



# BOROUGH OF HOPEWELL

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Re: 2009 Mark Twain Award for Excellence in Masonic Awareness

To Whom it May Concern:

One year ago, in a show of appreciation for the extraordinary community efforts demonstrated by the Trenton Cyrus Lodge #5 of Free & Accepted Masons of Pennington, NJ, we, the undersigned mayors of Hopewell Valley, New Jersey, submitted a letter of recommendation for the Lodge to be awarded the 2008 Mark Twain Award for Excellence in Masonic Awareness. We could not have been more pleased and proud to later learn that the Lodge was indeed named a 2008 award recipient, and that it was one of only two NJ lodges to earn this tremendous honor. Because of its even more extraordinary efforts in 2009, it is our great privilege to submit a letter again, in appreciation and in recognition of this truly selfless and giving organization.

Trenton Cyrus Lodge #5 continues to serve the communities of Hopewell Valley (Hopewell Borough, Hopewell Township, Pennington Borough) and greater Mercer County in expanded ways and with a wide array of partners – public, private, non-profit, civic – too numerous to detail in this letter but all of which are contained in their 2009 submission. It is because of the charitable efforts of Trenton Cyrus Lodge #5 that so many community servants can successfully implement programs to those in need. It is because of Trenton Cyrus Lodge #5 and their dedication to our communities that we can continue to lead, side by side, with the Freemasons, one task at a time, to help foster true community within our communities. Indeed, their work is inspiring to so many, and certainly serves to enhance the relevance of Freemasonry.

We are again thankful for the commitment so clearly demonstrated by Trenton Cyrus Lodge #5 to our communities, and we strongly support their charitable efforts. Kindly consider this letter to be our highest recommendation for Trenton Cyrus #5 Lodge to receive the 2009 Mark Twain Awareness Award, as we believe the Lodge to be most deserving of this distinction.

Sincerely,

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