

COLORADO DEMOLAY RITUAL TOURNAMENT

Team Competition

CONTEST SPECIFICS & Rules

CHAPTER PROFICIENCY PROFICIENCY MINIMUM: 700

REQUIRED WORK:

A. Initiatory Degree Opening Ceremony, the DeMolay Degree Opening Ceremony and the Closing Ceremony as they appear in the SOURCE except as noted below.

B. Room to be set as in Diagram One, except the only stations necessary are those of the required parts. Following required **items** must be used as in the SOURCE:

1. **Holy Bible** lying closed on the Altar.
2. **School Books** are at the Junior Steward's station.
3. **National Flag** in appropriate location.
4. **Seven Candles** are not lighted.
5. **Gavel** at the Master Councilor's station.
6. **Gong**.

C.. The **11** required ritual parts may be filled with a minimum of 8 competitors with the Senior Councilor assuming the part of the Senior Steward; the Junior Councilor assuming the part of the Junior Steward; and the Senior Deacon assuming the part of the Standard Bearer. Stations of assumed parts are considered those of the person assuming the part.

D. Parts are seated in respective stations at beginning of ceremony which starts with the Master Councilor's gavel rap and first line, "Brother Marshal, you will see that all present are members of the order of DeMolay or visitors".

E. Omit actions & lines raising, vouching for and/or welcoming Master Masons or Senior DeMolays; omit actions & lines concerning lost words; and omit the Opening Ode.

F. The "Word of the Day" is "**RITUAL**".

G. Words & grips are collected from the Chaplain, Marshal, Standard Bearer, Senior Steward & Junior Steward, **only**.

H. The salute to the flag is that as set forth in the SOURCE.

I. The official Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States is spoken by all parts

except the Standard bearer.

J. Insert competing Chapter's name & sponsoring body in the appropriate blanks.

K. For the Nine O'clock Interpolation, the ringing of the gong is mandatory.

L. Closing Ceremony:

1. The Nine O'clock Interpolation prayer may **not** be used instead of the closing prayer.

2. After the Junior Deacon advises the Sentinel that the Chapter is closed and then advises the Master Councilor that the Sentinel is informed, the Master Councilor raps once, ending the ceremony.

REQUIRED PARTS: Master Councilor, Senior Councilor, Junior Councilor, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Marshal, Chaplain & Sentinel. Additional required **ritual & direction** are the parts of the Senior Steward, Junior Steward and Standard Bearer. **TIME LIMIT:** 40 minutes

INITIATORY DEGREE PROFICIENCY MINIMUM: 750

REQUIRED WORK:

A. The Initiatory Degree as it appears in the SOURCE excepted as noted below.

B. Room to be set as in Diagram One, except the only stations necessary are those of the required parts. Following required **items** must be used as in the SOURCE.:

1. **Holy Bible** lying open near center of Altar.
2. **School Books** are lying on the Northeast corner of Altar.
3. **Gavels** at the stations of the Master Councilor & Senior Councilor.
4. **Seven Candles** are lighted.
5. The **Crown of Youth** is lying on a pedestal near Master Councilor's station.
6. **Gong**.

C. Omit instructions for handling large classes.

D. Senior Steward or each Candidate if used, makes all the verbal responses for Candidates, including "I" and speaking name(s). The obligation is not repeated and the Master Councilor may omit the pauses.

E. After the Master Councilor says, "Brother Senior Deacon, you will conduct the new brothers to seats", the Senior Deacon and the Stewards do so, then go to their respective stations. The Master Councilor raps once, and all sit down ending the ceremony.

F. Instructions for the Chaplain, Marshal, Preceptors and Standard Bearer will not be judged in the formation & execution of the shield position. The Marshal may take the Chaplain's place in the shield at the competitor's option.

G. The ritual of the Scribe & Preceptors is required, but may be given by any qualified person at the competitor's option.

H. All **Direction** instructions for conducting Candidates on the symbolic journey, for Preceptors and for placing the jewels in the Crown of Youth are **omitted** from judging. Competitors are to devise their own presentation of the Preceptors' parts using qualified persons.

Only the ritual & performance of the presentations will be judged.

REQUIRED PARTS: Master Councilor, Senior Councilor, Junior Councilor, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Senior Steward, Junior Steward and Marshal.

Additional required **ritual** are the parts of the Scribe & all 7 Preceptors.

Candidates may be imaginary or real. If real, they must be qualified persons. If imaginary, required parts must pantomime Candidates' Existence whenever they are escorted, conducted, addressed, presented or otherwise acknowledged.

TIME LIMIT: 60 minutes

DeMOLAY DEGREE PROFICIENCY MINIMUM: 750

REQUIRED WORK:

- A. The DeMolay Degree, First Section & Orator's lines only of the Third Section, as they appear in the SOURCE.
- B. Spokesman will inform Panel Chairman whether the Chapter will follow a stage or lodge arrangement. Instructions not peculiar to one arrangement apply, regardless of where they appear.
- C. The First & Third Sections' speeches for the Orator may be given by one of the required parts or by another qualified person.
- D. Stage directions in parentheses in the text are suggestions only and are not included on judging sheets.

REQUIRED PARTS: Master Inquisitor, Senior Inquisitor, Junior Inquisitor, Senior Guard, Lord Constable, Marshal of the Commission, Jacques DeMolay & Guy of Auvergne. Additional required **ritual** is the part of the Orator. Non-speaking parts are at the competitor's option.

TIME LIMIT: 60 minutes

FOURTH SECTION PROFICIENCY MINIMUM: 850

REQUIRED WORK:

- A. The Fourth Section of the DeMolay Degree, with only the actions & lines of the Master Councilor, Senior Deacon & Junior Deacon required.
- B. Room to be set as in Diagram One, except the only stations necessary are those of the required parts. Following required **items** must be used:
 - 1. **Holy Bible** lying open near center of Altar.
 - 2. **School Books** are lying on the Northeast corner of the Altar.
 - 3. **Seven Candles** lighted.
 - 4. **Gavel** at the Master Councilor's station.
- C. Just prior to Obligation, Master Councilor goes to head candle on East side of Altar & faces West. Junior deacon joins Senior Deacon on West side of Altar.
- D. Senior Deacon makes all verbal responses for Candidates, including "I" and speaking name. The obligation is not repeated & the Master Councilor may omit the pauses.

REQUIRED PARTS: Master Councilor, Senior deacon & Junior Deacon. Candidates may be imaginary or real. If real, they must be qualified persons. If imaginary, required parts must pantomime Candidates' existence whenever they are escorted, conducted, addressed, presented or otherwise acknowledged.

TIME LIMIT: 20 minutes

**CEREMONY OF LIGHT- TEAM 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 Speakers talk to the room at large.

REQUIRED PART: Minimum of **3** Speakers, each of whom must present a minimum of **2** of the stations. If 4 or more Speakers, each must present at least **one** station. There are no Candidates.

TIME LIMIT: 20 minutes

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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.**

QUALIFIED PERSONS

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. NO DeMolay who has reached his 21st birthday may compete in any contest.

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; and D) entry forms for each contest may be obtained. These entry forms should be completed legibly & accurately.

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, the spokesperson hands the Panel Chairman the entry form whereby he certifies that all parts are filled with qualified persons. Any errors thereon which would affect the eligibility of any part will disqualify the Competitor(s) in this contest. The spokesperson may ask any questions they may have.

5. Parts and crew arrange the competitive area. When preparations are complete and the Competitor(s) are ready to start, the spokesperson will say **BEGIN** at which time judging commences.

6. Competitor(s) presents the required work for the ceremony from memory. Prompts and interruptions, unless specified, will be penalized. When the ceremony has been completed, the spokesperson says **STOP** at which time the judging ceases.

7. Parts and crew clear the area of competitive equipment. When the area is clear, the Panel Chairman says **TIME OFF**, ending the official timing period.

8. Delegations may witness all competitions they desire, recalling that any misconduct or harassment of a Competitor will subject their group to severe penalty and possible disqualification.

9. After the results are announced, the spokesperson obtains their Judging Sheets and may discuss them with the Judges. The spokesperson may ask the Judges about their comments, suggestions and penalty assessments.

10. The result of any contest may be appealed by filing a verbal protest made to the Official in charge of that competition, within 48 hours of the release of the Judging Sheets. A full written statement of the protest's basis must be mailed to that official, postmarked no later than the day after. The spokesperson will be notified of the final ruling within 30 days thereafter.

Minimum proficiency standards are listed in the Contest Specifics of each contest. These must be met in a contest in order to win an award in that contest. If the minimum proficiency standard is not met in a contest, then no award will be made in that contest.