



Masonic Community Days Program Guidelines

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Masonic Community Days is a public awareness program designed for and implemented by individual Masonic Lodges in their local communities. Its value can be measured by the cumulative results in public and Membership Prospect interest accruing to Lodges that have participated with activities done locally. The basic concepts of Masonic Community Days remain the same, although guidelines and rules have changed over the years — in response to the needs of our Illinois Lodges.

1. The **time period** for Masonic Community Days corresponds with the dates for the current Grand Master's Award of Excellence, **July 1st through June 30th**. Lodge events of a public nature may be held at any time during this period and, provided that they comply with other program guidelines, **three (3) events will qualify** as one Secondary Requirement for the current Grand Master's Award of Excellence.
2. Each Masonic Community Days event **must be registered upon completion of the activity** with the Masonic Awareness Committee. Upon completion of three (3) events, a **Certificate of Participation** will be issued, and should be included with the Lodge's application for the Grand Master's Award of Excellence.
3. Activities must be **public and sponsored by a Masonic Lodge** or Lodges. Both members of the fraternity as well as non-Masons should attend or participate. Events that are planned only for Masons and their families (with no public involvement) **will not qualify** as Masonic Community Days activities. Each Lodge must register its events individually to gain credit toward their Certificate of Participation.
4. The event **must be identified** as a Masonic Community Days activity in signs, publicity and especially at the event. The Masonic Community Days logo must be used wherever possible to accomplish this identification.
5. All Masonic Community Days events **must be registered** either with an official registration form or an email communication that includes all required information (such as the name of the Lodge, District, event date, location and nature of the activity including proof of the use of the Masonic Community Days logo). **MCD Registration forms must be sent directly to the Masonic Awareness Committee Chairman via email**. Also, District Deputy Grand Masters are authorized to confirm compliance with the guidelines for the program.

Note: Masonic Community Days materials are available from the Grand Secretary's office.

For more information or questions, contact your District Deputy Grand Master

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