

Suggested Presentation of Masonic Scouter Awards

Masonic Official: Freemasonry is based on service, and the exemplification of moral truth, which is essential for good role models. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, in cooperation with the Boy Scouts of America, created the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award as a national award program for Masons who exemplify the Scout Law and Masonic Virtues, in service to the Scouting Program.

Masonic Official: In the late 1800's, Daniel Carter Beard created a program called the "Boy Pioneers" that inspired Lord Robert Baden-Powell to create the Boy Scouts in England. The Boy Scout program came to the United States in 1910 when Dan Beard merged his organization into the Boy Scouts of America and became its first National Commissioner. A Master Mason in New York, Brother Dan Beard stands as a fine example of how a Mason can live a life of Masonic Service to mankind, by reaching out and working with youth in the local community.

Masonic Official: The award consists of a Masonic medallion suspended from a blue and silver neck ribbon, which can be worn at any Masonic or Scout gathering, a certificate, and a traditional Scouting knot patch authorized by the Boy Scouts of America as the "Community Organization Award," to be worn by Scouters above the left shirt pocket of the uniform.

Masonic Official: Today, this presentation of the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award is being made to the following deserving (brother/brethren) who (was/were) nominated by (his/their) Lodge, approved by the local Scout Executive, and authorized by the Grand Lodge. As your name is called, please present yourself west of the altar to receive this award.

(It is appropriate to call the name and read one or two significant achievements from the Scouter resumé)

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Masonic Official: Masonic tradition suggests that, before engaging in any great undertaking, we should unite in prayer. Bro. Chaplain...

Chaplain: Almighty and Everlasting God, creator of our soul and architect of our character, we acknowledge that you are our Great Master and sustainer in all that we do. We know that a boy is the only thing that you can use to make a man, and that it is our duty as men and Masons to use the plans and working tools given to us, to help shape the lives of our youth, so that they may grow to be loving, spiritual, loyal and gracious servants of your kingdom on earth. We ask now that you bless (this brother/these brethren) as we recognize (him/them) for unselfish labor on behalf of the Boy Scouts of America. Grant (him/them) continued patience, understanding and strength to teach young men the timeless principles of Scouting and Freemasonry, which are in harmony with your Holy Word. May your blessing remain with (him/them,) and with all of us, now, and forever more. Amen.

Masonic Official: (makes impromptu remarks, presents the certificates and patches, and hangs medallion around the neck of each recipient.)

Masonic Official: As (this/these) distinguished brother(s) return(s) to (his/their) seat(s), let us express our appreciation with a round of applause.

(This is not an "official" ceremony, and may be edited or embellished with a prayer, music, or other enhancement by the presenting Masonic official, keeping in mind the available time and attention of the brethren. It may be presented at a Lodge meeting or at a public occasion where family members can also participate.)