

THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF IDAHO

INVITES YOU TO

JOIN HIM IN THE

CHAPTER OF EXCELLENCE AWARD PROGRAM

2022

The Chapter of Excellence Award

It is important that Idaho Chapters and their members become more visible in their communities. The primary purpose of the Chapter of Excellence Award Program is to encourage activity within our chapters and to increase the involvement of Royal Arch Chapters in their communities.

There are a total of twenty-four (24) standards in this program. To qualify for the Chapter of Excellence Award the individual Chapter must fulfill twelve (12) of those standards. The qualifying period starts on 1 January and ends 31 December.

Chapters earning the Chapter Excellence Award will be recognized and receive the award at the Annual Grand Convocation following the end of the qualifying period.

"MASONRY WORKS THROUGH YOU"

"ATTITUDES ARE CONTAGIOUS"

"LIVE WHAT WE TEACH"

BY

"TEACHING WHAT WE LIVE"



Chapter of Excellence Award Standards

1. At least two (2) Chapter members, including at least one (1) elected officer, must attend a Stated Convocation of another Chapter.

2. File the Chapter's Annual Return and pay the Grand Chapter per capita by the date required by the Idaho Royal Arch Code of Laws.

3. Conduct three (3) educational programs during the year. At the High Priest's discretion, these programs may be part of either a Stated or Called Convocation.

4. At least two (2) Chapter members, including at least one (1) officer must attend the Northwest York Rite Conference.

5. Hold a ritual workshop in at least one (1) of the four (4) Royal Arch Degrees. A minimum of six (6) line officers must attend the workshop. NOTE: Workshops must include the floor work and room setup. This can be done as a program at your Stated or Called communication.

6. The Chapter must distribute at least three (3) written communications (such as newsletters, trestle boards, etc.) to its entire membership reporting on Chapter activities and upcoming Chapter events.

7. One (1) Chapter voting delegate must participate in the current year GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATION. Voting delegates are: High Priest, King, Scribe or their proxies. BE PREPARED TO VERIFY AT GRAND CHAPTER.

8. Conduct a "Bring a Companion to Chapter Night" NOTE: At least one (1) of the companions in attendance must be a Companion that has not attended Chapter regularly in the past year.

9. Perform one community service, public service or charitable activity.

10. At least two (2) Chapter members, wear red jacket (or red shirt and tie or white shirt with red tie) to Blue Lodge or in a parade.

11. Invite and host a meeting for at least one other Chapter. NOTE: This is separate from Standard No. 1, but could include workshops, seminars, discussion groups, etc.

12. Hold a social event to which the Chapter member's ladies and deceased member's widows are invited with or without families. Such events could include Ladies Night, Wives and Widows Degree, dinners, picnics, ice cream socials, dances, etc.

13. At least two (2) Chapter members, including at least one (1) elected officer attend a Job's Daughters, Rainbow Girls, or DeMolay meeting, installation, banquet or fund raiser. If no Masonic related youth groups are available, other youth groups may be substituted (Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4H or FFA)

14. Three of the elected officers wear a red jacket, red shirt or white shirt with red tie to a minimum of five (5) Chapter meetings.

15. As a Chapter, confer a degree or participate in a festival.

16. As a Chapter, with at least two (2) members, including at least one (1) elected officer, attend a County Commission, City or Town Council meeting or a meeting of any other governmental organization such as School Board, Library Board, Planning Board, etc. Report proceedings at next Stated Convocation.

17. As a Chapter, with at least two (2) Chapter members, attend a church service of their choice.

18. Donate a minimum of \$3 per member to RARA.

19. Open and close Chapter using the nine-man opening a minimum of three times during the year.

20. Holds a Table Chapter.

21. Conduct a financial review or audit of all chapter financial accounts.

22. At least two (2) Chapter members, including at least one (1) elected officer, visit a meeting of another adult Masonic organization. Visits could be to Stated meetings (if appropriate), installations, etc.

23. Initiate one new member.

24. Conduct a 50-Year Member Program in which 50-year members are contacted a minimum of twice each year by letter or phone. 50-year members should also be invited to at least two events hosted by the Chapter each year.

REMEMBER: "COMMUNICATION IS THE KEY TO SUCCESS!"

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