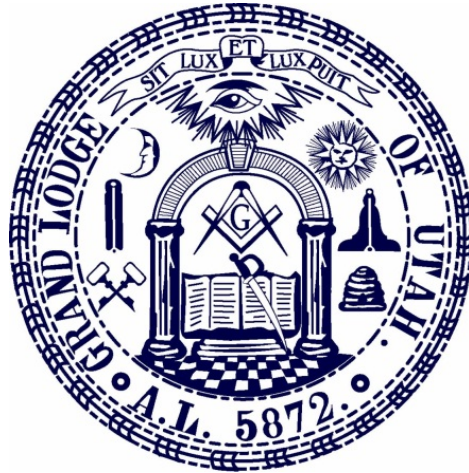


# **MASTER BUILDER AWARD PROGRAM**



**Most Worshipful Grand Lodge  
Free and Accepted Masons of Utah  
650 E South Temple  
Salt Lake City, UT 84102  
(801) 363-2936**

# Master Builder Award Program

## MANDATORY REQUIREMENT

Perform, as a lodge, a community service, public service or charitable activity with at least three lodge members participating. Some examples are conducting a Red Cross blood draw, "adopt a highway" clean-up, care for home-bound or elderly/disabled persons, collecting food or clothing for the needy, hospital services, assist the Salvation Army with ringing bells for Christmas, Sub-for-Santa, or other community service activity.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ No. members present: \_\_\_\_\_

Activity: \_\_\_\_\_

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## MAJOR STANDARDS

1. Three lodge delegates must participate in the current year Grand Lodge Communication. Voting delegates are: Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden or their proxies. Note: Two voting delegates will qualify for the Master Builder Award.

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

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

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

Total members in attendance: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Establish a yearly operating budget and have it presented to the membership by the second regular business meeting following the installation of the ensuing year's lodge officers.

Meeting date budget was presented: \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting date budget was approved: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Hold at least one lodge fund-raising activity or event in order to raise money to supplement the lodge's annual operating budget.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ No. members present: \_\_\_\_\_

Fundraising activity: \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Conduct at least five Masonic education programs during the year. At the Worshipful Master's discretion, these programs may be part of either a stated or special meeting, or in a public forum on a Masonic topic.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Description or title: \_\_\_\_\_

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5. See that the three degrees of Masonry are conducted during the year. Note: In the absence of actual candidates the lodge should perform the degrees with someone representing the candidate:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Degree conducted: \_\_\_\_\_

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6. At least four lodge members, including at least two elected officers, must visit a tyled meeting of another lodge.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ No. members present: \_\_\_\_\_

Elected officers: \_\_\_\_\_

Lodge visited: \_\_\_\_\_

7. The lodge must distribute at least three written communications (such as newsletters or *Trestleboard*) to its entire membership reporting on lodge activities and upcoming events. Announcements on social media cannot be used to meet this requirement.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Communication: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Communication: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Communication: \_\_\_\_\_

8. At least five lodge members, including at least two elected officers, must participate in a warden's retreat, regional Masonic workshop or Grand Lecturer's workshop. Note: For a warden's retreat, a minimum of two of the following officers must attend; Senior Deacon, Junior Warden, or Senior Warden.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ No. members present: \_\_\_\_\_

Officers Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## BASIC STANDARDS

1. Invite and host a meeting for at least one other lodge. Note: Co-hosting by more than two lodges for multiple lodge events does not count. This could however include workshops, seminars, Masonic discussion groups, etc.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of lodge: \_\_\_\_\_

No. invited members attending: \_\_\_\_\_ No. host members: \_\_\_\_\_

Program: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Hold a social event to which the members' spouses and deceased members' widows are invited with or without families. Such event could include a spouse night, wives and widows night, dinners, picnics, ice cream socials, dances, etc.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Type of social: \_\_\_\_\_

No. invited members attending: \_\_\_\_\_ No. host members: \_\_\_\_\_

Program: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Recognize Masons, such as Past Masters, fifty-year members, etc., at a lodge meeting or other special event such as a dinner.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Group recognized: \_\_\_\_\_

No. recognized: \_\_\_\_\_ No. members present: \_\_\_\_\_

Program: \_\_\_\_\_

4. At least four lodge members, including at least two elected officers, visit a Job's Daughters or DeMolay meeting,

OR

hold a meeting with them in which they may present a program about their activities or ritual presentation,

OR

the lodge may entertain them. Note: This does not include attendance at installation for the youth groups or the lodge. If no Masonic related youth groups as herein mentioned are available in the community, then other youth groups may be substituted such as Boy/Girl Scouts, 4-H, FFA, scholastic clubs,

sports clubs, etc.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Youth group: \_\_\_\_\_

No. members attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Elected officers: \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Participate in a community charity event (not simply a donation) either through sponsorship or assisting in the charity event,  
OR  
conduct a fund-raising activity (not simply a donation), whereby all proceeds go to the community charity event.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ No. members present: \_\_\_\_\_

Activity: \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount donated: \_\_\_\_\_

6. As a lodge, make an educational presentation or other activity to a local school or college on an appropriate topic, such as charity work, community service, etc., with at least two lodge members present.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ No. members present: \_\_\_\_\_

Activity: \_\_\_\_\_

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7. Hold a fellowship night, open house, Meet-up, or friendship night to which non-Masons are invited. Note: This is separate from activities used to qualify under other standards but can include public exchanges with other fraternal groups, father/son dinner, Mason/DeMolay dinner, non-member dinner, etc.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ No. members: \_\_\_\_\_ Non-members: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of program: \_\_\_\_\_

8. As a Masonic body with at least four members including at least two 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: \_\_\_\_\_ No. members present: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Elected officers:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

9. Assist five 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.)

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

Service: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Service: \_\_\_\_\_

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

10. Hold a table lodge in accordance with the Utah Table Lodge Ritual or a festive

board in accordance with the Utah Festive Board Ceremony.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ No. members present: \_\_\_\_\_

11. Conduct a "Rusty Trowel Night" in accordance with the Utah "Rusty Trowel Ceremony".

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ No. members present: \_\_\_\_\_

12. Conduct a dinner to honor new lodge members who have been raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason within the last year.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

No. new members: \_\_\_\_\_ Total no. members present: \_\_\_\_\_

13. At least four lodge members, including children if available, as a group attend a non-Masonic religious service of their choice.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of religious entity: \_\_\_\_\_

No. members attending: \_\_\_\_\_

14. Recite the degree Charges for all three degrees from memory in open lodge.

Date EA Charge recited: \_\_\_\_\_

Date FC Charge recited: \_\_\_\_\_

Date MM Charge recited: \_\_\_\_\_

15. At least four lodge members assist in a degree of another Utah lodge.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge visited: \_\_\_\_\_

Members: \_\_\_\_\_

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16. At least three lodge members earn an award in the Grand Lodge Ritual Proficiency Program.<sup>1</sup>

Members: \_\_\_\_\_

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17. Host a regional ritual practice at which members from at least three lodges attend and participate.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Other lodges attending: \_\_\_\_\_

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.utahgrandlodge.org/ritual-proficiency-program.html>

## Appendix B - Award Application

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of lodge: \_\_\_\_\_

To: Chairman, Grand Lodge Education Committee  
650 E South Temple  
Salt Lake City, UT 84102

RE: Utah Masonic Master Builder Award Program

Dear Brother Chairman:

I hereby certify that the above-named lodge, F. & A.M. of Utah, has completed the requirements of the Master Builder Award.

Master's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Master's name: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

Secretary's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary's name: \_\_\_\_\_

LODGE SEAL

*Return with completed application by December 1<sup>st</sup> to:*

The Grand Lodge Education Committee  
650 E South Temple  
Salt Lake City, UT 84102