

## INDIVIDUAL RITUAL COMPETITION – Fall 2008 RULES & REGULATIONS

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:**

- There will be no spectators 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.
- 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 4, 2008. There will be 1 point deducted each day after the deadline.**
- Mail or email entry form to Chairman, Mary Lake. No entries will be accepted by telephone.

Bethel attire is required wear to and from the competition for Bethel Daughters, Majority Members and Committee Members.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

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