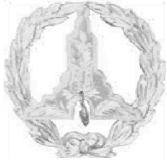


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TO: ALL DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

SUBJ: WORSHIPFUL MASTER AND LODGE OF THE YEAR AWARD NOMINATIONS

I extend fraternal and seasonal greetings to each of you and hope this communication find you and your district doing well and in good spirit.

The Prince Hall Grand Lodge Annual Awards Committee is proud to announce its **2010 Annual Awards Program**. Enclosed you will find the Annual Awards Packet for **“Worshipful Master of the Year”** and **“Lodge of the Year.”**

District Deputy Grand Master, this is an opportunity for you to distinguish and recognize that Worshipful Master and Lodge that has made significant contributions in their lodge, district, grand lodge and community. It is essential that you read through the entire packet for its contents.

Considering that this may be a difficult task, as there may be many of your Masters and Lodges that are deserving of this nomination, there is only one that stands out above the rest.

Please make careful assessment of the contributions of each of your Worshipful Masters and Lodges in determining your nomination for these awards.

Enclosed you will find the criteria and guidelines for submitting your nominations to the Awards Committee. If there are any questions or concerns as to the content of the package do not hesitate to contact me (Awards Chair) at the above contact information.

Again, we look forward to receiving your nomination packets and wish you the best of luck.

Fraternally,

GARDNER M. TORRENCE SR.

R.W. Grand Senior Warden
Grand Lodge Annual Awards Chairman

Cc: M.W. Kenneth B. Anthony, Grand Master of Masons

WORSHIPFUL MASTER OF THE YEAR

ELIGIBILITY:

- ✓ Any Worshipful Master (W.M.) who is a member in good standings of a Lodge currently chartered by the MWPHGL State of Washington and Jurisdiction.
- ✓ A W.M. **must be nominated** by his District Deputy Grand Master (D.D.G.M.).
- ✓ Nominations **must arrived** by established deadline.

NOMINATIONS:

- ✓ Each D.D.G.M. may nominate **ONE** eligible W.M. from his respective District.
- ✓ Nominations **must be typed, double-spaced** and must not exceed **two** pages.
- ✓ Nominations must include full name of the W.M. and name & number of the W.M. Lodge
- ✓ Complete package **must be signed** by the applicable D.D.G.M. and forwarded to the following address:

R.W. Gardner M. Torrence Sr.

Annual Awards Committee Chairman

P.O. Box 382 • Airway Heights WA 99001

SELECTION CRITERIA:

Nomination packets **must** comprised statements from the following areas; to be written in “**Bullet Format**”. Each individual statement shall include plain and simple: **what was done--how it was done--and what effect** it had upon the Grand Lodge, District, Lodge or community:

Example:

W.M. Smith conducted a lodge raffle at its annual raising; funds raised were donated to a local orphanage.

Below are the following compromised areas that must be represented in the submission:

- ✓ **Masonic Proficiency**
- ✓ **Lodge Management**
- ✓ **Support of Grand Lodge Programs**
- ✓ **Training Programs/Instructions**
- ✓ **Community Involvement**
- ✓ **Creativity**
- ✓ **Knowledge of Masonic Law, Customs and Ancient Landmarks.**

WHERE TO SEND COMPLETED PACKETS:

All Awards Packets from D.D.G.M.s must be complete and returned to address listed above, post marked **not later than 1 May 2010**. **All** packets post marked after the deadline date **will not be considered**.

NOTE: In accordance with established criteria and guidelines, the Annual Award Committee will have sole jurisdiction over the manner in which the packets are reviewed and considered. The committee will make its recommendations to the **Grand Master whom will have final decision on the selections**.

The names of nominees will be announced at the Annual Grand Session and winner announce at the Annual Awards Banquet.

LODGE OF THE YEAR

ELIGIBILITY:

- ✓ All Chartered Lodges of the M.W.P.H.G.L., Free & Accepted Masons, State of Washington and Jurisdiction that are performing in accordance with the Constitution, By-laws and Regulations of this Grand Lodge.
- ✓ The Lodge must be nominated by his District Deputy Grand Master (D.D.G.M.).
- ✓ Nomination Packets must arrive by established deadline

NOMINATIONS:

- ✓ Each D.D.G.M. may nominate **ONE** eligible Lodge from his respective District.
- ✓ Nominations **must be typed, double-spaced** and must not exceed **two** pages.
- ✓ Nominations must include full name and number of Lodge
- ✓ Complete package **must be signed** by the applicable D.D.G.M. and forwarded to the following address:

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Annual Awards Committee Chairman

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SELECTION CRITERIA:

Nomination packets (write-ups) must comprised statements from the following areas; to be written in **“Bullet Format”** to include **what was done--how it was done--and what effect** it had upon the Grand Lodge, District, Lodge or community:

Example:

PH Lodge #1 supported the Grand Lodge by furnishing refreshment at its annual workshop; the lodge donated a portion of the funds generated back to the GL in support of the GL building fund.

Below are the following compromised areas that must be represented in the submission:

- ✓ **Quarterly Taxes Current**
- ✓ **Membership Increased**
- ✓ **Community Activities**
- ✓ **Participation in Youth Programs**
- ✓ **Administration and management efficiency in conducting lodge business**
- ✓ **Support of Grand Lodge Programs**
- ✓ **Attendance and Support of Grand/District Sessions called by Grand Lodge**

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