

# Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of F & A.M. Jurisdiction of Indiana

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## Public Relations Commission

To: Worshipful Masters, Wardens and Brothers  
From: Prince Hall Grand Lodge Public Relations Commission  
Re: Prince Hall Grand Lodge Awards Nominations  
Date: March 21, 2024

Greetings,

You will find a copy of the nomination form with this communication to be used for all award nominees. Please provide as much information as possible regarding your nominee as it will be helpful in the selection process. Please, one form per nominee, so make copies of the form before you fill it out. **Also remember your District Deputy, Worshipful Master, and lodge Secretary must sign off on all nominations.** Any and all nominations that does not the appropriate signatures will be voided.

**Deadline for all nominees is Monday, June 10th.** All nomination forms should be mailed to the Grand East, Post Office Box 26104 Indianapolis, IN 46226. Mark them attention to the *Public Relations Commission*.

Fraternally,

PM Kenneth "Biz" Allen,  
Chairman  
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## **Public Relations Commission Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Indiana Awards and Certificates**

1. Mason of the Year
2. Worshipful Master of the Year
3. Prince Hall Freedom Award
4. Secretary of the Year Award
5. Saint Johns Award
6. Prince Hall Award
7. Increase in Membership Award
8. Leadership Symposium Award
9. Public Relations Award
10. Twenty, Twenty-Five, Thirty, Thirty-Five, Forty, Forty-Five and Fifty Year Certificates
11. Distinguished Service Certificates

### **Mason of the Year Award – Plaque**

This plaque is awarded for outstanding service, leadership, fidelity and integrity (which are inculcated in the allegory and symbolism of the twenty-four inch gage). The recipient must be Master Mason no less than five (5) years, and must have exemplified in daily life those traits which distinguishes a true Mason. Merit will be given for those services or contributions made to his lodge and community. Those contributions which elevate the image of the Fraternity within the community, and receive respect for himself and Masonry will be considered.

#### *Eligibility:*

No elected Grand Lodge Officer, Worshipful Master or members of the Public Relations Commission are eligible with his lodge, and shall have been a Master Mason for at least five (5) years.

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## **Worshipful Master of the Year Award**

This award is presented to a Worshipful Master in recognition of the designs which he laid out upon his Trestle Board. The purpose of this award is to inspire each Master to keep the craft diligently at labor, thereby completing the Temple.

- (a) The recipient must have been a Master of his lodge for at least one full calendar year, and attended each of his stated meetings.
- (b) The Worshipful Master must have participated with his membership in the Saint Johns Day Service, Prince Hall Day, Fall & Spring workshops, and any District workshops.
- (c) The Worshipful Master must be able to open, close and initiate men into his Lodge and give the burial rites.
- (d) The Worshipful Master shall also be rated in the following categories:
  - a. Whether membership of his lodge increased or decreased during his tenure.
  - b. The Worshipful Master must see that all reports are sent to the Grand Secretary in a timely manner.
  - c. How and if the Worshipful Master and his membership supported the Grand Lodge Program.

*Eligibility:* All immediate Past Masters having served the previous year.

## **Prince Hall Freedom Award**

The founder of the Prince Hall Masonry was one of the first champions for freedom, both for his country and his race. The award is given in the memory of Prince Hall, to one who has championed the cause of freedom, especially in the areas of civil rights.

*Eligibility:* Mason and non-masons, male or female are eligible for nomination. This is the only award category that is open to non-masons, and it is not based on Masonic service. It is presented to one who has shown and exerted leadership in the area of

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Human rights as a professional or as a citizen. The merit of attainment is based upon the impact of the accomplishment.

## **Prince Hall Day Award**

This award is presented to Master Mason of at least five (5) years who has a positive attitude towards himself and others. A desire to be of service to the lodge, the church and the community is required. He must demonstrate a flexible attitude towards new approaches of Masonic and community programs and/or projects. He must be recommended by his Worshipful Master, approved by the District Deputy Grand Master and evaluated by the Public Relations Commission.

*Eligibility:* No elected Grand Lodge officers, is eligible for nomination. The nominee shall be a member in good standing with his lodge, and shall have been a Master Mason for at least five (5) years.

## **Secretary of the Year**

This award is given to the secretary who over the immediate year continued to be service of the Worshipful Master and the membership of the Lodge. The recipient of this award must adhere to the following:

- (a) Be thoroughly familiar with Masonic forms and know when they are to be used.
- (b) Be familiar with the bylaws of his Lodge and the Grand Lodge.
- (c) By July 1<sup>st</sup>, make a full and correct annual return to the Grand Lodge of all those who have been initiated, passed and raised.
- (d) Transmit by January 15<sup>th</sup>, a certificate of the names and residences of the officers elected and installed to the Grand Secretary.
- (e) Make quarterly reports to the Secretary of the Mortuary Relief Fund.
- (f) Report immediately to Grand Secretary the suspension of a member, together with a statement showing the cause of such a suspension.

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## **Saint John's Day Award**

There will be three (3) cups awarded, the C.R. Richardson for lodges with less than fifty one (51) members, the W.W. Waldon for lodges with fifty one (51) to one hundred (100) members, and the E.J. Davis for lodges with more than one hundred (100) members. These cups are given for attendance at Saint John's Day service based on percentage of membership participating in the service.

## **Grand Lodge Increase in Membership Award**

As the name implies, this award is for those lodges that have a greater increase in membership percentage wise, based on their report to the Works and Returns Committee. Two cups will be awarded, one to the lodge with less than one hundred (100) members and one to the lodge with more than one hundred and one (101) members. The increase must be a minimum of four (4) members to be considered.

## **Leadership Symposium Attendance Award**

There will be three (3) awards given, the W.H. Weaver for lodges with less than fifty (50) members, the C.W. Foster for lodges with fifty one (51) to one hundred (100) members, and the T.G. Waldon award for lodge with more than one hundred (100) members. The awards are given based on the percentage of membership registered for the Leadership Symposiums.

## **Public Relations Commission Award**

The Public Relations Commission award is given to encourage more publicity of events that are being presented by the local lodges. Cash prize awards of one hundred dollars (\$100) for first place, seventy-five dollars (\$75) for second place, and fifty dollars (\$50) for third place. Please send your folder or book with all other nominations. You can also email a video of your activities to [inphapr@hotmail.com](mailto:inphapr@hotmail.com).

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## **50 Year Membership Certificates**

As the names imply these certificates are award for continues service to the Fraternity. Fifty Year members will also receive a pin and certificate.

## **Distinguished Service Certificates**

These certificates will be presented to members who have been served the lodge, the Worshipful Master and the Grand Lodge. These are not competitive. Any member can presented one upon the recommendation of the Worshipful Master.

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## Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F & A.M. Jurisdiction of Indiana Public Relations Commission **Awards Nomination Form**

*Please Type or Print*

Check For which award your nominee's name is being submitted.

- The Mason of the Year Award
- The Worshipful Master of the Year Award
- Prince Hall Freedom Award
- The Secretary of the Year Award
- Fifty Year Member Award
- Distinguished Service Certificate
- Prince Hall Day Award

Complete those questions which are pertinent for consideration and best support your nominee:

Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Residence \_\_\_\_\_ City & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Married \_\_\_\_ Single \_\_\_\_ Wife's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Employment \_\_\_\_\_ How Long \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of Children \_\_\_\_\_  
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### **If a Mason, Complete this Section**

Lodge Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Does the nominee belong to other Masonic Orders? \_\_\_\_\_

If so what? \_\_\_\_\_

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Offices Held in all Masonic orders \_\_\_\_\_

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Date of Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge \_\_\_\_\_

Has the Nominee ever been dropped or suspended? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, explain \_\_\_\_\_

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List contributions which the nominee has made to his Lodge giving approximate dates and nature of service

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Do any of the nominees children belong to any Masonic orders, if so what?

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Has the nominee held either an elective or appointive Grand Lodge office? If so what and when?

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Religious Affiliation

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Does the nominee work actively in his church or faith community? \_\_\_\_\_



