



THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS

OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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MASTER MASON ROOKIE AWARD

The Massachusetts Grand Lodge of Masons is pleased to introduce our new “Master Mason Rookie Award” as part of this jurisdiction’s ongoing commitment to membership engagement and getting our new members involved in their respective blue lodges.

It is the goal of this award to get our newly raised members involved in the lodge and give them a well rounded exposure to the different things that this fraternity does, from our charity work, to the visits of our District Deputy Grand Master, to helping to support a lodge function just to name a few.

A newly raised member of a lodge should be given the opportunity to pursue the Master Mason Rookie Award starting the night he has been raised or shortly thereafter by a communication of the Lodge Secretary or Ambassador. From this starting point the newly raised Master Mason has one year to accomplish the list of requirements to achieve this award. These requirements are:

1. Attend each of the blue lodge degrees at least once.
 2. Attend at least one visit of the lodge’s District Deputy Grand Master to another lodge in the district **OR** attend a communication of another lodge in the district.
 3. Attend at least seven stated lodge communications over the course of the one year.
 4. Work on at least one lodge social activity **OR** lodge charitable event.
 5. Sponsor at least one candidate into the lodge.
 6. Attend one Masonic Funeral.
 7. Serve on one investigation committee.
 8. Assist at least once with the preparation of candidates.
 9. Assist at least once with the officers setting up of the lodge room.
 10. Attend at least three additional Lodge of Instruction communications beyond what is required.
 11. Attend one meeting of the Building/Temple Association.
- (Alternate requirements that can be done in lieu of not completing one of the first 11)***
12. Attend at least 1 Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge or the Feast of Saint John.
 13. Attend the District Exemplification.

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 Lodge’s Master and Ambassador 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 Mother Lodge: _____

Date of Raising: _____

	Date Accomplished
Attend each of the blue lodge degrees at least once.	_____
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Attend at least seven stated lodge communications over the course of the one year.	_____
Work on at least one lodge activity OR one lodge charitable event	_____
Sponsor at least one candidate into the lodge.	_____
Attend one Masonic Funeral.	_____
Serve on one investigation committee.	_____
Assist at least once with the preparation of candidates.	_____
Assist at least once with the officers setting up of the lodge room.	_____
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Sign-offs:

Lodge Master: _____ Date: _____

Lodge Ambassadors: _____ Date: _____

Send a completed form, along with a cover letter stating why the proposed candidate for the Rookie Award should received this award to: The Grand Master's Office, 186 Tremont Street, Boston, MA 02111

On Lodge Letterhead

MASTER MASON ROOKIE AWARD – Letter to be presented at the raising or sent within a week thereafter.

Dear Brother AB:

Welcome to the fraternity!!!

Congratulations on your successful journey to becoming a Master Mason. Your Brothers and I have sat on the sidelines and watched as you made your journey, and on behalf of us here at _____Lodge we are sincerely glad to have played a part.

Having said that however, we really hope you're not ready to stop just yet. While it is true that you have completed all of the ceremonial ritual required, we'd like to invite you to set another goal for yourself. We want you to achieve your Master Mason Rookie Award, which is awarded by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts to newly raised Masons who achieved a list of requirements within a year of their raising. The Master Mason Rookie Award has been created to encourage our new members to become involved and engaged in their lodges.

This award is designed to give you a chance to take part in lots of activities and really get to know your fellow lodge brothers in all sorts of situations – as well as let us get to know yourself better as an individual. It will help give you a voice in lodge decisions as well. We'd like you to give serious thought to completing the requirements for this Grand Lodge Award. If you do, we are confident the reward you receive in return will be "well worth your efforts." Upon completion of the requirements and the approval of the Grand Master, you will be recognized by the District Deputy Grand Master (the Grand Master's personal representative) at his earliest convenience. The requirements of this award are:

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The future success of your lodge really does depend on the involvement of all our members. If you have any questions on this award, please don't hesitate to contact me. Chances are, you've already completed one or more of these requirements since you have been raised. If so, please let me know so I can sign your check sheet. I will follow up with a phone call, later on, if I haven't heard from you.

Fraternally,

Lodge Masonic Ambassador
Phone xxx-xxx-xxxx