

MASTER BUILDER APPLICATION

(Submit as soon as possible following completion, but application must be received by the Grand Lodge Office before 08/15)

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ E-mail: _____

Lodge Name & No: _____ Lodge City: _____

Sec: _____ WM: _____

Master Builder Qualifications- complete at least nine of the following in the last thirty six months.

1. I was the top line signer for the Degrees of Freemasonry for the following new Brother: _____ His EA degree was conferred: ____/____/____
EA degree prior to August 15 of current Grand Lodge Year. Other than listed in Section IV line 16 of Ashlar Award. (List additional petitions signed on attachment)
2. I have performed these cast parts in the degrees, at least one part per degree in the last thirty six months. (Describe additional involvement in degree work – use attachment to list):
1st Degree part _____ date ____/____/____
2nd Degree part _____ date ____/____/____
3rd Degree part _____ date ____/____/____
3. I mentored Brother _____, using the Guide to the New Mason's Journey and the Iowa Systematic Masonic Enlightenment Course. I have examined him and found him proficient in the signs and modes of recognition of at least one degree and introduced him to and am assisting him in earning the Ashlar Award.
4. I was appointed by the Worshipful Master and served on a Candidate Investigation Committee that visited a candidate on ____/____/____.
5. I served my lodge as a committeeman for the following lodge event that included widows, family or prospects. (Describe your involvement – use attachment if needed):
_____.
6. I aided the Membership Committee of my lodge by contacting an inactive Brother and assisted him in attending a Lodge meeting or event. Event/Meeting: _____ on ____/____/____.
7. I arranged and toured the Iowa Masonic Library and Museums with at least four other members of my lodge. Date: ____/____/____ Number Attending: _____
8. I was personally involved in a Lodge activity that benefited my community or a community aid organization. (Describe your involvement in as much detail as possible – use attachment if needed):
_____.
9. I personally assumed responsibility for the following educational program at a stated or special communication (provide the date program presented, presenter (if other than yourself) and topic include if available attachment with text and sources of information):
_____.
10. I attended at least two of the following in the last thirty six months:
Grand Master's Area meeting ____/____/____, Local Lodge of Instruction ____/____/____,
Spring Neighborhood Area meeting ____/____/____, Cornerstone Laying ____/____/____,
Grand Lodge ____/____/____, Lodge Rededication ____/____/____, Grand Lodge Reception ____/____/____.
11. I visited neighboring Lodge _____ No _____ located in _____ on ____/____/____ for a _____.

I hereby certify that I have completed the Steps as checked above (minimum 9) Jacket size (circle one) XXXL XXL, XL, X, M, S
Your first name as you would like it embroidered on the jacket _____.

_____/____/____
Applicant Signature Date

_____/____/____
Secretary or Worshipful Master – Attest Date

How to become a Master Builder

A Master Builder is a Brother who is actively involved with the present work of his Lodge, his involvement and Legacy will help build the future of his Lodge and Community. Every brother that successfully completes nine of the eleven steps in this blueprint will receive an award. The first 10 successful applications will be awarded a special limited edition Grand Master's jacket.* This jacket will be emblazoned with the Masonic Square and Compass and contain the words, "Master Builder" along with your name. So how can you qualify? Keep reading. Here are the specific criteria that you need to complete to become an official "Master Builder." **

1. Recruit at least one new member and be the top line signer on his petition for the degrees of Masonry. The prospective member must receive the Entered Apprentice degree prior to August 15, 2017 for this requirement to be met. (*Consider using the tools that are available, such as the Prospect Prompter, Ten Reasons to Become a Mason and the Invitation to Petition to attract new members.*)
2. Participate and effectively handle one or more ritual parts in each of the three degrees in your lodge prior to August 15 of the current Grand Lodge Year, OR assist another lodge in conferring their degree work.
3. Being a Mentor builds bonds between Brothers that last a life time. You are asked to personally provide the educational guidance for at least one new Mason (preferably the new brother who joined in step 1 above.)
4. Assume responsibility to personally participate in visiting a potential member and discovering his values, wants and suitability for joining the Fraternity.
5. Assume responsibility and participate in planning at least one event for the lodge that includes widows and/or families and/or candidates for Masonry. (*Review "Ten Steps to Lodge Renewal" for ideas.*)
6. There are Brothers who have lost contact with the Lodge for a variety of reasons, who if asked can be reactivated and engaged. By extending the hand of Brotherly Fellowship we invite them to become involved. After revisiting the Lodge and becoming reacquainted with the traditions and members of the Lodge they will find it easier to return and be a participating member.
7. Participate in a Lodge event or project, or assist in a volunteer program to benefit youth. Consider working through a local school—such as being a volunteer. (An example would be going to a school to read (or listen to a student read to you) for a specified amount of time each visit for a specified duration of time (usually six to ten weeks). Other examples include: assisting with a scholarship program, coaching a youth athletic team, working with a Masonic youth organization, or providing adult leadership for groups like scouting, 4-H, FFA, YMCA.) .
8. Participate in at least one Lodge event or activity for community improvement. This may be met by establishing the communication and cooperation with another community organization on a project, and assuring that your lodge is actively involved in bringing that project to completion. (*Review "Ten Steps to Lodge Renewal" for ideas.*)
9. Assume responsibility to conduct or arrange an education program at a regular meeting. This may be fulfilled by you personally preparing and presenting the program or by you personally arranging for an outside presenter to provide an educational program.
10. & 11. Building personal associations with other Mason's helps your Lodge build a support and information network with like-minded individuals in your area. Making visitations and attending Masonic Events and Meeting allows you to get information and build relationships.

Submit Application for Master Builder Award on or before August 15 of the current Grand Lodge Year to:

Grand Lodge of Iowa - Awards
PO Box 279
Cedar Rapids, IA 52406-0279

*The number of jackets awarded will be limited to the first 10 brothers who qualify for this prestigious honor.

**Master Builder qualification period is from September to August 15 of the current Grand Lodge Year.