

September 2016

To: Worshipful Masters  
Senior/Junior Wardens  
Lodge Secretaries  
Instructors  
Grand Lodge Officers

**2016/2017**  
**MASTER BUILDER AWARD PROGRAM**  
**BUILDER AWARD PROGRAM Lodge**

Brethern: Please Share This With Your Officers & Members

The Master Builder Award Program; started in 1996/1997, was continued successfully for many years. Masonry in Montana, as in the past faces challenges and our very future requires the involvement of every Mason and Lodge in Montana.

As the Worshipful Master of your Lodge, you have the responsibility to see that your Lodge members are desirous of being involved in the Lodge and that they are involved. As the Senior and Junior Warden of your Lodge, you will have the responsibility for the future of your Lodge. Make the decision to see that the Worshipful Master of your Lodge receives the support that he deserves.

At the direction of Most Worshipful Brother Lewis Smith, Grand Master of A.F.& A.M. of Montana the Master Builders Program continue this year as a Grand Lodge Program.

It is my privilege to enclose this years' program for each Montana lodge to review and participate in. Please make copies for those in your lodge who want copies and prior to June 1<sup>st</sup> of 2017 the completed application needs to be mailed to me so I can have the awards in place for presentation at Grand Lodge in Missoula. I hope you find the program to be challenging and that your lodge will be rewarded by your participation.

Review the MASTER BUILDER AWARD/BUILDER AWARD PROGRAM material and make the commitment now that you and your Lodge are going to participate and receive the Master Builder Award at Grand Lodge. Call, write or e-mail me at anytime if I can be of assistance to you. An active Lodge is a happy Lodge, but more importantly, an active Lodge has a future in Montana both today and tomorrow.

Please sign and return the letter of commitment by the end of October to confirm that you and your Lodge are planning to be involved in the Master Builder Award Program.

Fraternally,

Membership Enrichment Committee  
R. W. Bro. Jeff Harada – Chairman  
State Director of Master Builder Award Program  
E-mail address: [jeffreyharada@grandlodgemontana.org](mailto:jeffreyharada@grandlodgemontana.org)  
Ph. # 406-650-1288

PLEASE MAIL THIS LETTER OF COMMITMENT BY END OF OCTOBER

October \_\_\_\_, 2016

To: Membership Enrichment Committee  
Attn. - R. W. Bro. Jeff Harada - Chairman State  
Director of Master Builder Award Program  
822 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave N  
Wolf Point, MT 59201-1210  
Ph. # 406-650-1288  
Email: [jeffreyharada@grandlodgemontana.org](mailto:jeffreyharada@grandlodgemontana.org)

Dear Brother Chairman,

Our Lodge is committed to Masonry in Montana and becoming more active and involved in our community. We are excited about and hereby acknowledge our commitment to being part of the

GRAND LODGE OF MONTANA  
MASTER BUILDER AWARD PROGRAM  
BUILDER AWARD PROGRAM

As Worshipful Master of \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge # \_\_\_\_\_  
in \_\_\_\_\_, Montana, I have appointed Brother \_\_\_\_\_ (may  
be the W.M.) to serve our Lodge as our Master Builder Awards Program Director and have asked  
him to be your contact for the 2016/2017 Masonic year.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Fraternally,

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Program Director

MASTER BUILDER AWARD  
BUILDER AWARD  
2016 / 2017  
APPLICATION AND LODGE CERTIFICATION

Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Participating Lodge: \_\_\_\_\_

Award Being Applied For:

- a) Master Builder Award \_\_\_\_\_
- b) Builder Award \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, Montana has completed the requirements of the Master Builder Award  
or Builder Award Program as above applied for.

Worshipful Master's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Attest: Lodge Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

*LODGE SEAL*

TO BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED BY JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> ALONG WITH THIS COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:



Attn. - R. W. Bro. Jeff Harada - Chairman State  
State Director of Master Builder Award Program  
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Wolf Point, MT 59201-1210

Questions maybe e-mailed Email : [jeffreyharada@grandlodgemontana.org](mailto:jeffreyharada@grandlodgemontana.org) or  
telephoned to Jeff at 406-650-1288

## **The Master Builder Award /Builder Award Program**

The primary purpose of the Master Builder Award Program and the Builder Award Program is to encourage Masonic Lodge activity and involvement in their community. It is desirable that lodges and its members become visible in their communities to let the community know who and what we are, and as responsible members of both our lodge and our community to get behind and support worthwhile lodge and community activities and projects.

There are a total of thirty two (32) standards in this program of which eleven (11) are MAJOR STANDARDS and twenty one (21) are OPTIONAL STANDARDS.

To qualify for the Master Builder Award the individual lodge must fulfill fourteen (14) standards. (Seven (7) of the Major Standards and seven (7) of the Optional Standards). To qualify for the Builder Award the individual lodge must fulfill twelve (12) standards. (Six (6) of the Major Standards and six (6) of the Optional Standards). The Worshipful Master of his lodge will be recognized at Grand Lodge and receive the award for his lodge.

### **MASTER BUILDER AWARD/BUILDER AWARD STANDARDS**

#### **Major Standards:**

1.) At least four (4) lodge members, including at least two (2) elected officers must visit a tiled meeting of another lodge.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lodge Visited: \_\_\_\_\_  
No. of Members: \_\_\_\_\_  
Elected Officers: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

2.) Establish a yearly operating budget and have it presented and approved by the membership prior to November 1<sup>st</sup> of this Masonic year.

Date Budget Completed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Budget Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

3.) The Lodge must distribute at least three (3) communications such as newsletters, trestleboards, e-mails and telephone trees to its entire membership reporting on Lodge activities and upcoming Lodge events.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Comm: \_\_\_\_\_  
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4.) Hold a social event to which the member's ladies and deceased member's widows and families are invited. Such event may include Ladies Night, Wives and Widows Night, family nights, dinners, picnics, etc.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Type of Social Event: \_\_\_\_\_  
No. Invited Guests: \_\_\_\_\_  
No. Host Members: \_\_\_\_\_  
Program: \_\_\_\_\_

5.) Conduct at least eight (8) Masonic education programs during the year. At the Worshipful Master's discretion, these programs may be part of either a stated or special meeting.

Date:	Program:
1. _____/_____	_____
2. _____/_____	_____
3. _____/_____	_____
4. _____/_____	_____
5. _____/_____	_____
6. _____/_____	_____
7. _____/_____	_____
8. _____/_____	_____
9. _____/_____	_____

6.) At least five (5) lodge members, including at least two (2) elected officers must participate in a Wardens Workshop (or- Masonic College) or District Meeting to qualify for the Master Builder Award. Three (3) lodge members, including (2) elected officers must participate for the Builder Award. NOTE: Participating members must be different members if more than one of the above are attended.

Total No. Attending: \_\_\_\_\_  
Elected Officer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Elected Officer: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

7.) The lodge under the direction of the appointed Lodge Instructor must hold a ritual workshop in at least two (2) of the three (3) degrees of Masonry with minimum of six (6) of degree participants in attendance at each workshop.

NOTE: Participants at workshops must include floor work from the First Section of the Degree or the Second Section of the Third Degree.

Lodge Instructor:	_____
1.) Date:	_____
Section/Degree:	_____
Officers Present:	_____ Members Present: _____
2.) Date:	_____
Section/Degree:	_____
Officers Present:	_____ Members Present: _____

8.) Participate in the three required Masonic Observances. (Holy Saints John, Americanism and Public Schools)

1.) Holy Saints John

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ No. Members Att.: \_\_\_\_\_ 2.)

Americanism

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ No. Members Att.: \_\_\_\_\_ 3.)

Public Schools

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ No. Members Att.: \_\_\_\_\_

9.) Three (3) lodge voting delegates must attend the current year GRAND LODGE COMMUNICATION (note all Lodges are required to be represented). Voting delegates are: Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden or their proxies, Past Masters, Lodge Treasurer and the Lodge Secretary (who is without proxy.) NOTE: Two (2) voting delegates will qualify for the Builder Award.

NOTE: BE PREPARED TO VERIFY AT GRAND LODGE

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

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

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

Lodge Treasurer: \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_ Proxies:

\_\_\_\_\_

Total Lodge Members Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

10.) Have a Membership Program in place to attract New Members and retain Current Members. A Membership Chairman must be appointed and in charge of such program.

Name of Membership Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_ Programs:

\_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Dates: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

No. Members Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

No. Non-members Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

11.) Encourage kids to read books by participating in Grand Master's "Bikes for Books/Kindles for Kids Public Charity Program" as outlined by Grand Lodge.

Number of Schools Involved: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Bikes Given: \_\_\_\_\_ Number

of Kindles Given: \_\_\_\_\_ Age Groups

Involved: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

**Optional Standards:**

1.) Invite and host a meeting within your Lodge for at least one other Lodge.

NOTE: Co-hosting more than two (2) Lodges for multiple Lodge events do not count. This could include stated meetings, workshops, seminars, Masonic discussion groups, etc.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Lodge: \_\_\_\_\_  
No. Invited Members: \_\_\_\_\_  
No. Host Members: \_\_\_\_\_  
Program: \_\_\_\_\_

2.) Hold an appreciation or recognition night/day for public servants (may be Masons or non-Masons) such a law enforcement, educators, government, medicine, science, religion, youth work, etc. Family and friends of such honorees should be invited and encouraged to attend.

NOTE: This is separate from Optional Standards No. 5 and 9.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Type of Event: \_\_\_\_\_  
No. Invited Guests: \_\_\_\_\_  
No. Host Members: \_\_\_\_\_  
Program: \_\_\_\_\_

3.) At least four (4) lodge members, including at least two (2) elected officers, visit a youth group meeting such as Job’s Daughters, Rainbow Girls, DeMolay, Boy/Girl Scouts, 4-H, FFA, scholastic clubs, sports clubs.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Youth Group: \_\_\_\_\_  
Program: \_\_\_\_\_  
No. Members Attend: \_\_\_\_\_  
Elected Officer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Elected Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

4.) At least six (6) members for the Builder Award and eight (8) members for the Master Builder Award, including three (3) elected officers must be in attendance at an “Official Visitation” to the Lodge by the Grand Master or the Grand Master’s Official Representative.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Official Officer: \_\_\_\_\_  
No. Members Attend: \_\_\_\_\_  
Elected Officer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Elected Officer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Elected Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

5.) Recognize Masons such as Past Masters, Fifty Year members, Hall of Fame, Mason of the Year or others exhibiting exceptional service to the Lodge.

Dates: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
Recognized: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
No. Recognized: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
No. Members Attend: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

6.) Participate in and promote a scholarship program making students and the general public aware of the scholarships available from the Lodge and present such scholarships personally.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Scholarship Program: \_\_\_\_\_  
Location of Program: \_\_\_\_\_  
No. In Attendance: \_\_\_\_\_  
No. Members Attend: \_\_\_\_\_

7.) Participate as a Lodge in an observance such as President's Day, Memorial Day, Veteran's Day or similar observances.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Observance: \_\_\_\_\_  
No. Members Attend: \_\_\_\_\_

8.) Participate in Public Charity/Awareness Programs.

Dates: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Programs: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

9.) Hold a fellowship night to which Masons representing concordant Masonic Bodies are invited.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Type of Program: \_\_\_\_\_  
Masonic Bodies: \_\_\_\_\_  
No. Masons Attend: \_\_\_\_\_  
No. Members Attend: \_\_\_\_\_

10.) Hold a fellowship night, open house or friendship night to which non-Masons are invited.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Type of Program: \_\_\_\_\_  
Non-Masons Attend: \_\_\_\_\_  
No. Masons Attend: \_\_\_\_\_  
No. Members Attend: \_\_\_\_\_

11.) Perform as a Lodge a public service or charitable activity such as Red Cross Blood drawing, refreshments at highway rest stops, care for home or elderly/disabled persons, collecting food or clothes for the needy, hospital services, Easter egg hunt for kids, Halloween party for kids of all ages, assist Salvation Army with ringing bells for Christmas, playing Santa Claus, etc.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Type of Activity: \_\_\_\_\_  
No. Members Attend: \_\_\_\_\_

12.) Participate in a Cleanup Program such as highways, parks, alleys, etc.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Type of Activity: \_\_\_\_\_  
No. Members Attend: \_\_\_\_\_



13.) At least four (4) Masonic couples or members, including children, as a group attend a church service of their choice.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number Involved: \_\_\_\_\_  
No. of Masons: \_\_\_\_\_

14.) As a Masonic body at least four (4) members including at least two (2) elected officers attend a County Commission, City or Town Council meeting or a meeting of any other governmental organization such as School Board, Library Board, Planning Board, etc.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Organization Attend: \_\_\_\_\_  
Size of Mtg. Attend: \_\_\_\_\_  
No. Members Attend: \_\_\_\_\_  
Elected Officer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Elected Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

15.) At least five (5) Masonic couples, including children, as a group go to a social event or outing, such as a restaurant, ballgame, picnic, etc. Masonic couples may include other Masonic bodies. (Must be totally social in nature)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Event Attended: \_\_\_\_\_  
No. Masonic Couples: \_\_\_\_\_  
Total No. Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

16.) Conduct a "Rusty Trowel Night" to better inform inactive Brothers.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
No. Rusty Attend: \_\_\_\_\_  
No. Members Attend: \_\_\_\_\_

17.) Assist five (5) shut-ins or widows during the Masonic year with such things as lawn mowing, house painting, shopping, medical needs, etc. (May be Masonic or non-Masonic)

1.) Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
2.) Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
3.) Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
4.) Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
5.) Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

18.) Conduct a fund raising activity, whereby all proceeds go to a fund within your Lodge to help Masonic Families needing financial assistance. NOTE: Further assistance may be obtained by applying to the Grand Lodge Vigilante Memorial Fund.

1.) Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
2.) Activity: \_\_\_\_\_  
3.) No. Attend: \_\_\_\_\_  
4.) Dollars Raised Lodge: \_\_\_\_\_  
5.) Dollars Memorial Fund: \_\_\_\_\_

19.) Participation of Lodge in a community function or Lodge sponsored event with at least three (3) members of the Lodge in attendance such as Founders Day, Summer Picnic, Rodeo, County Fair or as a Lodge participate in local parades by building a special float, etc. which may show the public who and what we are.

- 1.) Date: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2.) Function: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3.) Location of event: \_\_\_\_\_
- 4.) No. in Attendance: \_\_\_\_\_

20.) Conduct a dinner to honor Master Masons who have been raised or have affiliated with your Lodge within the last five (5) years.

- 1.) Date of Dinner: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2.) No. of Members Honored Attend: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3.) Total Masons in Attendance: \_\_\_\_\_

21.) You name it! Submit an outstanding activity that your Lodge has done this Masonic year that is not included in the within named Major or Optional Standards that your Lodge thinks was important and perhaps should be included in future Master Builder Award Programs.

- Date: \_\_\_\_\_
  - You Name It Event: \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - Purpose of Event: \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - Total No. Attending: \_\_\_\_\_
  - No. of Masons Attend: \_\_\_\_\_
-