

**Lodge Education Officer of the Year
2016-2017 Criteria**

Nominations must be made by the Lodge of which the Brother is making the presentation.

Selected by:

- 1. Subject of the presentation. (100 pts. -10 per presentation)**
 - a. The history of Masonry and its evolution**
 - b. Instruction on Masonic protocol and etiquette**
 - c. Discussions of Masonic principals and core ideologies**
 - d. Misconceptions of the Craft**
 - e. Short talk bulletins**
 - f. Commission on Masonic Education materials**
- 2. Recommendations on suitable reading materials. (10 pts extra credit)**
 - a. fact based websites**
 - b. books**
 - c. periodicals**
- 3. Masonic Education presentations in non-tyled settings. (10 pts. Extra credit)**
 - a. Masonic banquets**
 - b. open table lodges**
 - c. Informational nights, rush parties**
 - d. lodge open house events**
 - e. outside groups (other Masonic affiliated groups, chambers of commerce, service organizations etc.)**

Suggested Web Sites for Masonic Education Materials (South Dakota Grand Lodge Commission on Masonic Education)

South Dakota Sites:

Grand Lodge of South Dakota	http://mastermason.com/southdakota/
South Dakota Lodge of Masonic Research	http://mastermason.com/sdresearchlodge/
South Dakota York Rite	http://members.aol.com/YorkRiteFM/SouthDakota
Frontier Army Lodge of Masonic Research	http://www.falmr.org

U.S. and International Sites:

Research Lodges- worldwide	http://www.bessel.org/research.htm
U.S. Grand Lodge links	http://www.masonicjewelry.com/Links.html
Scottish Rite Freemasonry, S.J.	http://www.srmason-sj.org/test/index.htm
Scottish Rite Research Society	http://www.srmason-sj.org/test/srrs.htm
York Rite Freemasonry	http://mastermason.com/mmlinks/YR.htm
Masonic Education Web Page-GL of Ark.	http://www.arkmason.org/educ.htm
Southern California Research Lodge	http://www.calodges.org/scrl/
The Philalethes Society	http://freemasonry.org/psoc/joseph.htm
The Phylaxis Society (Prince Hall)	http://freemasonry.org/phylaxis
Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Kansas	http://www.phglks.org/
Masonic Service Association	http://www.msana.com/
One More Time, Please!	http://www.linshaw.com/omtp/omtp.html
Capstone Masonic Videos	http://www.masonictv.com/
Masonic Music	http://home.earthlink.net/~threelemmings/mm/
Another good starting point	http://www.mastermason.com
Type the following into your search engines:	
For index of Masonic newsgroups	alt.freemasonry
For broad starting point	Freemasonry

• From the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota •

Article I: The Principles of Freemasonry: Landmarks

In which, insofar as they are Landmarks, it is not in the power of any man, or body of men, to make innovation are as follows:

1. The Modes of Recognition
2. The division of symbolic Masonry into three Degrees
3. The legend of the Third Degree
4. The government of the fraternity by a presiding officer called a Grand Master, who is elected from the body of the Craft.
5. The prerogative of the Grand Master to preside over every assembly of the Craft, whatsoever and whenever held.
6. The prerogative of the Grand Master to grant dispensations for conferring Degrees at irregular times.
7. The prerogative of the Grand Master to grant dispensations for opening and holding Lodges.
8. The prerogative of the Grand Master to make Masons at sight.
8. The necessity for Masons to congregate in Lodges.
9. The government of every Lodge by a Master and two Wardens.
10. The necessity that every Lodge when congregated should be duly tiled.
11. The right of every Mason to be represented in all general meetings of the Craft and to instruct his representatives.
12. The right of every Mason to appeal from the decision of his brethren in Lodge convened, to the Grand Lodge or General Assembly of Masons.
13. The right of every Mason to visit and sit in every regular Lodge.
14. That no visitor not known to some Brother present as a Mason can enter a Lodge without undergoing an examination.
15. That no Lodge can interfere in the business or labor of another Lodge.
16. That every Freemason is amenable to the laws and regulations of the Masonic Jurisdiction in which he resides.
17. That every candidate for initiation must be a man, free-born and of lawful age.
18. That every Mason must believe in the existence of God as the Grand Architect of the Universe.
19. That every Mason must believe in a resurrection to a future life.
20. That a book of the law of God must constitute an indispensable part of the furniture of every Lodge.

21. That all men in the sight of God are equal and meet in the Lodge on one common level.
22. That Freemasonry is a fraternal society in possession of secrets that may not be divulged to the uninitiated.
23. That Freemasonry consists of a speculative science, founded on an operative art.
24. *That the Landmarks of Masonry can never be changed.*