

# APPLICATION FOR THE 2017 LION AND PILLAR LODGE OF EXCELLENCE AWARD



To the Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

We went to work, and now as the elected officers of \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ submit the following information, completed and attached, as true and accurate for this Lodge. We understand and agree that all items are subject to review by the District Deputy Grand Master; Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education; Financial Officers of the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford, WhiteStone: A Masonic and Eastern Star Community, and the NC Masonic Foundation; The Board of Publications; Appendant and Concordant organizations connected to Freemasonry in North Carolina; and the Grand Secretary; with final approval by the Grand Master. We agree to submit the form to:

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We understand that this request and checklist application MUST be submitted and MUST be received no later than June 30, 2017 for consideration in the current year. Signed by:

_____ Master	_____ Date
_____ Senior Warden	_____ Date
_____ Junior Warden	_____ Date
_____ Secretary	_____ Date
_____ Treasurer	_____ Date

Section 1 Education

1 of 5 Requirements

1. That we have completed the 10-point program of the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education
2. A member of our lodge participated in the Davie Academy

3. Enrolled at least one person in Wilkerson College
4. At least one member participated in the Middle Chamber program
5. We attended the Grand Master's Classes about Davie on\_\_\_\_\_.

Section 2 Patriotism

2 Requirements

1. That we set aside and it is in the minutes of our lodge that veterans were honored on \_\_\_\_\_ at a regular stated meeting of the lodge.
2. That we completed a project of recognition of our veterans (e.g. National Sojourners, VFW) approved by the DDGM or Grand Master on \_\_\_\_\_ . **(Attach a brief description of the project)**

Section 3 Philanthropy

1 Requirement, One Understanding

1. That in 2016 we contributed \$ \_\_\_\_\_to the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford,\$\_\_\_\_\_to the WhiteStone LLC, and \$\_\_\_\_\_to the NC Masonic Foundation. We plan to increase our giving in 2017.
2. If we gave nothing in 2016, we will give an average of at least \$3 per member per charity by May 30, 2017 to receive the award in 2017. We plan to increase our giving in 2017.

Section 4 Masonic Membership

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1. That our lodge is making full use of MORI, including financial pages and adding or updating member email addresses OR
2. That our lodge had ZERO members suspended for non-payment of dues OR
3. All of our candidates advanced within the time frame required by The Code OR
4. That the lodge offers written explanation for why we are not using MORI OR why there were suspensions OR why candidates did not advance.

Section 5 Affiliated Connections

2 Requirements

1. Provide one of the following with an attached list or report as appropriate:
  - a. A list with at least one of our members who joined EITHER the Scottish Rite, York Rite, Order of the Eastern Star, the Shrine, or any other appendant/ concordant organization before June 30, 2017.
  - b. A report outlining our sponsorship of a Masonic Youth Organization.
  - c. A report outlining our sponsorship of a local Boy or Girl Scout troop.
  - d. A report outlining how our lodge reached out to the community through schools, ROTC, local food pantries, or homeless shelters as approved by the DDGM prior to June 30, 2017.
2. That our lodge has adopted the attached pre-approved publicity plan created by the Board of Publications or created our own which has been certified by the Chair of the Board of Publications and Editor of the NC Mason.