

## **MESSENGER TEAM RITUAL COMPETITION – October 2011 RULES & REGULATIONS**

The competition will be held on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at Glen Burnie Masonic Temple, meeting place of Bethel No. 16.

We hope you will benefit from this experience, and we wish you luck as you present the Initiation Lectures of all Five Messengers as a team. The lectures are to be given in succession, each by a different Daughter. **REMEMBER TO INCLUDE INSTRUCTIONS TO THE GUIDE AND MARSHAL.**

You will enter the room and go to the five Messenger stations. Wait until the Judge tells you to begin, and then take your place behind the Altar. When the lecture is complete, return to your messenger station and be seated. The Judge will excuse you.

**Floor Work:** Enter room on the South Marching Line. **1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Messenger** proceeds on the South Marching line until you are one step in front of your chair. Turn toward the North Marching Line and walk into the Semi-circle with the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Messengers and be seated. **3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> Messengers** turn and march on the West Marching Line until they reach the North Marching Line where they will proceed on the North Marching Line until they are one step in front of your chairs. Turn toward the South Marching Line and walk into the Semi-circle with the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Messengers and be seated. When you have completed the recitation, return to your station. After the Judge has excused you, **1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> Messengers** leave the semi-circle by turning towards the South Marching Lines, turn toward the West Line and proceed along the South Marching Line until you are outside the Bethel Room. **3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Messengers** leave the semi-circle by turning toward the North Marching Lines, proceed on the North Marching Line, turn on the West Marching Line, the proceed on the South Marching Lines until you are outside the Bethel Room.

### **General Rules:**

- Spectators will not be allowed in the competition room.
- 1 point will be deducted for each word missed/added/repeated and 5 points will be deducted for each prompt incident.
- All work must be memorized and given in the proper order. **Remember to include instructions to the Guide and Marshal.**
- Contestants will enter the room and be seated and wait for the Judge to indicate they may begin.
- Judging begins when you enter the room and ends when you leave the room.
- You will be judged on Words, Floor Work, Posture, Appearance, Overall Effect, Expression, Pronunciation, Diction, Projection, and Official Regalia.
- No jewelry except line officer pins.
- Nail polish will be clear or white French manicure without designs.
- A minimum score of 90 points must be achieved for a 1<sup>st</sup> place award and a minimum of 85 points for a 2<sup>nd</sup> place award.
- **The deadline for entries is October 15, 2011.**
- Mail or email entry form to Chairman, Mary Lou Walter. Entries will not be accepted by telephone.

Contestants may wear casual attire to and from the competition.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

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