

GRAND LODGE of NJ F. & A. M.

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Masonic Fraternity has long been a supporter of education. In New Jersey alone we operate learning centers for children with dyslexia and other learning disabilities. Masonry realizes that the classroom teachers are one of our most valued resources as a society and would like to take this opportunity to honor some of our outstanding educators.

If you will take the time to fill out the attached application and submit it to the contact person listed below no later than January 8, 2010 we will give your nominee our utmost consideration. Once we have chosen an Educator of the Year for this community, we as a lodge will honor them. Our community honoree along with other community honorees will then be nominated for the District Educator of the Year. This honoree will be presented with an award at a District meeting at a later date. There are nineteen Masonic Districts in New Jersey. Once each district has chosen its Educator of the Year, they will nominate their honoree for one of two State Educators of the year. The Grand Lodge of New Jersey will present two **\$2,500** grants to the state Educators of the Year at our Annual Communication in Atlantic City in April, 2010.

The fundamental tenants of Freemasonry are **Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love**. Please return the attached forms with the requested information, with particular attention to item 8 to show how the teacher exemplifies these tenets by his or her teaching, special education, extra-curricular activities, etc.

Please Note: It is very important that if the nominee is in any way affiliated with the Masonic Fraternity, such as a member of a Masonic Lodge, Order of Eastern Star, Rainbow Girls, Order of Amaranth, etc. this information **must not be listed anywhere on the application.**

Please refer to the enclosed instruction sheet for specific instructions in filling out the application.

Thank you,

_____, Chairman

Return all application materials to:

Contact Person: _____

Phone #: _____

Lodge Name: _____

Address: _____
