



# Ritualist Examination Board (REB) Rules & Regulations

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## **Article I: Creation**

The Ritualist Program is hereby created by the Associated DeMolay Chapters of Georgia, Order of DeMolay, to promote a higher caliber of Ritual Exemplification with the State of Georgia as set forth in the current edition of the Ritual of Secret Work of the Order of DeMolay, the Monitor of Ceremonies of the Order of DeMolay, and the Ritual of the Order of Knighthood.

## **Article II: Certification Procedures & Categories**

### Section 1: Categories

- The program shall be divided into three categories. The categories shall be called Ritualist, Ceremonial Ritualist, and Knighthood Ritualist.
- The Ritualist category includes parts from the Ritual of Secret Work of the Order of DeMolay.
- The Ceremonial Ritualist category includes parts from the Monitor of Ceremonies of the Order of DeMolay.
- The Knighthood Ritualist category includes parts from the Ritual of the Order of Knighthood and the Degree of Ebon.

### Section 2: Ritualist Certification

- Certification classifications for the Ritualist category shall be called Junior Ritualist, Senior Ritualist, Master Ritualist.
- To be certified as a Junior Ritualist, a minimum of 150 points from the Ritualist Point Schedule is required, with no duplication of parts satisfactorily completed. An applicant must be an Active DeMolay except as noted in Article IV, Section 3.
- To be certified as a Senior Ritualist, a minimum of 300 points from the Ritualist Point Schedule is required, with no duplication of parts satisfactorily completed. An applicant must be an Active DeMolay except as noted in Article IV, Section 3.
- To be certified as a Master Ritualist, a minimum of 450 points from the Ritualist Point Schedule is required, with no duplication of parts satisfactorily completed. An applicant must be an Active DeMolay except as noted in Article IV, Section 3.

### Section 3: Ceremonial Ritualist Certification

- Certification classifications for the Ceremonial Ritualist category shall be called Junior Ceremonial Ritualist, Senior Ceremonial Ritualist, Master Ceremonial Ritualist.
- To be certified as a Junior Ceremonial Ritualist, a minimum of 180 points from the Ceremonial Ritualist Point Schedule is required, with no duplication of parts satisfactorily completed. An applicant must be an Active DeMolay except as noted in Article IV, Section 3.
- To be certified as a Senior Ceremonial Ritualist, a minimum of 360 points from the Ceremonial Ritualist Point Schedule is required, with no duplication of parts satisfactorily completed. An applicant must be an Active DeMolay except as noted in Article IV, Section 3.
- To be certified as a Master Ceremonial Ritualist, a minimum of 540 points from the Ceremonial Ritualist Point Schedule is required, with no duplication of parts satisfactorily completed. An applicant must be an Active DeMolay except as noted in Article IV, Section 3.

### Section 4: Knighthood Ritualist Certification

- Certification classifications for the Knighthood Ritualist category shall be called Junior Knighthood Ritualist, Senior Knighthood Ritualist, Master Knighthood Ritualist.
- To be certified as a Junior Knighthood Ritualist, a minimum of 180 points from the Knighthood Ritualist Point Schedule is required, with no duplication of parts satisfactorily completed. An applicant must be an Active DeMolay except as noted in Article IV, Section 3.
- To be certified as a Senior Knighthood Ritualist, a minimum of 360 points from the Knighthood Ritualist Point Schedule is required, with no duplication of parts satisfactorily completed. An applicant must be an Active DeMolay except as noted in Article IV, Section 3.
- To be certified as a Master Knighthood Ritualist, a minimum of 540 points from the Knighthood Ritualist Point Schedule is required, with no duplication of parts satisfactorily completed. An applicant must be an Active DeMolay except as noted in Article IV, Section 3.

## Section 5: Certification

- Certificates awarded have no expiration date.
- A candidate who does not meet the requirements for the certificate attempted may receive a lesser certificate in that category if he has enough points.
- A candidate may attempt any level of proficiency but will only receive one certificate in each category at any session of the Ritualist Examination Board (hereafter REB). This one certificate must be the highest award the points in the category will allow. Once achieving a Senior or Master Certificate, a candidate may not try to obtain a lesser certificate in the same category not previously awarded.
- Upon receiving certification as Master Ritualist, Master Ceremonial Ritualist, and Master Knighthood Ritualist, a candidate will be certified by the REB as a Supreme DeMolay Ritualist.

## Article III: Points & Scoring

### Section 1: Ritualist Point Schedule

| Examination Queries  | Points  | Max. Errors |
|--|---------|-------------|
| Both Degrees   | 15      | 10          |
| Opening (Both Degrees) & Closing   | Points  | Max. Errors |
| Master Councilor (incl. visitor speech)  | 40      | 15          |
| Senior & Junior Councilor  | 10      | 5           |
| Deacons & Stewards   | 10      | 5           |
| Chaplain (opening/closing prayers)   | 15      | 3           |
| Nine O'Clock Interpolation (Not included in Ceremonial Ritualist Point Schedule) | Points  | Max. Errors |
| Master Councilor & Chaplain  | 10      | 5           |
| Initiatory Degree  | Points  | Max. Errors |
| Master Councilor (w/o obligation)  | 40      | 15          |
| Marshal  | 25      | 5           |
| Senior Councilor   | 15      | 3           |
| Junior Councilor   | 15      | 3           |
| Senior Deacon  | 20      | 5           |
| Individual Preceptors  | 10 each | 3           |
| All Seven Preceptors   | 80      | 21          |
| DeMolay Degree   | Points  | Max. Errors |
| *Master Councilor 4 <sup>th</sup> section (w/o obligation)                       | 40      | 15          |
| Jacques DeMolay  | 50      | 15          |
| Master Inquisitor  | 45      | 15          |
| Senior Inquisitor  | 15      | 3           |
| Junior Inquisitor  | 20      | 7           |
| Guy of Auvergne  | 10      | 3           |
| Orator (1st/3rd Sections)  | 35      | 10          |
| *4 <sup>th</sup> section broken down   |         |             |
| Master Councilor   | 10      | 3           |
| Senior Councilor   | 10      | 3           |
| Junior Councilor   | 10      | 3           |
| "Member"   | 10      | 3           |

\*Candidate may not earn points in both sections. If a candidate earns points in the broken down 4<sup>th</sup> section in one session and then completes the rest of the parts in another session, candidate will only earn remaining points.

Section 2: Ceremonial Ritualist Point Schedule

|   |        |             |
|---|--------|-------------|
| Ceremony of Light   | Points | Max. Errors |
| entire ceremony   | 40     | 10          |
| Flower Talk*  | Points | Max. Errors |
| entire ceremony   | 50     | 15          |
| *two person ceremony not included in point Schedule               |        |             |
| Installation Service  | Points | Max. Errors |
| Installing Officer (Opening/Closing)                              | 40     | 15          |
| Installing Officer (Installation) (all officers)                  | 100    | 40          |
| Installing Senior Councilor                                       | 10     | 3           |
| Installing Junior Councilor                                       | 10     | 3           |
| Installing Chaplain & Marshal                                     | 10     | 3           |
| Tribute to Father   | Points | Max. Errors |
| entire ceremony   | 40     | 15          |
| Fathers' Talk (DeMolay International)                             | Points | Max. Errors |
| entire ceremony   | 15     | 3           |
| The Mother's Watch  | Points | Max. Errors |
| entire ceremony   | 15     | 3           |
| Representative DeMolay Investiture*                               | Points | Max. Errors |
| entire ceremony   | 40     | 15          |
| *Breakdown with Junior and Senior Councilor not available for REB |        |             |
| Shield Talk   | Points | Max. Errors |
| entire ceremony   | 20     | 5           |
| Majority Service (revised 2017 edition)                           | Points | Max. Errors |
| Master Councilor  | 15     | 5           |
| Senior Councilor  | 10     | 3           |
| Junior Councilor  | 10     | 3           |
| Historical Lecture  | Points | Max. Errors |
| entire ceremony   | 20     | 5           |
| Cross of Honor Investiture  | Points | Max. Errors |
| Master Councilor  | 20     | 7           |
| Senior Councilor  | 10     | 3           |
| Adult Memorial Service  | Points | Max. Errors |
| Master Councilor  | 25     | 7           |
| Senior Councilor & Chaplain                                       | 15     | 5           |
| DeMolay Member Pin  | Points | Max. Errors |
| entire ceremony   | 20     | 7           |
| Squire Induction Ceremony   | Points | Max. Errors |
| Master Squire   | 20     | 5           |
| Senior Squire   | 10     | 3           |
| Junior Squire   | 10     | 3           |
| Installing Officer  | 20     | 5           |
| Installing Chaplain & Marshal                                     | 15     | 3           |

### Section 3: Knighthood Ritualist Point Schedule

| Opening & Closing                              | Points | Max. Errors |
|--|--------|-------------|
| Illustrious Knight Commander                   | 35     | 15          |
| Page & Squire Commander                        | 20     | 7           |
| Deacons & Sacristan                            | 15     | 7           |
| Prior  | 10     | 3           |
| Brief Opening & Closing                        | Points | Max. Errors |
| Illustrious Knight Commander & Prior           | 10     | 5           |
| Ceremony of Investiture                        | Points | Max. Errors |
| Illustrious Knight Commander (with obligation) | 60     | 20          |
| Senior Deacon & Preceptor                      | 30     | 10          |
| Sacristan                                      | 10     | 3           |
| Prior  | 10     | 3           |
| Page Commander                                 | 10     | 3           |
| Squire Commander                               | 10     | 3           |
| Degree of Ebon                                 | Points | Max. Errors |
| Illustrious Knight Commander                   | 10     | 3           |
| Ebon   | 45     | 15          |
| Symbolic Knight Commander                      | 65     | 20          |
| Symbolic Squire Commander                      | 25     | 10          |
| Symbolic Page Commander                        | 15     | 5           |
| Symbolic Prior                                 | 15     | 5           |
| Symbolic Orator                                | 25     | 10          |
| Installation of Officers                       | Points | Max. Errors |
| Installing Illustrious Knight Commander        | 40     | 15          |
| Installing Squire Commander                    | 40     | 15          |
| Installing Page Commander                      | 40     | 15          |
| Installing Herald                              | 20     | 10          |
| Installing Preceptor & Prior                   | 20     | 10          |
| Installing Senior & Junior Deacon              | 20     | 10          |

### Section 4: Scoring Guidelines

- The words of the ritual are to be spoken correctly and audibly from memory, without prompts or undue delay. Ritual shall be interpreted as that portion of the written work intended to be spoken aloud by the officer. Instructions under "Ritual" of the Tournament rules apply except that *gavel raps and gongs do not have to be given*.
- Candidates having more errors, under these scoring rules, than the maximum allowed above will not continue the examination nor receive credit for that section work. Once point credit is received for a particular segment of the work, additional points cannot be awarded for repeating that segment.
- The Judging Panel shall make all necessary responses in order to keep a given part moving. The sections of the Ritual concerning "Lost Word" are not a part of the competition.

### Section 5: Examination Guidelines

- Inserts** - If a candidate is presenting a part and adds a word that does not belong to this respective part, one (1) point will be counted off for each word added until the part resumes on its proper wording.
- Deletes** - If a candidate is presenting a part and does not include all the words in the Ritual, one (1) point will be counted off for each word deleted until such time as the part resumes its proper wording.
- Repeats** - If a candidate is presenting a part to the REB and stumbles and repeats a word, the word repeated will count off one (1) point. This is the same as an inserted word.
- Replacements** - If a candidate is presenting a part and replaces a word in the Ritual with another word, two (2) points will be counted off. This is the same as a deletion and an insertion.
- Transpositions** - If a candidate is presenting a part and transposes (switches the order) of two words in the Ritual, two (2) points will be counted off. This is the same as a deletion and an insertion.
- Prompts** - If a candidate reaches an impasse while presenting a part, the Lead Examiner will allow a short pause

then request the candidate to continue. If after an additional pause the candidate cannot continue, the Lead Examiner will request a second time for the candidate to continue. If after this second short pause the candidate cannot continue, the Lead Examiner will inform the candidate that his presentation has ended. Any remainder of the part not presented will be counted off as one point per word not verbalized. *There will be no prompts whatsoever.*

- **Responses** - If a candidate is presenting a part of the work that requires a response, or has several other characters with lines before his part resumes, the Lead Examiner will provide the part just prior to the point of continuing so that the candidate may keep an understanding of continuity to the part, just prior to the point of continuity, shall be defined as the singular line preceding the continuation of the attempted part. At no time will any portion of the part being attempted be provided to the candidate.
- **Enunciation/Speed** - If a candidate presents a part to the REB, the REB members must at all times be able to understand the words being stated. Pronunciation of such words will not be counted against the candidate as long as it is recognizable as the required word by the REB.
- **Maximum Errors** - If a candidate is presenting a part and exceeds the maximum number of errors allowed by a considerable margin, considerable margin shall be defined as double the amount of allotted mistakes, the candidate will be asked by the Lead Examiner to stop his presentation. At that time the candidate will be advised that he did not receive credit for the desired part.
- **Reporting Process**- The REB panel must submit proper documentation to the Director of Ritual after examination, no points will be rewarded nor designations earned until documentation is submitted to and accepted by the Director of Ritual.
  - (1) Documentation shall include: evaluation form with errors marked and all required lines filled out. (available from Chairman or Gademolay.org).
  - (2) At the end of the examination, the evaluators present must review their individual scoring sheets, and if discrepancy occurs among errors performed by the candidate, where one evaluator would grant and the other would deny points, they must determine among themselves the outcome. If
- **Questions** - If a candidate has any questions regarding the part to be presented, or the method of scoring, these must be asked prior to presenting the part. If at the end of his presentation, the candidate does not understand the scoring of his part, all questions must be asked at that time.
- **Audience**- No other individuals may be present during the examination except the candidate and examiners
- **Unusual Circumstances** - All efforts will be made to provide facilities conducive to the presentation of ritual. If any situation arises which the REB deems to be obtrusive and outside the candidate's control, the candidate will be allowed to present his part again. If there are any questions concerning unusual circumstances, those questions shall be addressed to the Director of Ritual, Deputy Executive Officer, or Executive Officer at time of examination. Any decision made by the Executive Officer is final.

### Article IV: REB Membership, Meetings, & Procedures

#### Section 1: REB Members

- The REB panel shall consist of any two chevaliers who actively reside in Georgia.
- The REB panel for any parts which come from the Degree of Ebon, must be a Chevalier and have received the Degree of Ebon, prior to examination.
- Chevaliers who are family members of a candidate may not evaluate that candidate's part.
- The position of Chairman of the REB shall be filled by the Director of Ritual or by appointment from the Executive Officer.

#### Section 2: REB Meetings

- Candidates may request a special meeting of the REB by contacting the Chairman of the REB. The Chairman of the REB will grant or deny this request based on the availability of REB Members to attend the requested meeting.
- Meetings of the REB may not take place over electronic means for any reason.

#### Section 3: REB Examination & Certification Procedures

- Upon request, a DeMolay must show a valid membership card to the REB, and an Advisor of his respective Chapter must sign the evaluation form. In order to enter into the Ritualist Program, the applicant must be an Active DeMolay. *Proficiency in the Examination Queries of the Initiatory and DeMolays will be required before other points accumulated will count toward certification in any category.* A candidate who has already accumulated points and has passed his Examination Queries as an Active DeMolay, may continue to accumulate points toward the Award level on which he is currently working up to one year after the date of his majority as an active member.

## **Ritualist Examination Board (REB)**

### **Rules & Regulations**

- A candidate may attempt a particular part only once at each meeting of the REB. A candidate must wait a period of no less than 30 days before attempting a particular part again. A candidate may complete one part during a particular session and then return later to attempt another part as long as the REB is still in session.
- A candidate who is competing at the Annual Tournament of Champions in the Individual Preceptor, All Seven Preceptors, Rookie of the Year, Ceremony of Light, Flower Talk, and/or other individual events may request that those score sheets be submitted to the REB for consideration under these rules. A panel of the REB accepts these score sheets as satisfactory completion of the part for the Ritualist Program; however, scoring shall follow the rules as outlined in Article III.
- The examination for Junior, Senior, or Master Certificates shall consist of an examination of the candidate by panel consisting of a minimum of two judges and a maximum of six judges, who shall be active or alternate members of the REB. The examination will be for any part which is specified as being part of the competition as stated in Article III, Sections 1-3.
- A candidate for Junior, Senior, or Master Certificates receives that designation after achieving the appropriate amount of points and having the approval of the Director of Ritual or Executive Officer.

#### Section 4: Appeals

- Due to the nature of this program, all decisions of the current REB will be final concerning any exams for that session. Should there be an indication of violation of these rules, a DeMolay may appeal his exam to the Director of Ritual or the Executive Officer. No other appeal is available; however, the part contested may be attempted again at the next session if the points for that part have not been awarded.

#### **Article V: Amendment of Rules**

These rules may be amended by a majority vote of the EOSC assembled, provided the proposed amendment has been approved by the Executive Office.