



THE RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER
OF THE
GRAND COMMANDERY OF
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF IDAHO

INVITES YOU TO

JOIN HIM IN THE

COMMANDERY OF EXCELLENCE AWARD
PROGRAM

2022

The Commandery of Excellence Award

It is important that Idaho Commanderies and their members become more visible in their communities. The primary purpose of the Commandery of Excellence Award Program is to encourage activity within our commanderies and to increase the involvement of Knights Templar in their communities.

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

Commanderies earning the Commandery of Excellence Award will be recognized and receive the award at the Annual Grand Conclave following the end of the qualifying period.

“MASONRY WORKS THROUGH YOU”

“ATTITUDES ARE CONTAGIOUS”

“LIVE WHAT WE TEACH”

BY

“TEACHING WHAT WE LIVE”



Commandery Excellence Award Standards

1. The Commandery Annual Return must be filed on time and the Grand Commandery per capita dues paid by the date required by the Idaho Grand Commandery Constitution.
2. Stand for Inspection by the Grand Commandery Board of Inspection.
3. Fill-out a Commandery budget on forms provided by the Grand Commandery and file with the Grand Commander on or before May 1st. The budget must be presented to the Commandery membership.
4. Conduct a financial review or audit of all Commandery financial accounts.
5. Complete a Commandery activity plan on forms provided by the Grand Commandery and file with the Grand Commander on or before May 1st.
6. Conduct two (2) education programs during the year. At the Commander's discretion, these programs may be part of either a stated or called Conclave.
7. Hold a ritual workshop in one (1) of the three (3) Knight Templar Orders. A minimum of five (5) line officers must attend the workshop. NOTE: The workshop must include floor work and room setup.
8. The Commandery must distribute at least three (3) written communications (such as newsletters, trestle boards, etc.) to its entire membership reporting on Commandery activities and upcoming Commandery events.
9. Three (3) Commandery voting delegates must participate in the current year GRAND COMMANDERY CONCLAVE. Voting delegates are: Commander, Generalissimo, and Captain General or their proxies. BE PREPARED TO VERIFY.
10. Conduct a "Bring a Sir Knight to Commandery Night." NOTE: The Sir Knights must not have not attended Commandery regularly in the past year.
11. At least two (2) Commandery members, including at least one (1) elected officer, must attend a stated conclave of another Commandery.
12. As a Commandery, perform one community service, public service, or charitable activity.
13. Hold at least one fund-raising activity or event.
14. Invite and host a meeting for at least one other Commandery. NOTE: This is separate from Standard No. 10, but could include workshops, seminars, discussion

groups, etc.

15. Hold a social event to which the Commandery members' ladies and deceased members' widows are invited with or without families. Such events could include a Ladies' Night, dinners, picnics, ice cream socials, dances, etc.

16. At least two (2) Commandery members, including at least one (1) elected officer, visit Job's Daughters, Rainbow Girls, or DeMolay meetings -OR- hold a meeting with them in which they may present a program about their activities -OR- the Commandery may entertain them. If no Masonic related youth groups, as herein mentioned, are available in the community, then other youth groups may be substituted, such as Boy/Girl Scouts, 4-H, FFA, scholastic clubs, sports clubs, etc.

17. Knight two new members.

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

19. As a Commandery, with at least two (2) Sir Knights, in addition to wives and children, if available, attend a church service of their choice.

20. Donate a minimum of \$5 per member to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

21. As a Commandery, perform the opening & closing from memory. All books should be closed; however, a prompter may be used.

22. Conduct a Widow's Program in which the widows of Commandery members are contacted a minimum of twice each year by letter or phone. Widows should also be invited to at least one event hosted by the Commandery each year.

23. 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 Commandery each year.

24. At least two (2) Commandery members, including at least one (1) elected officer, visit a meeting of another adult Masonic organization. Explain what Knights Templar are and what they do. Visits could be to stated meetings (if appropriate), installations, etc.

REMEMBER

IF ONLY ONE SIR KNIGHT KNOWS
WHAT IS HAPPENING...
ONLY ONE PERSON WILL BE INVOLVED

“COMMUNICATION IS THE KEY TO SUCCESS!”