THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE
OF ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF MAINE

Master Mason Rookie Award Program

The Grand Lodge of Masons in Maine is pleased to announce our new "Master Mason Rookie Award" as part of a new, focused commitment to membership engagement and getting our new members involved in their respective blue lodges. For more information contact:

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Criteria for Earning Maine's Masonic Rookie Award
Eleven items must be accomplished within the first year after being raised

Required:

1. Attend the conferral of each blue lodge degree at least once, by your own or another lodge
2. Attend at least one stated or special communication of another lodge in the district
3. Attend at least seven stated or special communications of the lodge
4. Work on at least one lodge / building association social activity or fund raising event
5. Assist lodge officers at least once in setting up the lodge room and preparing / serving the lodge dinner or collation

Alternates (choose six of the following):

1. Sponsor at least one candidate into your own or another lodge
2. Participate in the conferral of a blue lodge degree or the delivery of the candidate charge
3. Work on a lodge open house or fellowship night
4. Organize or work on one lodge public service event, e.g. Bikes for Books, Blood Drive, Food Drive
5. Attend district schools of instruction
6. Attend a Masonic memorial service
7. Serve on at least one committee of inquiry
8. Assist or visit a non-related shut in / hospitalized lodge brother or widow
9. Attend a meeting of the Masonic building association
10. Submit a Masonic or lodge related article for publication to the Maine Mason
11. Attend an educational program sponsored by the Maine Masonic College
12. Attend a Rainbow event
13. Attend a DeMolay event
14. Join with other Masons in a Masonic activity approved <u>in advance</u> by the Grand Master

The future of our fraternity and our ability to continue to grow our membership is highly dependent on being able to engage and integrate our new members into the activities of the lodge. When new members become involved and active in their respective lodges they become the best prospects for new candidates for that lodge.

The Master Mason Rookie Award is an official means by which we can achieve these membership goals. Attached is a checklist for the Master Mason Rookie Award. Once it has been completed and signed off by the Master of the lodge and DDGM, it is to be submitted by the Lodge Secretary to the Grand Master's Office for his review and approval. Once approved, the recipient can receive his award (Grand Lodge Certificate signed by the Grand Master and affixed with the Grand Lodge seal and Master Mason Rookie Award lapel pin) at the next visit of the District Deputy Grand Master.

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MASTER MASON ROOKIE AWARD – CHECKOFF LIST

Applicant's Full Name: _____

Applicant's Primary Lodge: _____

Date of Raising: _____

Required (All five are required):	**Dates Accomplished**
1. Attend the conferral of each blue lodge degree at least once, by your own or another lodge	_____
2. Attend at least one stated or special communication of another lodge in the district	_____
3. Attend at least seven stated or special communications of the lodge	_____
4. Work on at least one lodge / building association social activity or fund raising event	_____
5. Assist lodge officers at least once in setting up the lodge room and preparing / serving the lodge dinner or collation	_____

Alternates (choose six of the following fourteen):	**Dates Accomplished**
1. Sponsor at least one candidate into your own or another lodge	_____
2. Participate in the conferral of a blue lodge degree or the delivery of the candidate charge	_____
3. Work on a lodge open house or fellowship night	_____
4. Organize or work on one lodge public service event, e.g. Bikes for Books Blood Drive, Food Drive	_____
5. Attend district schools of instruction	_____
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We affirm the above items have been accomplished on / by the dates specified.

Masonic Rookie Award Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Lodge Secretary / Master: _____ Date: _____

Send a completed form, along with a cover letter, stating why the proposed candidate for the Rookie Award is worthy of receiving this award, to: The Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Maine, PO Box 430, Holden, Maine 04429-0430

The Rookie Award was presented to the brother on the following date.

By DDGM or other Grand Lodge Officer: _____ Date: _____

The awarding officer shall give a copy of this completed form to the lodge secretary and return a signed copy to the Grand Secretary.