

Subject: Re: Ritual Competition Information
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Here are some contest specifics at this time.

Chapter Proficiency: we will NOT require the advisors certification or visitor's oath of secrecy as they require responses from parts not authorized for competition.

I had originally said we would require that, so this is a reversal of that decision after study and discussion.

We will require the triangle to be formed for Chapter Proficiency on entering and retiring, but the parts will line up INSIDE their respective doors and proceed to their places in the triangle. If you have an old direction judging sheet, THERE WILL BE NO FACING WEST AND MAKING A U-TURN before proceeding to their respective places in the triangle. We are working on the updated direction sheets for that.

There will be no "iron-man" competitions.

Leagues may form a league composite team for competition if they choose.

Team Contests:

Chapter Proficiency

Initiatory Degree

DeMolay Degree

DeMolay Degree 4th section

Installation Ceremony

Individual Contests:

Ceremony of Light

Flower Talk

Best Preceptor - limit of 2 parts per individual competitor; individuals may not compete in Ultimate Preceptor contest.

There will now be an Ultimate Preceptor contest – this is a change

Note: individuals who compete in Ultimate Preceptor MAY NOT compete in any of the individual Preceptor contests

Best Chaplain - Chapter Proficiency

Best Senior Deacon, Initiatory Degree

Best Marshall, Initiatory Degree

Best Jacques DeMolay

Best Orator

Best Master Inquisitor

Best Junior Inquisitor

Initiatory Degree Obligation - for those who have been members for less than 1 year.

DeMolay Degree Obligation - for those who have been members for less than 1 year.

Sweetheart Installation - words only, no direction.

This is not absolute but reflects the thinking of many who are serious about ritual. If you wish something added, please let me know and we will consider it.

Now that you know what the general rules are and what competitions we will host at the event, you should be better able to conduct your practices accordingly.

We are working hard to get the judging sheets out to you as soon as possible. In the meantime, use those you have with the exceptions noted above.

I encourage all the leagues to conduct their ritual competitions using the guidelines we will use at the jurisdiction level so there should be no unexpected surprises.

Thank you all and please let me know right away if you have any questions. Certainly I may have accidentally left out some information you may need.

Fraternal Regards to all

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