



The Chapter Excellence Award

Chapter Performance Award Program

The primary purpose of the Chapter Excellence Award Program and the Chapter Performance Award Program is to encourage Chapter activity and involvement in the community.

It is important that Chapters and the members become visible in their communities to let the community know who and what we are; and as responsible members of both our chapters and our communities, to support worthwhile chapter and community activities and projects.

There are a total of twenty-five (25) standards in this program of which ten (10) are MAJOR STANDARDS and fifteen (15) are OPTIONAL STANDARDS. The qualifying period starts at the formal opening of Grand Chapter on the second Monday of June and ends June the following year.

To qualify for the Chapter Excellence Award, the individual Chapter must fulfill fourteen (14) standards. Seven (7) of the Major Standards and seven (7) of the Optional Standards.

To qualify for the Chapter Performance Award, the individual Chapter must fulfill twelve (12) standards. Six (6) of the Major Standards and six (6) of the Optional Standards.

The Worthy Matron of her Chapter will be recognized during the All Membership Banquet at Grand Chapter and receive the award for her Chapter.

“EASTERN STAR WORKS THROUGH YOU”

“ATTITUDES ARE CONTAGIOUS”

Chapter Excellence Award and Chapter Performance Award Standards

Major Standards

1. At least four (4) chapter members, including at least two (2) elected officers, must visit a meeting of another chapter.
2. File all monthly reports, the annual report, and pay the Grand Chapter per capita dues with the Grand Secretary by the dates required by the Idaho Code and Digest.
3. Conduct three (3) education programs during the year. At the Worthy Matron's discretion, these programs may be part of either a stated meeting or a special time. Optional Standard No. 5 may not be used for one of these programs.
4. The Chapter must hold a ritual workshop with a minimum of twelve (12) Officers in attendance. NOTE: Workshops must include floor work.
5. Attendance by at least four members, including three appointed officers, at the meeting of another chapter.
6. The Chapter must distribute at least two (2) written communications (such as newsletters) to its entire membership reporting on Chapter activities and upcoming Chapter events. Receive one point for every major communication.
7. Three (3) Chapter members must participate in the current year Grand Chapter.
8. Conduct a "Bring a Brother or Sister to Chapter Night." NOTE: At least one third (1/3) of the members in attendance must be members who have not attended Chapter regularly in the past year.
9. Prepare a budget to present in May and use during the year. Send a copy to the WGM.
10. Initiate two new members. Count will be made of term May – April.

**“LIVE WHAT WE TEACH”
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“TEACHING WHAT WE LIVE”**

Optional Standards

1. Invite and host a meeting for at least one other Chapter. NOTE: This is separate from Major Standard No. 1 but could include workshops, seminars, discussion groups, etc.
2. Hold a social event to which the families are invited. Such events could include dinners, picnics, ice cream socials, dances, etc.
3. Hold an appreciation or recognition event for prominent persons in such fields as government, medicine, science, education, religion, youth work, etc. Family and friends of the honoree should be invited and encouraged to attend. NOTE: This is separate from Optional Standards Nos. 2 and 5.
4. At least four (4) Chapter members, including at least two (2) elected officers, 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 Chapter entertains them. NOTE: This does not include attendance at installation for the youth groups or the Chapter. If no Masonic related youth groups 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.
5. Recognize members, such as Past Matrons/Patrons, Fifty (50) Year members, or others with lengthy or special service to the Chapter at a Chapter meeting.
6. Participate in a public school program sponsored by the school or any other non-Masonic group.
7. Participate in and promote a scholarship program making students and the general public aware of the scholarships available from the Chapter or from the Grand Chapter of Idaho and present such scholarships personally. Or recognize one or more outstanding students from local public schools at a special program open to the public and present a plaque and certificate.
8. Perform, as a Chapter, public service or charitable activity such as Red Cross Blood drawing; refreshments at highway rest stops on weekends; care for home of or elderly/disabled persons; collect food or clothes for the needy; hospital service; Easter egg hunt for kids; Halloween party for kids of all ages; assist Salvation Army with ringing bells for Christmas; playing Santa Claus; etc., OR - participate in local parades, such as building a special float which may show the public who and what we are.
9. Participate in a cleanup program such as highways, parks, alleys, etc.
10. Organize a fun/fellowship activity for Masons and their families.
11. As a Chapter, with at least four (4) members, including at least two (2) elected officers, 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 the proceedings at next Chapter meeting.
12. At least four (4) Eastern Star couples, including children if available, as a group, attend a church service of their choice.
13. Conduct education for members who have not attended for a long time to help them feel more comfortable about attending a Chapter meeting.
14. Assist five (5) shut-ins or widows during the Eastern Star year with such things as lawn mowing, house painting, shopping, medical needs, etc. (Masonic or non-Masonic).
15. Conduct a dinner to honor new Chapter members who have been initiated within the last three (3) years.
16. The Chapter must satisfactorily exemplify initiation at least once during the qualifying period.

Chapter Excellence Performance Program Record Sheet

Major Standards			
STANDARD	Chapter Name	Chapter No.	
1	Number of Members Attending: _____ Number of Officers Attending: _____	<u>Chapter Attended</u>	<u>Date</u>
2	Chapter Secretary's Signature Verifying This Standard: _____		
3	Record Dates of Each Program Conducted:		
4	Number of Officers Attending: _____	<u>Function</u> <u>Attended</u>	<u>Date</u>
5	Number of Officers Attending _____ Number of Members Attending: _____	<u>Chapter Attended</u>	<u>Date</u>
6	Types of Communications Sent		<u>Dates</u>
7	Number of Chapter Members Participating in Grand Chapter: _____	<u>Date Verified</u>	
8	Total Number of Members Attending: _____ Number of Members Who Don't Regularly Attend: _____		<u>Date</u>
9	Complete Chapter Budget and mail to WGM		<u>Date</u>
10	Initiate Two New Members		<u>Dates</u>

Attested to by _____ Associate Grand Matron

REMEMBER

IF ONLY ONE SISTER OR BROTHER KNOWS WHAT IS HAPPENING
ONLY ONE PERSON WILL BE INVOLVED

“COMMUNICATION IS THE KEY TO SUCCESS!”

Chapter Excellence Performance Program Record Sheet

Optional Standards		
STANDARD	CHAPTER NAME	CHAPTER No.
1	Chapter Hosted:	<u>Date</u>
2	Type of Social Event Held:	<u>Date</u>
3	Person's Name Who Was Recognized: <hr/> Field in Which Person Works:	<u>Date</u>
4	Type of Youth Group Visited: <hr/> Number of Members and Officers Present: _____	<u>Date</u>
5	Type of Recognition Event Held:	<u>Date</u>
6	Type of Public School Program Participated In:	<u>Date</u>
7	Document How the Chapter Accomplished This Standard:	<u>Date</u>
8	Public Service or Charitable Activity Performed:	<u>Date</u>
9	Type of Cleanup Program Participated In:	<u>Date</u>
10	Type of Fun/Fellowship Activity Participated In:	<u>Date</u>
11	Number of Members and Officers Present: _____ Type of Meeting Attended:	<u>Date</u>
12	Number of Masonic Couples Attending: _____ Church Attended:	<u>Date</u>
13	Type of Education of Members Not Regular Attendees:	<u>Date</u>
14	Number of Shut-Ins Assisted: _____ Type of Assistance Provided:	<u>Dates</u>
15	Document the Results of the Dinner:	<u>Date</u>
16	Date Initiation Exemplified	

Attested to by: _____ Associate Grand Matron