

## Grand Master's Community Service Award

This year we will continue a very special award to be presented to one deserving person in each District. It is not necessary that this person be a Mason. As a matter of fact, we encourage the selection of a non-Mason for this award.

It is suggested that the recipient may be any person, male or female, regardless of race, creed or color, who has displayed the virtues of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth which exemplify the "True Spirit of Freemasonry."

The person selected must possess those qualities which point him/her out as a proper person for this distinguished honor.

**The Community Service award winner shall not be someone who is an employee of, or is paid by, the organization they serve. This award is to be given to a person for volunteer service.**

The District Deputies are charged with the responsibility of selecting the recipient. The task is not to be delegated to the District Officers or any other entity. I can think of NO reason that each and every District cannot find a suitable individual to receive this recognition. Do not miss the opportunity to honor one of your local citizens with this award.

I will expect to present this award personally during the Grand Master's Reception when possible. The recipient and spouse should be invited to the District Reception as guests of the District.

The cost of the plaque and engraving will be borne completely by The Grand Lodge and is an official award of the Grand Master.

Each name submitted should be accompanied by a biography of the person's contributions and accomplishments.

**Please EMAIL your selection to the Junior Grand Deacon no fewer than sixty (60) days prior to your reception. Invite the recipient in plenty of time to allow him/her to fit the event into his/her schedule.**

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A suitable form to be submitted to the Junior Grand Deacon and a sample letter to the recipient are enclosed for your convenience.

Remember, the award is for Community Service, and NOT necessarily for Masonic Service.

A District Deputy shall read portions of the biography at the Grand Master's Reception as an introduction to the Grand Master's presentation of the award.

**INTRODUCTION MUST BE 2 MINUTES OR LESS.**

## Sample Letter to Grand Master's Community Service Award Recipient

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

You have been selected to receive an award from the Grand Master of Masons in Ohio for outstanding service to your community. You are the only recipient from the \_\_\_\_\_ Masonic District, which includes (name all) \_\_\_\_\_ counties.

A Reception for our Grand Master, Mr. Jess N. Raines, has been planned for the evening of \_\_\_\_\_ at (time) \_\_\_\_\_. You are cordially invited to be our guest for dinner on this special night to receive the award, accompanied, of course, by your spouse or companion.

The reception will be held at \_\_\_\_\_.  
(place and location)

We would appreciate a reply to this invitation as early as possible.

Thank you and congratulations.

\_\_\_\_\_ District Deputy Grand Master

## Sample Letter to Jr. Grand Deacon re: Community Service Award Recipient

Please send this notification to the Junior Grand Deacon via **email**.

Right Worshipful Junior Grand Deacon:

The person listed below has been selected to receive the Grand Master's Community Service Award in the \_\_\_\_\_ District.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Recipient

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Organization He/She Represents

A biography of his/her accomplishments and community contributions is included.

We have contacted the person listed above and he/she will be present at our District Reception.

\_\_\_\_\_ District Deputy Grand Master