



GRAND LODGE A.:F.: & A.:M.: OF NEBRASKA



2010 Combined Award Application: NEBRASKA PILLAR AWARD AND GRAND MASTER'S LEADERSHIP AWARD

The **Nebraska Pillar Award** recognizes **lodges** that perform the required activities, which can result in a successful year, a stronger lodge and a fulfilling experience for members.

The **Grand Master's Leadership Award** recognizes **Masters** who perform required activities during the year, which will help to activate your lodge, create interest in members and increase awareness in your community. It includes the Grand Master's Leadership Award, the Grand Master's Leadership Award with Distinction (see the Membership section) and Master of the Year. Find additional lodge activity ideas in the Lodge Leadership Manual.

Instructions: If an item is applicable to one of the awards, a checkbox will be listed in the column under that particular award. If there is no checkbox in the column, that item does not need to be completed to receive that award. In some cases, only a certain number of items listed in a category must be completed for an award, please read the sections carefully. Unless otherwise noted, each item must be completed where there is a checkbox under the respective award in the right-hand columns.

This application must be postmarked not later than December 31st, each calendar year and sent to: Grand Lodge Office, 1240 N. 10th Street, Lincoln ,NE 68508-1125.

_____ **Lodge No.** _____, _____, **Nebraska**

Prepared by: _____ **Signature:** _____

Date: _____ **Telephone:** _____

Complete Application for Lodge Activities: January - December

Grand Master's Program

NE Pillar

GM Leadership

Check boxes in both columns if applicable

Change for the Troops. Your lodge participated in the Change for the Troops program,.....
collecting spare change after each meeting and mailing it to the Grand Lodge for the purchase of phone cards for troops being deployed to Afghanistan and Iraq.

Lodge Meetings & Operations

(Must complete all options for the GM Leadership Award; for the Pillar Award, complete at least three of the following.)

Stated Meetings. Stated meetings held according to bylaws and all started on time.

Trestleboard. Published a trestleboard/newsletter at least quarterly

Other Programs. Held a special program (other than Masonic Education)
before or after at least four meetings

Installation. Installation was open to the public and advertised in advance

Clean-up Lodge. Held a clean-up-our-lodge day. *Date(s) held:* _____

Ritual Work

(Must complete both options for GM Leadership Award; for the Pillar Award, complete at least one of the following.)

Lodge Proficiency. Lodge certified in Opening and Closing of lodge.

Central School of Instruction Hosted or participated in a Central School of Instruction
under the direction of the Grand Custodian

Ritual Practice. Held at least three practices of ritual work. *Date(s) held:* _____

Grand Lodge Activities and Reports

Annual Communication. The elected and installed Master or a Warden attended
Annual Communication (*for the Leadership Award, the Master must have attended*).

Area Meeting. Members attended Area Meeting in the Fall.
Date and location attended: _____

Monthly Reports. Monthly reports submitted to the Grand Lodge each month

Annual Returns. Lodge Secretary submitted annual returns, IRS 990 worksheet
and Grand Lodge dues by deadline.

Check boxes in both columns if applicable

Committees. Membership Sustaining Committee appointed.....
 and reported to the Grand Lodge on time.

Education

Education Program. Masonic education presented for at least six regular meetings.

Education Committee. The Lodge has an Education Committee and the
 Lodge Education Committee report was submitted to the Grand Lodge on time.

Newsletter. A Masonic Education topic is included in the Lodge newsletter at least quarterly.

Symposiums. A member of the lodge attended one of the Spring or Fall Masonic Education
 Symposiums or the Masonic Education Breakfast at Annual Communication.....

Fellowship

Lodge Visits. At least three lodge members visited another Masonic lodge, not as part
 of assistance in ritual work. *Date and lodge visited:* _____

Masonic Events. Held a Special Masonic celebration (i.e., St. John’s Dinner, Palm Sunday ...
 Breakfast, Rusty Nail Degree, etc.) *List events:* _____

Fellowship-Building Activities. Held at least one fellowship-building activity:
 (i.e., observe patriotic dates, family night, lodge picnic, event for children, costume
 party, program before meeting for wife and/or children, meals, sports, etc.)
List and explain events: _____

Community and Fraternal Service

(Must complete all options for the GM Leadership Award; for the Pillar Award, complete at least three of the following.)

Scholarship. Participated (at least \$125) in the Grand Lodge Academic Scholarship program.

Masonic All-Star Marching Band. Gave one or more Masonic Band scholarships

Masonic Charities. Made a contribution to The Nebraska Masonic Home or the Masonic-
 Eastern Star Home for Children.

Widow’s Event. Held a Widow’s or Special Ladies event. *Describe event(s):* _____

Community Activities. Supported a Community Activity or Organization (i.e., sponsored
 a sports team, gave to the Omaha Home for Boys, Salvation Army, cleaned a highway section,
 painted a widow’s home, float in a parade, organized a blood drive, delivered meals, etc.)
Describe the event(s): _____

Lodge Finances

Budget. Developed a budget for the year showing income and expenses (attach for credit).

Fundraiser. Held a fundraiser for the lodge or a charity. *Event and date held:* _____

Membership

Membership Awards. Requested and presented all membership awards (year pins).....
 for the year and reported all to the Grand Lodge

Dues Notices. Dues notices were sent to all members.

Suspended Members. Contacted at least 3 suspended members about reinstating membership.

Membership. Maintained same number of members as at end of last year, or
 increased membership.

For Distinction. To earn the Grand Master’s Leadership Award with Distinction, your lodge .
 must show a year-end net gain of 3 percent in membership (*verified by Grand Lodge*).

This year’s membership: _____

Previous year’s membership: _____

Difference: _____

Percent of increase: _____