

## **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 2020 Grand Lodge Session in Sioux City to be eligible for the Award in 2021.
- 4.) Your lodge must score points in each category listed in Group One to qualify for the 2021 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 16 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 2021.
- 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.

<b>Group One:</b>	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" (New Mason's Journey)	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, i.e. visit, 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 required, include list or programs)	25	_____
9.) Stated Communications of the lodge. (Minimum of 8 required to qualify for LOY) <b>(per)</b>	5	_____
10.) Current elected and appointed Lodge Officers are proficient in Opening and Closing a lodge of Entered Apprentices. (Must be certified by a non-member M.I. or D.L.)(Scoring Criteria is available upon request)	100	_____
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	<b>TOTAL GROUP ONE</b>	_____

**GROUP TWO:**

**Your Lodge must earn points in 12 of the 16 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 ½ percent of its 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. <b>per month</b>	5	_____
4.) The Lodge arranges and tours the Iowa Masonic Library and Museums (10 points per Mason and/or non-Mason, max of 50 points) Number in group:_____		
Distance travelled to Library_____ (add 25 bonus points if 225 or more miles travelled)	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. <b>per event</b>	25	_____
7.) Lodge hosts a function for Masons only (Rusty Nail, Table Lodge, etc.) <b>per event</b>	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 or a classroom teacher for materials.	25	_____
10.) Lodge participates in a visible, local community event (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) <b>(25 points per event)</b>	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. <b>(25 points per visit, LIMIT 100 POINTS)</b>	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. <b>(10 points per group, limit 30 points)</b>	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. <b>(25 points per applicant)</b>	25	_____
14.) Lodge represented at area Study Group. <b>(5 points per meeting, limit 60 points)</b>	5	_____
15.) The Lodge maintains an up to date web site. <u>URL: _____</u>	35	_____
16.) Write and/or maintains a History of your Lodge and submit to Grand Lodge	25	_____
<b>TOTAL GROUP TWO</b>		_____
<b>TOTAL GROUP ONE</b>		_____
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		_____

Lodge Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge No: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted By: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

M.I. or D.L. certifying Group One Item 10 \_\_\_\_\_

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 [dgs@gl-iowa.org](mailto:dgs@gl-iowa.org).