

## Challenge and Purpose

Mississippi Master Masons are challenged to select and perform from the forms, ceremonies, and lectures of the three degrees. This will provide them with an opportunity to take an active role within their local Lodge, as well as the various Lodges in their geographical area. By taking part in this program, they will be making themselves dedicated Ritualists; and, they will be making their Lodge and Freemasonry stronger.

## Rules for Enrollment

Applicant must be a Master Mason in Good Standing in a Mississippi Subordinate Lodge.

Enrollment Forms are available on the Grand Lodge website.

This program will be self-funded and the honorarium is deposited in the Program Fund to cover the basic cost of the Certificates, Jewels, printing and administration of the program.

## Rules for Advancement

Please remember – every time you perform the ritual, you're retracing a centuries-old tradition and making an impression on your candidate. Your effectiveness depends upon your ability as a ritualist.

The Applicant must perform the ritual parts from memory. Reading the part will not merit receiving credit for the part.

If this Certification is to be respected and sought after as a mark of accomplishment, we must insist that those who receive it pass a creditable examination.

Applicants will be held to the highest expectations and testing standards.

## Issuance of Certification

The Ritual Proficiency Certification herein specified shall be issued on the approval of the Grand Lecturer. Examination for the Certification shall be conducted by one of the Custodians of the Work, the Grand Lecturer, or his duly authorized representative.

The said Certification shall be issued in recognition of the Proficiency of the applicant but shall not authorize the holder thereof to conduct a School of Instruction or to serve as a District Deputy Grand Lecturer without specific authority to do so.

## Levels of Advancement

### RITUALIST (Level 1) CHECKLIST

- Proficient in the Catechism of the Entered Apprentice Degree including Questions and Answers.
- Proficient in the Catechism of the Fellow Craft Degree including Questions and Answers.
- Proficient in the Catechism of the Master Mason Degree including Questions and Answers; first and section Sections.
- Proficient in Opening and Closing of the Lodge in the Entered Apprentice Degree; in all chairs, including Opening and Closing Prayers, and Benediction.
- Proficient in Opening and Closing of the Lodge in the Fellow Craft Degree; in all chairs, including Opening and Closing Prayers, and Benediction.
- Proficient in Opening and Closing of the Lodge in the Master Mason Degree; in all chairs, including Opening and Closing Prayers, and Benediction.

### SENIOR RITUALIST (Level 2) CHECKLIST

- Proficient in Level 1; and
- **Proficient in the Uniform Work of the Entered Apprentice Degree, in all chairs, including Lectures and Charge.**

### ADVANCED RITUALIST (Level 3) CHECKLIST

- Proficient in Levels 1 and 2; and
- **Proficient in the Uniform Work of the Fellow Craft Degree, in all chairs, including Lectures and Charge.**

### MASTER RITUALIST (Level 4) CHECKLIST

- Proficient in Levels 1, 2, and 3; and
- **Proficient in the Uniform Work of the Master Mason Degree, in all chairs, including Lectures and Charge.**

### MASONIC BURIAL SERVICE

- Proficient in the Masonic Burial Service

### **Description of Certificate and Jewel**

The Ritual Proficiency Certification shall consist of a Certificate and a Jewel.



*Ritual Proficiency Jewel*



*Neck Ribbon and Star device.*



*Burial Service Jewel*

### **Certification and Presentation**

Upon completion of each level, a letter of recognition appropriate to the Level of achievement will be sent to the applicant's home Lodge Secretary for proper presentation.

The Jewel, as well as the Grand Lodge Certificate will be presented at a special ceremony during the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

For further information, please visit the website at:  
<https://www.msgrandlodge.org/ritual-proficiency/>  
If you have any questions please email:  
[ritualcertification@msgrandlodge.org](mailto:ritualcertification@msgrandlodge.org)

# Grand Lodge of Mississippi

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Masons



## RITUAL PROFICIENCY CERTIFICATION

The Three Degrees in  
Ancient Craft Masonry  
and  
The Burial Service

Mississippi Master Masons are challenged to select and perform from the forms, ceremonies, and lectures of the three degrees.

Organized and implemented under the supervision of the Grand Lecturer and the Board of Custodians of the Uniform Work.