# Henry G. Meacham Award for Ritual Proficiency

## **Purpose:**

The purpose of the Henry Meacham Award is to recognize lodges throughout the jurisdiction that demonstrates proficiency in the presentation of our three degrees.

### **Requirements:**

To be eligible for the Henry Meacham Award, a Lodge must use their own members to demonstrate proficiency in all three degrees within the same Masonic year as follows:

In the Entered Apprentice Degree (EA), Fellowcraft Degree (FC), and Master Mason (MM) Degree, the Lodge must use their own members to fill the following chairs:

Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Marshal, Senior Master of Ceremony, Junior Master of Ceremony. A Lodge must fill the Secretary's position as needed for the EA and FC Degrees. A Lodge which does not normally have any of the above non-Constitutional officers may request a waiver for these positions, which may be granted at the sole discretion of the Grand Lecturer.

The second section of the MM Degree (Drama) is required for the award.

The degrees must be documented by listing the Lodge members name and Grand Lodge numbers that participated in the degree. The District Name, Lodge Name and Number, the Date and number of candidates, or exemplar are also required on the application forms. The application form must be signed by the Worshipful Master and Secretary of the Lodge under the Seal of the Lodge.

A Lodge that omits any section of the required ritual, or adds substantially to any section of the required ritual is not eligible for the award.

#### **Presentation:**

The presentation of the Meacham Award will be presented at the Grand Lecturer's Conventions.

#### **Application Criteria:**

See attached Degree documentation forms.

#### Other Details:

The Grand Lecturer shall have final say on any matters open to interpretation in this proposal.