

2010 Ritual Competition
March 13th
Grand Lodge Building
Guthrie, Oklahoma

January 6, 2010

Brothers:

Our ritual is special; it distinguishes Masonry from other fraternal organizations and is our tie to our past. Each of us should endeavor to be as capable as we can in our ritual.

To highlight and credit the best ritual in Oklahoma I am creating the **All-Star Masonic Degree Team**. This team will be called on to exemplify our MM degree during my year as Grand Master and also during Grand School.

To fill our team with the 'best of the best' in the 2nd section Master Mason degree, we are holding a ritual competition at the Grand Lodge Building on March 13th, beginning at 9am.

Competition Rules

1. Registration Deadline March 1st.
2. Competition will begin with a first round with all applicants for each role running only language. The top three (3) will then compete in a second round as part of a team, with both language and floor work checked. The team will be made up of other competitors for the different positions, or if there are insufficient competitors to fill all the teams, then Deputy Grand Lecturers will fill open spots.
3. Judging will be on a 500 point scale, -1 pt for every error. The Grand Lecturer will be the final arbitrator for decisions on ritual.
4. In the case of a tie, points will be given for the presentation style. That is, if two brothers score the same total points, the brother who gives the more convincing, beautiful and stylish presentation will be declared the winner.
5. Each competitor will sign up for a first choice position and an alternate. Those who compete for their first position and do not pass onto the second round (for that position) may compete for their alternate role. Make your first choice your best role! If you are unsure of whether you know a role well enough to compete, ask your regional Deputy Lecturer or district instructor to listen to your work – he should have a pretty good sense of whether you are ready to compete on that role.
6. The Tyler position will be filled by a local lodge member and is not part of the competition.
7. The Grand Lecturer, Deputy Grand Lecturers and all appointed and elected Grand Lodge officers are ineligible for competition. (Brothers with only Grand Lodge Committee assignments are eligible, as are District Instructors who do not otherwise have an appointed or elected Grand Lodge office).

Team Rules

1. Team members will agree to be available to work degrees in their assigned position with sufficient notice of time and place.
2. Team members selected will be responsible to fill roles in 1st section of MM (though they need not be the same position as their team role in 2nd section).

- Each selected team member is responsible to contact the alternate for that role if he cannot attend the degree. Missing two degrees means forfeiting the position to the alternate (with 3rd place then becoming the new alternate).

The top three brothers at each position will be recognized at Grand Lodge for their superb work.

If you have any questions regarding the ritual competition, please contact:

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I am looking forward to seeing some great ritual, and hope you will attend!

Regards,

MW Chuck Belknap
Grand Master

Registration Form for 2010 Ritual Competition

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Lodge: _____

District: _____

Role in 2nd section MM degree I want to compete in: [Circle one role!]

KS SGW JW/#1 SD JD SS JS #2 #3 GS 2nd S Expl 3rd S Expl Symb

If I am not selected to proceed after the first round (language), I would like to compete for the following role: [Circle one role!]

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Please mail this registration form – postmarked no later than March 1 – to:

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Attention: Ritual Competition
