



LEADERSHIP AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMITTEE—LODGE OF EXCELLENCE —VER 8/10/2024-RJM

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# LODGE OF EXCELLENCE



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# PROGRAM OVERVIEW

## ❑ What is the Lodge of Excellence?

- It's an information gathering tool designed to help our Grand Lodge learn more about each Lodge and provide it with the ability to recognize Lodges that have developed successful programs.

## ❑ How does it work?

- The Grand Lodge Staff Officer will meet with a Lodge Officer during a visit, either at the same time as the DDGM or another time during the year. They'll use the Field Survey Form to gather information and then either complete and submit the Online Survey Form immediately or the next day.

## ❑ What will this do?

- It will give Grand Lodge a picture of how each Lodge is doing by looking at 8 key areas that reflect the core values of Masonry and successful Lodges. This will help Lodges focus on what leads to future success.



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### ❑ How will this program help our Lodges?

➤ Understand Needs: Our Grand Lodge will be able to see where Lodges are succeeding and where they may need help, allowing it to improve or create new

➤ support programs.

Recognition: Lodges with successful programs will receive recognition for their

➤ Motivation and Goals: Lodges will be encouraged to set and reach goals. The program will help Lodges to set clear & achievable goals, foster teamwork among Lodges and Districts, and support current and new Grand Lodge Programs.



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## □ How is the grading set up?

- Key Areas: The program evaluates 8 key areas: Compliance, Ritual, Social, Education, Communication, Administration, Charity & Community Service, and Travel. Each area and question has specific weighted point values. There are 3 points added to the score of Lodges with under 75 members. Total points available are 100 with the possible 3 bonus points.
- Compliance: This area is required and based on Grand Lodge rules and standards.

## □ Recognition Levels:

- Bronze Level: 75 to 84 points.
- Silver Level: 85 to 89 points.
- Gold Level: 90 or more points.



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### ❏ What is the Online Survey Form?

- It's a Google Doc with a simple yes/no question format. This form is used by the Grand Lodge Staff Officers to input information from the Lodge and submit it for
- review. You can find it here: <https://nymasonry.org/lodge-of-excellence/>.
- Just answer the questions on the form and submit it to complete your part of the
- process. Let's take a look at the form now.



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## ❑ What is the Field Survey Form?

- It's a paper checklist used by the Grand Lodge Staff Officers to collect information during their visit to the Lodge. It has the same yes/no questions as the Online
- Survey Form, making it easy to transfer information later.

This form is especially useful for Lodges without Internet or poor cell service and for those who prefer paper over digital. You can download or print it from

- <https://nymasonry.org/lodge-of-excellence/>
  - Only the two pages containing the questions need to be printed.
- Let's take a look at this form now.



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### **Where do you find more information on the program?**

- On the Grand Lodge Website simply click on the Member Resources tab and then click on the Lodge of Excellence.
- Or click on the link: <https://nymasonry.org/lodge-of-excellence/>



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## WHAT DO YOU DO NOW?

- ❖ **Understand that you, the Grand Lodge Staff Officers, are crucial for the success of this program!**
- ❖ You can review tonight's presentation and find additional materials at the Lodge of Excellence tab on the Grand Lodge Website at the address previously provided.
- ❖ You will need to schedule meetings with a designated officer from each Lodge to fill out the Field Survey Form. As previously noted this can be done during DDGM visits or any other Lodge visit. All forms must be completed and submitted before May 2025.



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## WHAT COMES NEXT?

- ❖ The Worshipful Master and Secretary of each Lodge in your District will receive a notice from the Grand Master about this exciting new Program. They will be informed that participation is necessary and their cooperation is crucial for the program's success. They will also get information and access to all program features on the Grand Lodge website and will be encouraged to review and complete as much of the survey as possible before your visit. However, please ensure that the final evaluation submitted is based on your (the GLO's) assessment of the Lodge.
- ❖ You and the DDGM of your District will be contacted by the Lodge of Excellence leadership to discuss Lodges that qualify for recognition and the presentation process.



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WE'RE HERE TO SUPPORT YOU  
WITH THIS NEW PROGRAM. IF  
YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR  
RUN INTO ANY ISSUES, PLEASE  
FEEL FREE TO REACH OUT TO  
US!

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