

## General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International Awards

### **Ephraim Kirby Award**

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.



### Recipients – Mississippi

2016	Kenneth E. Dyer
2015	Jerry Lee Lewis
2014	Homer E. Sullivan, Jr.
2014	James M. Ward
2014	Jimmie L. Windham

**Distinguished Service Medal**

In 1951, the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons established the Distinguished Service Medal in Bronze to be awarded each year to a Royal Arch Mason in each Grand Chapter affiliated with the General Grand Chapter. The Bronze Medal is given in recognition of the recipient's outstanding & meritorious service to Royal Arch Masonry other than that of holding a Masonic Office as Past Grand High Priest or as a Grand Chapter Officer.

Bronze Medal Recipients – Mississippi



2020	Jack Hourgettes, Jr.	1997	Robert D. Nielson	1974	William G. Cotton
2019	David B. Fricke	1996	Earl D. Barlow	1973	Ira Lee Crawson
2018	Jason A. Jefcoat	1995	Billy Frank Smith	1972	Edward B. Robinson
2017	Micky P. McMahan	1994	Roger D. Howe	1971	George H. Thomas
2016	Jacky R. Bramlitt	1993	Roger W. Mills, II	1970	Norman W. Shauer
2015	Thomas L. Cumberland	1992	James L. Lucas	1969	Charles T. Wallace
2014	George E. Frazier	1991	George J. Williams	1968	W. F. Schoeneman, Sr.
2013	Terry G. Morgan	1990	R. Marshall Shields	1967	Marion R. Turner
2012	Christopher M. Reid	1989	Ralph T. Whitaker	1966	E. I. Parker
2011	Fredrick H. Stephens	1988	Danny W. Neal	1965	E. W. Pope
2010	Jerry W. Reeves	1987	Billy J. Morrow	1964	W. Neill Bogan
2009	Gregory A. Dykes	1986	Russell R. Lunstrum, Jr.	1963	John Z. Hanna
2008	Joe W. Vawters	1985	Walter M. Mann	1962	E. E. Warmath
2007	Edward G. Holland	1984	Daniel W. Averett	1961	Joseph Hanna
2006	William Arlis Wheeler	1983	Jeffie C. Dukes	1960	Shelly Tartt
2005	Gordon Nanney	1982	Walter B. English	1959	John Henry Wooten
2004	Bobby Phillips	1981	Miles H. Byrd	1958	T. E. Eastburn
2003	Wilbur Hartle	1980	Winson L. George	1957	Grady H. Barnhill
2002	Hollis Simpson	1979	Harold J. Gardner	1956	W. H. Jones
2001	Roger King	1978	John C. Hodges, Jr.	1955	D. D. Williams
2000	George Brock	1977	Aaron E. Franks	1954	Laurence S. Russ
1999	Charles F. Huckaby	1976	Van A. Evans	1953	George L. Gafford
1998	Grady R. Partain	1975	Carlyle B. Able	1952	M. H. Barkley

The Silver Medal is awarded by the General Grand Chapter and is presented only once during each Triennium. It is presented for outstanding performance in the service of York Rite Masonry, but particularly in Royal Arch Masonry, not more than three such Silver Medals can be presented at the Triennial Convocation from the selection at large.

Silver Medal Recipients – Mississippi



2020	William Arlis Wheeler
2002	Van A. Evans
1993	Earl D. Barlow

The Gold Medal is presented by the General Grand Chapter for outstanding national and international achievements in the Arts and Sciences, in Public Service, and in Business and learned professions. Not more than one medal maybe presented each year.



Gold Medal Recipients – Mississippi  
None

### **Ritual Jewel**

Requirements are based on a cumulative point system in presentation of various roles within the Capitular Degrees that exhibit labored excellence in the quarries of our Craft can only be achieved through habituation of training, study and discipline.



### Recipients - Mississippi

2008 Van A. Evans  
2018 William Arlis Wheeler

### **Veteran's Service Medal**

Any companion or brother mason, in good standing, who currently serves in an active or reserve unit; or has honorably served in an armed force, foreign or domestic, is eligible to wear the Veteran's Service Medal.



#### Recipients - Mississippi

David Collette  
Shelton Dickerson  
Rex C. Hasty  
Xerxes Z. Herrington, II  
Jack Hourgettes, Jr.  
Joe R. Lee, Jr.  
Terry Morgan  
Arthur L. Patrick  
Leon Rackley  
William Arlis Wheeler  
Freddie C. Zehner  
Joe W. Vawters  
Thomas L. Cumberland  
Kenneth E. Dyer  
Frederick H. Stephens  
Jerry W. Reeves  
Jimmie L. Windham  
John B. McKelvy

### **Sweetheart Award**

The General Grand Chapter has introduced a new award for the Ladies of our Royal Arch Masons. The award was developed by the General Grand High Priest, Emory J. Ferguson, and is available to Royal Arch Masons as a way to show their appreciation for the support and encouragement their Ladies have given them throughout the years.



#### Recipients – Mississippi

2019	Sandra D. McKelvy
2018	Brenda C. Windham
2018	Cindy A. Reeves
2015	Carolyn D. Stephens
2011	Gloria Dyer
2009	Yukie Shafer

## **Grand Chapter of Mississippi Honors**

### **Grand Chapter Membership Award**

Each year, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Mississippi recognizes one Chapter who has attained the highest number of new members in the preceding year.

#### Recipients - Mississippi

2020		1990	Shields No. 18
2019	Gulf Coast No. 121	1989	Gulfport No. 121
2018	Hillyer No. 113	1988	Tupelo No. 109
2017	Desoto No. 148	1987	Lafayette No. 33
2016	Jackson No. 5	1986	Kosciusko No. 20
2015	Corinth No. 76	1985	Gulfport No. 121
2014	Vicksburg No. 3	1984	New Albany No. 49
2013	Tupelo No. 109	1983	Hattiesburg No. 114
2012	Wilmon Stuart No. 146	1982	Desoto No. 148
2011	Gulfport No. 121	1981	Okolona No. 27
2010	Corinth No. 76	1980	Desoto No. 148
2009	Desoto No. 148	1979	Forrest Hill No. 156
2008	Desoto No. 148	1978	Forrest Hill No. 156
2007	Lafayette No. 33	1977	Carthage No. 46
2006	West Point No. 95	1976	Newton No. 31
2005	Ward No. 73	1975	Ward No. 73
2004	Booneville No. 115	1974	Desoto No. 148
2003	New Albany No. 49	1973	Booneville No. 115
2002	Calhoun City No. 152	1972	Desoto No. 148
2001	West Point No. 95	1971	Shields No. 18
2000	Gulfport No. 121	1970	Union No. 141
1999	Desoto No. 148	1969	Shields No. 18
1998	Desoto No. 148	1968	Shields No. 18
1997	Gulfport No. 121	1967	Shields No. 18
1996	Vicksburg No. 3	1966	Desoto No. 148
1995	Booneville No. 115	1965	Ward No. 73
1994	McConico No. 96	1964	Okolona No. 27
1993	McConico No. 96	1963	Singing River No. 155
1992	Hilyer No. 113	1962	Okolona No. 27
1991	Dewitt Clinton No. 12		



### **T. Olin Gore Jr. Travelling Zerubbabel Apron**

Each year, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Mississippi recognizes one outstanding Companion who has demonstrated outstanding proficiency in Royal Arch ritual. The recipient only possesses the Apron for one year, at which time he passes it on to his successor.



#### Recipients – Mississippi

2020	Norman Ried Quarles, Jr.	2001	John F. Bailey
2019	Clyde L. Herron, Jr.	2000	Charles E. Huckaby
2018	Michael Baker	1999	Frederick H. Stephens
2017	Jack Hourgettes, Jr.	1998	Terry W. Nowell
2016	Keith Ballard	1997	Lindsey W. Mundy
2015	Lane Dossett	1996	Albert C. Dollahite
2014	John Perkins	1995	Roger D. Howe
2013	Dorvell Bugg	1994	James A. Davis
2012	Harold Marlar	1993	Jimmie L. Windham
2011	Kiely Walker	1992	Henry A. Lynch
2010	Wilbur Hartle	1991	Ellis F. Fehler
2009	Terry Nowell	1990	George Jasper Williams
2008	William Arlis Wheeler	1989	John C. Bassett
2007	Terry Morgan	1988	Robert L. Davis
2006	George Frazier	1987	Robert M. Shields
2005	Jerry W. Reeves	1986	J. W. Johnson
2004	James W. Whitaker	1985	Daniel W. Averett
2003	Terry G. Morgan	1984	Daniel W. Averett
2002	Joe R. Brown		