

## General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International Awards

### **Lady of the Council**

Cryptic Masons know and appreciate the help and support of their ladies. The General Grand Council has developed an Award to recognize and honor these Ladies for outstanding dedication and support to Cryptic Masons.



### Recipients – Mississippi

2018	Nellie Ruth Bugg
2015	Lynell Holland
2015	Billie W. Sullivan
2012	Gloria Dyer
2012	Dorothy Morgan
2012	Sarah Hall
2009	Debra Lewis
2009	Yukie Shafer
	Carolyn D. Stephens
	Linda Evans

## **First Responders Award**

A brand-new opportunity to recognize members of our Masonic Family and Community, the First Responder Award is a “Thank You” to those who serve (or who have served) and an opportunity for the Council to reach “to and through the Lodge” to show that Masonry respects those who dedicated their lives to preserving our communities.



Recipients – Mississippi

**Waiting for list from General Grand Council**

### **Veterans Medal**

The ability to honor Veterans and their service on behalf of their country was implemented in September of 2018. Service above self is one of the most laudable characteristics a Companion can embody, and Cryptic Masons International has developed the Cryptic Mason Veterans Medal to distinguish those among us who have answered that call. The Cryptic Mason Veterans Award is rich in symbolism and honors a Veteran's Service while simultaneously displaying the character of Cryptic Masonry.



#### Recipients – Mississippi

Thomas L. Cumberland, LTC, US Army  
Rex C. Hasty, MSGT, US Air Force  
Xerxes Z. Herrington, II, CMDR, US Navy  
Jack Hourgettes, Jr., LTC, US Army  
John B. McKelvy, LCDR, US Navy  
Arthur Leon Patrick, 1SG, US Army  
Frederick H. Stephens, SGT MAJ, US Army  
Joe W. Vawters, BMCM, US Coast Guard

**10% Gain**

A tradition started during the 33rd Triennium, this recognizes a Council's membership activity and focus on creating more Royal and Select Masters. A Council which increases its membership by 10% (overall) during their year has made an intentional effort to ensure the future viability of the Council – this is good Stewardship of their charge.



Recipients - Mississippi  
**None**

### Adult Youth Leadership Award

As of the 33rd Triennial, the General Grand Council makes available one Adult Youth Leadership Award to each Grand Council to recognize a volunteer from the International Order of Rainbow for Girls, Jobs Daughters International or DeMolay International within their jurisdiction. We currently also support the Organization of Triangles, Inc., a youth organization for young ladies between the ages of 10 and 21 years old, in New York State. In 1996, this award became available to recognize non-Masons, including ladies. Since 1978, some hundreds have been awarded, but this award is currently under-utilized as a method of encouraging the support of youth groups and the awareness of the Council.



#### Recipients – Mississippi

2020	B. J. Barfield	2001	Leslie E. Reeves
2019	Arthur L. Patrick	2000	Alex C. Savell
2018	William Terry McLeod	1999	Charles F. Guyett
2017	Johnny C. Wolfe, Sr.	1998	Charles L. Harmon
2016	William Fletcher	1997	James A. Thrasher
2015	Joe W. Vawters	1996	Danny Olan Alexander
2014	Billy Wayne Sloan	1995	Billy Frank Smith
2013	Charles Lynn Cox	1994	H. A. Skipper
2012	Don Bryant	1993	Charles W. McMaster
2011	William J. Smith	1992	Malcolm Williamson
2010	Charles A. Ezel	1991	James R. Rosenkrans
2009	George E. Frazier	1990	Robert L. Earnest
2008	Darrell W. Sartin	1989	James M. Williamson
2007	Thomas L. Cumberland	1988	Oyd W. Davis
2006	Christopher P. Holzinger	1987	Billy Ausborn
2005	James R. Latham	1986	A. J. Tullos
2004	William Frank Smith	1985	A. Doug Montgomery
2003	Garry Garcia	1984	Robert M. Anderson
2002	Charles E. Huckaby		

**Ronald L. Thomas Ritualist Award**

On Saturday, February 27, 2016, the Grand Council of Alabama approved the request of the General Grand Council to assume the responsibility of administering a Ritualist Award for the Royal Master, Select Master, and Super Excellent Master Degrees.



Recipients – Mississippi  
**None**

### **Cryptic Mason of the Year**

The 32nd Triennium of the General Grand Council saw the establishment of this award for each Grand and Subordinate Council to recognize one Select Master “for outstanding service to Cryptic Masonry.” Since 1975 several hundred have been awarded, and each Constituent Cryptic Grand Master is given the opportunity to recognize one Companion from the jurisdiction who exemplifies the attitude and activities of a Cryptic Mason, and from our Constituent Councils, one for the Triennium. This honor is bestowed on a Companion who is from the “rank and file” and continuously works over and above the expectations of a member.



#### Recipients – Mississippi

2020	Lester Ivy	1997	Bernard M. McClelland
2019	Norman Ried Quarles, Jr.	1996	James A. Davis
2018	Lane Dossett	1995	Jack A. Saucier
2017	Wilbur A. Hartle	1994	Homer E. Sullivan, Jr.
2016	James W. Sigmond	1993	Billy Frank Smith
2015	Bruce D. Baker	1992	Charles W. McMaster
2014	Matthew Keith Ballard	1991	Billy J. Morrow
2013	Robert Lee Earnest	1990	H. Wilton Griffin
2012	George E. Frazier	1989	Frank E. Hankinson
2011	Leslie E. Reeves	1987	Harold S. Hansen
2010	William F. Hall	1986	J. C. Bassett
2009	Jerry Wayne Reeves	1985	Jack L. Moore
2008	Alfred E. Lightsey	1984	Jack Hourgettes, Jr.
2007	Joe W. Vawters	1983	Hollis D. Simpson
2006	Thomas L. Cumberland	1982	Joe Brown
2005	Jerry Lee Lewis	1981	Edward Corn
2004	Gordon B. Nanney	1980	Harold J. Gardner
2003	William Arlis Wheeler	1979	Robert E. Gholson
2002	Frederick H. Stephens	1978	Lee Roy Ward
2001	Billy F. Knox	1977	Henry A. Bassett
2000	Guy W. Bowie	1976	Henry D. Butler
1999	George C. Brock	1975	Robert L. Moseley
1998	Roger D. Howe		

### **Order of the Secret Vault College of Preservation**

The General Grand Council has started a new organization under its auspices. The organization is called the College Of Preservation. It consists of the General Grand Officers and select individuals as College Deans. These College Deans will form the core of the selection committee for Companions to be invited to join. This is an invitation only organization.



#### Recipients – Mississippi

2020	Thomas L. Cumberland
2020	Gerald E. Klein
2015	Edward G. Holland
2015	Homer E. Sullivan, Jr.
2014	Kenneth E. Dyer
2013	Frederick H. Stephens



### **Mordhurst Award**

The award was started by approval of the General Grand Council at the 33rd Triennial in 1978 and was initially given to any Companion serving his Grand Council as Grand Recorder for 15 years with distinction. Since adoption, there have been fifty-one medals awarded to Companions.



Recipients – Mississippi

2008 Fred F. Bean  
1990 T. K. Griffis

### **Columbian Award**

Named for what is reputed to be the first organized Council of Royal Masters in the United States – Columbia Council No. 1 of New York, which was organized September 2, 1810 – This is an award of merit for service given at the Regional level. Each Triennial, one is awarded to an outstanding Cryptic Mason for each of the Regions of the General Grand Council (now 13), and a maximum of an additional three at large awards given. This award was approved by the General Grand Council during the 33rd Triennial.



Recipients – Mississippi

1978 Thomas Olin Gore, Jr.  
1993 Tracy W. Lusk

## **Grand Council of Mississippi Awards**

### **Brownlee-Shearer Traveling Zabud Apron**

Each year, the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters in Mississippi recognize one outstanding Companion who has demonstrated outstanding proficiency in Council ritual. The recipient only possesses the Apron for one year, at which time he passes it on to his successor.

#### Recipients – Mississippi

2020	Charles Robinson
2019	Ronald M. Gardner
2018	Nathan Applegate
2017	Michael Baker
2016	William Arlis Wheeler
2015	David Fricke
2014	Keith Ballard
2013	Jessie Smith
2012	Charles Sneed
2011	Joe W. Vawters
2010	Harold Marlar
2009	Terry Nowell
2008	Dorvell Bugg
2007	James Birdsong
2006	Len Adams
2005	Robert L. Davis
2004	Lindsey W. Mundy
2003	Rhett A. Turner
2002	Leslie E. Reeves
2001	Kiely D. Walker
2000	John T. Miles
1999	Roger W. King
1998	Alfred E. Lightsey
1997	Kenneth E. Dyer
1996	Charles W. McMaster
1995	Charles E. Huckaby
1994	Wilbur A. Hartle
1993	Marcus D. Timms
1992	Earl D. Barlow
1991	Billy Frank Smith
1990	James A. Davis
1989	Homer E. Sullivan, Jr.
1988	Grady R. Partain
1987	John W. Johnson
1986	Hollis D. Simpson