



Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts

Ritual Award

“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

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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 Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts is therefore pleased to recognize Companions who excel in the ritualistic presentation of the Capitular Degrees. This prestigious honor is provided by The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts 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 the Ritual Award. 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 the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts Ritual Award; 2) a Past or Current Grand Lecturers; 3) a Past or Current Grand High Priest or 4) a District Officer appointed by the Grand High Priest.

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, 2023.

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 Secretary.

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
3	Royal Arch Degree	Principal Sojourner
3	Royal Arch Degree	Lecture
2	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 Royal Arch Captain
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 District Deputy Grand High Priest. ***(Be sure to make a copy of the original document and have the District Deputy Grand High Priest endorse the duplicate scoreboard as an “official copy” in case of loss in the mail.)***

Upon receipt, the District Deputy Grand High Priest should certify the completed original by signature and mail the certified “Ritual Award Scoreboard” to the Grand Secretary of The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts. The Grand Secretary should further indicate the recipient’s name and notify the District Deputy Grand High Priest for presentation.

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RITUAL AWARD SCOREBOARD

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

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

Total Possible Points:	29
Total Points Required:	12
Total Points Earned:	

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, attest that Companion _____,
 a member of _____ Chapter under the jurisdiction of the Grand
 Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts has satisfactorily completed not less than the
 minimum 12 points necessary to receive the Grand Chapter Ritual Award, 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.

Signature: _____

District Deputy Grand High Priest

Date: _____

Approved: _____

Grand Secretary

Date: _____