

INDIVIDUAL RITUAL COMPETITION – October 2011 RULES & REGULATIONS

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

You may present the Initiation Lecture of the **Messenger of Your Choice**. **REMEMBER TO INCLUDE INSTRUCTIONS TO THE GUIDE AND MARSHAL.**

You will enter the room and go to the station of the **Chosen** Messenger. Wait until the Judge tells you to begin, and then take your place behind the Altar. When you have finished your lecture, return to your station and be seated. The Judge will excuse you.

Floor Work: Enter the room on the Marching Line appropriate for your chosen Messenger. Proceed on that Marching line until you are one step in front of the **Messenger's** chair. Turn toward the semi-circle and walk into it and be seated in the **correct Messenger's** chair. When you have completed the recitation and the Judge has excused you, leave the semi-circle by turning towards the North or South Marching Line (depending on your choice of lecture). Once you reach the Marching Line, turn toward the West Line and proceed 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 that 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 1st place award and a minimum of 85 points for a 2nd 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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