



SPECIFICS: CHAPTER PROFICIENCY

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- A. PRIMARY AUTHORITY: Ritual of Secret Work, Corrected 14th Edition, 1997.
- B. TIME LIMIT: 40 minutes.
- C. REQUIRED PARTS: Eight (8); Master Inquisitor, Senior Inquisitor, Junior Inquisitor, Jacques DeMolay, Guy of Auvergne, Senior Guard, Marshal of the Commission and Lord Constable.

The Sentinel's words and raps, the Marshal's movements on page 14 of the Ritual and the Standard Bearer's movements must be included. Any required part or any other qualified personnel may fill the roles of these non-required parts. The spokesman will stipulate to the panel chairman who will be doing the non-required parts and how the movements will be handled.

Chapters are encouraged to fill the non-required parts (Marshal, Sentinel, Standard Bearer, etc...) with additional qualified personnel whenever possible, however a person filling a non-required part will be evaluated to the same standards as those in required parts. When a chapter uses additional personnel, their spokesman must stipulate to the panel chairman exactly which positions are filled.

When one individual performs multiple parts, he will be evaluated separately for each part performed.

- D. REQUIRED WORK: All ritual and floor work with the exception of entering and leaving the Chapter Room, please note the following specifics:
- (1.) Room to be setup as on Diagram 1 except the only stations necessary, are those of the required parts.
 - (2.) Evaluation begins when the word "BEGIN" is spoken.
 - (3.) Parts are seated in respective stations at the beginning of the ceremony.
 - (4.) The Master Councilor begins the ceremony with the spoken words, "Brother Marshal, you will see that all present...".
 - (5.) Omit actions and lines on "the word is lost" and opening ode.
 - (6.) Word of the day is "RITUAL"
 - (7.) Word and Grips are collected from the Standard Bearer (if used), Chaplain (if used), Marshal, Senior Steward, and Junior Steward only.
 - (8.) Competing Chapter's names are inserted in appropriate blanks.
 - (9.) All parts, (except Standard Bearer) give the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - (10.) Following the opening on the Initiatory Degree, the opening on the DeMolay Degree, and the Nine O'clock Interpolation, the Closing Ceremony (using the closing prayer) will be done.

- (11.) Following the Master Councilor's final gavel rap, and after the Master Councilor and Junior Deacon are seated, the word "STOP" will be said, ending the evaluation.
- (12.) There are no mandatory direction requirements for the Marshal when conducting the Chaplain to and from the alter. When a Marshal is used, Performance Evaluators will evaluate the effectiveness of the method the Marshal uses when conducting the Chaplain.

E. EVALUATORS NECESSARY FOR COMPETITION: Eight (8): Two (2) Word Error Evaluators, Two (2) Direction Evaluators, Two (2) Individual Performance Evaluators, and Two (2) Team Performance Evaluators.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

The following instructions are a supplement and are made a part of the primary authority, and must be followed by all competitors.

A. DIRECTION NOTES:

- (1.) Competitors should study the entire text of the primary authority, for there are many instructions intermingled with the spoken word.
- (2.) All Paraphernalia needed will be in the room. It will be the responsibility of the competitors to setup the room prior to their performance, as well as return the paraphernalia to its original position at the close of their competition. This must be accomplished within the Time Limit prescribed for the ceremony.
- (3.) Please note the following DIRECTION notes:
 - (a.) A gavel shall be at the stations of the Master Councilor and Senior Councilor.
 - (b.) Closed Holy Bible shall be lying near center of the alter.
 - (c.) School books shall be at the Junior Steward's station.
 - (d.) If the DeMolay emblem is on the alter cloth (if used), it shall be on the West side.
 - (e.) When the Bible is closed, the ends of the marker (if used) shall be visible with the emblem on the West side.
- (4.) The actual lights in the competitive area shall remain on and unchanged during the competition. The Junior Deacon (or any other so designated) should demonstrate a hand motion that signifies that the room lights are being dimmed, extinguished, and raised (when required by the Ritual) or another method to indicate lighting changes shall be stipulated by the spokesman to the panel chairman.

B. PERFORMANCE NOTES:

- (1.) The dress of the competitors should be appropriate and dignified as suggested in the primary authority

C. RITUAL NOTES:

- (1.) The section beginning "Will all Senior DeMolays and Master Masons please rise. Dad _____, can you...", as well as the welcoming speech by the Master Councilor to visiting Master Masons, the Pledge of Secrecy, instructions for dealing with lost words, and instructions for using Preceptors to collect the word of the day and the password will NOT be included in this competition.