

Royal Arch Masons Chapter Achievement Award: 2021

See attached instructions and resources below. There are 2 levels; the Standard Achievement Award and the Golden Achievement Award (GAA) which has a separate application below the instructions.

Please submit in December for consideration. Given these extraordinary times we can make exceptions to some of these items. If you have any questions contact your DDGHP and/or the Education Committee. Please submit your application either way.

Chapter Name & No. _____ High Priest _____

- 1) Representatives from your Chapter either participated in a Capitular District meeting or participated in the forming of a Capitular District Chapter (even if it is still in progress).
Date of meeting and/or date of planning session _____
- 2) Each Chapter must complete a charity project with proceeds going to the RARA (unless it is a food drive). It may not be a simple monetary donation by the Chapter (Chapter may match funds). This may be split with the other York Rite Charities. Describe project and its success.
Describe Project: _____
- 3) At least 2 Lodges (or appendant body) visited with petitions and during "For the good of the Order" that a short talk about the York Rite is delivered and info on how to join.
Lodge visited and date: _____ Comp. _____
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- 4) The Chapter will host a Past High Priest night. Either the High Priest or his phone committee to call and invite all of the Chapter's Past High Priests that are not active to come and visit the and make them aware of the upcoming Past High Priest Night. High Priest to sign off.

Non-active PHPs were called to the best of our ability and records: Yes/ No

High Priest _____

Past High Priest Night Date: _____ Number of PHPs attended: _____

- 5) The Chapter will have at least 2 educational programs and/or a Bring-a-Mason Night where a short talk is given on the Royal Arch and other York Rite Bodies.

Bring-a-Mason Night Date: _____ Number of Non-York Masons attended: _____

Education Program subject: _____ Date: _____

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Have your Chapter Secretary email this application to the Ex. Comp. Gene Dawson at genedawson@bellsouth.net and Most Ex. Eddie LeBoeuf III at eddie5938@yahoo.com

Don't stop!!! Take it to the next level and earn a Golden Achievement Award!
Royal Arch Chapter Achievement Award Information

Achievement Award Details, Instructions, and Ideas

The purpose of the Achievement Award is to recognize Chapters that “do more”. More than just read the minutes and go through sickness and distress and talk about “having programs” then never do anything. The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons recognizes that incoming High Priests may not know how to go about having a productive and interest capturing year.

This program is meant to give the tools to get average membership attendance up and new members on the roster and everyone excited and proud of their Chapter.

This is a new program and there might be changes. If there are, the LA Grand Chapter RAM will honor the original requirements.

The Achievement Award is for the Chapter, but will have the name of the High Priest completing the program on it.

General Information:

- ❖ If a similar program is offered by the Grand Council some items can count for both. Ask your Distinct Deputy Grand Officer or the Education Committee for more info.
- ❖ This program takes in account most Chapters only 6 times a year and some only do business in the Chapter 4 times a year. It is still achievable, as the High Priest, you are the High Priest year round, not just on meeting nights.
- ❖ Chapters are encouraged to submit their applications even if they have missed items. But please be aware some items like calling Companions is easy enough to do in the allotted time.
- ❖ There is an opportunity to do even more and earn a Golden Achievement Award.
- ❖ Achievement Awards will be given out at the Awards Banquet at the Grand Session.
- ❖ It is possible for a Chapter to earn an Achievement Award between the December Installation and the Grand Session with augmented requirements. A new application will be distributed in December for newly installed High Priests.

Requirements from above:

- 1) District Chapter: If there was no opportunity for this, then it may be skipped.
- 2) Charity Project:
 - The Chapter may only match donations made dollar for dollar and cannot make the entire donation (e.g. Chapter raises \$250 from project, the Chapter can match up to \$250 if it chooses, but not more for this program. (However, with the consent of the Companions, the Chapter can do as it chooses, outside this program).
 - If the Chapter does contribute it needs to have the amount recorded.
 - Another suitable project is a food drive. Second Harvest for instance takes all kinds of food and not just canned goods. Please provide a copy of the weight receipt. You may need to ask them for it.
 - Or any other worthy charity project.

- 3) Visiting Lodges: If there are not enough Lodges in your area, please contact the education committee and we will work with you. But the Scottish Rite, Shrine, High Twelve, Grotto, etc count as well.
- 4) Past High Priest Night: This one may well be the one that can change your Chapter landscape. Call your and invite your Past High Priests and invite them to come back. Try to do your best to honor their service. If possible, present them with a certificate or small gift. This may be done concurrently with the installation ceremony. Also, try and call as many of your non-active members, as well. For this, we only ask that you do this to the best of your ability and records.
- 5) Education Programs/ Bring-a-Mason Night:
 - Opening in the Mark, Past Master, or Most Excellent Master with an open discussion on the interesting aspects of the opening, can count as an Education Program. ***This one is easy!***
 - A Bring-a-Mason night also counts, but a Companion needs to give some information on the York Rite to the Masons visiting.
 - A Bring-a-Mason night may be combined with an open installation of new officers. In this way, visiting Masons can see the floor layout and how it is different.
 - If you are having trouble figuring out what to do for an education program contact the Education committee or your DDGHP and/or DDGL.

*****Golden Achievement Award below*****

The Golden Achievement is actually not that hard to achieve. Visit 2 more Lodges or appendant bodies. Have one more educational program, call all your non-active members, and invite them to a meeting. That is it! This is doable.

Royal Arch Masons Chapter Golden Achievement Award: 2021

For a Chapter to be eligible for this award, it must first complete the requirements for the Standard Achievement Award. Both applications may be submitted at the same time.

Chapter Name & No. _____ High Priest _____

- 1) Two additional Lodges or appendant bodies (Scottish Rite, Shrine, etc.) visited with petitions and, with permission of the presiding officer, a short talk about the York Rite is delivered, including information on how to join.

Lodge visited and date: _____ Comp. _____

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- 2) The Chapter has at least 1 more educational programs and/or a Bring-a-Mason night if not done already..

Bring-a-Mason Night Date: _____ Number of Non-York Masons attended: _____

Education Program subject: _____ Date: _____

- 3) That the Chapter calls all of its non-active members and invite them to attend a meeting.

Non-active members were called to the best of our ability and records: Yes/ No

How successful was this? _____

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