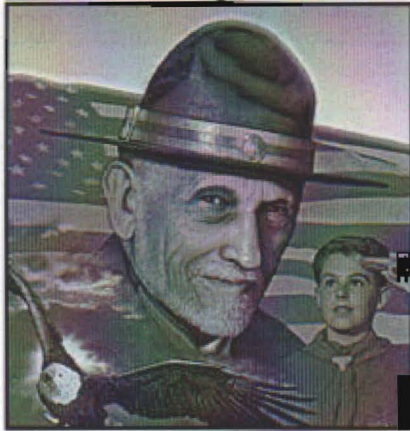


The Daniel Carter Beard Award

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The Freemasons have long been a strong supporter of the Boy Scouts of America by supporting the development of Scouting units, serving as volunteers, and assisting their Masonic lodges in forming and sponsoring Scout units. The relationship between individual Masons and Scouting, which has existed since the founding of Scouting in America, has resulted in great benefits for both Freemasonry and Scouting.



It was created as a national Masonic Scouter award in June of 2001 and is administered by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania as a service to all other regular Grand Lodges.



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History - Daniel Carter Beard

Freemasonry's relationship with the Boy Scouts started with a Freemason named Daniel Carter Beard. Beard was made a Mason in Mariner's Lodge No. 67, New York City, NY, and later affiliated with Cornucopia Lodge 563, Flushing, NY. In the late 1800's he founded a male youth program called the "Society of the Sons of Daniel Boone." By 1905, the program had become "The Boy Pioneers." The man who would create the first "Boy Scouts," and be known as its founder, was Lord Robert Baden-Powell of Great Britain. Lord Baden-Powell, who was not a Mason, read of Beard's program, and based on his own military experience, developed what is known as the "Boy Scouts." In 1910, the Boy Scout program came to America when Beard merged his organization into the "Boy Scouts of America" and became its first National Commissioner.

Beard, known affectionately as "Uncle Dan" by millions of Boy Scouts, worked tirelessly to create the Scouting Program that exists today. He developed the elements of the Scout badge and the Scout uniform, and wrote and illustrated various early publications of the Boy Scouts of America. Beard exemplified the Masonic ideals throughout the Scouting program.

The Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award is an honor due to members of the Masonic Lodge who act as role models and provide dedicated service to the young men in the BSA. The Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Award not only supports the Masonic relationship through the man who brought Scouting to America, but proclaims the integrity of the recipient who is honored by receiving the award.

Eligibility

The award will be presented to a Master Mason who is currently a registered Scouter and active in a Scout unit, district, council, or national affiliate, and has displayed outstanding dedication to the Scouting program through:

- developing of Scouting units;
- assisting lodges in forming units;
- exemplifying the Scout Law and Masonic virtues;
- recruiting Scouting volunteers;
- strengthening the relationship between Freemasonry and Scouting.

Work accomplishment and dedication, rather than a specific number of years in Scouting, will be the criteria for this award.

Boy Scout Community Organization Award

The Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award is what is known as a "Community Organization Award," which can be used by any community organization to honor its volunteers for Scouting. A community organization is permitted to create its own neck medallion and to award a purple square knot badge with a gold border.

Nominations

The nominee must be recommended by a Master Mason in good standing. The Official Nomination form (Petition) must be used.

- **Step 1:** The recommender must complete the petition and submit an attached page explaining the candidate's qualification for the award.
- **Step 2:** The recommender should also have the petition approved and verified by the Viking Council that the candidate is currently registered as an active Scout leader.
- **Step 3:** The recommender should then have the petition reviewed by the Worshipful Master of the candidate's lodge. If found to be qualified, the petition will be authorized and forwarded to the lodge's district deputy or other Masonic authority designated to handle the award in his home jurisdiction. That person will then submit the petition, as instructed by his Grand Lodge, for action.
- **Step 4:** The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will then forward the information on awardees to the Boy Scouts of America, Relationships Division, Irving, TX for the official record of recipients.

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STEP I - NOMINATION

To the Master of _____
Lodge Name Lodge Number City and State

I, the undersigned, respectfully nominate Bro. _____, residing at _____
First Name M.I. Last Name

Street Address City State Zip Code

Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award, based on his service to Scouting as described on the attached page(s).

Fraternally, _____
Signature of Nominator Date

Bro. _____
Print Name In Full Lodge Name Lodge Number

Street Address City State Zip Code

STEP II - SCOUTER SERVICE VERIFICATION

I concur with the above recommendation and certify that the candidate is registered in Scouting.

Signature of Scout Executive, or designate Print Name & Title
_____, BSA
Council Name Council Number Date

STEP III - MASONIC SERVICE VERIFICATION

To the Grand Lodge of _____:
Candidate's Masonic Jurisdiction

As Worshipful Master, I confirm that Bro. _____ is a Mason in good standing.
Candidate's Name

Fraternally, _____
Signature of the Master Date

Bro. _____ W.M., _____
Print Name In Full Lodge Name Lodge Number

Street Address City State Zip Code

STEP IV - GRAND LODGE APPROVAL

Signature of Grand Lodge Official Print Name & Title Date
* _____
Street Address City State Zip Code

* RECOGNITION KIT WILL BE MAILED TO THIS ADDRESS