

Mid-Atlantic Tournament of Champions  
Rules, Sources, Contest Procedure, and Specifics (05/16/2011)

This document outlines all the rules pertaining to the Mid-Atlantic Tournament of Champions, including Tournament rules, and specific rules for each contest. Please pay close attention to them, as the judges will penalize competitors for any deviations.

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### **GENERAL CONTEST 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 any other Parts with Qualified Persons.
4. Clothe all Parts appropriately.
5. Comply fully and correctly with all Rules, Specifics, Contest Procedures and Evaluator's rulings.
6. Present the complete correct Required Work.
7. Fully and correctly follow all SOURCE and Specifics instructions.
8. Correctly and audibly say the words and make the sounds of the ceremony from memory, without Prompts.
9. Deliver the words with expression appropriate to ceremony and Part.
10. Interpret and present the ceremony so as to achieve the maximum good impression.

FAILURE TO DO SO WILL BE SUBJECT TO PENALTY.

### **TOURNAMENT RULES**

1. A DeMolay may not compete in the Tournament once he has attained the age of 21. The exception to this rule is contests involving Senior DeMolays (Legion of Honor, Chevalier Investiture, and Installation Service).
2. A DeMolay may only compete in a particular team contest once per Tournament. For instance, he may not compete in two Chapter Proficiency contests, even if he performs different parts in both contests.
3. All individual contests will be split into Divisions. Division III will be for DeMolays between 12 and 14 years of age. Division II will be for DeMolays from 15 years of age and above. A two-time winner in Division III automatically moves into Division II. A two-time winner in Division II automatically moves into Division I.
4. With permission from your Executive Officer, a team for the Initiatory Degree, DeMolay Degree, and/or Chapter Proficiency may be composed of DeMolays from different Chapters. These intra-Chapter teams will compete in a separate Mixed Team class.
5. The Champion Level is only for a Jurisdictional contest winner or a previous TOC winner (both individual and team contests). All other competitors (except for Mixed team entries) are placed in the Open Level. Division I does not have these Levels. When a Division III Champion moves into Division II, he has the option of competing on the Open or Champion Level.
6. A Jurisdiction may only present a single entry as Jurisdictional Champion in the Champion Level for each Division of a contest.
7. All contest parts and requirements will be defined in these contest specifics. Minimum proficiency scores will be defined by the Tournament Auditors.
8. A rookie is defined as a DeMolay:
  - a. whose Initiatory Degree was no more than 14 months prior to the competition date; for example, if this year's contests occur on September 9, 2006, a rookie must have received his 1st Degree on or after July 9, 2005; and
  - b. who has not competed in any individual contest before at MATOC

### **PROMPTS DURING COMPETITIONS**

Under no circumstances will the judging panel prompt a competitor. If the competitor (or team) so chooses, he/they may designate one prompter (not on the judging panel) who will be allowed to have an open ritual book in the competition room in order to prompt him/them. The prompter may not use copies of the MATOC judging sheets. Each prompt may be up to 5 words long, and the judging panel chairman will assess 10 penalties per prompt.

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### **OPEN RITUALS IN THE COMPETITION AREA**

If a competitor needs to, he may refer to his ritual book in the competition room for the purpose of asking questions of the judging panel chairman or making stipulations. But he must conceal it or turn it into the judging panel chairman prior to calling "Begin". During the competition, no open ritual books or judging sheets will be allowed (whether they be in the possession of competitors or spectators). The only exception is that the designated prompter (if there is one) may have an open ritual book.

### **SOURCES**

Closed Contests:

Ritual of Secret Work of the Order of DeMolay, Corrected Fourteenth Edition, 1997.

Open Contests:

Monitor of Ceremonies of the Order of DeMolay, Corrected Fifth Edition, 2006.

### **CONTEST PROCEDURE**

1. At registration time, the competitors should pick up the competition schedule, and their contest entry forms. If there are any changes or mistakes, the competitors should write them on the forms. The entry forms must be presented at the time of competing. Competitors should check for the time and place of the competitor's workshop, where they may ask questions of the Tournament Auditors.
2. Parts, Crew and Doorkeepers should arrive at the place of competition five or more minutes early. Disturbances will be penalized. Parts may arrive dressed for competition or may change at that time.
3. Near their scheduled time, the Chapter will be called at the door. Spokesman will reply at once to the Evaluator who called, informing him that the Chapter is present and ready to compete. Spokesman may be either an Active DeMolay or an Advisor.
4. Evaluators and Spokesman enter the room, followed by Crew, with the equipment. Doorkeepers may take their places and leave the doors open. Panel Chairman calls room to order and proceeds with the Panel Ritual. After time is called "On", Spokesman hands him the entry form, whereby he certifies that all Parts are Qualified Persons. Any Chapter error on the entry form which would affect the eligibility of any Part will disqualify the Chapter. Spokesman asks any additional questions the team may have, and makes any required stipulations.
5. Parts and Crew arrange area for competition. Crew members may include Advisors or other adults. When preparations are complete, the Spokesman informs the Evaluators by saying "Begin", and evaluation begins.
6. Chapter presents the required work from memory. Prompts of any sort will be penalized. When Chapter is finished, Spokesman says "Stop", and evaluation ceases.
7. Parts and Crew clear area of Chapter equipment. When clear, Panel Chairman says "Time off", ending the official timing period.
8. Delegation may witness all competitions possible, recalling that their misconduct or their harassment of a Competitor will be penalized at the discretion of the Tournament Auditing staff.
9. Chapter may appeal the result of a contest by notifying the Tournament Chairman within 48 hours of the release of the Evaluation Sheets. A full written statement of the protest's basis must be mailed or e-mailed to that Official within a week. Chapter will be notified of the ruling within 30 days.

### **SPECIFICS IN ALL CONTESTS**

1. Items listed in the SOURCE as required for that contest must be actual; optional items may be simulated.

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2. When SOURCE implies, officers may pass between Altar and East without an expressed stipulation.
3. All other General Instructions pertinent to the ceremony apply, except as noted in the Specifics or as counter instructed in the ceremony's text.

**CEREMONY OF LIGHT SPECIFICS**

REQUIRED WORK:

1. The Ceremony of Light, as it appears in the SOURCE, from 1001 through 1218, without changes.
  - a. Room is set up as on Diagram One, except for stations.
    1. Open Holy Bible is lying near center of Altar.
    2. School books are lying on Northeast corner of Altar.
    3. National flag in a standard.
  - b. Candles are already lighted.
  - c. Speaker is seated at beginning of ceremony.
  - d. The Speaker talks to the room at large.

REQUIRED PARTS: The Speaker.

TIME LIMIT: 20 Minutes.

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**CHAPLAIN SPECIFICS**

REQUIRED WORK:

1. The Chaplain's three prayers, as they appear in the SOURCE, from 2310 through 2316, 2915 through 2926, and 3119 through 3124, without changes.
  - a. Chaplain kneels for prayer as indicated in Figure 5.
  - b. This is the only direction that will be judged; no room setup is required beyond having an open Holy Bible.

REQUIRED PARTS: Chaplain

TIME LIMIT: 10 Minutes.

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**CHAPTER PROFICIENCY SPECIFICS**

REQUIRED WORK:

1. Initiatory Degree Opening Ceremony, starting 1322 through 2423, and the DeMolay Degree Opening Ceremony, starting 2501 through 2814, without changes.
  - a. Room is set up as on Diagram One, except the only stations necessary are those of the Required Parts.
  - b. Parts are seated in respective stations at beginning of ceremony.
  - c. The ceremony will begin with the Master Councilor's rap (after "When all Officers are at their stations..." appears in italics on line 1321).
  - d. Omit actions and lines raising, vouching for and/or welcoming Masons or Senior DeMolays.
  - e. Omit actions and lines concerning lost words (sections enclosed in black borders on pages 16, 17 and 18).
  - f. "Word of the Day" is RITUAL.
  - g. Words and grips are collected from Standard Bearer, Chaplain, Marshal, Senior Steward and Junior Steward only.
  - h. Salute to flag is that described on 2201 through 2224.
  - i. The official Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States is spoken by all parts except the Standard Bearer.

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- j. Opening ode is omitted (section enclosed in black border on 2230 through 2231).
- k. Competing Chapter's name is inserted in blanks appropriate.

2. Nine O'clock Interpolation, starting 2815 through 3020.

- a. Striking of gong is mandatory and may be done by any Required Part.

3. Closing Ceremony, starting 3021 through 3406.

- a. The closing prayer is that in the text; Nine O'clock Interpolation Prayer may NOT be used instead.
- b. Immediately after 3314 ("J.D. remains standing" appears in italics), Master Councilor raps once and Master Councilor and Junior Deacon sit down, ending ceremony.

REQUIRED PARTS:

1. Master Councilor, Senior Councilor, Junior Councilor, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Senior Steward, Junior Steward, Marshal, Chaplain, Standard Bearer, Sentinel.

2. The minimum number of competitors for this contest is 8. If any competitor is filling more than one part, then all competitors must have a speaking part. Penalties may be assessed for these substitutions if they detract from the ceremony (i.e. awkward or distracting floorwork) at the discretion of the judging panel.

TIME LIMIT: 40 Minutes

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**CHEVALIER INVESTITURE SPECIFICS**

REQUIRED WORK:

1. The Chevalier Investiture, as it appears in the source, from 1601 through 2526, without changes.

- a. Room is set up as on Diagram One, except the only stations necessary are those of the Required Parts.
- b. Parts are outside the door at the beginning of the ceremony.
- c. Procession is not required to stop and/or face station when dropping off officers, but may do so.
- d. There will be 2 designates, who will be pantomimed. Their names are suggested to be John Smith and John Smith.
- e. When required, the name of the competing Chapter will be spoken.
- f. Psalm 91 may be recited from memory or read, but word errors will be assessed in both cases.
- g. The Grand Marshal will indicate that he is assisting or directing the designates where appropriate.
- h. Kneeling pads are not required.
- i. The sample ring is not required.
- j. The patents are not required.
- k. The cordon and medallion are not required, but the Grand Commander should pantomime placing them around the necks of the designates.
- l. Grand Marshal will make all responses for the designates, including "I, John Smith", but will not repeat the Obligation.

REQUIRED PARTS:

1. Grand Commander, Commander in the West, Commander in the South, Grand Marshal, Grand Chaplain. Competitors must either be Chevaliers, or designated by DeMolay International to receive the Degree of Chevalier.

2. Designates are imaginary. Parts pantomime designates' existence whenever they are escorted, conducted, addressed, presented, or otherwise acknowledged.

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**DeMOLAY DEGREE SPECIFICS**

REQUIRED WORK:

1. DeMolay Degree, First Section from 5201 through 6224, without changes.
  - a. Spokesman will inform Panel Chairman that Chapter will follow either Stage Setup or Lodge Setup, and Chapter will be evaluated on the setup selected.
  - b. Instructions not peculiar to one setup apply, regardless of where they appear.
  - c. General Instructions on SOURCE pages 3, 4, 5 and 6 DO NOT apply.
  - d. At the conclusion of the play, the performers must exit. For a stage setup, lowering the curtain is sufficient.
2. DeMolay Degree, Third Section from 6330 through 6411, without changes.
  - a. After performers have exited, the Orator enters to give his speech. The Chapter may opt for an alternate approach [i.e. freeze-frame of cast during Orator's speech] but must stipulate this.
3. Stage directions in parentheses in the SOURCE text are suggestions only and are not evaluated.

REQUIRED PARTS:

1. Master Inquisitor, Senior Inquisitor, Junior Inquisitor, Orator, Senior Guard, Lord Constable, Marshal of the Commission, Jacques DeMolay, Guy of Auvergne. The Orator may be performed by one of the other required parts.
2. Other non-speaking characters listed 5213 through 5214 and 5313 through 5316 are at the Chapter's option.

TIME LIMIT: 60 Minutes.

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**FLOWER TALK SPECIFICS**

REQUIRED WORK:

1. The Flower Talk, as it appears in the SOURCE, from 2901 through 3231, without changes.
  - a. No direction will be judged for this ceremony, and no room setup is required.
  - b. The Speaker talks to the room at large.

REQUIRED PARTS:

1. The Speaker.
2. There are no candidates.

TIME LIMIT: 20 Minutes

**FOURTH SECTION SPECIFICS**

REQUIRED WORK:

1. The Fourth Section of the DeMolay Degree, actions and lines of the Master Councilor, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon and Candidates ONLY starting 6416 and ending 7005. Actions and lines of MC and SC, 6521 ("M.C. moves XZR") through 6605 ("assisted to kneel at instruction from M.C."), are omitted. Raising and lowering of lights, however, will be judged.
  - a. Room is set up as on Diagram One, except the only stations necessary are those of Required Parts.
    - (1) Open Holy Bible is lying on Altar.
    - (2) School Books are lying on Northeast corner of Altar.
  - b. Parts are seated in respective stations at beginning of ceremony.
  - c. Just before obligation, Master Councilor goes to East side of Altar, faces West; lights are then dimmed;

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Junior Deacon joins Senior Deacon on West side of Altar. Both Deacons will assist the candidates at the Altar in place of the Stewards.

- d. Senior Deacon makes all verbal responses for Candidates, including "I" and speaking name, but does NOT repeat obligation; Master Councilor omits the pauses for response.

### REQUIRED PARTS:

1. Master Councilor, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon.
2. Candidates are imaginary. Parts pantomime Candidates existence whenever they are escorted, conducted, addressed, presented or otherwise acknowledged.

TIME LIMIT: 20 minutes.

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### **INITIATORY DEGREE SPECIFICS**

#### REQUIRED WORK:

1. Initiatory Degree as it appears in the SOURCE, from 3501 through 5010.
  - a. Room is set up as on Diagram One.
    - (1) Open Holy Bible is lying near center of Altar.
    - (2) School books are lying on Northeast corner of Altar.
    - (3) Only stations of Required Parts are necessary.
  - b. Parts are seated in respective stations at beginning of ceremony.
  - c. Omit instructions for handling large classes.
  - d. Any Required Part may strike the gong (chime).
  - e. Senior Steward or each Candidate, if used, makes all verbal responses for Candidates, including "I" and speaking name, but does NOT repeat obligation.
  - f. The formation and breaking of the Shield must be performed, but their specific directions will not be judged.
  - g. In saying Obligation, Master Councilor omits pauses for responses.
  - h. At end, when Master Councilor says "Brother Senior Deacon, you will conduct the New Brothers to seats", Senior Deacon and Stewards do so, then go to respective stations. Master Councilor raps once, and all sit down, ending ceremony.

#### REQUIRED PARTS:

1. Master Councilor, Senior Councilor, Junior Councilor, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Senior Steward, Junior Steward, Scribe, Standard Bearer, Marshal, Chaplain, 1 Preceptor, 2 Preceptor, 3 preceptor, 4 Preceptor, 5 Preceptor, 6 Preceptor, 7 Preceptor.
2. Candidates may be imaginary. If real, Candidates must be Qualified Persons; if imaginary, Parts pantomime Candidates' existence whenever they are escorted, conducted, addressed, presented, or otherwise acknowledged.
3. The minimum number of competitors for this contest is 8. If any competitor is filling more than one part, then all competitors must have a speaking part. Penalties may be assessed for these substitutions if they detract from the ceremony (i.e. awkward or distracting floorwork) at the discretion of the judging panel.

TIME LIMIT: 60 minutes.

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### **INSTALLATION SERVICE SPECIFICS**

#### REQUIRED WORK:

1. The Installation Service, as it appears in the SOURCE, from 3601 through 5505, without changes.
  - a. Room is set up as on Diagram One with a chair added for each Part, located at the Chapter's option.
  - b. Parts are seated in respective stations at beginning of ceremony. Words and actions 3627 through 3710

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are omitted.

- c. Competing Chapter's name is inserted in blanks appropriate.
- d. Salute to flag is done as described 3914 through 3930.
- e. The Official Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States is spoken by all Parts except Installing Senior Deacon.
- f. Opening ode and all references to it are omitted [4012 through 4013].
- g. Installing Marshal does NOT read names of Officers, 4305, but recites from memory: "The Master Councilor, Senior Councilor, Junior Councilor, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Stewards, Orator, Scribe, Treasurer, Sentinel, Chaplain, Marshal, Standard Bearer, Almoner, and Preceptors."
- h. Parts, except Installing Officer, respond to questions asked 'Brethren' and 'Councilors'.
- i. Installing Marshal inserts a name in each name blank; suggested name: "John Smith".
- j. Installing Officer inserts surname in each name blank; suggested surname: "Smith".
- k. Installing Marshal makes all verbal responses for Master Councilor.
- l. When 'Installing Officer leads applause', all Parts applaud.
- m. When told to conduct Senior Councilor to station, Installing Marshal remains at Altar, pauses briefly, then presents next Officer; same is done with remaining Officers in turn.
- n. Instructions at 3623 through 3626 do NOT apply to Installing Officer or Installing Marshal. Installing Marshal moves to extra chair after declaring Officers installed.
- o. Installing Chaplain may NOT use the Nine o'clock Interpolation Prayer in place of the closing prayer.

**REQUIRED PARTS:**

1. Installing Officer, Installing Senior Councilor, Installing Junior Councilor, Installing Marshal, Installing Chaplain, Installing Senior Deacon.
2. Officers to be installed are imaginary. Parts pantomime the presence of the Officers to be installed whenever they are escorted, conducted, addressed, presented or otherwise acknowledged.

TIME LIMIT: 60 Minutes

**MAGNIFICENT SEVEN SPECIFICS**

**REQUIRED WORK:**

1. The seven Preceptor parts, as they appear in the SOURCE, from 4619 through 4837, without changes.
  - a. No direction will be judged for this ceremony, and no room setup is required.
  - b. The Speaker talks to the room at large.

**REQUIRED PARTS:**

1. The Speaker.
2. There are no candidates.

TIME LIMIT: 20 Minutes

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**MAJORITY SERVICE SPECIFICS**

**REQUIRED WORK:**

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1. The Majority Service, as it appears in the SOURCE, from 7101 through 7609, in the plural, without changes.
  - a. Room is set up as on Diagram One, except the only stations necessary are those of the Required Parts.
    - [1] Open Holy Bible is lying on Altar.
    - [2] School books are lying on Northeast corner of Altar.
  - b. Parts are seated in respective stations at beginning of ceremony.

REQUIRED PARTS

1. Master Councilor, Senior Councilor, Junior Councilor, Marshal, Chaplain.
2. Recipients are imaginary. Parts pantomime recipients' existence whenever they are escorted, conducted, addressed, presented or otherwise acknowledged.

TIME LIMIT: 20 Minutes

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**NINE O'CLOCK INTERPOLATION SPECIFICS**

REQUIRED WORK:

1. The Nine O'clock Interpolation, as it appears in the SOURCE, from 8701 through 8830, without changes.
  - a. Room is set up as on Diagram One, except the only stations necessary are those of the Required Parts.
    1. Open Holy Bible is lying near center of Altar.
    2. School books are lying on Northeast corner of Altar.
  - b. Parts are seated in respective stations at beginning of ceremony.
  - c. Striking of the gong is mandatory and may be performed by any Required Part.

REQUIRED PARTS

1. Master Councilor, Marshal, Chaplain.

TIME LIMIT: 15 Minutes

**ORATOR SPECIFICS**

REQUIRED WORK:

1. The Orator parts, as they appear in the SOURCE, from 5501 through 5602, and from 6330 through 6411, without changes.
  - a. No direction will be judged for this ceremony, and no room setup is required.
  - b. The Speaker talks to the room at large.

REQUIRED PARTS:

1. The Speaker.
2. There are no candidates.

TIME LIMIT: 15 Minutes

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**PRECEPTOR SPECIFICS**

REQUIRED WORK:

1. One Preceptor part, as it appears in the SOURCE, from 4619 through 4837, without changes.

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- a. No direction will be judged for this ceremony, and no room setup is required.
- b. The Speaker talks to the room at large.

REQUIRED PARTS:

1. The speaker will perform one Preceptor part of his choice. The speaker must be a rookie as defined in this document (see Tournament Rules).
2. There are no candidates.

TIME LIMIT: 5 Minutes

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**PRECEPTOR CORPS SPECIFICS**

REQUIRED WORK:

1. The seven Preceptor parts, as they appear in the SOURCE, from 4619 through 4837, without changes.
  - a. No direction will be judged for this ceremony.
  - b. The Speaker talks to the room at large.

REQUIRED PARTS:

1. The seven Preceptor parts.
2. There are no candidates.
3. The minimum number of competitors for this contest is 5. If any competitor is filling more than one part, then all competitors must have a speaking part.

TIME LIMIT: 20 Minutes

**PRECEPTOR TRIO SPECIFICS**

REQUIRED WORK:

1. Three Preceptor parts, as they appear in the SOURCE, from 4619 through 4837, without changes.
  - a. No direction will be judged for this ceremony.
  - b. The Speaker talks to the room at large.

REQUIRED PARTS:

1. The Speaker will perform three Preceptors of his choice.
2. There are no candidates.

TIME LIMIT: 10 Minutes

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**RECOGNITION PIN CEREMONY SPECIFICS**

REQUIRED WORK:

1. The Recognition Pin Ceremony, as it appears in the SOURCE, from 8901 through 9028, without changes.
  - a. Room is set up as on Diagram One, except the only stations necessary are those of the Required Parts.
    - (1) Open Holy Bible is lying on Altar.
    - (2) School books are lying on Northeast corner of Altar.
    - (3) One recognition pin is placed on Altar on East side of Bible.
    - (4) Gavel is placed on Master Councilor's pedestal.

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- (5) Parts are seated in respective stations at beginning of ceremony.  
b. No floor work is required of Marshal. He delivers his lines from his station.  
c. Master Councilor moves to the Altar and talks to the room at large.

REQUIRED PARTS

1. Master Councilor, Marshal.
2. Recipients are imaginary.

TIME LIMIT: 15 Minutes

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**REPRESENTATIVE DeMOLAY CEREMONY SPECIFICS**

REQUIRED WORK:

1. The Representative DeMolay Ceremony, as it appears in the SOURCE, from 9101 through 9621, without addition or changes.
  - a. Room is set up as on Diagram One, except the only stations necessary are those of the Required Parts.
    - (1) Open Holy Bible is lying on Altar.
    - (2) School books are lying on Northeast corner of Altar.
    - (3) Gavel is placed on Chancellor's pedestal.
    - (4) Parts are seated in respective stations at beginning of ceremony.
  - b. A white flower tied with a royal purple ribbon is lying on Chancellor's pedestal.
  - c. An R. D. lapel pin, an R.D. citation and card are all lying on a separate pedestal just south of the Altar and candle 7.
  - d. Marshal speaks candidate's name where appropriate; suggested name: "John Smith".
  - e. Marshal makes all verbal responses for Designates, including "I" and speaking name, but does NOT repeat obligation.
  - f. Marshal receives the presented items and shakes hands with the Chancellor.
  - g. In saying Obligation, Chancellor omits pauses for responses.

REQUIRED PARTS:

1. Chancellor, Marshal.
2. Designates are imaginary. Parts pantomime Designates existence whenever they are escorted, conducted, addressed, presented or otherwise acknowledged.

TIME LIMIT: 20 Minutes

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**ROOKIE OF THE YEAR SPECIFICS**

REQUIRED WORK:

1. The Examination Queries and Obligations of the Initiatory and DeMolay Degrees, as they appear in the SOURCE, from 7022 through 7322.
  - a. Speaker may kneel at the Altar or stand on the West side at his discretion. If Speaker stands, he may speak to the room at large at his discretion.
  - b. Speaker begins each Degree's Obligation by saying "I" and speaking his name.
  - c. In saying Obligations, Speaker omits pauses for responses.
  - d. After exchanging syllables for the password, the Speaker repeats the password [just as the Master Councilor and Senior Councilor do in the opening of the Chapter].
  - e. Panel Chairman will give all queries to competitor, including the exchange of syllables in the password.

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REQUIRED PARTS

1. The Speaker. Speaker must be a rookie as defined in this document (see Tournament Rules).

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