

As an incentive for brothers who were helping generate signups for our two big lodge events this year, 2011, the Master, Andy Rice, donated a beautiful statue to the man who signed up the most participants in our Atlantic Brotherhood Summit (a visit by 35+ English Masons in June, 2011) and the Masons in Motion marathon run, led by Tom Hendrickson.

The statue is beautiful, and thusly explained:

[This is] a replica of the statue which resides just outside the House of Commons. Members of Parliament rub his shoes for good luck before entering the house chamber. This will be presented to the sign-up champion at our stated meeting in Friday, April 22nd at WB John Gann's House.

The statue was purchased by Andy Rice as a gift. His offer generated quite a bit of enthusiasm, leading to some 25 of our brethren who worked the crowd at the Annual Communication and/or the Lynnhurst Turkey Dinner event, a few days after.



We generated a total in excess of 200 reservations and pledges for the two events. At a subsequent meeting, the winners, a tie between both Wardens of the lodge, decided to establish the statue as a traveling trophy, to be given by the Master and Wardens of Churchill Lodge in perpetuity, to a brother who, each month, distinguishes himself in service to the Craft. The following page is the formal announcement used in establishing the award at the April 2011 stated meeting of the Lodge.

The first winner to take it home for the month was Bro. Shane Wendt. Future awardees will be noted in the minutes of the lodge.

Sir Winston Churchill Lodge #351 Wardens Award



WHEREAS: On this day of April 22nd, 2011 by joint decree Senior Warden Daniel F. Akins and Junior Warden Robert S. Davis, both having been adjudged mutually qualified recipients of the much-admired and long sought-after MWB Andrew J. Rice, Sir Winston Churchill Recognition Award for services to our beloved lodge, have hereby determined their shared resolve to rename said award as The Sir Winston Churchill Lodge # 351 Wardens Award, and,

WHEREAS: We anticipate a long line of such men, all accepting election as Wardens, and comprised of future brothers who do or will profess to be of sound mind and body, and who will willingly or semi-willingly find themselves elected to the illustrious rank (huzzah!) and awesome responsibilities devolving to the Junior or Senior Warden of SWC # 351, and,

WHEREAS: That each month henceforth The Wardens and Master have determined that the handsome statue comprising the Award will become a traveling trophy presented to such SWC lodge #351 Brothers or others as shall be named by the Master, under consultation with said Wardens, within the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Free and accepted Freemasons of Minnesota, and awarded for services rendered to our beloved Lodge, and,

WHEREAS: The Recipient shall cause such Award to be returned at the end of the month into the keeping and responsibility of the sitting Junior Warden, he to ensure safe and timely transport of the much-admired Award to each Published Stated Meeting or Quarterly Communication, for its next presentation, and,

WHEREAS: The recipient of this Award will be named winner of the Award for the month, and his name engraved, established and cited for all future posterity in the lodge records for our future generations to discover, and,

WHEREAS: The benefit of the Wardens granting the same, through discussion and implementation of this Thrice Hailed Award, will present a sense of Masonic harmony which undoubtedly will benefit the whole of our beloved lodge to all Who Hear,

THEREFORE: Let it be known to all interested that we three do hereby and hereon establish this Award for the posterity and success of Sir Winston Churchill Lodge #351, giving it as Gift to the Lodge for now and hereinafter.

So say we all, by Mutual Attest, this 22nd day of April, 2011:

MWB Andrew J. Rice
Worshipful Master



Wor. Daniel F. Akins
Senior Warden

Bro. Robert S. Davis
Junior Warden