General Grand Chapter
Royal Arch Masons, International

Distinguished Service Medal

SILVER

Award Nomination Instructions and Forms

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

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AWARD CRITERIA

Distinguished Service Medal in Silver

A. ISSUE

Instituted in 1972, the Silver Distinguished Service Medal shall be limited to one per Triennium for each of seven (7) U.S. Royal Arch Regions and four (4) At-Large Royal Arch Masons who have demonstrated continuous exemplary service, comprehensive initiative, and faithful dedication to the improvement of Royal Arch Masonry that reflects the highest honor and traditions of this ancient and noble craft.

B. INSTRUCTION

Nominations for the Silver Distinguished Service Medal may be submitted by any Royal Arch Mason in good standing, sent to the Regional Deputy General Grand High Priest in a manner, similar in form indicated in the attachment, and in the format (original or e-file) as may be determined by the DGGHP. Recommendation for award of the Silver Distinguished Service Medal should be sent via U.S. Postal Service (hardcopy) with original signature(s) to the attention of the General Grand High Priest for approval. An e-file may also be submitted in support or confirmation of receipt but must be accompanied by the original recommendation.

It is highly recommended the Regional Deputy General Grand High Priest closely review all nominations received, but forward only one (1) final recommendation to the General Grand High Priest. If more than one (1) recommendation is submitted per region, the General Grand High Priest reserves the right to make the final selection without consultation with the DDGHP.

C. ELIGIBILITY

All Royal Arch Masons in good standing are eligible to receive the Silver Distinguished Service Medal except those Companions currently serving as an elected or appointed Grand Chapter Officer. No nominated Companion is required to have been previously recognized by award of the Bronze Distinguished Service Medal or other Masonic decoration.

Moreover, each Regional Deputy General Grand High Priest may exercise their discretion and reject any nomination as may be appropriate, nor is a DDGHP required to submit at least one (1) recommendation per Triennium. The General Grand High Priest further reserves the honor and privilege to determine the area, nature, or other consideration(s) for award of the At-Large honorees.

D. PRESENTATION

The Silver Distinguished Service Medal may be presented by the General Grand High Priest, or by delegation with or of the Deputy Grand High Priest representing the region and others as may be determined. Prior to presentation, the recipient's name shall be engraved on the bar supporting a red ribbon from which the medal is affixed. In the event an honoree is unable to attend the Triennial Session, the Silver Distinguished Service Medal shall be mailed to the address indicated by the honor, via the U.S. Postal Service from the office of the General Grand Secretary.