



# Utah Royal Arch Masonry Awards Booklets



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General Grand Chapter  
Royal Arch Masons, International

**Distinguished Service Medal in Bronze**



**Award Nomination  
Instructions & Forms**

“Dignity does not consist in possessing  
honors, but in deserving them.” - Aristotle

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**AWARD CRITERIA**

## **A. PURPOSE**

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## **B. INSTRUCTION**

For instructional purposes, several forms are included in this nomination packet to assist a Grand Chapter in selecting and managing award of a Distinguished Service Medal in Bronze. The sample letter written on Grand Chapter stationery to the General Grand Chapter, and Award Nomination Form may be used as contained herein or modified in format as it may best suit the needs of the Jurisdiction. However, ALL information MUST be provided not less than XX days before the scheduled date of the Annual Grand Convocation. This deadline is critically necessary to ensure all information is complete and accurate; materials are ordered, engraved and shipped; and schedules may be accommodated if special presentation is requested. Additional forms in this packet are also made available to Grand Chapters in support of the selection process, but are NOT required to be utilized, completed or submitted to GGCRAMI in selection of a nominee.

## **C. QUALIFYING**

Please note, the instructions and examples are specific ONLY to the Distinguished Service Medal in Bronze. Inquiries for qualifying criteria to bestow a Distinguished Service Medal in Silver or Gold should be directed to the regional Deputy General Grand High Priest; while criteria for the Ephraim Kirby Award may be found online at the GGCRAMI website. Examples of Companions eligible for and excluded from consideration to receive the Distinguished Service Medal in Bronze include:

- Any companion in good standing who has not served as a Chapter High Priest (eligible)
- A Companion serving as an aide or assistant to a Grand Chapter Officer (eligible)
- A Companion who has served as a constituent Chapter High Priest (eligible)
- A Past High Priest serving as an appointed officer in a line of Grand Chapter Officers (eligible)
- A Past High Priest serving as an elected officer in a line of Grand Chapter Officers (excluded)
- A sitting or Past Grand High Priest (excluded)
- A Past Grand High Priest serving as an officer in a constituent Chapter (excluded)
- A Past Grand High Priest serving as an officer in a Grand Chapter (excluded)

**Nominations submitted for Companions “excluded” from consideration shall be rejected!**



## Royal Arch Masons of Jurisdiction

**(SAMPLE)**

**Date:** Date submitted

**Subj:** GGCRAMI Distinguished Service Medal in Bronze Nomination

**From:** Name, M.:E.:C.: Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter (Jurisdiction) Royal Arch Masons

**To:** Name, M.:E.:C.: General Grand High Priest, General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International

**Via:** Name, R.:E.:C.: General Grand Secretary, General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International

Dear Most Excellent Sir;

The influence of (Companion Name) and the significance of his accomplishments upon Capitular Masonry cannot be overstated, or easily captured in a brief synopsis of his service to this Grand Chapter or the Craft in general. Nonetheless, with joyful occasion and gladdened heart it is my pleasure to offer this nomination of (Companion Name) in consideration for award of the General Grand Chapter Distinguished Service Medal in Bronze for the 20XX Capitular Year. Moreover, may the attached citation be received with favorable endorsement by the General Grand High Priest and Officers of the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, International.

With fervency and zeal,

Grand High Priest (Signature)  
Grand Chapter (Jurisdiction) of Royal Arch Masons



## Royal Arch Masons of Jurisdiction

**(SAMPLE)**

# General Grand Chapter Distinguished Service Medal in Bronze For the Capitular Year Commencing (Date) and Ending (Date)

**Date:** Date submitted

**From:** Companion Name, Constituent Chapter (Name & No.) of Royal Arch Masons

**To:** M.:E.:C.: Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the (Jurisdiction)

**Via:** E.:C.: High Priest, Constituent Chapter (Name & No.) of Royal Arch Masons  
R.:E.:C.: Grand Secretary, Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the (Jurisdiction)

Dear Most Excellent Sir;

The influence of (Companion Name) and the significance of his accomplishments upon Capitular Masonry cannot be overstated, or easily captured in a brief synopsis of his service to this Chapter or the Jurisdiction in general. Nonetheless, with joyful occasion and gladdened heart it is my pleasure to offer this nomination of (Companion Name) in consideration for award of the General Grand Chapter Distinguished Service “Bronze” Medal for the 20XX Capitular Year. Moreover, may the following citation and record of accomplishment, attached herewith, be received with favorable endorsement by the Grand High Priest, Royal Arch Masons of the (Jurisdiction) with recommended approval to the General Grand High Priest and Officers of the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, International. **(SAMPLE)**

With fervency and zeal,

Companion Name



## AWARD NOMINATION

### Distinguished Service Medal in Bronze

Maximum of one DSM Award per Jurisdiction per Capitular Year

#### I. IDENTIFICATION

*(Clearly PRINT or TYPE information)*

**Nominee Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

*(Full name as it appears on Masonic membership role)*

**Current/Past Highest Capitular Service:** \_\_\_\_\_

*(PGHP, PHP, Elected/Appointed Officer Station, etc.)*

**Awardee Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

*(Name companion would prefer engraved on medal – limit XX characters)*

#### II. INSTRUCTIONS

**Point of Contact Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

*(Grand Chapter Officer or Designee managing award)*

**POC Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

*(Complete street address where medal is to be mailed: temple, secretary, etc.)*

**Date of Annual Grand Chapter Convocation:** \_\_\_\_\_

*(Submission of Award Nomination MUST be received not less than XX days before Grand Convocation)*

**Special Presentation Request:** \_\_\_\_\_

*(Indicate if particular GGCRAMI Officer requested to present medal)*

**Endorsement Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

*(Grand High Priest or authorized Designee)*

#### III. CITATION

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General Grand Chapter  
Royal Arch Masons, International

**Distinguished Service Medal in Silver**



**Award Nomination  
Instructions & Forms**

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honors, but in deserving them.” - Aristotle

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**AWARD CRITERIA**



## **A. PURPOSE**

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## **B. INSTRUCTION**

For instructional purposes, several forms are included in this nomination packet to assist a Grand Chapter in selecting and managing award of a Distinguished Service Medal in Bronze. The sample letter written on Grand Chapter stationery to the General Grand Chapter, and Award Nomination Form may be used as contained herein or modified in format as it may best suit the needs of the Jurisdiction. However, ALL information MUST be provided not less than XX days before the scheduled date of the Annual Grand Convocation. This deadline is critically necessary to ensure all information is complete and accurate; materials are ordered, engraved and shipped; and schedules may be accommodated if special presentation is requested. Additional forms in this packet are also made available to Grand Chapters in support of the selection process, but are NOT required to be utilized, completed or submitted to GGCRAMI in selection of a nominee.

## **C. QUALIFYING**

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- Any companion in good standing who has not served as a Chapter High Priest (eligible)
- A Companion serving as an aide or assistant to a Grand Chapter Officer (eligible)
- A Companion who has served as a constituent Chapter High Priest (eligible)
- A Past High Priest serving as an appointed officer in a line of Grand Chapter Officers (eligible)
- A Past High Priest serving as an elected officer in a line of Grand Chapter Officers (excluded)
- A sitting or Past Grand High Priest (excluded)
- A Past Grand High Priest serving as an officer in a constituent Chapter (excluded)
- A Past Grand High Priest serving as an officer in a Grand Chapter (excluded)

**Nominations submitted for Companions “excluded” from consideration shall be rejected!**



## Royal Arch Masons of Jurisdiction

**(SAMPLE)**

**Date:** Date submitted

**Subj:** GGCRAMI Distinguished Service Medal in Silver Nomination

**From:** Name, M.:E.:C.: Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter (Jurisdiction) Royal Arch Masons

**To:** Name, M.:E.:C.: General Grand High Priest, General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International

**Via:** Name, R.:E.:C.: General Grand Secretary, General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International

Dear Most Excellent Sir;

The influence of (Companion Name) and the significance of his accomplishments upon Capitular Masonry cannot be overstated, or easily captured in a brief synopsis of his service to this Grand Chapter or the Craft in general. Nonetheless, with joyful occasion and gladdened heart it is my pleasure to offer this nomination of (Companion Name) in consideration for award of the General Grand Chapter Distinguished Service Medal in Silver for the 20XX Capitular Year. Moreover, may the attached citation be received with favorable endorsement by the General Grand High Priest and Officers of the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, International.

With fervency and zeal,

Grand High Priest (Signature)  
Grand Chapter (Jurisdiction) of Royal Arch Masons



## Royal Arch Masons of Jurisdiction

**(SAMPLE)**

# General Grand Chapter Distinguished Service Medal in Silver For the Capitular Year Commencing (Date) and Ending (Date)

**Date:** Date submitted

**From:** Companion Name, Constituent Chapter (Name & No.) of Royal Arch Masons

**To:** M.:E.:C.: Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the (Jurisdiction)

**Via:** E.:C.: High Priest, Constituent Chapter (Name & No.) of Royal Arch Masons  
R.:E.:C.: Grand Secretary, Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the (Jurisdiction)

Dear Most Excellent Sir;

The influence of (Companion Name) and the significance of his accomplishments upon Capitular Masonry cannot be overstated, or easily captured in a brief synopsis of his service to this Chapter or the Jurisdiction in general. Nonetheless, with joyful occasion and gladdened heart it is my pleasure to offer this nomination of (Companion Name) in consideration for award of the General Grand Chapter Distinguished Service “Silver” Medal for the 20XX Capitular Year. Moreover, may the following citation and record of accomplishment, attached herewith, be received with favorable endorsement by the Grand High Priest, Royal Arch Masons of the (Jurisdiction) with recommended approval to the General Grand High Priest and Officers of the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, International. **(SAMPLE)**

With fervency and zeal,

Companion Name



# AWARD NOMINATION

## Distinguished Service Medal in Silver

Maximum of one DSM Award per Jurisdiction per Capitular Year

### I. IDENTIFICATION

*(Clearly PRINT or TYPE information)*

Nominee Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Full name as it appears on Masonic membership role)*

Current/Past Highest Capitular Service: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(PGHP, PHP, Elected/Appointed Officer Station, etc.)*

Awardee Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Name companion would prefer engraved on medal – limit XX characters)*

### II. INSTRUCTIONS

Point of Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Grand Chapter Officer or Designee managing award)*

POC Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Complete street address where medal is to be mailed: temple, secretary, etc.)*

Date of Annual Grand Chapter Convocation: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Submission of Award Nomination MUST be received not less than XX days before Grand Convocation)*

Special Presentation Request: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Indicate if particular GGCRAMI Officer requested to present medal)*

Endorsement Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Grand High Priest or authorized Designee)*

### III. CITATION

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General Grand Chapter  
Royal Arch Masons, International

**Distinguished Service Medal in Gold**



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Instructions & Forms**

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**AWARD CRITERIA**

## **A. PURPOSE**

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## **B. INSTRUCTION**

For instructional purposes, several forms are included in this nomination packet to assist a Grand Chapter in selecting and managing award of a Distinguished Service Medal in Gold. The sample letter written on Grand Chapter stationery to the General Grand Chapter, and Award Nomination Form may be used as contained herein or modified in format as it may best suit the needs of the Jurisdiction. However, ALL information MUST be provided not less than XX days before the scheduled date of the Annual Grand Convocation. This deadline is critically necessary to ensure all information is complete and accurate; materials are ordered, engraved and shipped; and schedules may be accommodated if special presentation is requested. Additional forms in this packet are also made available to Grand Chapters in support of the selection process, but are NOT required to be utilized, completed or submitted to GGCRAMI in selection of a nominee.

## **C. QUALIFYING**

Please note, the instructions and examples are specific ONLY to the Distinguished Service Medal in Gold. Inquiries for qualifying criteria to bestow a Distinguished Service Medal in Silver or Gold should be directed to the regional Deputy General Grand High Priest; while criteria for the Ephraim Kirby Award may be found online at the GGCRAMI website. Examples of Companions eligible for and excluded from consideration to receive the Distinguished Service Medal in Bronze include:

- Any companion in good standing who has not served as a Chapter High Priest (eligible)
- A Companion serving as an aide or assistant to a Grand Chapter Officer (eligible)
- A Companion who has served as a constituent Chapter High Priest (eligible)
- A Past High Priest serving as an appointed officer in a line of Grand Chapter Officers (eligible)
- A Past High Priest serving as an elected officer in a line of Grand Chapter Officers (excluded)
- A sitting or Past Grand High Priest (excluded)
- A Past Grand High Priest serving as an officer in a constituent Chapter (excluded)
- A Past Grand High Priest serving as an officer in a Grand Chapter (excluded)

**Nominations submitted for Companions “excluded” from consideration shall be rejected!**



## Royal Arch Masons of Jurisdiction

**(SAMPLE)**

**Date:** Date submitted

**Subj:** GGCRAMI Distinguished Service Medal in Gold Nomination

**From:** Name, M.:E.:C.: Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter (Jurisdiction) Royal Arch Masons

**To:** Name, M.:E.:C.: General Grand High Priest, General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International

**Via:** Name, R.:E.:C.: General Grand Secretary, General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International

Dear Most Excellent Sir;

The influence of (Companion Name) and the significance of his accomplishments upon Capitular Masonry cannot be overstated, or easily captured in a brief synopsis of his service to this Grand Chapter or the Craft in general. Nonetheless, with joyful occasion and gladdened heart it is my pleasure to offer this nomination of (Companion Name) in consideration for award of the General Grand Chapter Distinguished Service Medal in Gold for the 20XX Capitular Year. Moreover, may the attached citation be received with favorable endorsement by the General Grand High Priest and Officers of the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, International.

With fervency and zeal,

Grand High Priest (Signature)  
Grand Chapter (Jurisdiction) of Royal Arch Masons



## Royal Arch Masons of Jurisdiction

**(SAMPLE)**

# General Grand Chapter Distinguished Service Medal in Gold For the Capitular Year Commencing (Date) and Ending (Date)

**Date:** Date submitted

**From:** Companion Name, Constituent Chapter (Name & No.) of Royal Arch Masons

**To:** M.:E.:C.: Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the (Jurisdiction)

**Via:** E.:C.: High Priest, Constituent Chapter (Name & No.) of Royal Arch Masons  
R.:E.:C.: Grand Secretary, Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the (Jurisdiction)

Dear Most Excellent Sir;

The influence of (Companion Name) and the significance of his accomplishments upon Capitular Masonry cannot be overstated, or easily captured in a brief synopsis of his service to this Chapter or the Jurisdiction in general. Nonetheless, with joyful occasion and gladdened heart it is my pleasure to offer this nomination of (Companion Name) in consideration for award of the General Grand Chapter Distinguished Service “Gold” Medal for the 20XX Capitular Year. Moreover, may the following citation and record of accomplishment, attached herewith, be received with favorable endorsement by the Grand High Priest, Royal Arch Masons of the (Jurisdiction) with recommended approval to the General Grand High Priest and Officers of the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, International. **(SAMPLE)**

With fervency and zeal,

Companion Name





# AWARD NOMINATION

## Distinguished Service Medal in Gold

Maximum of one DSM Award per Jurisdiction per Capitular Year

### I. IDENTIFICATION

*(Clearly PRINT or TYPE information)*

**Nominee Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Full name as it appears on Masonic membership role)*

**Current/Past Highest Capitular Service:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(PGHP, PHP, Elected/Appointed Officer Station, etc.)*

**Awardee Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Name companion would prefer engraved on medal – limit XX characters)*

### II. INSTRUCTIONS

**Point of Contact Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Grand Chapter Officer or Designee managing award)*

**POC Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Complete street address where medal is to be mailed: temple, secretary, etc.)*

**Date of Annual Grand Chapter Convocation:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Submission of Award Nomination MUST be received not less than XX days before Grand Convocation)*

**Special Presentation Request:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Indicate if particular GGCRAMI Officer requested to present medal)*

**Endorsement Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Grand High Priest or authorized Designee)*

### III. CITATION

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## APPLICATION FOR KEYSTONE AWARD

*The Chapter Award is called the Keystone Award – As the Principle Arch of the Temple of Solomon relied on the Keystone wrought by such great a man as Hiram Abiff, the award given by each Chapter in Utah should represent the qualities of the keystone as well as the man who wrought it. (One Award per Chapter Per Year)*

Selection of nominee to be made by Awards Committee or High Priest.

**Please print or type.**

**Nominee Name:**

**Address:**

**City:**

**State:**

**Zip:**

**Phone:**

**E-mail:**

**Chapter Name & Number:**

**We wish to nominate the above named Companion for the following reasons:**

# “Keystone Award”

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

**The Chapter Award is called the Keystone Award** – *As the Principle Arch of the Temple of Solomon relied on the Keystone wrought by such great a man as Hiram Abiff, the award given by each Chapter in Utah should represent the qualities of the keystone as well as the man who wrought it.*

### **RULES:**

1. Committees should be appointed for award recipients by the High Priest, Illustrious Master and Commander, of each York Rite Body no later than December 31st of each year. These Committees will serve from January 1st until a successor is appointed. It is suggested that Past Elected Officers serve on these committees, and could be past award recipients as well.
2. Awards should be made as the committee recommends, and as approved by the Grand High Priest, Illustrious Grand Master, and Grand Commander, but each award is limited to no more than one annually. Awards are to be made only when the committee makes a recommendation and do not have to be given at specified intervals. It is not necessary to make an award each year.
3. The committee should review the membership each year and ascertain if the Chapter, Council, and/or Commandery has a worthy Companion or Sir Knight who should be considered for each award. The report should be made to the respective head of each body. The High Priest, Illustrious Master and Commander reports the recommendation to the Grand High Priest, Illustrious Grand Master, and Grand Commander respectively.
4. All recommendations for these awards are to be reviewed by the Grand High Priest, Illustrious Grand Master, and Grand Commander, or their designees and all such recommendations shall have the final approval of the Grand High Priest, Illustrious Grand Master, and Grand Commander respectively.
5. Preparations for the presentations of these awards should be made by the current head of each body and under guidelines of each of the committees.
6. The Grand High Priest, Illustrious Grand Master and Grand Commander, or their representatives should be invited to be present and assist in the presentation of each of the awards.

### **QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS:**

1. In order for a member to be eligible for either of these awards, He must have at least 5 years of continuous service as a Royal Arch Mason, Cryptic Mason, or Knight Templar respectively.
2. Regular attendance and support of the York Rite Bodies should be considered.
3. Ritual performance should be considered, but is not required or mandatory for consideration of the awards.
4. Service as an Officer is not required, but should be considered by the committee.
5. Members who have been suspended and then reinstated should be strictly reviewed as to the circumstances of the suspension and all factors taken into consideration.
6. Members for consideration of these awards should be distinguished by exceptional character, and humility, with regard to service to The York Rite Bodies.
7. Membership in Honorary or Invitational Bodies is not required, but such membership and activity could be considered as secondary factors.

### **AWARD PLANNING, REQUESTS AND FEES:**

- The High Priest, Illustrious Master, and Commander of each Constituent York Rite Body shall appoint a committee of 3 members to select the recipients of the awards.
- The committee will review the membership and select a worthy Companion to be considered to receive The Keystone Award, The ISH SODI Award, and a Worthy Sir Knight for the Meritorious Service Award.
- These recommendations will be forwarded to The Grand High Priest, Illustrious Grand Master, and Grand Commander respectively through the Office of The Grand Secretary/Recorder, at least 3 weeks prior the anticipated presentation date.
- A FEE OF **\$25.00** SHALL ACCOMPANY the recommendation for each of the 3 awards. This fee covers the cost of the awards, as well as a certificate suitable for framing.
- The recommendations will be considered by the Grand High Priest, Illustrious Grand Master, and Grand Commander respectively, and notifications will be made through the Office of The Grand Secretary/Recorder, the award recipients are approved or denied.
- *The Grand York Rite is 100 percent behind recognition of your nominee. Everything will be done to accommodate your request. Denials will only be made for just cause by the Grand Head of the body.*
- The award recipients will be recognized at the Grand York Rite of Utah Annual Sessions and their names will be printed in the proceedings of The Grand York Rite of Utah.

# S.T.A.R. AWARD



STELLAR TRACKING ASSIGNMENT REGISTER

“Dwell on the beauty of life. Watch the stars, and see yourself running with them.” — Marcus Aurelius

## **A. PURPOSE**

The Stellar Tracking Assignment Register (S.T.A.R. AWARD) is designed to uniquely honor any Companion, Brother or general member of the community which a Grand, Constituent Chapter, or individual Royal Arch Mason may determine deserving, but for which another certificate, award, or medal may not be fitting or otherwise require additional approval beyond the immediate authority of the presenter.

In short, the S.T.A.R. AWARD is intended to acknowledge the reflective qualities of principled leadership, faithful service and/or loyal dedication to Capitular Masonry, the Craft in general or the community at-large that shine and light the way for others to follow their own star.

## **B. ASSIGNMENT**

The presenter may specifically select a single, uniquely-assigned star within a host of constellations viewable from the Northern or Southern Hemisphere. Information would generally include the star system and catalogue designations; ascension and declination; spectral class; visual and absolute magnitudes, and light years distance from earth. Every star assignment shall be unique in the Stellar Tracking Assignment Register.

## **C. DEVELOPMENT**

Plaques may be designed separately by the presenter, or may be selected from a sample of readily available formats. Statements of recognition should be prepared by the presenter, however, assistance with developing appropriate phraseology can be made available at little or no extra expense.

Special graphics must usually be provided when integrating certain exclusive images such as a Grand or Constituent Chapter logo. A repertoire of Masonic and related images may be selected from the available GGCRAMI website library at no charge, or procured from other online sources as necessary. Additional distinctive images may also be developed at the request of the presenter such as a constellation silhouette.

Development is primarily restricted to the imagination of the presenter, however phraseology and graphics are essentially limited to selection of plaque and size of font. Remember, in the case of presentation – LESS will often prove MORE in terms of beauty and clarity.

## **D. ORDER FORM**

Cost and preparation time is correlative to the amount of engraving, preparation of artwork, selection of plaque style, and final proof acceptance of the award. In most instances, please allow 4 – 6 weeks to develop and receive the S.T.A.R. AWARD. To best facilitate production of your S.T.A.R. AWARD, please complete the Development and Estimate Form to receive a quote and delivery time.

# S.T.A.R. AWARD

## Stellar Tracking Assignment Register

### DEVELOPMENT AND ESTIMATE FORM

**TO BEST PREPARE A QUOTE, PLEASE COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS.**

#### AWARD DESIGN

**Orientation:**  Portrait  Landscape **Plaque Style:**  A\*  B  C  D  E

**Size:**  7 x 9  8 x 10  9 x 12  10.5 x 13  12 x 15  15 x 18  16 x 20

**Font Name Preference:**

**Design Recommendation**

**Citation: (type or print clearly, or prepare on separate page if preferred)**

*(Style A available in portrait orientation only.)*

#### CONSTELLATION ASSIGNMENT

Aires

Gemini

Perseus

Aquarius

Hercules

Pisces

Cancer

Leo

Sagittarius

Capricornus

Libra

Scorpius

Cassiopeia

Lyra

Taurus

Cygnus

Orion

Ursa Major

Draco

Pegasus

Virgo

Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

*(List of available stars and corresponding data will be provided upon selection of constellation)*

#### CONTACT INFORMATION

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

# PLAQUE STYLE SELECTIONS



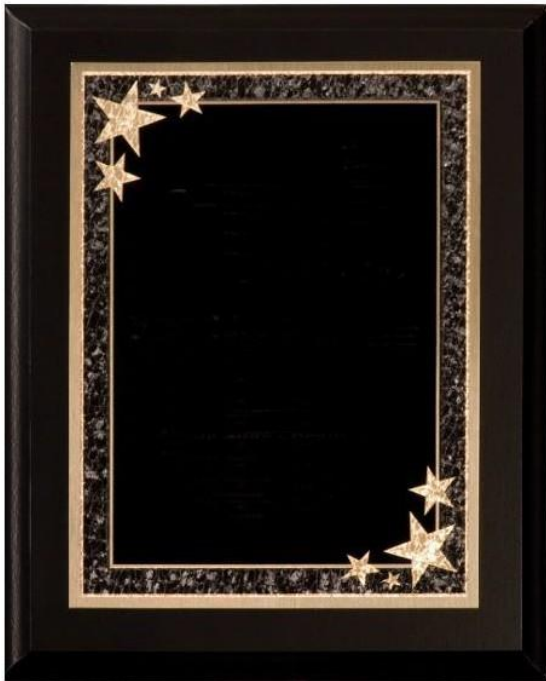
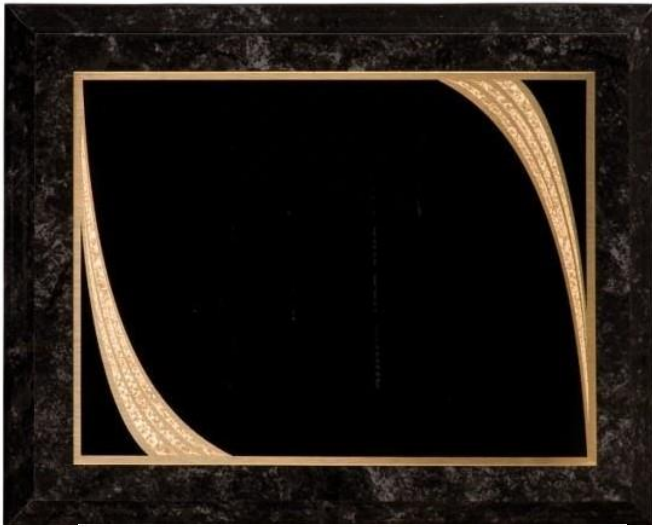
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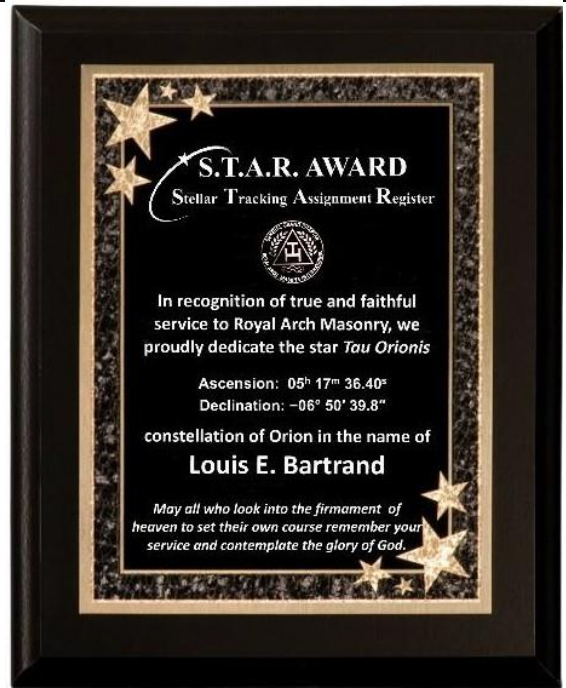
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# General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, International

## Ritual Jewel



*“Training programs shouldn't be designed to deliver competence; they must be dedicated to producing excellence. Serious organizations don't aspire to be comfortably above average.” - Brandon Webb, MLB Pitcher*

# Ritual Jewel

## A. PURPOSE

The purpose of Capitular ritual training is to strengthen the significance of Royal Arch Masonry, enlighten the mind, and polish the spirit of the candidate, as well as any exalted Companion. However, labored excellence in the quarries of our Craft can only be achieved through habituation of training, study and discipline. The General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International is therefore pleased to recognize Companions who excel in the ritualistic presentation of the Capitular Degrees by award of a Ritual Jewel. This prestigious honor is provided by the General Grand Chapter RAMI to Companions who have demonstrated a high level of proficiency in their ritualistic endeavors, as determined eligible by an established scoring system.



## B. REQUIREMENTS

Every Royal Arch Mason is eligible to earn a Ritual Jewel. Requirements are based on a cumulative point system in presentation of various roles within the Capitular Degrees. The Companion must perform the qualifying part from memory on at least two (2) occasions for actual candidates. Performance must also be witnessed and attested by one of the following qualifying Companions: 1) Current holder of General Grand Chapter Ritualistic Jewel; 2) a Past or Current General Grand Custodian of the Work; 3) a Past or Current Grand High Priest of a constituent Grand Chapter; or 4) Chairman of a Ritualistic Work Committee of the qualifying Companion's Grand Chapter.

Point credit shall only be allowed for each separate degree character part exemplified, not for multiple performances of the same part. For example, if a Companion satisfactorily performs the role of Principal Sojourner on the occasion of four (4) different degree conferrals, he may only earn three (3) points, not 12 points (4 degree conferrals x 3 role points). Lastly, all points may be earned only on degree conferrals performed after January 1, 2000.

To begin the process of improving and testing Capitular ritual proficiency, companion applicants may use the Ritual Jewel Scoreboard form available in these instructions or request same from the Grand Chapter Secretary of their jurisdiction.

## C. ELIGIBILITY

There shall be a no "mistakes" quota. Each applicant is expected to perform an especially credible job in the part he is exemplifying. This condition indicates performance should therefore be grounded on accurate word memorization as well as vocal tone, inflection and articulation; and includes correct floor work, gestures and dramatic use of tools and props appropriate to the part.

The following table illustrates the several parts in the Capitular Degrees determined eligible for consideration. The Companion applicant may accumulate any total point combination of 12 or greater to qualify for the General Grand Chapter Ritual Jewel:

Award Point(s)	Capitular Degree	Exemplification Character Part
3	Mark Master Degree	Right Worshipful Master
3	Royal Arch Degree	High Priest (Jeshua)
3	Royal Arch Degree	Principal Sojourner
3	Royal Arch Degree	Lecture
3	Mark Master Degree Most Excellent Master Degree Royal Arch Degree	Master Overseer, and Senior Deacon, and Captain of the Host
2	Past Master Degree	Right Worshipful Master
2	Most Excellent Master Degree	Right Worshipful Master (1st Section)
2	Mark Master Degree	Lecture
2	Most Excellent Master Degree	Lecture
2	Mark Master Degree Most Excellent Master Degree Royal Arch Degree	Senior Deacon, and Senior Warden, and Haggai
1	Royal Arch Degree	Master of the First Veil
1	Royal Arch Degree	Master of the Second Veil
1	Royal Arch Degree	Master of the Third Veil

## D. CERTIFICATION

Upon completion of the minimum 12-Point requirement, signed by qualifying Companion(s) as identified in section B. Requirements, the Companion applicant should deliver the completed Ritual Jewel Scoreboard to the Grand Chapter Secretary. ***(Be sure to make a copy of the original document and have the Grand Chapter Secretary endorse the duplicate scoreboard as an "official copy" in case of loss in the mail.)***

Upon receipt, the Grand Chapter Secretary should certify the completed original by signature and affixed seal of the Grand Chapter, and mail the certified "Ritual Jewel Scoreboard" to the General Grand Secretary, General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International. The jurisdictional Grand Secretary should further indicate the recipient name and complete street mailing address where the Ritual Jewel should be delivered from the General Grand Chapter.

The cost of the Ritual Jewel (including shipping) shall be borne by the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International. No cost(s) for the Ritual Jewel should be passed to the qualified Companion.



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Royal Arch Masons, International



## RITUAL JEWEL SCOREBOARD

<b>1. MARK MASTER DEGREE: Right Worshipful Master</b> Date: _____ 1st Attest: _____ Date: _____ 2nd Attest: _____ <b>3 Points</b>
<b>2. PAST MASTER DEGREE: Right Worshipful Master</b> Date: _____ 1st Attest: _____ Date: _____ 2nd Attest: _____ <b>2 Points</b>
<b>3. MOST EXCELLENT MASTER DEGREE: Right Worshipful Master (Section 1)</b> Date: _____ 1st Attest: _____ Date: _____ 2nd Attest: _____ <b>2 Points</b>
<b>4. ROYAL ARCH DEGREE: High Priest (Jeshua)</b> Date: _____ 1st Attest: _____ Date: _____ 2nd Attest: _____ <b>3 Points</b>
<b>5. ROYAL ARCH DEGREE: Principal Sojourner</b> Date: _____ 1st Attest: _____ Date: _____ 2nd Attest: _____ <b>3 Points</b>
<b>6. MARK MASTER DEGREE: Lecture</b> Date: _____ 1st Attest: _____ Date: _____ 2nd Attest: _____ <b>2 Points</b>
<b>7. MOST EXCELLENT MASTER DEGREE: Lecture</b> Date: _____ 1st Attest: _____ Date: _____ 2nd Attest: _____ <b>2 Points</b>
<b>8. ROYAL ARCH DEGREE: Lecture</b> Date: _____ 1st Attest: _____ Date: _____ 2nd Attest: _____ <b>3 Points</b>
<b>9. MARK MASTER DEGREE: Senior Deacon <i>and</i> MOST EXCELLENT MASTER DEGREE: Senior Warden <i>and</i> ROYAL ARCH DEGREE: Haggai</b> Date: _____ 1st Attest: _____ Date: _____ 2nd Attest: _____ <b>2 Points</b>

## RITUAL JEWEL SCOREBOARD (page 2)

<p><b>10. MARK MASTER DEGREE: Master Overseer and MOST EXCELLENT MASTER DEGREE: Senior Deacon and ROYAL ARCH DEGREE: Captain of the Host</b></p> <p>Date: _____ 1st Attest: _____</p> <p>Date: _____ 2nd Attest: _____ <span style="float: right;"><b>3 Points</b></span></p>
<p><b>11. ROYAL ARCH DEGREE: Master of the First Veil</b></p> <p>Date: _____ 1st Attest: _____</p> <p>Date: _____ 2nd Attest: _____ <span style="float: right;"><b>1 Point</b></span></p>
<p><b>12. ROYAL ARCH DEGREE: Master of the Second Veil</b></p> <p>Date: _____ 1st Attest: _____</p> <p>Date: _____ 2nd Attest: _____ <span style="float: right;"><b>1 Point</b></span></p>
<p><b>13. ROYAL ARCH DEGREE: Master of the Third Veil</b></p> <p>Date: _____ 1st Attest: _____</p> <p>Date: _____ 2nd Attest: _____ <span style="float: right;"><b>1 Point</b></span></p>
<p><b>14. ROYAL ARCH DEGREE: Royal Arch Captain</b></p> <p>Date: _____ 1st Attest: _____</p> <p>Date: _____ 2nd Attest: _____ <span style="float: right;"><b>1 Point</b></span></p>

<b>Total Possible Points:</b>	<b>2 9</b>
<b>Total Points Required:</b>	<b>1 2</b>
<b>Total Points Earned:</b>	

## CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, attest that Companion \_\_\_\_\_,  
a member of \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter No. \_\_\_\_\_, under the jurisdiction of  
the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of \_\_\_\_\_  
has satisfactorily completed not less than the minimum 12 points necessary to receive the General  
Grand Chapter Ritual Jewel, and do hereby respectfully request that said award be made this date in  
recognition of this important accomplishment.

Given my hand this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ A.I. \_\_\_\_\_ under the  
seal of the Grand Chapter of \_\_\_\_\_.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Grand Secretary

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



General Grand Chapter  
Royal Arch Masons, International

**Veteran's Service Medal**



**Service Acknowledgement**

**“An army of principles can penetrate where an army of soldiers cannot.”**

- Thomas Paine

# APPLICATION CRITERIA

## A. PURPOSE

'We, The People' is a statement of courage, determination, commitment, and spirit we make in obligation to each other. For those who serve to honor and uphold these ideals, the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International gratefully recognizes the continuing commitment and willingness of veterans to suffer and endure for their country and our Craft. To those who make the ultimate sacrifice in protection of freedom, we are infinitely grateful that such men were brothers and companions among us.

In acknowledgement of a greater power beyond oneself, and acceptance of principled military duty to home and country, we dedicate this Veteran's Service Medal to every soldier, sailor or airman who honorably labored in armed service in the pursuit of liberty, justice and humanity.

## B. ELIGIBILITY

Any companion, in good standing, as a member of a Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons affiliated with the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International who currently serves in an active or reserve unit, or has honorably served in an armed force, foreign or domestic, is eligible to wear this Veteran's Service Medal.

The General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International encourages wearing this medal at all Capitular-related functions and events. When worn individually, it should be pinned on the left breast pocket. If worn in concert with other Masonic jewels or medals, it should be placed farthest from the heart. It is, however, recommended brothers and companions first confer with the Grand Lodge of their jurisdiction to determine applicable consent for wearing this medal at other Masonic functions.

## C. ACQUISITION

Please remit payment in the amount of **\$25.00 U.S.** in attachment with the Veteran's Service Medal application form to:

**General Grand Chapter Royal  
Arch Masons, Intl.**

**P.O. Box 128**

**Greenfield, IN 46140-0128**

***Please allow 6 – 8 weeks advance order to allow engraving and delivery.***



# General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, International

## Veteran's Service Medal

### Application for Service Acknowledgement



FULL NAME:

\_\_\_\_\_ As recorded in the Masonic roles of your Grand Jurisdiction

MAILING ADDRESS:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address, City, State and Zip Code

CONTACT INFO:

\_\_\_\_\_ Primary Telephone & Area Code \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address

TOP BAR INFO:

\_\_\_\_\_ Name limited to 20 characters – including spaces (may include rank or rate as space permits)

LOWER BAR INFO:

Army  Navy  Marines  Air Force  Coast Guard  Other\*

Indicate Branch of Service

\*Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Service limited to 20 characters – including spaces (may include rank or rate as space permits)

CERTIFICATION :

By my signature below, I hereby certify I am a member in good standing of

\_\_\_\_\_ Chapter No.

under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the

State  Country of

and which is affiliated with the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International.

BY MY HAND:

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date

**(Ensure \$25.00 US payment accompanies this application)**

**General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, Intl.**

**P.O. Box 128 Greenfield, IN 46140-0128**





# General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, International

## Ephraim Kirby Award



Leadership is not about a title or a designation. It's about impact, influence and inspiration. Impact involves getting results, influence is about enhancing the value of the Craft, and inspiration serves as the means to self-improvement and the world at-large.

# AWARD CRITERIA

## A. PURPOSE

This prestigious award serves as an opportunity for the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International to recognize extraordinary Companions who have attained past presiding rank in their Grand York Rite bodies (Lodge, Chapter, Council, Commandery); and who have then gone on to continue their work and commitment to service far beyond the term of their office and the normal boundaries of dedication.

## B. ELIGIBILITY

A Custodian, appointed for each constituent Grand Chapter, may select and nominate a candidate from their jurisdiction whom they determine demonstrate continuing, outstanding service to the Craft in merit of this award. The Custodian may make recommendations any time during the Capitular Year, but only one deserving Companion may be honored with the Ephraim Kirby Award on an annual basis. While the recipient may be recognized from any York Rite Masonic Body, the candidate must be Royal Arch Mason in good standing to receive the award. It is highly suggested, presentation of the Ephraim Kirby Award should be reserved for a suitably auspicious occasion (i.e. Annual Convocation, York Rite Conference, etc.) as time, availability and circumstances best dictate.

## C. DESCRIPTION

Properly worn, the jewel is suspended from a red grosgrain ribbon and is worn under the collar and under a bow tie or over a necktie. Pinned on the ribbon above the jewel is a metal device inscribed "Ephraim Kirby Award."

The colors and composition may be briefly described as a Triple Tau surrounded by a delta and wreath, embedded in a keystone over a Royal Arch surmounted by a radiating sunburst. Red is the color of blood and symbolic of the life-force through resurrection and immortality. It is the symbolic color of the Royal Arch degree; emblematic that fervency and zeal which should ever actuate all Royal Arch Masons.

Whereas the Tau is the emblem of the generative power, of eternal life, of salvation and reincarnation; the union of three *Tau*'s alludes to the grand tri-unison by which the horrific, gloomy, and unshapen chaos was regenerated into structured form, order and harmonious existence. Further signified by the omniscience, omnipotence and omnipresence of the divine delta, the Triple Tau is centered in a field of white, emblematic of devotion and righteousness, as well as representative of the heart of the world, initiation, the unconscious, and path to esoteric wisdom. The encircled wreath denotes the glory of triumph to the honoree in recognition of achievement, and signifies the auspices of authority by which service is rendered and commended.

Because the meaning of the Keystone and Royal Arch are well known in Capitular Masonry, they will not be described here. Lastly, gold is the symbol of the sun, divinity and majesty, and denotes immortality. Regarded as "all-seeing", it represents humankind's higher self and the true essence of being.

## D. HISTORY

This award is named for the first, Most Excellent General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Ephraim Kirby, who served from 1798-1804. A brief history of this remarkable man and Mason reveals he was born in Ancient Woodbury, Connecticut, in 1757. He took part in the struggle for American Independence, saw action at Bunker Hill, and received numerous saber wounds at the Battle of Elk River from which he nearly died. In all he is said to have been in nineteen battles and skirmishes, receiving thirteen wounds, including the saber cuts already mentioned.



He was an original member of the Society of the Cincinnati of Connecticut. By his own diligence and labor he earned his education as a lawyer. In recognition of his legal talents and growing reputation, in 1787 the honorary degree of Master of Arts was conferred on him by Yale University. Published in 1789, *Kirby's Reports of Cases Adjudged in the Superior Court of the State of Connecticut*, from the year 1785 to May 1788, with some *Determinations in the Supreme Court of Errors* is a record of the legal history of Connecticut's courts.

As America expanded west, Congress, by an act of 27 March 1804, created the position of an additional judge for the Mississippi Territory due to the increasing influx of settlers into that region. Under this act President Thomas Jefferson, appointed Ephraim Kirby as the additional judge effective April 6, 1804. Having accepted the office, he went directly to his new post at Fort Stoddert on the Alabama River north of Spanish-held Mobile, Alabama, near the present-day town of Mount Vernon. He left his wife and eight children behind in faraway Connecticut.

In the new, sparsely settled wilderness, he began the foundation of a new court system for what would become the State of Alabama. Regrettably, Judge Kirby did not complete his appointed term, having succumbed to yellow fever just six months later on 4 October 4 1804 at Fort Stoddert. His burial spot remains unknown. Sadly, he died before learning that President Jefferson had also appointed him Governor of the Mississippi Territory.

MEC Kirby became a member of St. Paul's Lodge No. 11, Litchfield, Connecticut, in 1781. Representing that lodge at the convention of July 8, 1789 to form the Samuel Kirkland Grand Lodge of Connecticut, he was elected its first secretary. He was Grand Senior Warden of that Grand Lodge from 1795-97. He served three terms as master of his own lodge. Little is known of his chapter record except that he was a member of the Mark Lodge located at New Town, Connecticut.

When the Grand Chapter of Connecticut was organized at Hartford on 17 May 1798, MEC Kirby was elected the first Grand High Priest. He was also elected first General Grand High Priest in 1798, serving until his death in 1804. He was thus Grand High Priest and General Grand High Priest at the same time.



## General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, International

### *Sweetheart Award*



The General Grand Chapter “Sweetheart Award” is available to all Royal Arch Masons as a way to show appreciation for the support and encouragement their Ladies provide to our Craft throughout the years of a Companion’s service to Capitular Masonry.

The award consists of a personalized jewel, with a faux diamond and GGCAMI seal on a scarlet heart, surrounded by gold-tone filigree, presented in a very nice red-velvet gift box. Additional to the jewel, the Lady will also receive a certificate (suitable for framing) recognizing the Lady as a “Royal Arch Sweetheart. The cost for both award items (jewel and certificate) may be purchased for One Hundred Dollars US (\$100.00).

Please allow 6-8 weeks advance order to allow engraving and delivery.



# General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, International

## *Sweetheart Award* Application



**Name of Lady:** \_\_\_\_\_

As name of Lady should appear on Jewel and Certificate

**Companion Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

As name of Companion appears on roles of Jurisdiction

**Grand Chapter:** \_\_\_\_\_

Jurisdiction of Royal Arch Masons

**Mailing Address\*:** \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address, City, State, Zip Code of Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons

**\*NOTE:** *Award will be delivered to Grand Chapter Secretary unless otherwise directed.*

**Award Occasion:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Presentation Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Requested by:** \_\_\_\_\_

Name and current Masonic/Capitular position title

**Contact Info:** \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (w/area code)

\_\_\_\_\_ Email Address

**Preferred Mailing:** \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address, City, State, Zip Code

**Recipient Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please remit payment of \$100.00 US with Sweet Award Application to:

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**P.O. Box 128**

**Greenfield, IN 46140-0128**

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# General Grand Chapter Royal Masons, International

## *Sweetheart Award Certificate*

 THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER  
OF  
ROYAL ARCH MASONS, INTERNATIONAL   
SWEETHEART AWARD

*is presented to*

Lady - *Name*

*For the outstanding service and dedication she has rendered over many  
years to Royal Arch Masonry in general but more particularly  
to the  
Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Jurisdiction  
and now, therefore, we salute, acknowledge and hail her as a  
Royal Arch Sweetheart*

*Prepared this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_ A. O. 20xx A. J. 25xx*

*Signature*  
General Grand High Priest

*Signature*  
General Grand Secretary