



The Grand Commandery of the State of Ohio

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Dear Sir Knights,

How proficient in our Ritual Work are you?

At this year's Grand Commandery Conclave, you will have a chance to show your proficiency by taking part in a new Ohio Grand Commandery Ritual Competition to be held on Saturday, October 8, 2016.

This competition will be based on your command of ritual accuracy and delivery.

Two addresses in the Commandery Ritual have been chosen for this initial competition: The Junior Warden's Address found on pages 113 and 114, and the Prelate's Address found on page 136 through the middle of page 138. You may choose to compete by reciting one or both Addresses.

The only requirement to compete is that you must be a member in good standing of any Constituent Commandery of Ohio (any card carrying member) at the time of the Grand Commandery Conclave. The complete rules for this competition will be available at the Drill Captain's meeting on July 9, 2016 or by contacting me via e-mail or regular mail.

Registration forms must be in by September 15, 2016. Forms will be available by contacting me at daexline608@gmail.com and at the Drill Captain's meeting, as well as on the Grand Commandery of Ohio website.

Courteously,

Dale A. Exline, Chairman
Ohio Ritual Competition

2016 Grand Commandery of Ohio
Ritual Competition Registration Form

Sir Knight _____ Home Phone _____

Commandery _____ Address _____

E-mail _____ City & Zip _____

Jr. Warden's Address

Prelate's Address

You can compete in both if you desire.

Drill Team Member? _____ If so, which team? _____

2016 Grand Commandery Ritual Competition

Eligibility: Any member of any Constituent Commandery of Ohio is eligible (any card carrying member). Any Sir Knight can participate in one or both of the categories chosen this year. You do not have to hold that or any office in your Commandery.

Judging: Judging will consist of 3 judges. There will be 2 judges for the accuracy and 1 for the delivery. The ritual judges will follow the ritual and score for accuracy (**wording HAS to be exactly as in the ritual, word for word**).

Deductions as follows:

1 point off for each missed/added word

10 points off for each time a prompt is requested by the competitor. Prompts will ONLY be given by request from the competitor.

The delivery judge will score the competitor on the manner in which the Sir Knight exemplifies the work, makes eye contact with the “candidate”, remains calm and makes proper use of the props, etc.

The final score cards will be totaled by the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee’s ruling will be Final.

Each competitor will be allowed to give the lecture to a “candidate”, but this is not required. If used, the “candidate” MUST be a Sir Knight. Any help or signage from this Sir Knight will result in a 50 point deduction.

The Junior Warden MUST be in Full Templar uniform and have any needed props.

The Prelate MUST be in Full Regalia OR Full Templar uniform together with all props (i.e., Bible, Cross, etc.)

Scoring is similar to Drill Competition. A base of 1000 points is the starting point for the competition.

In case of a tie the following method will be used to break it:

Ritual Work – 1st tie breaker

Delivery Work – 2nd tie breaker

Competitors will be placed in 15 minute blocks. Each competitor will be notified of his time slot via mail or e-mail by October 1st. If competitor is participating in the Drill Competition this will be considered in placing his time slot for the Ritual Competition.

Where to find the Jr. Warden’s Address and the Prelate’s Address in the Ritual:

Junior Warden’s Address: Starting on Page 113 near the bottom at the bold letters **Junior Warden’s Address** thru Page 114 to the line near the bottom that ends **and I will attend you.**

Prelate’s Address: Starting on page 136 near the top of the page at the bold letters **Prelate’s Address** thru page 137 and about midway thru page 138 to the line ending **hallowed sacrifice on Calvary.** This includes the small print at the bottom of page 137 and the top of page 138.