



2016-2017

*Lodge of the Year Program*

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Purpose: (1) To involve all of the Lodges across the State in a common goal of creating better attendance, more participation from their membership, good fellowship one with another and at the same time encourage a heightened awareness of the advantages of an increased involvement with the programs of the Grand Lodge, the District and Sub-District of Georgia. (2) To become more aware of the advantages of being more visible in our community and the satisfaction of community service. (3) to improve ourselves with the educational and training topics that will be presented in each Sub-District by our Masonic Education and Leadership Committee and to recognize those Lodges that elect to participate.

There will be several awards to Lodges as follows:

1. One Lodge from each Sub-District will be selected from those participating and will be designated Sub-District Lodge of the year and will be awarded a special Grand Master's Citation of Excellence certificate.
2. One Lodge from each Masonic District will be selected from those participating and will be awarded a special plaque designating that Lodge as the District Lodge of the Year.
3. One Lodge, selected from those participating, will be awarded the Georgia Masonic Lodge of the Year. The Lodge will receive a special plaque for the Lodge so designating them as the 2012-13 Lodge of the Year as well as taking home the Grand Master's Cup to be placed in the Lodge for one (1) year at which time, it will be returned to the next session of Grand Lodge for presentation to a recipient chosen at that time.

## Possible Programs – Group “A”

**To qualify, your Lodge must complete at least 6 from the following list  
Lodge activities must take place between September 1, 2015 and August 31, 2016**

	<u>Points</u>	<u>Possible</u>	<u>Earned</u>
1 At least three (3) members, including 2 Officers to attend the Masonic Education class in your Sub-District	50 each	50	_____
2 Sponsor a Blood Drive or co-sponsor event with another Lodge	50 each	100	_____
3 Sponsor a GACHIP Event or co-sponsor with another Lodge	100 each	100	_____
4 Hold at least one (1) fund raising project or event with part of all proceeds going to the Georgia Masonic Charities Foundation	40 each	40	_____
5 Your Lodge maintains contact with widows during the year (Visit, Baskets, Cards, Flowers, etc.)	40 each	40	_____
6 Three Officers including the WM to attend all Lodge Officer’s Association meetings scheduled in your Sub-District	30 each	30	_____
7 Present a program on Perpetual Membership	30 each	30	_____
8 WM to send welcome letter to all newly initiated Entered Apprentice Masons as soon as possible following Degree	40 each	40	_____
9 4 members including the WM & Wardens to attend GM Forum	50 each	50	_____
10 Invite a speaker of your choice to at least 2 of your regular (tiled or open) meetings – (Maximum of 4 (or) 80 points)	20 each	80	_____
11 Secretaries Monthly Reports & Lodge Annual Report as required By Code completed and filed with Grand Lodge Office on time	40 each	40	_____
12 Have a “Paint up/Fix up/Clean up” day at your Lodge	50 each	50	_____
13 Your lodge creates at least \$500 worth of donations for bricks towards the Masonic Home fundraising campaign (Square and Compasses)	100 each	100	_____
14 As a group of at least 5, visit another lodge's Regular Communication.	20 each	100	_____

**850 Total Possible Points for Group “A”**

**Point Total for Group “A”** \_\_\_\_\_

## Possible Programs – Group “B”

**To qualify, your Lodge must complete at least 6 from the following list  
Lodge activities must take place between September 1, 2015 and August 31, 2016**

	<u>Points Possible</u>	<u>Earned</u>
1 Exchange meetings with a Lodge that meets on the same night	20 each 20	_____
2 Establish a Lodge budget and present it to the Lodge	20 each 20	_____
3 At least 4 members including 2 Officers to attend Masonic Home Workday or Appreciation Day in September	40 each 80	_____
4 At least 4 members, other than dual members with that lodge, including 2 officers to visit 3 tiled meetings of other Lodges	20 each 20	_____
5 Have at least one special meeting to honor members (Veterans, 25 & 50 Year, Past Masters, etc.)	20 each 20	_____
6 Have a Family night, with a good program (In addition No. 5 above) Maximum of 3	30 each 90	_____
7 Assist a shut-in or widow during the year (yard work, clean up after a storm, mowing grass, etc. – Maximum of 3	30 each 90	_____
8 At least 4 members including 2 Officers to attend your District Convention	50 each 50	_____
9 If your area has one, at least 4 members including 2 Officers to attend Your County or Tri-county Convention	50 each 50	_____
10 At least 4 members including 2 Officers to attend your District Custodian’s School of Instruction - <b><i>Must obtain a white AND blue card</i></b>	40 each 40	_____
11 Lodge members and their wives to attend a “regular” Church Service as a group.....not funerals, etc.	30 each 30	_____
12 Sponsor a “Teacher of the Year” Award	20 each 20	_____
13 Sponsor a “Civil Servant of the Year” (Fire, Police, Nurse) Award	20 each 20	_____
14 At least two (2) delegates from Lodge to attend Grand Lodge	50 each 50	_____
15 Recite the Master’s Obligation at least once a quarter in a tiled lodge meeting...	50 each 50	_____
16 At least one ritual practice (Opening, Closing, degrees, etc.) held regularly per month (beginning December 1, 2015)	15 ea.mo. 135	_____
17 Confer or exemplify EA, FC and MM degrees at a Reg. Communication (one per meeting)	E. A. 35 ea. 35	_____
	F. C. 35 ea. 35	_____
	M. M. 35 ea. 35	_____

**890 Total Possible Points for Group “B”**

**Point Total for Group “B”**

**Application**

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**2015-16 Lodge of the Year Program**  
(Application must be submitted to your DDGM no later than August 31, 2016)

Lodge: \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Sub-District: \_\_\_\_\_

We hereby certify that our Lodge has completed the projects listed above with total points earned as follows:

**Group "A"**

Projects Completed as shown above:

Points Earned: \_\_\_\_\_

**Group "B"**

Projects Completed as shown above:

Points Earned: \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Worshipful Master

\_\_\_\_\_  
Senior Warden

\_\_\_\_\_  
Junior Warden

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

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District Deputy to the Grand Master

**FORM MUST BE SIGNED BY ALL ABOVE**