

MESSENGER TEAM RITUAL COMPETITION – Fall 2008 RULES & REGULATIONS

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. **1st & 2nd 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 **3rd, 4th & 5th Messengers** and be seated. **3rd, 4th, & 5th 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 **1st & 2nd Messengers** and be seated. When you have completed the recitation, return to your station. After the Judge has excused you, **1st, 2nd, & 5th 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. **3rd & 4th 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:

- 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 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 1st place award and a minimum of 85 points for a 2nd 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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