



Colorado DeMolay  
Individual Ritual Competition  
Contest Specifics--Rules

**BEST PART COMPETITIONS PROFICIENCY MINIMUM: 900**

**REQUIRED WORK:** One complete part as it appears in the SOURCE.

**Initiatory Degree:**

Master Councilor

Marshal

Senior Deacon

**DeMolay Degree:**

Jacques DeMolay (\*)

Junior Inquisitor (\*)

Master Inquisitor (\*)

Orator (\*)

**4th Section:**

Master Councilor

**Chapter Proficiency:**

Master Councilor (\*)

Chaplain

(\*) A Ritual Assistant may aid by providing the authorized "cue" to the competitor.

1. Competitor is judged on the ritual (words spoken & sounds made) of the part as shown in the SOURCE, and on the performance as outlined in the Scoring & Judging Rules specified for Best Part Competitions.

2. The use of a Ritual Assistant (RA) is restricted to only those best part competitions identified above. The purpose is to provide language from other parts within the degree so the competitor may act & react according to the degree requirements. The RA may cue **ONLY** the last full sentence of ritual prior to each of the competitor's speeches. The RA is not judged nor will the competitor's score be impacted by the actions of the RA as long as the RA adheres to the rules.

3. Appearance & costuming will be judged based on the degree's normal requirements.

**LIMITED ENTRIES:** One part per degree per competitor.

**TIME LIMIT:** 15 minutes for Master Councilor (Initiatory, Chapter Proficiency & 4th Section) and Jacques DeMolay.

10 minutes for all other parts

## **CEREMONY OF LIGHT PROFICIENCY MINIMUM: 900**

### **REQUIRED WORK:**

A. The Ceremony of Light, as it appears in the SOURCE without additions or changes.

B. Room to be set as in Diagram One except for stations. Following are the required items:

1. **Holy Bible** lying open near the center of the Altar.
2. **School Books** are lying on the Northeast corner of the Altar.
3. **Seven Candles** lighted.
4. **National Flag** in appropriate place.

C. The Speaker talks to the room at large.

**REQUIRED PART:** The Speaker. There are no Candidates.

**TIME LIMIT:** 20 minutes

## **OBLIGATIONS PROFICIENCY MINIMUM: 800**

### **REQUIRED WORK:**

1. The presentation of the Initiatory and DeMolay Degree Queries as shown in the Source including Questions, Answers, Directions (ritual & pantomimed response) and the Obligations.

2. No room set-up is required; competitor will compete at a location within the room as designated by the judging panel.

**REQUIRED PARTS:** The Speaker.

**LIMITED ENTRIES:** The contest is open only to those individuals initiated no earlier than 1 year prior to the date of the contest. Exact eligibility initiation date will be announced with notice of the contest.

**TIME LIMIT:** 10 minutes

## **INDIVIDUAL PRECEPTORS PROFICIENCY MINIMUM: 950**

### **REQUIRED WORK:**

1. Any preceptor ritual part as it appears in the SOURCE.

2. No room set-up is required; competitor will compete at a location within the room as designated by the judging panel.

**REQUIRED PARTS:** The Speaker

**LIMITED ENTRIES:** No individual may compete in more than one preceptor part. The contest is open only to those individuals initiated no earlier than approximately 1 year prior to the date of the contest. Exact eligibility date of initiation will be announced with notice of the contest.

**TIME LIMIT:** 5 minutes.

## **FLOWER TALK PROFICIENCY MINIMUM: 900**

### **REQUIRED WORK:**

A. The Flower Talk , as it appears in the SOURCE without additions or changes.  
B. Room to be set as in Diagram One except for stations. Following are the required items:

1. **Holy Bible** lying open near the center of the Altar.
  2. **School Books** are lying on the Northeast corner of the Altar.
  3. Red & white flowers are arranged on the Altar so as not to touch the Bible.
- C. The Speaker talks to the room at large.

**REQUIRED PART:** The Speaker. There are no Candidates.

**TIME LIMIT:** 20 minutes

## **MAGNIFICENT SEVEN PROFICIENCY MINIMUM: 900**

### **REQUIRED WORK:**

A. Seven Preceptor ritual parts, in order as they appear in the SOURCE.  
B. No room set-up required. Competitor will stand at a location within the room as designated by the Panel Chairman.  
C. Competitor will be judged on **ritual & performance** only. There is no direction judging.

**REQUIRED PARTS:** The Speaker. There are no Candidates.

**TIME LIMIT:** 12 minutes

## **THE Colorado DeMolay TOURNAMENT RULES**

1. Prepare the room, compete and clear the room within the time limit.
2. Prevent interruptions while competing.
3. Fill the required parts and other optional parts with qualified persons.
4. Clothe all parts appropriately.
5. Comply fully & correctly with all rules, specifics, procedures & Judges' rulings.
6. Present the complete, correct, required work.
7. Fully & correctly follow all SOURCE and SPECIFICS instructions.
8. Correctly and audibly say the words and make the sounds of the ceremony from memory; no prompts; and cues permissible only as set forth in the SPECIFICS.
9. Deliver the words with expression appropriate to the ceremony and to the part.

**10. Interpret and present the ceremony so as to achieve maximum good impression.**

***FAILURE TO DO SO WILL BE SUBJECT TO PENALTY!***

## **SOURCES**

The Sources for the various contests are as set forth in the Contest Specifics.

For DeMolay Contests, the Sources are as follows:

A. Closed contests: **Ritual of Secret Work, Corrected Fourteenth Edition, 1997.**

B. Open contests: **Monitor of Ceremonies, Fifth Edition, 1985.**

### **DeMOLAY:**

DeMolays eligible to participate in competition are those who hold a current membership card in the Order of DeMolay, issued by the one Chapter he may represent in the contest. No person may fill more than one required part in a contest, except where specifically allowed in the CONTEST SPECIFICS. No required parts may be filled by more than one person in a contest except where specifically allowed in the CONTEST SPECIFICS. All required parts must be filled with qualified persons; any part not filled with a qualified person will disqualify the Chapter in that contest. Ritual Assistants, singers, accompanists, musical directors, technical personnel or spokesman need not be qualified persons. contest. NO DeMolay who has reached his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday may compete in any contest.

The RITUAL ASSISTANT is use for certain Best Parts Contests. The purpose of the Ritual Assistant is to provide language from other parts within the degree so the competitor may act and react according to the degree requirements. The Ritual Assistant may ONLY cue the last full sentence of Ritual prior to each of the competitor's speeches. The Ritual Assistant is not judged nor will the competitor's score be impacted by the actions of the Ritual Assistant so long as that person adheres to the rules. However, if the competitor makes a mistake due to the Ritual Assistant not providing the appropriate words, the competitor will be penalized.

## **CONTEST PROCEDURE**

1. Spokesperson should check for time and place of Competitor's Briefing which the spokesperson or representative thereof, must attend. At this briefing: A) the judging Panels will be introduced; B) important announcements and schedule adjustments will be made; C) questions of the judges may be asked.
2. Parts, crew and doorkeepers should arrive at the place of competition at least 15 minutes early. Disturbances and interruptions will be penalized. Parts may arrive dressed for competition or change at that time.
3. Near their scheduled time, the Competitor(s) will be called to the door. The spokesperson will reply at once to the Judge who called, informing the judge that the Competitor(s) are present and ready.
4. Judge and spokesperson enter the room, followed by the crew with equipment. Doorkeepers may take their places. Panel Chairman calls the room to order and proceeds with the Panel Ritual. After **TIME ON** is called by the Panel Chairman.