General Grand Chapter
Royal Arch Masons, International

Distinguished Service Medal

BRONZE

Award Nomination Instructions and Forms

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

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AWARD CRITERIA

A. PURPOSE

The Distinguished Service Medal in Bronze (DSMB), offered by the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International (GGCRAMI), is an excellent modus to recognize the leadership, commitment, and resolve of Companions that dedicate their time to ensure the bond of their word; that establish all their actions and deeds as honorable; and demonstrate unyielding faithfulness to the tenets of Royal Arch Masonry. Yet, as these Companions sojourn through Capitular Masonry, awards and titles are not the primary markers of their success. For them, there is no road too rugged or honor too distant to the Companion who labors in the noble and glorious undertaking of rebuilding the House of the Lord without the hope of fee or reward. It is for these reasons GGCRAMI reserves award of the DSMB to those Companions that do not currently serve as an elected Officer of a Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, or earned the exalted title of Past Grand High Priest. Any other qualifications, limitations or restrictions shall be imposed by the Grand Chapter as it may deem appropriate.

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 stationary 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 forty-five (45) 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!