at least TWO prospective members in attendance.	25	_____
6.) The lodge contacts area Masonic widows during the year. ie. vist, honor night, cards, flowers, basket, etc.	25	_____
7.) The lodge uses its Charity Fund for a worthy purpose	25	_____
8.) The lodge Education Committee presents or arranges for educational programs at Stated Communications during the year. (minimum of five programs required, include list)	25	_____
9.) Stated Communications of the lodge. (Minimum of 8 required to qualify for LOY) (per)	5	_____
10.) The lodge participates in two Community Involvement / Visibility projects.	25	_____
11.) The lodge hosts a social event with families included.	25	_____
12.) The lodge is represented at the following meetings (min. of 2 required):		
Custodians' Regional Schools	25	_____
Grand Master's Area Meetings	25	_____
Secretaries Conferences	25	_____
Neighborhood Area Meetings	25	_____

over **TOTAL GROUP ONE** _____

GROUP TWO:

Your Lodge must earn in points in 12 of the 15 categories and accumulate at least 390 points in group two to be eligible for the "Lodge of the Year" Award.

	Possible Earned	
1.) The Lodge Membership Committee assists the Secretary in collecting delinquent dues and the Lodge suspends less than 1 1/2 per cent of it dues paying members.	50	_____
2.) Lodge issues a newsletter to all members at least twice a year.	35	_____
3.) Lodge Secretary files Monthly Returns on time with the Grand Secretary's office. per month	5	_____
4.) The Lodge arranges and tours the Iowa Masonic Library and Museums with at least five members of the lodge.	50	_____
5.) The Lodge hosts an Open Installation of Officers.	10	_____
6.) The Lodge hosts a special night to honor a group in the community (per event.)	25	_____
7.) The Lodge hosts a function for Masons only (Rusty Nail, Table Lodge, etc.) per event	25	_____
8.) The Lodge uses the Warden's Handbook as a guide for the officers of the Lodge and submits a summary of how it was used to the Grand Lodge Office.	25	_____
9.) The Lodge sponsors scholarship(s) for high school seniors or donates to an elementary or middle school.	25	_____
10.) Lodge is involved in a local community cause (contribution of man hours) or holds a community fundraising activity with at least 1/2 of the proceeds used for a local charitable cause or applied to one of the Grand Lodge Trust Funds. (Please provide a detailed description of each event.) per event	25	_____
11.) For visiting another lodge's Stated Communication, Degree Night or special events, such as a Table Lodge or Friendship Night, with at least three of your own members. (LIMIT 100 POINTS) per visit	25	_____
12.) Lodge members visit a meeting of Job's Daughters, Rainbow girls, or DeMolay boys with at least two Masons from your lodge in attendance or makes a monetary contribution to the same. (10 points per group, limit 30 points)	10	_____
13.) Lodge member completes the qualifications and submits the application for the Ashlar Award or Master Builder Award or Golden Trowel Award. Lodge member passes the Masonic Instructors examination. per applicant	25	_____
14.) The Lodge is represented at area Study Group. (5 points per meeting, limit 60 points)	5	_____
15.) The Lodge maintains an up to date web site.	35	_____
TOTAL GROUP TWO		_____
TOTAL GROUP ONE		_____
GRAND TOTAL		_____

Lodge Name: _____ Lodge No: _____ Date: _____

Submitted By: _____ email: _____

The "Lodge of the Year Award" period runs from August 15, 2016 through August 15, 2017 your lodge of the Year" application needs to be received in the Grand Secretary's Office by August 15, 2017 to be considered for this award.