

White Tau Award

The White Tau Award is being established to encourage newly Exalted Companions to participate in Chapter activities. He must simply meet the requirements below and provide documentation of the same (from the Chapter Secretary or High Priest, for example) to the Grand High Priest.

Qualification Period

A new Companion has two years to complete the requirements. This can be extended to the June 30 or December 31 which next follows the end of the two years. Someone exalted before October, 2010, can also earn the award as long as he did not serve as a Chapter officer prior to the May, 2010, Chapter installation. He must finish by December, 2012. (Future Grand High Priests may modify this.)

Required Activities

1. Attend 50% of your Chapter's meetings
2. Witness the four degrees a second time
3. Participate in degree conferrals (see below)
4. Attend one meeting at another Chapter
5. Attend a Grand Visitation
6. Attend one Grand Chapter Convocation (annual or semi-annual)

Additional Activities (must earn 4 points from these)

- a. Attend 75% of your Chapter's meetings (1 point)
- b. Sponsor a new member (1 point)
- c. Attend two additional meetings at other Chapters (1 point)
- d. Participate more extensively in the ritual (see below) (1 or 2 points)
- e. Other activities (1 or 2 points)

Notes

#2 – It is preferred that the degrees be witnessed singly from the sidelines. However, observation at a Festival or while participating in a degree will be accepted.

#3 – To qualify one must do four parts, for at least two different offices, from memory. This includes the appropriate piece from the (long form) opening. (Exception – Junior Warden in Past Master doesn't qualify.) A part in the "Fervency and Zeal" program also counts.

If the Chapter does not put on enough degrees to allow four participations, the candidate may:

Exemplify four different parts, including knowledge of the relevant floorwork. No more than two parts can be chosen from any of the following four sets: the three Overseers, the four Veilsmen (including RAC), the three Junior Deacon parts, the three Senior Deacon parts;

or earn 1 point as described below;

or exemplify the catechisms in two degrees.

#c – One Chapter visited must be different from the one used for #4

#d – One point will be earned for each of the following:

HP part in opening and closing Royal Arch Chapter

RWM part in long form opening and closing for the three other degrees

Royal Arch obligation

Obligations for the three other degrees

Any charge

RWM part in Past Master degree (Lecture = 1 point, remainder of degree other than obligation = 1 point)

#e – Any other activities the Chapter participates in can qualify. Normally, 1 point will be earned each time, but the Grand High Priest could award 2 for a special effort.