

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AWARDS COMMITTEE

R.W. Gardner M. Torrence Sr.

July 14, 2009

To: The Most Worshipful Kenneth B. Anthony, Grand Master, Visiting Grand Masters, Past Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Junior Warden, Right Worshipful and Worshipful Grand Lodge Officers, Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, Visiting Dignitaries, and All Brethren Assembled

Fraternal Greetings,

Your Committee on the **2009 Annual Awards Committee** is pleased to announce its findings and I humbly express my personal thanks to this committee for their exceptional professionalism of the assignment set before them.

On 1 January 2009 the Official Annual Awards Package were sent to all the District Deputies detailing the selection criteria for the nominations for **LODGE and WORSHIPFUL MASTER of the Year**; and likewise to all lodge Worshipful Masters for their nominee for **MASTER MASON of the Year**. The selection criteria is attached separate, but is a part of this report.

District Deputy Grand Masters were given the opportunity to rightfully recognize that Worshipful Master and Lodge that had made the most significant contributions in their lodge, district and community. Knowing that this would be a difficult task, as there were many worshipful masters and lodges deserving of this nomination, there can only be one that stands out above the rest.

Similarly Worshipful Masters was given the same opportunity to recognize that Master Mason who had clearly shown himself approved in our timed honored fraternity of masonry and had made significant contributions to their lodge and community. As we all know that many members of lodges are justified of this nomination, the worshipful master has the daunting task of only nomination one.

Your committee on the 2009 Annual Awards is pleased to report the assessment of all packages submitted within their respective categories. The team received **Five (5) Master Mason** nominations of **61 Lodge's** assigned to this Grand Jurisdiction for **Master Mason of the Year** for a submission percentage of **8%**; Four **(4) Lodge** nominations of **Nine (9)** districts assigned for **Lodge of the Year**; a submission percentage of **44%**; and **Five (5) Worshipful Master** nominations of the **Nine (9)** districts assigned for **Worshipful Master of the Year** for a submission percentage of **56%**.

MASTER MASON OF THE YEAR

If any of the nominees are in attendance, will you please stand and remain standing

- From **Hamma Hamma Lodge #35** - submitted by **W.M. John D. Davis** - **Bro. Samuel R. Nick Jr.**
- From **Pride of Orient Lodge #55** - submitted by **W.M. Ernest J. McKee** - **Bro. Jonathan Yates**
- From **Mabuhay Lodge #59** - submitted by **W.M. Norman Swainer** - **Bro. Rodney L. Shockley**
- From **Okinawa Military Lodge #68** - submitted by **W.M. Perry J. Cooke** - **Bro. Auburn Edwards**
- From **Julius A. Headen Lodge #102** - submitted by **W.M. Jason A. Koutsalas** - **Bro. Kevin Ridenour**

Please give these brothers a rousing round of applause for consideration.

WINNER - MASTER MASON OF THE YEAR

Bro. Kevin Ridenour - Julius A. Headen Lodge #102

LODGE OF THE YEAR

If any of the lodge nominee legal representatives are in attendance, will you please stand and remain standing

- From **Masonic District #2** - submitted by **R.W. Julius W. Brown** - **Lee Grant Rogers Lodge #61**
- From **Masonic District No. 6** - submitted by **R.W. Gregory Nicholson** - **Genesis Lodge #89**
- From **Masonic District No. 7** - submitted by **R.W. Derrick Williams** - **Okinawa Military Lodge #68**
- From **Masonic District No. 12** - submitted by **R.W. Norman Macon** - **Mabuhay Lodge #59**

Please give these brothers a rousing round of applause for consideration.

WINNER - LODGE OF THE YEAR

Lee Grant Rogers Lodge #61 - Masonic District #2

WORSHIPFUL MASTER OF THE YEAR

If any of the lodge Worshipful Master or legal representative are in attendance, will you please stand and remain standing

- From **Masonic District #2** - submitted by **R.W. Julius W. Brown** - **W.M. Darrell Wheatley #73**
- From **Masonic District No. 6** - submitted by **R.W. Gregory Nicholson** - **W.M. Timothy Graves #97**
- From **Masonic District No. 7** - submitted by **R.W. Derrick Williams** - **W.M. Perry J. Cooke #68**
- From **Masonic District No. 9** - submitted by **R.W. Andrew Morgan** - **W.M. Tony White #80**
- From **Masonic District No. 12** - submitted by **R.W. Norman Macon** - **W.M. Norman Swainer #59**

Again please give these brothers a rousing round of applause for consideration.

WINNER - WORSHIPFUL MASTER OF THE YEAR

W.M. Tony White #80 - Masonic District No. 9

In closing, the committee conveys our heartfelt pleasure for the afforded opportunity to serve this Grand Body in the said capacity.

Fraternally,



GARDNER M. TORRENCE SR. #42

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS COMMITTEE:

R.W. Gardner M. Torrence Sr., Chair
R.W. Glenn A. Marshall #49
R.W. Mario Williams #62
R.W. Daniel R. Poole #68
R.W. Alex Pratt #93
R.W. James E. Thompson #94
P.M. Damien Jiles #102

Separate Attachments:

- Criteria for Lodge of the Year
- Criteria for Worshipful Master
- Criteria for Master Mason of the Year