



The Grand Commandery of the State of Ohio

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Dear Sir Knights,

We are happy to announce that we will again have a Ritual Competition in 2023!

At the Grand Commandery Conclave, you will have a chance to show your proficiency by taking part in our Ohio Grand Commandery Ritual Competition to be held on Saturday, October 7, 2023.

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

This year there will be five addresses chosen for the Commandery Ritual Competition: The Flag Lecture on page 149, the Junior Warden's Address found on pages 113 and 114, the Prelate's Address found on page 136 through the middle of page 138, the 5th Libation, Starting on Page 141 near the middle of the page at the bold case letters. It will continue to the bottom of page 142 with the command of Carry Swords, and the Ode to the Skull on Page 156. You may choose to compete by reciting one or two or more of the Addresses.

The only requirement to compete is that you must be a member in good standing of a Constituent Commandery at the time of the Grand Commandery Conclave. The complete rules are available by contacting me via e-mail or regular mail.

Registration forms must be in by October 1, 2023. Forms will be available by contacting me at RalsTm@aol.com and on the Grand Commandery of Ohio website.

Courteously,

Timothy O. Ralston

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2023 Grand Commandery of Ohio
Ritual Competition Registration Form

Sir Knight _____ Cell Phone _____

We will send you a Text Message 10 Minutes Prior to Competing

Commandery _____ Address _____

E-mail _____ City & Zip _____

Jr. Warden's Address Ode to the Skull Flag Lecture 5th Libation Prelate's Address

You can compete in all if you desire.

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

2023 Grand Commandery Ritual Competition
Ritual Competition Rules 2023

Eligibility: Any member of any Constituent Commandery is eligible (any member in good standing). Any Sir Knight can participate in one or two or all four 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 MUST 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.)

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 10-minute blocks. Each competitor will be notified of his time slot via E-mail by October 8th. 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 5th Libation 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.**

The Flag: Page 149 in its entirety.

The Ode to the Skull: Page 156 in its entirety.

The Prelate’s Address: Page 136 to the middle of 138.

The 5th Libation: Starting on Page 141 near the middle of the page at the bold case letters. It will continue to the bottom of page 142 with the command of Carry Swords.