

Grand Master's Excellency Award for 2009-2010

The Grand Master's Excellency Award has very high achievement requirements and is the highest award a lodge can receive. Although the qualifications are set high and must be completed without variance, a lodge whose officers and members aspire to this lofty status will be assured of achieving public as well as private esteem.

The award is designed to raise the overall proficiency of a lodge by encouraging it to broaden its horizons and increase their visibility and activity within their community. The Grand Masters Excellency Award will be presented at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge in October of 2010 to those lodges that meet all requirements from September 1, 2009 through August 15, 2010. *The seven requirements for these highly sought after awards are listed on the following pages.*

All applications must be signed by the Worshipful Master and certified by the Lodge Secretary with his signature and the seal of the lodge. The applications must be received by the Grand Lodge Office by August 30, 2010. The requirements for this award are weighty, and additionally every element will be required this year.

1. Widows Initiative: (REQUIRED)

Your lodge must follow the Grand Master's Widows Initiative, or a variation that may work for your particular Lodge. The program is on the Grand Lodge website along with supporting forms for your use. The minutes of the Lodge must reflect all reports made on our Masonic Widows and to what extent their well being is.

2. Degree Work: (REQUIRED)

Your Lodge **MUST** perform all three degrees (ALL SECTIONS) with Elected and Appointed officers of said lodge during the year, even if they have to be **MOCK** initiations. A Keeper of the Work may assist in the performance of the degrees. A copy of your minutes stating the date and officers delivered the degree work.

3. Installation of the Lodge: (REQUIRED)

All principal officers of the lodge (Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Senior and Junior Deacons, Secretary and Treasurer) must be present at the Open/Closed Installation of the Lodge.

4. Educational Programs: (REQUIRED)

Discuss at least 6 different sections of the Book of Constitution at each of at least eight (8) stated meetings. Report to show topic date and made part of the Lodge Minutes.

5. Officers Proficiency: (REQUIRED)

All officers of the lodge consisting of the Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Secretary, Chaplain, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Senior Steward, Junior Steward and Tiler must have a Certificate of Proficiency issued by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. If they are not in possession of one, they must have been examined and be recommended for a Certificate of Proficiency from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky by June 30, 2010.

6. Bluegrass Ritualist: (REQUIRED)

Each Lodge must have at least two members who have attained the honor of a Kentucky Bluegrass Ritualist within their Lodge.

7. Dues (REQUIRED)

Each Lodge must fix and collect such dues as necessary to maintain the day to day operations of the Lodge and fulfill its Masonic obligations to aid and assist distressed worthy Brothers, their wives, widows, and orphans. If any fundraisers are utilized, all monies received must be used for charitable purposes, not for general Lodge usage. A statement from the Lodge Secretary under the Lodge seal will satisfy these criteria.