

Article I: Creation

The Master Ritualist Program is hereby created by the Jurisdiction of Minnesota, Order of DeMolay (MN DeMolay), to promote a high caliber of Ritual Exemplification with MN DeMolay as set forth in the current edition of the *Ritual of Secret Work* of the Order of DeMolay.

Article II: Certification Levels and Points

Section 1: Ritualist Certifications

- To be certified as a Junior Ritualist, a minimum of 125 points is required
- To be certified as a Senior Ritualist, a minimum of 375 points is required
- To be certified as a Master Ritualist, a minimum of 600 points is required

Article III: Awards and Privileges

- Junior DeMolay Ritualist – Plaque Mounted Certificate
- Senior DeMolay Ritualist – Knights Templar shield and crossed swords display trophy
- Master DeMolay Ritualist:
 - A full size wall mounted Knights Templar shield and sword
 - “Free Conclave” (while an Active DeMolay)
 - Plaque given to the candidate’s Chapter for public display

Article IV: Points & Scoring

Section 1: Ritualist Point Schedule

<u>Examination Queries</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Max. Errors</u>
Both Degrees	30	12
<u>Opening (Both Degrees) & Closing</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Max. Errors</u>
Master Councilor	35	15
Senior & Junior Councilor	10	4
Deacons & Stewards	10	4
Chaplain (opening/closing prayers)	10	4
<u>Nine O’Clock Interpolation</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Max. Errors</u>
Master Councilor & Chaplain	10	4
<u>Initiatory Degree</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Max. Errors</u>
Master Councilor (without obligation)	35	15
Marshal	20	8
Senior Councilor	10	4
Junior Councilor	10	4
Senior Deacon	10	4
Individual Preceptors	10 each	4
Magnificent 7 (all 7 preceptors together)	80	28
<u>DeMolay Degree</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Max. Errors</u>
Master Councilor (without obligation)	40	16
Jacques DeMolay	55	22
Master Inquisitor	50	20
Senior Inquisitor	10	4
Junior Inquisitor	25	10
Geoffrey de Charney (aka “That Guy”)	10	4

Orator (1st/3rd Sections)	35	15
<u>Ceremony of Light</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Max. Errors</u>
entire ceremony	30	12
<u>Flower Talk</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Max. Errors</u>
entire ceremony	45	18
<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	4
Installing Junior Councilor	15	6
Installing Chaplain	10	4
<u>Majority Service</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Max. Errors</u>
Master Councilor	25	10
Senior Councilor	10	4
Junior Councilor	25	10
Chaplain	10	4
<u>Rep. DeMolay Ceremony</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Max. Errors</u>
Chancellor	40	16

Section 3: 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. *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.

Section 4: 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 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. 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 V: 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 Executive Officer 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
- 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 another member of the REB to be the Lead Examiner.
- The REB members shall serve for one year (Conclave to Conclave) 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 Executive Officer.

Section 2: REB Meetings

- The REB shall meet a minimum of once per year during 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 to the Chairman of the REB for the level he desires to attain.
- *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 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 a jurisdictional or regional organized Ritual Tournament, which uses the same error scoring methodology as prescribed Article IV, Section 3 or the Frank Marshal Championship Tournament system (FMCT), in the Individual Preceptor, All Seven Preceptors, 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.

- The examination 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.
- 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.

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 REB Chairmen 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 VI: 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 Chapters at least thirty (30) days prior to the next annual meeting of the REB.

Request for Certification Examination

Name: _____

Chapter: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Circle all the parts to be examined.

<u>Ritualist Certifications</u>	<u>Ceremonial Ritualist Certifications</u>
<p><u>Examination Queries</u> Both Degrees</p> <p><u>Opening (Both Degrees) & Closing</u> Master Councilor Senior & Junior Councilor Deacons & Stewards Chaplain (opening/closing prayers)</p> <p><u>Nine O'Clock Interpolation</u> Master Councilor & Chaplain</p> <p><u>Initiatory Degree</u> Master Councilor (without obligation) Marshal Senior Councilor Junior Councilor Senior Deacon Individual Preceptors Magnificent 7 (all 7 preceptors together)</p> <p><u>DeMolay Degree</u> Master Councilor (without obligation) Jacques DeMolay Master Inquisitor Senior Inquisitor Junior Inquisitor Geoffrey de Charney (aka "That Guy") Orator (1st/3rd Sections)</p>	<p><u>Ceremony of Light</u> entire ceremony</p> <p><u>Flower Talk</u> entire ceremony</p> <p><u>Installation Service</u> Installing Officer (Opening/Closing) Installing Officer (Installation) Installing Senior Councilor Installing Junior Councilor Installing Chaplain</p> <p><u>Majority Service</u> Master Councilor Senior Councilor Junior Councilor Chaplain</p> <p><u>Rep. DeMolay Ceremony</u> Chancellor</p>

Please submit the completed form to the Chairman of the Ritual Examination Board.