



GRAND LODGE A.:F.: & A.:M.: OF NEBRASKA ROCK MAUL AWARD



The Rock Maul Award is presented each year by the Grand Master, on the recommendation of the Grand Lodge Awards Committee, to a large lodge and a small lodge that plan and implement an active year resulting in greater involvement of members and the attraction of new members.

Record activities from the period including Installation in January through December 31, 2009.

This Application must be postmarked not later than December 31st of each calendar year and sent to: Grand Lodge Office, PO Box 81852, Lincoln, NE 68501-1852.

If submitting more than five additional pages of supporting materials, please prepare and send six complete copies of the award application and supporting materials.

_____ Lodge No. _____, _____, Nebraska

Prepared by: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____ Telephone: _____

Point totals listed on the right are maximum values allowed for each category. Points for an activity can be claimed only once on this form. (In addition to the Leadership section of this award, see the Lodge Activities section of the Nebraska Pillar Award. Completion of a number of activities with an asterisk is necessary to meet a requirement for that award.)*

Grand Master's Activities:

Lodge donated at least \$100 to or held a fundraiser for the Masonic Relief Fund in March. _____ (200 pts.)
Describe what you did: _____

Lodge supported a local charity in April. _____ (300 pts.)
Describe what you did: _____

Lodge held a family activity in May. _____ (300 pts.)
Describe what you did: _____

Lodge donated at least \$100 to, held a fundraiser for or hosted a CHIP event in June. _____ (400 pts.)
Describe what you did: _____

Lodge urged brothers to explore Freemasonry in July, or donated books to Lodge library or Grand Lodge Library. _____ (100 pts.)
Describe what you did: _____

*Lodge hosted a blood drive either with other Lodges or on its own in August or September. _____ * (500 pts.)

Lodge held a Back to Lodge Night at its September meeting. _____ (100 pts.)
Describe what you did: _____

*Lodge member(s) and their ladies attended the Ladies Festival Weekend event in October. _____ * (500 pts.)

*Lodge donated at least \$100 to or held a fundraiser for the George Washington Masonic Memorial in November. _____ * (400 pts.)
Describe what you did: _____

ADDITIONAL POINTS: Amount Lodge donated was equal to \$1/member (12/31/08 membership) to the George Washington Masonic Memorial in November. _____ (400 pts.)

*Lodge held an observance honoring veterans in November. _____ * (500 pts.)
Describe what you did: _____

Lodge donated at least \$100 to or held a fundraiser for the Grand Lodge Office in December. (3 pts./\$1 contribution) _____ (750 pts.)
Describe what you did: _____

Lodge officer(s) attended a Lodge Leaders Forum. _____ (200 pts.)

You may claim points from only one of the following:

- Completed six of the activities above. (300 pts.)
- Completed the four activities above bearing an asterisk. (500 pts.)
- *Completed the four activities above bearing an asterisk and two others. * (600 pts.)
- Completed all 13 activities above (1,000 pts.)

TOTAL Grand Master's Activities

Leadership:

- Master attended Lodge Leadership Course prior to this year..... (300 pts.)
- *Sr. Warden attended Lodge Leadership Course at any time * (300 pts.)
- Jr. Warden attended Lodge Leadership Course at any time (200 pts.)
- Sr. Deacon attended Lodge Leadership Course at any time..... (100 pts.)
- Jr. Deacon attended Lodge Leadership Course at any time..... (50 pts.)
- A planning committee was formed and assisted in planning your lodge's activities (300 pts.)
- *Master distributed a plan/calendar of events to all members no later than second meeting of year.
(Attach Master's plan and include date distributed) * (400 pts.)
- Senior Warden prepared a plan and handed it out with the Master's plan.
(Attach Sr. Warden's plan and include date distributed) (200 pts.)
- Junior Warden prepared a plan and handed out with the Master's plan.
(Attach Jr. Warden's plan and include date distributed) (200 pts.)
- Attended Enrollment Training (300 pts.)
- Either: Completed 12 of 23 of the activities with an asterisk on this form (600 pts.)
And, for each activity with an asterisk completed on this form over 12
but less than 23 (20 pts./activity) (220 pts. max.)
- Or: Completed 100% (23 of 23) of the activities with an asterisk on this form.
(If this activity is accomplished, do not claim points for the previous two categories)..... (600 pts.)

Subtotal Leadership

- Worshipful Master earned the Grand Master's Leadership Award..... (600 pts.)
- Your lodge earned the Nebraska Pillar Award..... (500 pts.)

TOTAL Leadership

Lodge Meetings and Operations:

- *Secretary published or posted minutes, and didn't read them for at least 75% of regular meetings.... * (200 pts.)
- Lodge's bills were included in the Treasurer's report, and the bills were
authorized for payment with the approval of that report for at least 75% of regular meetings. (200 pts.)
- Stated meetings held according to bylaws and all started on time (100 pts.)
- *Masonic education programs presented during eight regular meetings or more (40 points per presentation);
(add 20 points extra for programs on Masonic charities or appendant bodies - 40 points max.) * (400 pts. max.)
- Special informational programs held before, after or during regular meetings that
are not part of the Masonic education program above (40 pts./program) (400 pts. max.)
- Brother presented a lecture at a meeting as Masonic education:
(EA - Lecture Parts I, II or III; FC - Middle Chamber or Part I;
MM - Part I, Second or Third Sections) (25 points each) (200 pts. max.)
- Meal or refreshments provided at eight regular meetings or more..... (150 pts.)
- Agenda listing items to be discussed were distributed at each meeting (100 pts.)
- Election of officers held in November (50 pts.)
- Installation of officers held in January (50 pts.)
- Installation opened to public and promoted in advance with invitations sent
to members and form news release sent to news media (100 pts.)
- Appointment of all Standing Committees completed by due date (50 pts.)
- Held a meeting/degree outdoors..... (50 pts.)
- Held a clean-up-our-lodge day (100 points)..... (200 pts. max)

TOTAL Lodge Meetings & Operations

Ritual Work:

- Member(s) earned individual proficiency certification in at least one degree.
(100 points per member, per degree) no max
- Please provide the names of the members: _____

- *Lodge certified in Opening and Closing of lodge. Date certified: * (200 pts.)
- Lodge certified in the degree work..... (400 pts.)
- Brother(s) were recertified in the work (25 points each)..... no max
- Practices held on four different dates (25 points/practice)..... (100 pts. max.)
- Performed work for another lodge (50 points/degree) (200 pts. max.)

Brother(s) learned a lecture (<i>EA – Lecture Parts I, II or III; FC – Middle Chamber or Part I; MM – Part I, Second or Third Sections; any Charge</i>) and performed it in a degree (25 points each)	_____	no max
Brother(s) learned the funeral lecture (100 points each)	_____	no max
Name(s) _____	_____	
Performed the Rusty Nail Degree	_____	(300 pts.)
TOTAL Ritual Work	_____	

Grand Lodge Activities:

*Elected & installed Master attended Annual Communication	_____	*(150 pts.)
Elected & installed Sr. Warden attended Annual Communication	_____	(100 pts.)
Elected & installed Jr. Warden attended Annual Communication	_____	(50 pts.)
Elected & installed Secretary attended Annual Communication	_____	(50 pts.)
Member with proxy (other than 4 above) attended Annual Communication	_____	(10 pts.)
Lodge Secretary attended Secretary’s Workshop at Annual Communication.....	_____	(50 pts.)
Attended Area Meeting (40 points + 1 pt./member)	_____	(50 pts. max.)
Installed Master, Sr. Warden, Jr. Warden and Secretary attended Area Meeting (50 pts. each)	_____	(200 pts.)
Lodge Secretary submitted all monthly reports by deadline	_____	(100 pts.)
Lodge Secretary submitted annual returns and Grand Lodge dues by deadline.....	_____	(300 pts.)
TOTAL Grand Lodge Activities	_____	

Fellowship:

Operated a visitation program to visit shut-in, ill and hospitalized members	_____	(300 pts.)
Sent cards to members for their Masonic anniversary, birthday, get well, sympathy, etc.....	_____	(100 pts.)
Held a Table Lodge using the Grand Lodge ceremony.....	_____	(300 pts.)
Held a Ladies at the Table using the Grand Lodge ceremony.....	_____	(300 pts.)
At least three lodge members visited another Masonic lodge not as part of assistance in ritual work (10 points + miles one way to the lodge)	_____	(500 pts.)
Held a Friendship Night for other lodges to visit your lodge and at least two other lodges attended	_____	(150 pts.)
Held an activity with another lodge (not a Friendship Night) (100 points).....	_____	(300 pts. max.)
Held an activity with another Masonic-related body (100 points each)	_____	(200 pts. max.)
Held activity supporting Job’s Daughters/Rainbow/DeMolay including visitation by at least 4 members to a meeting or activity, or financial support	_____	(300 pts.)
Helped charter, or re-establish a non-meeting DeMolay Chapter, Rainbow Assembly or Job’s Daughters Bethel	_____	(500 pts.)
*Held a special Masonic event: St. Johns Dinner, observance of lodge’s date of charter, George Washington Masonic Memorial Program, Masonic Home Program, Children’s Home Project Night, visit other lodge, Past Masters Dinner, Lodge brother(s) nominated for the Humanitarian or for the Masonic Service Award, Rusty Nail Degree (<i>Grand Lodge ceremony</i>), special event is held to present recognition awards, lodge picnic, other (explain) _____ (200 points/event)	_____	*(600 pts. max.)
*Held other fellowship-building activities: Observe patriotic dates, family night, seasonal activities, event for children, bazaar, hobby displays, activities with wives, program before meeting for wife and/or children, meals, parties, sports, travel to visit attractions, etc. (200 points/activity)	_____	*(1,000 pts. max.)
TOTAL Fellowship	_____	

Community and Fraternal Service:

*Arranged and coordinated a CHIP event (400 points/event)	_____	*(800 pts. max.)
Participated (\$25) in the Grand Lodge Scholarship program.....	_____	(200 pts.)
Provided an additional amount above \$25 to the Grand Lodge Scholarship or gave an additional scholarship(s).....	_____	(200 pts.)
Hosted scholarship recipient(s) at a meal to award the scholarship, or presented the scholarship to the student before a regular meeting	_____	(100 pts.)
*Funds raised by your lodge, including other organizations, paid the fee for high school student(s) to attend the Masonic All-Star Marching Band Clinic (100 points/student)	_____	*(500 pts. max.)
Hosted Masonic Band scholarship recipient(s) at a meal to award the scholarship, or presented the scholarship to the student at a regular meeting	_____	(100 pts.)
*Provided chaperones to serve at Band Clinic (200 points/chaperone)	_____	*(200 pts. max.)
Made contributions to The Nebraska Masonic Home of at least \$100 (1 pt./dollar).....	_____	(200 pts. max.)
Made contributions to the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children of at least \$100 (1 point/dollar)	_____	(200 pts. max.)

Made contributions to Nebraska Masonic Foundation of at least \$100 (1 pt./dollar)	_____	(200 pts. max.)
You may claim points for just one of the following:		
One to three lodge members participated in either the West or the East		
Grand Master's Masonic Charity Event (Golf Tournament, etc.)	_____	(200 pts.)
Four lodge members participated in either the West or the East		
Grand Master's Masonic Charity (Golf Tournament, etc.)	_____	(400 pts.)
Held a Widow's (Special Ladies) Night.....	_____	(200 pts.)
Recognized a member of your lodge with the Masonic Individual Achievement Award	_____	(100 pts.)
Recognized a community leader with the Masonic Community Service Award	_____	(200 pts.)
*Your lodge supported a community activity, organization or school:		
Sponsored a sports team or event, cleaned a highway section, organized a recycling project, painted a widow's home, opened the lodge to an after-prom breakfast, put a float in a parade, held a fundraiser for charity, sent items to troops, adopted a family for a holiday, read at a school/library to children, sponsored events, assisted with community fund drive, donated to food pantry, adopted a playground, picked up trash, served at a food kitchen, donated books to a library, adopted a park, organized a blood drive, delivered meals, etc. or other (explain)		
	_____	(200 points/event) * (600 pts. max.)
Arranged and coordinated a cornerstone laying (50 points/event).....	_____	no max
TOTAL Community and Fraternal Service	_____	

Membership:

Implemented or continued Enrollment Program in your lodge	_____	(500 pts.)
Obtained membership packets from the Grand Lodge and distributed to prospective members	_____	(50 pts.)
Held a Who Are the Masons? Night with at least 2 prospective members attending (200 pts./event)	_____	(400 pts. max.)
No members suspended for non-payment of dues.....	_____	(400 pts.)
*Dues notices were sent to all members	_____	* (100 pts.)
*Contacted at least three suspended members and asked them to reinstate their membership	_____	* (100 pts.)
Members reinstated after suspended for non-payment of dues (50 points/reinstated member)	_____	no max
Brothers signed two or more petitions in a year (10 points each brother).....	_____	no max
If the Lodge qualifies for more than one of the following, only one can be claimed:		
Maintained same number of members as of 12/31 last year	_____	(100 pts.)
Showed a net gain in membership for the year	_____	(500 pts.)
Achieved a net membership gain of 3 percent or more.....	_____	(1,000 pts.)
TOTAL Membership	_____	

Communication

*1. Published at least 4 issues of a trestleboard/newsletter that was sent to all members.....	_____	* (200 pts.)
2. Published at least six issues of a trestleboard/newsletter that was sent to all lodge members (Cannot claim points of number 1)	_____	(300 pts.)
3. Published twelve issues of a trestleboard/newsletter that was sent to all lodge members (Cannot claim points of numbers 1 and 2).....	_____	(750 pts.)
*Used e-mail, telephone calls and/or mailings to inform all members about upcoming meetings and activities	_____	* (100 pts.)
Established or maintained a lodge Web site that conforms with the GL's guidelines as explained in the Lodge Leadership Manual	_____	(300 pts.)
Updated the form news releases from the Grand Lodge that are in the Lodge Planning Guide and sent to news media: pre- and post-installation of officers, donation to Masonic Relief Fund, attendance at area forum, Masonic All-Star Marching Band Clinic scholarships, brothers chaperone Masonic All-Star Marching Band Clinic, donation of books on Freemasonry to public library, visit by Grand Master to your lodge, Blood Drive in your community, attendance at Lodge Leadership Program, Attendance at Enrollment Program, Performance of The Vacant Chair, donation to the George Washington Masonic Memorial, donation of a George Washington portrait to a local school, attendance at Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, scholarships for area high school students for a post-secondary institution, presentation of year pins, lodge anniversary event, cornerstone laying ceremony, CHIP event, proficiency examination by Deputy Grand Custodian and other news releases sent (50 points for each one sent)	_____	(1,500 pts. max.)
TOTAL Communication	_____	

Lodge Finances:

*Developed a budget for the year showing income and expenses (attach budget)	_____	* (200 pts.)
*Held a fundraiser for the lodge	_____	* (400 pts.)
Held a fundraiser and gave money to charity other than in the Grand Master's Activities.....	_____	(200 pts.)
TOTAL Lodge Finances	_____	

TOTAL POINTS:

- Total Grand Master's Activities (p. 1) _____
- Total Leadership (p. 2) _____
- Total Lodge Meetings & Operations (p. 2) _____
- Total Ritual Work (p. 3) _____
- Total Grand Lodge Activities (p. 3) _____
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- Total Community and Fraternal Service (p. 4) _____
- Total Membership (p. 4) _____
- Total Communication (p. 4) _____
- Total Lodge Finances (p. 4) _____

GRAND TOTAL _____

Number of Members in Lodge: _____

Average attendance at regular meetings: _____

** See the Lodge Activities section of the Nebraska Pillar Award. Completion of a number of these activities meets a requirement to receive that award.*