

NSS Active Assembly/Region Growth Program Information Sheet



- Rationale -

The Model Fraternal code mandates that a Fraternal Benefit Society stands on two basic legs: A Lodge System and a Representative Form of Government. Without either, we would not be able to continue as a viable and legal fraternal benefit society. The activation and maintenance of our assembly structure is one of the highest priorities of our National Assembly. In 1995, an Awards Program was adopted to recognize our assemblies for fulfilling our fraternal mandate. In 1998, the current Assembly Growth Program was set in motion to give both programming and fiscal support to our assemblies.

The NSS Constitution and Bylaws outlines what an assembly must do to receive any kind of financial aid for their fraternal and administrative programs, in the place of the collection of dues from their members. Since its inception, the Assembly Growth Program has used this constitutional mandate to define whether an assembly is "Active."

With the above mandates and findings in mind, the National Assembly established the following guidelines for an NSS Assembly to be designated as "Active" and entitled to all benefits as outlined in the NSS Constitution & Bylaws and directives of the National Assembly, to assist them in their fraternal efforts to their membership.

- Responsibility -

The NSS Constitution & Bylaws mandates:

"Duties - To be an "active" Assembly, the Assembly must file and submit to the Secretary/Treasurer annually the following reports:

1. Elected Officers Report.
2. Annual Financial Report, including name of bank and authorized signatures.
3. American Fraternal Alliance Lodge Activity Report.
4. Assembly Meeting Reports which require a minimum of four (4) meetings and/or fraternal activities annually.
5. Any other report that may be required in the future by the Board of Directors.

In the event of failure by any Assembly to file the requisite reports, the Assembly shall forfeit its right to any monetary benefits granted by the Society and may be subject to being dissolved..

In addition to the above constitution mandate, the National Assembly put into effect a fraternal participation "tracking" system that allows your assembly to achieve a "Titanium, Diamond, Platinum or Silver Award" for exceptional fraternal service and participation.

- Fraternal Activity Tracking System -

The National Assembly requests that our Assemblies become more involved in fraternal programs on a national, regional, and local level. Our "New Titanium, Platinum, Diamond & Silver" fraternal levels allow our Assemblies to become more fraternally active and receive additional funding for their treasury. The Board of Directors have approved an increase in the amount of each award as follows: Silver Award is \$300, Platinum Award to \$500, Diamond Award to \$700, and the new Titanium Award is \$1,000.

By achieving a total of Fifty (50) points, the Assembly will be designated a "Silver" Assembly, Seventy-five (75) points, the Assembly will be designated a "Platinum" Assembly; One Hundred (100) points, the Assembly will be designated a "Diamond" Assembly and **(200) points, the Assembly will be designated a "Titanium" Assembly.** Those Assemblies achieving the Titanium, Platinum, Diamond, and Silver levels will have their names published in the Newsletter.

Reports will be sent to each assembly showing the points accumulated toward the Titanium, Platinum, Diamond, and Silver levels annually prior to Board approval to ensure that all events/meetings have been turned in to the Home Office.

The scoring of points for fraternal activities in the assembly are outlined

Fraternal Events	Point Awards & Designation
All Contests, (Poetry, Art, etc.) will earn 2 points for each member participant from their Assembly	Two (2) points for each participant
First Year and Senior Scholarships	Two (2) points for each scholarship
Youth Achievement Award Nomination Fraternalist of the Year Nomination	Two (2) points for each nomination
Attendance at a Region Meeting/Event	Five (5) points for each event with a maximum of fifteen (15) points. Each assembly in the Region-At-Large will receive five (5) points as there are no associated region events held.
NSS Bowling or Golf OR outside sponsored Golf or Bowling Tournaments	One (1) point for each participant, banquet attendee, lane, or hole sponsorship (Maximum 10 pts)
Matching Fund Event	Ten (10) points for each event
Fraternal Fund Activity	Ten (10) points for each activity that is reimbursed from the Home Office.
AFA "Join Hands Day" Event	Fifteen (15) points for any NSS approved event
NSS National Fraternal Project	Fifteen (15) points for any approved event selected by the Board of Directors and Executive Officers.

NOTE: Please be mindful of the reports you send in for each fraternal event to ensure that your assembly receives the proper credit. If you have any questions, please contact the NSS Secretary-Treasurer, CFO at the Home Office.

The NSS Active Assembly Growth Program Titanium, Platinum, Diamond & Silver Level details are highlighted on the back side of this page.