



# FALLFEST RITUAL COMPETITION 2011 RULES & REGULATIONS

In order that every DeMolay has an equal opportunity in the overall competition, certain guidelines must be followed:

- Chapters may enter only one (1) team in any given team competition.
- DeMolays, as individuals, may only enter two events in the Individual Initiatory Degree competitions and one event in the Individual DeMolay Degree competition. The Flower Talk, Ceremony of Light, Magnificent Seven Preceptor, Magnificent Three Preceptor (new for 2011), and the Installing Officer are not included in the two events.
- DeMolays may enter Individual competitions even though the Chapter does not enter any Team competitions (i.e. Master Councilor, Installing Officer, Orator, etc).
- All teams must consist of members from that Chapter (no composite teams).
- Roster Sheets will only be required for Chapter Team events. These will be given to the Panel Chairperson Judge when each team competes.

**MANDATORY MEETING:** There will be a MANDATORY meeting for all competitors on Saturday morning before any competition begins.

All DeMolay Advisors are expected to serve as judges. A Judges' briefing will be held Saturday morning in a location to be announced. All Advisors, judging or not, need to be in attendance so that the day will run smoothly.

**SPOKESMAN AND WRITTEN STIPULATIONS:** The use of written stipulations by the Chapter Spokesman prior to the start of the competition is not allowed. The Chapter Spokesman, when used, must be an active DeMolay.

Paraphernalia and room set up is part of the ritual, and should be included in the competition. Often these items have been listed on paper. Rituals and written stipulations will not be allowed in the competition area. If the Chapter spokesman has specific questions about the competition, they should be written down and given to the Panel Chairman to be read and answered at the start of competition. Paraphernalia to be simulated should be given from memory by the Chapter Spokesman or a member of the Chapter. Advanced registration for all competitions is a must.

**ROOM MONITORS & SECURITY:** Room Monitors will not be provided. It will be the responsibility of the individual or team to provide coverage at the door. If you are asked to cover the door during competition please say yes if at all possible.

All Chapters will need to bring their own small items needed for the Degree work, ie; Gavels, Markers, Bibles, etc.. **SECURITY OF THESE ITEMS WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL CHAPTERS AND NOT THE FALLFEST STAFF OR ILLINOIS DEMOLAY.**

**PROMPTING PROCEDURES:**

The following applies to a situation in which it becomes apparent to the Panel Chairman that a competitor is in need of a prompt and/or the competition himself request a prompt.

1. When the Panel Chairman realizes that a competitor needs a prompt through it has not been requested, the Chairman will time 10 seconds and call the word “Prompt”. Upon the command, the previously designated Prompter will give the next three (3) consecutive words.
2. When the competitor requests a prompt, the Panel Chairman will call “Prompt” and the next three (3) consecutive words will be delivered by the previously designated Prompter.

In either case, the point at which the prompt is required will be noted by the Word Judges. Regardless of who begins the above procedure(s), the prompt is ALWAYS authorized by the Panel Chairman with a directive to the Prompter. Such actions are noted by ALL WORD JUDGES as defined above.

**CALLING TIME ON/ START/STOP/TIME OFF**

So there is no misunderstanding when the judging has started and ended, the Panel Chairman and the Chapter Spokesman (or individual competitor) will make the following declarations:

**TIME ON:** Panel Chairman will call “Time On” upon conclusion of reading of the “Judges Statement”. During this time, the competitor may arrange the room as needed for the ceremony. Chapter Spokesman or Individual Competitor may ask any question or clarification to the Panel Chairman only.

**START (or BEGIN):** Called by the Chapter Spokesman (or individual competitor). Indicates the Ritual/Floorwork presentation has begun. All Judges are scoring.

**STOP:** Called by the Chapter Spokesman (or individual competitor). Indicates the Ritual/Floorwork presentation has concluded after which the room must be returned to the condition the team/competitor found it. Judging of ritual/floorwork stops.

**TIME OFF:** Competitor will request Panel Chairman for “Time Off”. If room is properly reset, the Panel Chairman will state “Time Off” and competitor(s) will leave the room.

### **RITUAL SOURCE:**

Ceremonies based on the “Ritual of Secret Work” will be judged by the Corrected Fourteenth Edition 1997 version of the Ritual.

Public Ceremonies (including the 9 o’clock interpolation) will be judged by the Sixth Edition Monitor of Ceremonies and may be downloaded from [www.DeMolay.org](http://www.DeMolay.org).

**FINAL AUTHORITY:** All decisions with regard to competition and scoring will rest with the Chief Judge, the Chief Auditor, and the Director of Ritual for Illinois DeMolay.

If no team or individual receives the minimum score to achieve 1st place, a second place will not be awarded.

### **GENERAL OBJECTIVES OF ALL COMPETITIONS**

1. To interpret and present the ceremony of the competition so as to achieve the maximum good impression.
2. To present the complete required work.
3. To fully and correctly follow all instructions contained within the Ritual, Monitor of Ceremonies, Illinois DeMolay Ritual Competition Handbook, and Competitive Rules.
4. To comply fully and correctly with all requirements, Competitive Rules, competition procedures, and Judges rulings.
5. To prepare the room, complete the competition, and clear the room within the time limit.
6. To fill the required parts and any other parts with only qualified people.
7. To assign only 1 required part per man, except where multiple parts are allowed.
8. To dress all parts appropriately.
9. To correctly and audibly say the words and make the sounds of the ceremony from memory and without prompts.
10. To deliver the words with expression appropriate to the ceremony and part.
11. To prevent interruptions while competing, by using doorkeepers.

# TEAM COMPETITIONS

## RULES:

***TEAM COMPETITIONS MINIMUM SCORE TO RECEIVE 1ST PLACE IS 750 AND 500 FOR 2ND PLACE WITH THE EXCEPTIONS SHOWN:***

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| 1. Chapter Proficiency                       | 7. Representative DeMolay Ceremony |
| 2. Initiatory Degree 515 / 350               | 8. Preceptor Corps                 |
| 3. DeMolay Degree (1st & 3rd Sect) 600 / 470 | 9. Preceptor Trio (new for 2011)   |
| 4. DeMolay Degree 4th Sect                   | 10. Cross of Honor                 |
| 5. Installation Service 485 / 315            | 11. 9:00 Interpolation             |
| 6. Majority Service                          |                                    |

TEAMS FOR COMPETITION! Installation Service, Majority Service, R. D. Ceremony, DeMolay Degree Fourth Section, Cross of Honor, Preceptor Trio, and the 9:00 Interpolation all take six (6) or fewer people to compete.

The Preceptor Corps consists of a Team of six (6) or seven (7) Chapter members, each doing a different individual Preceptor Part. One member may perform two parts without penalty.

The Preceptor Trio (new for 2011) consists of a Team of three (3) Chapter members, each doing a different individual Preceptor Part. Before each team competes, they must inform the judges which preceptors they will be performing. Preceptors will be positioned in the room accordingly (if possible) and will be performed in order.

The Initiatory Degree Competition Team may omit four (4) parts, and also allow the Preceptor Parts to be done by 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7 chapter members. This reduces the requirement to only 12 Chapter members if one member does all seven Preceptor parts.

The 5 Man Opening Ceremony no longer available for competition. It is being revised and will be available for competition when released to the Chapters.

## CHANGES for 2011

The required number of competitors for Chapter Proficiency, DeMolay Degree, and DeMolay Degree Fourth Section have changed. Also, there are new rules allowing teams to omit certain parts in these competitions and penalties will be assessed accordingly. Please reference the rules sheets for each of these competitions for details.

# INDIVIDUAL COMPETITIONS

## RULES:

Consists of one person

***INDIVIDUAL COMPETITIONS MINIMUM SCORE TO RECEIVE 1ST PLACE IS 750 AND 500 FOR 2ND PLACE:***

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| 1. MASTER COUNCILOR                | 15. EXAMINATION QUERIES**                     |
| 2. SENIOR COUNCILOR                | 16. PRECEPTOR (1-7) (Jr & Sr Div) ***         |
| 3. JUNIOR COUNCILOR                | 17. SPEECH COMPETITION (Jr, Sr & Sweetheart)  |
| 4. SENIOR DEACON                   |   |
| 5. JUNIOR DEACON                   | 18. Magnificent Seven Preceptor *****         |
| 6. STEWARDS*                       | 19. Magnificent Three Preceptor (new in 2011) |
| 7. MARSHAL                         | 20. Installing Officer                        |
| 8. CHAPLAIN                        | 21. Flower Talk                               |
| 9. ORATOR                          | 22. Ceremony of Light                         |
| 10. MASTER INQUISITOR              |   |
| 11. SENIOR INQUISITOR              |   |
| 12. JUNIOR INQUISITOR              |   |
| 13. JACQUES DEMOLAY                |   |
| 14. GUY OF AUVERGNE (new for 2011) |   |

\* The Stewards competition will be available for DeMolays who joined within 18 months of FallFest Tournament. Both Senior and Junior Steward are combined into this single competition.

\*\*Proficiency in the Examination Queries, which includes the answers and obligations, will be for those members who have been in DeMolay **18 months or less**. The Queries to be used in competition can be found on Page 70-73 of the Ritual, 14th edition.

\*\*\* There will be two divisions of competitions for the Preceptor's parts. The Junior Division will be for those members 12 -15 years of age, and the Senior Division will be for the 16-21 years age group.

\*\*\*\* The Magnificent Seven consists of all seven Preceptor Parts given in numerical order by one DeMolay. DeMolays are not allowed to compete in BOTH the Mag 7 and Mag 3 (below) competitions.

The Magnificent Three consist of three (3) Preceptor Parts given in numerical order by one DeMolay. The competitor will inform the judges prior to their competition which 3 preceptors he will be performing (i.e. First, Third, and Seventh). DeMolays are not allowed to compete in BOTH the Mag 7 (above) and Mag 3 competitions. Also, of the three (3) preceptor parts that a Mag 3 competitor competes in, only ONE may be performed by the competitor in the Individual Preceptor competition.

## GENERAL OBJECTIVES OF ALL COMPETITIONS

1. To interpret and present the competition ceremony or ritual part so as to achieve the maximum spoken word and direction accuracy as well as the maximum impression and effectiveness.
2. To present the complete required work as designated by the rules of the competition.
3. To fully and correctly follow all instructions contained within the current Ritual, Monitor of Ceremonies, Illinois DeMolay Ritual Competition Handbook, and Illinois DeMolay Ritual Competition's Competitive Rules.
4. To fully and correctly comply with all requirements, Illinois DeMolay Ritual Competition Competitive Rules, competition procedures, and judges' rulings.
5. To prepare the competition room, complete the competition, and clear the competition room within the time limit.
6. To fill the required parts and any other optional parts with only Qualified Persons (see definition on page 5).
7. To assign only one (1) required part to each Qualified Person (see definition on page 5), except where multiple parts are allowed.
8. To dress all parts appropriately.
9. To correctly and audibly say the words, make the sounds, and follow the directions of the ceremony from memory and without prompts.
10. To deliver the words with expression appropriate to the ceremony or ritual part.
11. To perform the ceremony or ritual part with all required paraphernalia or simulate the existence of any missing paraphernalia.
12. To prevent interruptions while competing by using doorkeepers.

## DEFINITIONS

**AUDITOR** – The person or group of people assigned to review and tabulate each judge’s judging sheets, prepare the Auditor’s Tally Sheet for each competitor in a competition, and determine and declare the winner(s) in each competition.

**BRIEFING** – A meeting between the competitor’s Spokesperson, the Competitor(s), and the Judging Panel prior to the beginning of the competition. During the briefing, the judges will be introduced, the Spokesperson may ask questions, and announcements or changes in the schedule may be made.

**CREW** – Those persons working with equipment, but not otherwise participating in the competition. Need not be Qualified Persons or members of the competing Delegation.

**DELEGATION** – Everyone connected with the Chapter or individual competitor.

**DOORKEEPERS** – Those serving as guards to prevent interruptions at the entrance to, or outside of, the competition room during the competition. Need not be Qualified Persons and do not have to be members of the competing Delegation.

**HANDBOOK** – The Illinois DeMolay Ritual Competition Handbook, Revised September, 2011.

**INTERRUPTION** – A break in the continuous flow of action during a competition, either in floor work or ritual, including extended pauses and disturbances from within or outside the competition room.

**JUDGE** – A person assigned to witness each competitor in a competition and record word or floorwork penalties or record the competitor’s performance rating per the competition’s Performance Rating scoresheet (see page 38).

**JUNIOR DIVISION** – An individual competition division for competitors 15 years of age or younger on the day that the Illinois DeMolay Ritual Competition begins.

**MONITOR** – (see next page)

**PANEL CHAIRPERSON** – The judge responsible for conducting the competition according to the Rules and Competition Procedures and for maintaining order within the competition room.

**QUALIFIED PERSONS** – The individual competitor in an individual competition or an Active DeMolay of the competing Chapter who has not yet reached his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday on the commencement date of the annual Illinois DeMolay Ritual Competition. If a required or optional competitive part is not filled with a Qualified Person, the Team or Individual competitor will be disqualified.

**REQUIRED EQUIPMENT (REQUIRED PARAPHERNALIA)** – As specified for the Individual Competition or Team Competition event. Such required equipment is to be supplied by the competitor or may be supplied by the Competition’s organizing committee. If it is not supplied by either of the foregoing, it must be “stipulated” and “simulated” by the competitor’s Spokesperson to the Panel Chairperson.

**SENIOR DIVISION** – An individual competition division for competitors 16 to 20 years of age on the day that the Illinois DeMolay Ritual Competition begins.

**SPOKESPERSON** – Competitor's or Team's representative for a competition. The communications link of the Competitor or Team with the Judging Panel. The Spokesperson must be a Qualified Person or a member of the competing Delegation.

**TEAM EVENT / TEAM COMPETITION** – An event consisting of more than one (1) competitor. All team competitors must submit a team roster (see page 45) to the competition's Panel Chairperson prior to their competition. Each chapter is allowed to enter only ONE (1) team competitor in any team competition.

Competition ceremonies are taken from:

--- **RITUAL** – Ritual of Secret Work, Corrected Fourteenth Edition 1997, DeMolay International, Order of DeMolay.

--- **MONITOR** – Monitor of Ceremonies, Corrected Sixth Edition 2007, DeMolay International, Order of DeMolay. Available at DeMolay International website at <http://universe.demolay.org/ceremonies/> .

## GENERAL COMPETITIVE RULES

1. A First Place Award will be given in all competitions to the Competitor or Team having the highest FINAL SCORE exceeding 750 points. A Second Place Award will be given in all competitions to the Competitor or Team having the second highest FINAL SCORE exceeding 500 points, except for the following competitions:
  - a. Initiatory Degree 515 / 350
  - b. DeMolay Degree (1st & 3rd Sections 600 / 470
  - c. Installation Service 485 / 315
2. In the event that NO First Place Award is given because NO Competitor has reached the competition's minimum score, a Second Place Award WILL NOT be given to the highest score even if it exceeds the Second Place minimum score.
3. Each Chapter will be allowed only one (1) team in any of the Team Competitions. All teams must consist of members from one (1) Chapter (no composite teams).
4. The Flower Talk, Ceremony of Light, Magnificent Seven Preceptor Corps, Installing Officer, and the Junior, Senior, Master, and Grand Ritualist Competitions will not be considered as an individual competition entry.
5. The use of written stipulations to be read by the Chapter Spokesman prior to the start of the competition is NOT ALLOWED. Paraphernalia and room setup are part of the ritual and are considered part of the competition. If the chapter Spokesman has specific questions about the , they should be submitted in writing to the Panel Chairperson to be read and answered at the start of the competition after "Time On" has been called.
6. The Illinois DeMolay Junior / Senior / Master / Grand Ritualist Competition will be part of the regular yearly weekend competition and will be judged when competitor(s) and previous Grand Ritualist and other adults selected by the Executive Officer or Chief Judge are available so that the competitor will still be able to have his regular competition. The competitor should register for the Public Ceremony he chooses and give it as part of the weekend competition. (NOTE – The Grand Ritualist must be reviewed by his own chapter Ritual Advisor or Chapter Dad and approved by him before he signs up for Grand Ritualist Competition at the weekend).
7. All questions pertaining to these competitions shall be directed in writing to the Director of Ritual and the Chief Judge. The decisions of the Director of Ritual and the Chief Judge shall be final.

## **Sharing of Robes, Regalia, and Props**

Participating chapters are encouraged to share their robes, regalia, or props for any competition with other competitors that may need them, however, they are not required to do so.

## **Special Effects**

No audio (voice) sound amplifications will be allowed in any ritual event except for the playing of recorded music as supplied by the participating ritual team.

“Walkie Talkies” (or equivalent equipment) may be used by members of the competitor’s delegation for communication purposes in controlling the lights, music, etc., but any such equipment that is used or appears to be used to prompt a competitor during a ritual competition event, will result in the immediate disqualification from the competition (whether an individual or a team event is involved).

## **Rule Changes**

All changes to rules, regulations, or competition guidelines will be at the discretion of the Chief Judge, Chief Auditor, and a Competition Chairman, and of course, the Executive Officer.

## **Competition Judges**

Each participating Chapter is encouraged to furnish as many judges as possible for the annual competition. Judges will be assigned to Judging Panels by the Chief Judge or Chief Auditor.

Active DeMolays can be used as Judges, but only if they are from non-competing Chapters in the competition event they are to judge; provided, however, that such restriction may be waived by the General Chairperson of the competition, if necessary, in an extraordinary situation.

## COMPETITION RULES

### INSTALLATION SERVICE COMPETITION

#### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Required parts: Six (6) IO, ISC, IJC, IM, ICh, ISD. Officers to be installed will be imaginary. Competitors will pantomime the existence of officers to be installed whenever they are escorted, conducted, addressed, presented, or otherwise acknowledged.
2. Required work: The Installation Service including all floorwork and spoken parts in the plural, without amplification (Monitor - Installation Service, pages 2-15, Illinois DeMolay Ritual Competition Judging Sheets, pages 52-72).
3. Time limit: 60 minutes.
4. Room is to be set up as in Diagram 1 (Monitor – General Instructions, page 14) with one chair added for each Required Part, to be located at the competitor's option.
5. The competing Chapter's name is to be inserted in the appropriate blanks.
6. The salute to the U.S. flag is to be that described in the (Monitor – Installation Service, page 4).
7. The official U.S. Pledge to the Flag will be spoken by all competitors except the ISD (Monitor – Installation Service, page 4).
8. The “opening ode” and all references to it are to be omitted.
9. The IM will not read the names of the officers to be installed, but will recite from memory the following: “The Master Councilor, Senior Councilor, Junior, Councilor, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Stewards, Orator, Scribe, Treasurer, Sentinel, Chaplain, Marshal, Standard Bearer, Almoner, and Preceptors.”
10. All Installing Officers, except the IO, respond to the questions asked of the “Brethren” and “Councilors.”
11. The IM should insert a name into each blank, i.e., “John Smith.”
12. The IO should insert a last name into each blank, i.e., “Smith.”
13. All pauses for verbal responses from the MC will be omitted.
14. When the I. O. “leads applause” (Monitor – Installation Service, page 9), all Installing Officers will join applause.
15. When the IO instructs the IM to conduct an officer to his station, the IM will pause briefly and then present the next imaginary officer to be installed.

16. The ICh will use the Installation Service's prayers. The 9 o'Clock Interpolation prayer MAY NOT be used.

REQUIRED PARAPHERNALIA

## MAJORITY SERVICE COMPETITION

### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Required parts: Five (5) MC, SC, JC, Mar, Ch. Recipients will be imaginary. Competitors will pantomime the existence of recipients whenever they are escorted, conducted, addressed, presented, or otherwise acknowledged.
2. Required work: The Majority Service including all floorwork and spoken parts in the plural, without amplification (Monitor – Majority Service, pages 2-6, Illinois DeMolay Ritual Competition Judging Sheets, pages 74-80).
3. Time limit: 30 minutes.
4. Room is to be set up as in Diagram 1 (Monitor – General Instructions, page 14) and should only include the stations of the required parts.
5. Competitors are to be seated in their respective stations at the start of the ceremony.

### REQUIRED PARAPHERNALIA

## **CROSS OF HONOR COMPETITION**

### **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

1. Required parts: Four (4) MC, SC, JC, Mar. Recipients will be imaginary. Competitors will pantomime the existence of recipients whenever they are escorted, conducted, addressed, presented, or otherwise acknowledged.
2. Required work: The Cross of Honor ceremony including all floorwork and spoken parts in the plural, without amplification (Monitor – Cross of Honor Investiture, pages 2 – 4, Illinois DeMolay Ritual Competition Judging Sheets, pages 81-85).
3. Time limit: 20 minutes.
4. Room is to be set up as in Diagram 1 (Monitor – General Instructions, page 14) and should only include the stations of the required parts.
5. Items presented to the designates may be actual or simulated and only one (1) of each item need be placed as directed.
6. Competitors are to be seated in their respective stations at the start of the ceremony.
7. All pauses for verbal responses from the designates will be omitted.

### **REQUIRED PARAPHERNALIA**

## REPRESENTATIVE DEMOLAY COMPETITION

### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Required parts: Two (2) Master Councilor and Marshall. Recipients will be imaginary. Competitors will pantomime the existence of recipients whenever they are escorted, conducted, addressed, presented, or otherwise acknowledged.
2. Required work: The Representative DeMolay Ceremony including all floorwork and spoken parts in the plural, without amplification (Monitor – Representative DeMolay Ceremony, pages 2-6, Illinois DeMolay Ritual Competition Judging Sheets, pages 86-92).
3. Time limit: 20 minutes.
4. Room is to be set up as in Diagram 1 (Monitor – General Instructions, page 14) and should only include the stations of the required parts.
5. Items presented to the designates may be actual or simulated and only one (1) of each item need be placed as directed.
6. Competitors are to be seated in their respective stations at the start of the ceremony.
7. All pauses for verbal responses from the designates will be omitted.

### REQUIRED PARAPHERNALIA

## PRECEPTOR CORPS

### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Required parts: (7) All seven (7) preceptors performed by seven different competitors from the same chapter.
2. Required work: All seven (7) Initiatory Degree Preceptor parts, ritual portions only – no floorwork, (Ritual, pages 46-49, Illinois DeMolay Ritual Competition Judging Sheets, pages 149-151).
3. Time limit: 20 minutes.
4. Room is to be set up as in Diagram 1 (Ritual, page 80) and should only include the stations of the Preceptors or as directed by the Panel Chairperson.
5. Parts are to be seated in their respective stations at the start of the competition, each chair filled by an individual competitor.
6. Competitors will alternately rise, speak, and sit in numerical order until all seven (7) parts have been completed.
7. Competitors will pantomime the placement of the jewel onto the Crown of Youth at the appropriate time, and the existence of candidates and other officers when speaking.

### REQUIRED PARAPHERNALIA

## PRECEPTOR TRIO

### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Required parts: Three (3) Any three of the seven (7) preceptors performed by three different competitors from the same chapter.
2. Required work: Any of the three (3) Initiatory Degree Preceptor parts, ritual portions only – no floorwork, (Ritual, pages 46-49, Illinois DeMolay Ritual Competition Judging Sheets, pages 149-151).
3. Time limit: 10 minutes.
4. SPOKESMAN WILL ANNOUNCE BEFORE THE COMPETITION BEGINS WHICH THREE (3) PRECEPTORS WILL BE PERFORMED so the judges can assemble the correct scoring sheets.
5. Room is to be set up as in Diagram 1 (Ritual, page 80) and should only include the stations of the Preceptors or as directed by the Panel Chairperson.
6. Parts are to be seated in their respective stations at the start of the competition, each chair filled by an individual competitor.
7. Competitors will alternately rise, speak, and sit in numerical order until all three (3) parts have been completed.
8. Competitors will pantomime the placement of the jewel onto the Crown of Youth at the appropriate time, and the existence of candidates and other officers when speaking.

### REQUIRED PARAPHERNALIA

## **NINE O’CLOCK INTERPOLATION**

### **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

1. Required parts: (3) Master Councilor, Marshal, and Chaplain.
2. Required work: The Nine O’Clock Interpolation, (Ritual, pages 28-30, Illinois DeMolay Ritual Competition Judging Sheets, pages 93-94).
3. Time limit: 10 minutes.
4. Room is to be set up as in Diagram 1 (Ritual, page 80) and should only include the stations of the required parts and an Altar.
5. Parts are to be seated in their respective stations at the start of the competition, each chair filled by an individual competitor.

### **REQUIRED PARAPHERNALIA**

## **FLOWER TALK COMPETITION**

### **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

1. Required part: One (1) competitor.
2. Required work: The Flower Talk including all floorwork and spoken parts in the plural, without amplification (Monitor – Flower Talk, pages 2 – 5, Illinois DeMolay Ritual Competition Judging Sheets, pages 95-99).
3. Time limit: 20 minutes.
4. Room is to be set up as in Diagram 1 (Monitor – General Instructions, page 14), except for stations.
5. Competitor is to be standing at Altar at the start of the ceremony.
6. Competitor will talk to the room at large.

### **REQUIRED PARAPHERNALIA**

## **CEREMONY OF LIGHT COMPETITION**

### **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

1. Required part: One (1) competitor.
2. Required work: The Ceremony of Light including all floorwork and spoken parts in the plural, without amplification (Monitor – Ceremony of Light, pages 2 - 4, Illinois DeMolay Ritual Competition Judging Sheets, pages 100-104).
3. Time limit: 20 minutes.
4. Room is to be set up as in Diagram 1 (Monitor – General Instructions, page 14), except for stations.
5. Competitor is to be standing at Altar at the start of the ceremony.
6. Candles will be lighted.
7. Competitor will talk to the room at large.

### **REQUIRED PARAPHERNALIA**

## MAGNIFICENT SEVEN COMPETITION

### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Required part: One (1) competitor.
2. Required work: All seven Preceptors (1-7) by one competitor, ritual portions only – no floorwork, (ritual, pages 46-49, Illinois DeMolay Ritual Competition Judging Sheets, pages 152-154).
3. Time Limit: 20 minutes
4. Competitor will sit in one chair only in a location directed by the panel chairperson. The competitor will be seated at the start of the competition.
5. Competitor will give each part in numerical sequence, 1<sup>st</sup> Preceptor through 7<sup>th</sup> Preceptor, alternately rising, speaking, and sitting until all seven (7) parts have been completed.
6. Competitor will pantomime the placement of the Jewel onto the Crown of Youth at the appropriate time, and the existence of two (2) candidates and other officers when speaking.
7. Competitor will be judged on both Words and Performance.
8. A competitor CANNOT compete in BOTH the Magnificent Seven and Magnificent Three competitions at the same annual Illinois DeMolay Ritual Competition.

### REQUIRED PARAPHERNALIA

## MAGNIFICENT THREE COMPETITION

### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Required part: One (1) competitor.
2. Required work: Any three (3) of the Preceptors by one competitor, ritual portions only – no floorwork, (ritual, pages 46-49, Illinois DeMolay Ritual Competition Judging Sheets, pages 152-154).
3. Time Limit: 10 minutes
4. **COMPETITOR WILL ANNOUNCE BEFORE THE COMPETITION BEGINS WHICH THREE (3) PRECEPTORS WILL BE PERFORMED** so the judges can assemble the correct scoring sheets.
5. Competitor will sit in one chair only in a location directed by the panel chairperson. The competitor will be seated at the start of the competition.
6. Competitor will give each part in numerical sequence, 1<sup>st</sup> Preceptor (or closest to 1<sup>st</sup> Preceptor first, through the last of the three Preceptors, alternately rising, speaking, and sitting until all three (3) parts have been completed.
7. Competitor will pantomime the placement of the Jewel onto the Crown of Youth at the appropriate time, and the existence of two (2) candidates and other officers when speaking.
8. Competitor will be judged on both Words and Performance
9. A competitor **CANNOT** compete in **BOTH** the Magnificent Seven and Magnificent Three competitions at the same annual Illinois DeMolay Ritual Competition.
10. A competitor may only compete in only **ONE** of the Individual Preceptor competitions which he uses for the Magnificent Three competition. For example, if a competitor uses the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> Preceptor parts for the Magnificent Three competition, he may compete in only one of those three preceptors individually (1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, or 6<sup>th</sup>). He **CANNOT** compete in two of them, but can compete in one of them and another preceptor (for example, 1<sup>st</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>).

### REQUIRED PARAPHERNALIA

## CHAPTER PROFICIENCY COMPETITION

### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Required parts: Eleven (11) MC, SC, JC, SD, JD, SS, JS, Mar, Ch, SB, Sen.
2. Parts that may be omitted WITH penalty: Parts given by the Standard Bearer (SB), Sentinel (Sen), and one of the Stewards may be replaced by the SD, SC, and other Steward, respectively, The “Missing Part” penalty will be applied for each of these parts that are substituted. None.
3. Required work: The Initiatory and DeMolay Degree Opening Ceremonies, 9 o’Clock Interpolation, and Closing Ceremony including all floorwork and spoken parts in the plural, without amplification (Ritual, pages 13-34, Illinois DeMolay Ritual Competition Judging Sheets, pages 105-129).
4. Time limit: 40 minutes.
5. Room is to be set up as in Diagram 1 (Ritual, page 80) and should only include the stations of the required parts.
6. Competitors are to be seated in their respective stations at the start of the ceremony.
7. The “:Word of the Day” will be “Ritual.”
8. The “Word of the Day”, password of a DeMolay, and grips will be collected from all officers except the Councilors and Sentinel.
9. Lines and actions concerning a “lost” Word of the Day or “lost” password of a DeMolay shall be omitted.
10. When the Bible is closed, the Bible marker must not be folded; one end must be visible at each edge of the Bible. If the DeMolay emblem is on the marker, it must be visible at the West edge of the Bible.
11. When the Bible is open, the Bible marker must rest on a straight East-West line (not diagonal) down the center of the open Bible. If the DeMolay emblem is on the marker, it must be visible at the West edge of the Bible.
12. The salute to the U.S. Flag is to be that described in the Ritual (Ritual, page 22).
13. The official U.S. Pledge to the Flag will be spoken by all competitors except the SB.
14. The competing Chapter’s name is to be inserted in the appropriate blanks.
15. The name of the competing Chapter’s sponsoring body will be inserted in the appropriate blanks.
16. The striking of the gong for the 9 o’Clock Interpolation will be at the Competitor’s option.

17. The Closing Prayer will be that contained in the Closing Ceremony; the 9 o'clock Interpolation Prayer MAY NOT be substituted.
  
18. The Closing Ceremony will end following the gavel raps after the JD has informed the MC (Ritual, page 33).

REQUIRED PARAPHERNALIA

## INITIATORY DEGREE COMPETITION

### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Required parts: Twenty-two (21) MC, SC, JC, SD, JD, SS, JS, Or, Scr, Tr, Ch, Mar, SB, Alm, 1P, 2P, 3P, 4P, 5P, 6P, and 7P. Candidates will be imaginary. Competitors will pantomime the existence of candidates whenever they are escorted, conducted, addressed, presented, or otherwise acknowledged.
2. Parts that may be omitted WITH penalty: Scr. and 1P, 2P, 3P, 4P, 5P, 6P, 7P. Scr. can be performed by the Marshal. Preceptor stations shall be filled by one through seven Preceptor Parts, allowing one to seven competitors to do the required work. Competitor will be assessed a five (5) point penalty for each multiple part performed by a competitor. No parts except Preceptors and/or Scribe may fill multiple stations.
3. Parts that may be omitted without penalty: Ch, SB, Or, Al, Tr,.
4. Required work: The full Initiatory Degree including all floorwork and spoken parts in the plural, without amplification (Ritual, pages 35 - 51, Illinois DeMolay Ritual Competition Judging Sheets, pages 129-129).
5. Time limit: 60 minutes.
6. Room is to be set up as in Diagram 1 (Ritual, page 80) and should only include the stations of the required parts.
7. Competitors are to be seated in their respective stations at the start of the ceremony, except for permitted multiple Preceptor stations.
8. The Holy Bible is to be lying open at the approximate center of the Altar.
9. The Bible marker may be used at the Competitor's option.
10. When the Bible is open, the Bible marker must rest on a straight East-West line (not diagonal) down the center of the open Bible. If the DeMolay emblem is on the marker, it must be visible at the West edge of the Bible.
11. The School Books are to be lying at the Northeast corner of the Altar.
12. The "head candle" will be the candlestick nearest the East in Diagram 1 (Ritual, page 80).
13. The instructions for handling large classes of candidates will be omitted.
14. All pauses for verbal responses from the candidates will be omitted.
15. Competitors that fill multiple Preceptors shall use the marching lines as they move to each succeeding Preceptor. At the end of the competition, competitors who performed multiple Preceptor parts will remain seated in their final Preceptor station.

16. The 1P will rise as the SD, SS, and JS convey the Crown of Youth and imaginary candidates past him. Thereafter, each Preceptor in turn will rise and the SD, SS, and JS convey the Crown of Youth and imaginary candidates past him; simultaneously, the previous Preceptor will be seated. This sequence will be modified if a competitor(s) fills multiple Preceptors.
17. Each Preceptor will place a jewel in or on the Crown of Youth after saying the first line of their Preceptor part.
18. After Ritual, page 50, the MC will say, "Brother Senior Deacon, you will escort the new Brothers to seats". The SD and Stewards will conduct the new Brothers to seats and then return directly to their stations without crossing between the Altar and the East.

#### REQUIRED PARAPHERNALIA

## DEMOLAY DEGREE COMPETITION

### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Required parts: Twelve (12) Or, MI, SI, JI, M of C, SG, JD, GA, GG, HP, LC, one Prisoner Guard. The other Prisoner Guards, Candle Lighter, Chamber Guards, and “other members of the Council” referred to in the Ritual (page 52) are at the Competitor’s option.
2. Parts that may be omitted with “Missing Parts” penalty: GG and HP. All references to these prisoners must still be repeated by competitors.
3. Parts that may be performed by another team member with “Missing Part” penalty: Or. A degree team member may perform the Orator’s part and another speaking part.
4. Required work: The DeMolay Degree, First and Third Section, including all floorwork and spoken parts in the plural, without amplification (Ritual, pages 52 - 64, Illinois DeMolay Ritual Competition Judging Sheets, pages 130-140).
5. Time limit: 60 minutes.
6. Spokesperson will inform the Judges’ Panel that the Competitor will follow either the Stage Setup or Lodge Setup and the Competitor will be judged accordingly. Instructions not peculiar to one setup apply, regardless of where they appear.
7. General Instructions (Ritual, pages 3 – 6) do not apply.
8. Only the Orator’s lines are required for the Third Section.

### REQUIRED PARAPHERNALIA

## **DEMOLAY DEGREE (Free Form)**

### **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

1. Required parts: None.
2. Required work: a new version of The DeMolay Degree. Let your creativity flow. The competitor is to together their own interpretation of the DeMolay Degree. Competitor is allowed to create their own props, a new script, different costumes, a different time period, or anything else.
3. Time limit: 60 minutes.
4. Competitor will be judged on creativity and interpretation of the original DeMolay Degree.

### **REQUIRED PARAPHERNALIA**

## DEMOLAY DEGREE FOURTH SECTION COMPETITION

### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Required parts: Four (4) MC, SC, SD, JD. Candidates will be imaginary. Competitors will pantomime the existence of candidates whenever they are escorted, conducted, addressed, presented, or otherwise acknowledged.
2. Parts that may be omitted with “Missing Parts” penalty: SC. If the SC is omitted, the gavel raps for the obligations will not be given.
3. Required work: The DeMolay Degree Fourth Section including all floorwork and spoken parts for the MC, SC, SD, and JD in the plural, without amplification (Ritual, pages 64 - 70, Illinois DeMolay Ritual Competition Judging Sheets, pages 141-148).
4. Time limit: 20 minutes.
5. Room is to be set up as in Diagram 1 (Ritual, page 80) and should only include the stations of the required parts.
6. Competitors are to be seated in their respective stations at the start of the ceremony.
7. The Holy Bible is to be lying open at the approximate center of the Altar.
8. The Bible marker may be used at the Competitor’s option.
9. When the Bible is open, the Bible marker must rest on a straight East-West line (not diagonal) down the center of the open Bible. If the DeMolay emblem is on the marker, it must be visible at the West edge of the Bible.
10. The School Books are to be lying at the Northeast corner of the Altar.
11. The “head candle” will be the candlestick nearest the East in Diagram 1 (Ritual, page 80).
12. All pauses for verbal responses from the candidates will be omitted.

### REQUIRED PARAPHERNALIA

## INDIVIDUAL NON-PRECEPTORS

### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Parts in Competition: Will vary from year to year or may not be available at all.
  - a. Parts available for competition include: MC, SC, JC, SD, JD, Ch, Mar, and combined SS and JS (Stewards), and Obligations.
2. Required work: Initiatory and DeMolay Degree Opening Ceremonies, Initiatory Degree, 9 o'clock Interpolation, and Closing Ceremony. All ritual and working knowledge of all floorwork thereof, (Ritual, pages 13-51, Illinois DeMolay Ritual Competition Judging Sheets, pages 166-190).
3. Time Limit: None
4. The Stewards and Obligations competitions will be limited to Active DeMolays whose Initiatory Degree date is less than eighteen (18) months from the commencement date of the annual Illinois DeMolay Ritual Competition.
5. Competition will be in two sections, at separate locations.
6. SECTION 1 will be ritual only, of the particular part. The "Cue Judge" will read the cue line of the missing officer parts. No floorwork (other than door and gavel raps) is required.
  - a. Competitor is to be standing at a designated place at the start of the competition and will remain standing during the competition.
  - b. Competitor's Chapter name and sponsoring body will be inserted into the appropriate blanks.
  - c. The "Word of the Day" will be "Ritual".
  - d. All pauses for verbal response from candidates will be omitted.
  - e. MC and SC competitors will execute gavel raps as required by the part.
  - f. Competitor will execute head and hand movements where appropriate.
  - g. Competitor will not be required to give responses to prayers. This includes the ALL: Amen and the response to the Nine O'clock Interpolation
  - h. Competitor will be judged on Words, Performance, and Floorwork (if any exists).
7. SECTION 2 will be working knowledge of the floorwork of the part.
  - a. Competitor must be prepared to draw out all, or a portion of his floorwork, on a preprinted Chapter Room Arrangement Drawing which will be furnished.

## INDIVIDUAL PRECEPTORS

### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Required Parts: (1) A single Preceptor. All seven (7) preceptors are available for competition.
2. Required work: Initiatory Degree preceptor parts, ritual portions only – no floorwork, (Ritual, pages 46-49, Illinois DeMolay Ritual Competition Judging Sheets, pages 200-206)
3. Time limit: Eight (8) minutes.
4. Room is to be set up with one chair for the competing part only in a location directed by the Panel Chairman. Preferably, the chair should be in a centralized location to allow optimal viewing/hearing by the judges. If multiple competitors will be competing at the same time, the Preceptors' chairs may be positioned where they would normally be in a chapter room.
5. Competitor is to be seated in his respective station at the start of the competition.
6. Competitor will pantomime the placement of the Jewel onto the Crown of Youth at the appropriate time, and the existence of two (2) candidates and other officers when speaking.
7. Competitor will be judged both on Words and Performance.
8. The Preceptor Competition will be divided into Senior and Junior Divisions, based on competitor's aged, as defined in the Competition Definitions on page 5.

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## **INDIVIDUAL DeMolay DEGREE COMPETITION**

### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Parts in Competition: MI, SI, JI, JD, GA, and Orator.
2. Required Work: DeMolay Degree, First and Third Sections (text only) and spoken parts in the plural, without amplification (Ritual, pages 52-64, Illinois DeMolay Ritual Competition Judging Sheets, pages 207-220)
3. Time Limit: None
4. Competitors are to be standing at a designated place at the start of the competitions and will remain standing during the competition.
5. Competitor will be judged both on Words and Performance.

## **SPEECH COMPETITION**

### **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

1. Required Part: One (1) Competitor (Speaker).
2. Time Limit: 10 minutes
3. A copy of the competitor's speech must be submitted to the Competition Registrar or the Speech Competition's Panel Chairperson before the competitor's speech competition begins.
4. The Speech Competition Performance sheet will be used by each judge to record each competitor's performance. These sheets will be totaled and averaged by the Auditors to determine the Speech Competition winner.
5. The subject of the speech should change each year and will be announced and published before the Competition's registration is due.
6. The speech competition may be open to Sweetheart and Sweetheart Court members and may have a different speech topic than the one for the DeMolays.