



# 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.

### 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 275 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 400 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 125 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 225 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 325 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 150 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 275 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 400 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

<u>Examination Queries</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Max. Errors</u>
Both Degrees	15	10

<u>Opening (Both Degrees) &amp; Closing</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Max. Errors</u>
Master Councilor (including visitor speech)	35	15
Senior & Junior Councilor	10	5
Deacons & Stewards	10	5
Chaplain (opening/closing prayers)	10	3

<u>Nine O'Clock Interpolation</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Max. Errors</u>
Master Councilor & Chaplain	10	5

<u>Initiatory Degree</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Max. Errors</u>
Master Councilor (without obligation)	35	15
Marshal	15	5
Senior Councilor	10	3
Junior Councilor	10	3
Senior Deacon	10	5
Individual Preceptors	10 each	3
All Seven Preceptors	80	21

<u>DeMolay Degree</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Max. Errors</u>
Master Councilor (without obligation)	35	15
Jacques DeMolay	50	15
Master Inquisitor	45	15
Senior Inquisitor	10	3
Junior Inquisitor	20	7
Guy of Auvergne	10	3
Orator (1st/3rd Sections)	35	10

Section 2: Ceremonial Ritualist Point Schedule

<u>Ceremony of Light</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Max. Errors</u>
entire ceremony	30	10

<u>Flower Talk</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Max. Errors</u>
entire ceremony	45	15

<u>Installation Service</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Max. Errors</u>
Installing Officer (Opening/Closing)	35	15
Installing Officer (Installation)	100	40
Installing Senior Councilor	10	3
Installing Junior Councilor	15	5



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Majority Service	Points	Max. Errors
Master Councilor	25	10
Senior Councilor	10	3
Junior Councilor	25	10
Chaplain	10	3
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Representative DeMolay Ceremony	Points	Max. Errors
Chancellor	40	15

### Section 3: Knighthood Ritualist Point Schedule

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Opening & Closing	Points	Max. Errors
Illustrious Knight Commander	35	15
Page & Squire Commander	20	7
Deacons & Sacristan	15	7
Prior	10	3
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Brief Opening & Closing	Points	Max. Errors
Illustrious Knight Commander & Prior	10	5
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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
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Degree of Ebon	Points	Max. Errors
Illustrious Knight Commander	10	3
Ebon	40	15
Symbolic Knight Commander	65	20
Symbolic Squire Commander	25	10
Symbolic Page Commander	15	5
Symbolic Prior	15	5
Symbolic Orator	25	10
Symbolic Herald	5	3

### 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 Assistance

- **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 it's 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 it's 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. 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, the candidate will be asked by the Lead Examiner to stop his presentation. At that time the candidate will be advised whether or not he received that part.
- **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.
- **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.

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

##### Section 1: REB Members

- The REB shall be composed of at least two (2) and not more than six (6) Chevaliers. Six additional Chevaliers may be selected to serve as alternate members. Alternate Members would serve in the absence of an Active member or to provide necessary manpower for the examination of candidates and certification.
- The State Chevalier Coordinator shall appoint a Master Mason or Senior DeMolay, who is also a Chevalier, to serve as Chairman of the REB. It shall be the Chairman's responsibility to appoint the eleven other active and alternate members of the REB. In the absence of a State Chevalier Coordinator, the Director of Programs for the State Staff will make the above appointment.
- The Chairman of the REB shall serve as Lead Examiner at all meetings of the REB. In his absence, the Chairman of the REB shall appoint a Master Mason or Senior DeMolay, who is also a Chevalier, to serve as Lead Examiner.
- The REB members shall serve for one year (TOC to TOC) and will be subject to re-appointment or replacement by the Chairman of the REB. The Chairman of the REB will be subject to re-appointment or replacement by the State Chevalier Coordinator or the Director of Programs for the State Staff.

##### Section 2: REB Meetings

- The REB shall meet a minimum of twice per year during the Tournament of Champions and the State Conclave.
- Candidates currently enrolled in the REB Program 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.

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

- All candidates for Certification must submit an application at the time of arrival to the Lead Examiner of the REB for the level he desires to attain. Upon request, a DeMolay must show a valid membership card to the REB, and an Advisor of his respective Chapter must sign the application. 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 (1) year after the date of his majority from Active Membership.
- 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 one month 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 majority vote 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. No Tournament of Champions team events will be considered by the REB for Ritualist credit.
- 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 must receive a majority vote from the REB present to receive the respective Certificate. No group examination of candidates for any level or category of examination will be permitted.
- It is the responsibility of the State Office for the Associated DeMolay Chapters of Georgia to provide the REB a listing of all DeMolays who have previously participated and their status at the beginning of each session. It is the responsibility of the REB to provide the State Office a report of the results of each meeting. It is at the discretion to the REB to present attained certificates the current session or to hold them until the next State Function. The REB may only hold an awarded certificate for a maximum of one year past the meeting at which they were attained.

#### 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 State Chevalier Coordinator 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 REB assembled, provided the proposed amendment has been approved by the Executive Officer and distributed to the Chapter at least thirty (30) days prior to the next biannual meeting of the REB.