



The General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International

RONALD L. THOMAS RITUAL AWARD

This Award is intended to inspire you to commit Cryptic ritual to memory AND to engage and participate in ritualistic work within the Cryptic Rite. Originating from the Alabama Grand Council Ritual Award, the key aspects of earning the Award are that you are able to recite perfectly and deliver appropriately. The high standards set will preserve those Sacred Treasures which are ours through Masonic heritage.

RECITATION

Recitation points cannot be counted as performance points and must be earned by delivering a verbatim presentation of the different roles outlined below to the officer or committee designated in your jurisdiction, usually a (Deputy) Grand Lecturer, Council Ritual Officer, or elective Grand Officer. The “letter perfect” standard ensures that the exact verbiage is committed to memory. The amount of memorization points is higher to encourage learning multiple roles. This allows for a more comprehensive understanding, thereby improving the performance of the ritual.

PERFORMANCE (SEPARATE FROM RECITATION)

Performance points cannot count for recitation points and must be earned by performing roles as a part of the degree team. This requires that the essential elements are effectively communicated – minor errors *MAY* (decided by the approver) be overlooked as long as the meaning is clear and you have demonstrated the floorwork, non-verbal, and inflection aspects of performing as a part of the degree team. Approval of these items will also be done as designated in your jurisdiction, but is usually a (Deputy) Grand Lecturer, Degree or Festival Director, or elective Grand Officer.

Super Excellent Master

The requirements for the Super Excellent Master are currently under review.





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PASSPORTS (SALE ITEM - \$15.00 EACH)

The General Grand Council Ritual passports are designed to assist you in completing the requirements for each of the degree bars for the Ritual Award. Their purpose is to centralize the documentation for each of the qualifying tasks of that degree and serve as a beautiful memento of your journey. When all of the requirements are accomplished, please present the completed passport to your Grand Recorder or Recorder. He will then follow the ordering process for your Ritualist Medal and degree bar. The jewel and bars for each degree awarded are available at no cost to you, being a Cryptic Mason in Good Standing of a Member Grand Council or a Subordinate Council of the General Grand Council.





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ROYAL MASTER BAR REQUIREMENTS

Total: 22 Points

Recitation:

13 Points required; each part may be counted only once.

Performance:

9 Points required; each part may be counted only once.

(3 pts.)	Open and Close a Council of Royal Masters (ALL Parts)*	(3 pts.)	Open and Close a Council of Royal Masters (as Illustrious Master)*
(3 pts.)	First Section King Solomon	(3 pts.)	First Section King Solomon
(7 pts.)	First Section Hiram Abif	(7 pts.)	First Section Hiram Abif
(3 pts.)	First Section Conductor of the Council	(2 pts.)	First Section Conductor of the Council
(4 pts.)	Second Section King Solomon	(4 pts.)	Second Section King Solomon
(1 pt.)	Second Section Hiram King of Tyre	(1 pt.)	Second Section Hiram King of Tyre
(2 pts.)	Second Section Captain of the Guard	(2 pts.)	Second Section Captain of the Guard or Conductor of the Council
(2 pts.)	Second Section Conductor of the Council		
(5 pts.)	Royal Master Historical Lecture	(3 pts.)	Royal Master Historical Lecture
		(3 pts.)	Paraphernalia and Wardrobe



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SELECT MASTER BAR REQUIREMENTS

Total: 27 Points

Recitation:

18 Points required; each part may be counted only once.

- (5 pts.) Open and Close a Council of Select Masters (ALL Parts)
- (8 pts.) King Solomon
- (3 pts.) Hiram King of Tyre
- (3 pts.) Hiram Abif
- (3 pts.) Captain of the Guard
- (3 pts.) Conductor of the Council
- (5 pts.) Historical Lecture
- (2 pts.) Apron Lecture or Charge
- (3 pts.) Prologue

Performance:

9 Points required; each part may be counted only once.

- (3 pts.) Open and Close a Council of Select Masters (as Illustrious Master)
- (8 pts.) King Solomon
- (3 pts.) Hiram King of Tyre
- (3 pts.) Hiram Abif
- (3 pts.) Captain of the Guard or Conductor of the Council or Ahishar
- (5 pts.) Historical Lecture
- (2 pts.) Apron Lecture or Charge
- (3 pts.) Prologue
- (3 pts.) Paraphernalia and Wardrobe