



# Michigan Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons

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## Communication (Automated Calls)

Communication is vital in all relationships and is especially important in the Chapter. The 3 x 3 program is a great way to get non-active members back into your chapter, but let's go one step further. Our chapters offer other activities, and good communication keeps all your members informed on what events you have going on.

To do this you need to communicate with all of them. The preferred option is to call them one by one and personally invite them to attend the next meeting, function, or event. While this is the preferred option it does take up a lot of your time.

Another option is to utilize an automated calling service to contact all your Companions for you. This is done by personally placing one call and leaving one message with the service provider. The system will then call every phone number that you have supplied and play your message when the phone is answered. This service is a sure way to contact all your membership with your personal message; all without taking a lot of time out of your day.

Below you will find several vendors that offer this type of service along with sample pricing.

For more information on how these providers can help your Chapter, and full details, please visit each provider's website and find the best fit for your Chapter.

Providers Website	Sample Scenario	Cost
PhoneVite.com	100, 1 min calls	\$5.00
RoboDial.org	100, 1 min calls	\$1.90
CallFire.com	100, 1 min calls	\$5.00
ShoutNow.com	100, 1 min calls	\$10.00
DialMyCalls.com	Unlimited	\$7.49 Per Month

*Note: The information presented above is subject to change. Please refer to websites for updated pricing.*

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## 3 x 3 Program

The 3 x 3 program was put into place to help your Chapter retain its membership and get your fellow Companions back in to the chapter. The program was developed by Past Grand High Priest Louis C. McCray and has had great success throughout the State. The way the 3 x 3 program works is for a chapter to get three different members who have not attended a meeting in a year or more to attend a minimum of 3 meetings over the course of the year. They don't have to be at the same meetings, just any three during that year (August-July).

Chapters that notify the Grand Secretary that they have met these conditions by the end of July will receive recognition at the Grand Chapter Annual Convocation in August. This recognition would be in the form of a certificate or plaque. If the Grand Chapter receives the notification after the July deadline you will still get recognized, but you may not be presented with the award until a later date. Your Grand Chapter is here to help you and your Chapter. If you have any questions or ideas, please contact us and we will do our best to help you.

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## Meritorious Service Awards & Bronze Medal Award

### **Grand Chapter Meritorious Award (Silver Medal):**

There is one Grand Chapter Meritorious Service Award for each of the 3 regions in the state. The nominations are made by the Subordinate Chapters from their constituent members. The write up is done by the Grand Council of the Chapter, or their designated committee appointed for this express purpose. The nominee should not know that he is being recommended by his Chapter for this Award. It could be demoralizing if he is not selected from all the applicants for this year. The forms will be mailed to your Chapter secretary and are also available on line at [www.grandchaptermi.org](http://www.grandchaptermi.org). Please make sure the forms are turned in before the cutoff date indicated in the letter mailed to your Chapter.

### **Chapter Responsibility:**

- Select one deserving nomination
- Fill out the Application
- Make a special note to document their contributions to the Royal Arch Craft, their God, and Community leaving nothing out.

### **General Grand Chapter Meritorious Service Award (Bronze Medal):**

The requirements and procedures for the General Grand Chapter Bronze Medal Award are the same as for the Grand Chapter Meritorious Medal Award.

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## Heritage Award

By assignment of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons, with the gracious permission of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Michigan, the Grand Chapter has launched a program called "The Masonic Heritage Medal". This award is known as the Lewis award in other jurisdictions. The Son will receive a medal and the father a pin to wear on their jacket.

Ancient lodges perpetuated the symbolism of "Lewis" by recognizing the significance of a Mason's son following the Masonic Direction of his father, thus becoming a "Lewis" Mason.

We have replaced that designation with our own recognition which we have chosen to call the Masonic Heritage Medal, assigning the same prestigious symbolism to our recipients as sons of Masons in early times.

This award is free of charge and will be presented by a current or Past Grand Officer of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Michigan.

### Recipients must meet the following outlines:

1. Both fathers and sons must be masons in good standing
2. Step fathers and step sons must both be masons in good standing
3. Grandfathers and Grandsons must both be masons in good standing
4. Both recipients must be present at the time of presentation
5. Must have an application filled out and turned in to the Grand Chapter

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## Heritage Award Application

Lodge Name and Number:	
Secretary's Name and Telephone #:	
Recipients Name:	
Grand Lodge ID #:	
Telephone Number:	
Email:	
Fathers Name:	
Fathers Lodge ID #:	
Telephone Number:	
Email:	

Please send to: *Grand Chapter Secretary, 1200 Wright Ave., Alma, MI 48801*

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## Zerubbabel Apron

This is a beautiful apron awarded by the Grand Chapter to a companion who is the top line signer of 15 petitions for companions who have received all the degrees of the Royal Arch.

The Secretary of the Chapter must submit the name of the Companion with the names of the Companions for whom he was the top line signer on their petitions.

This is a special individual award for a companion. It should be presented by a Grand Officer, if possible, and at a special event with family and friends present.

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## Individual Ritual Award

The Individual Ritual Award is to distinguish those Companions who have the ability and are willing to perform the various parts within the degrees of Capitular Masonry.

A pin is awarded by the number of points that a Companion can earn. It is based upon a specific length of time to accumulate the points.

There are 4 pins which a Companion will be able to earn. Each is based and designed upon the 4 Veils of the Royal Craft. Each of these pins can be earned by receiving a progressive number of points. Each pin is emblematic of the values of the Craft opening toward the pinnacle of the Royal Craft.

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## Master's Pin

At the Grand Chapter Convocation, Your High Priest or his proxy should receive these pins as part of a packet of information distributed by the Grand Chapter at registration.

These pins are to be presented to the newly installed Worshipful Master, preferably at the time of the lodge's public Installation of Officers, but not later than the end of February. The 50+ Chapters have 250 + pins to be presented.

This is an outstanding program and has been sponsored by the Grand Chapter of Michigan for more than 30 years. It is an excellent time to put Capitulary Masonry in the forefront, and what better time to present the Worshipful Master his pin than at his installation. Any companion can make this presentation, for example, the High Priest, Past High Priest, any Officer, or any active informed member. However, this presentation should be made in a dignified and proper manor. The pin should be presented in person. (Do Not Mail the Pin)

The Method of presentation is left up to the Individual making the presentation. It can be short, simple and to the point. It can include an in-depth explanation of the history of the Master Pin and Royal Arch Degree.

**The following short presentation may be used in your formal presentation:**

On behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter No \_\_\_ and the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Michigan, I take great pleasure in presenting you this Master's Pin. It is yours to wear on all occasions. It has the square, the emblem of your office, and the year that you served as Worshipful Master of this Lodge. My brother, I trust that you will wear it with equal pleasure to yourself and with honor to the Fraternity.

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## Enhance the Secret the York Rite of Freemasonry

This program has been set up to provide membership information to Master Masons who may have interest in joining the York Rite. This program can be set up in many different forums as per the hosting Chapter designs. It includes the following information:

1. Enhance the Secret short talk (Chapter only)
2. Michigan History for each York Rite Body
3. "What is" information for each York Rite Body
4. Short video on the York Rite
5. Philanthropy information for York Rite Bodies
6. Petitions for each York Rite Body

If your Chapter, Council, or Commandry wish to set up a Grand Officer to come out and present this program at one of your events, please contact the Grand Secretary for more information.



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