RULES: 2019 RITUAL COMPETITION

Individual and team competition: Best delivery of the full-form master’s lecture of the Master Mason degree.

GUIDELINES FOR INDIVIDUAL & TEAM PARTICIPATION

- All participants must be Master Masons in good standing at a California lodge.
- A member of multiple lodges may compete in only one individual competition and/or one team competition.
- Each individual competitor or team leader must complete and submit the Ritual Competition Registration Form to his district inspector (or in his absence, assistant grand lecturer [AGL]) by April 9, 2018.
- The competition will take place as follows:
  - **Individual**: One brother will deliver the entire full-form lecture, attired in the master’s apron, collar, jewel, and top hat.
  - **Team**: The team of two brethren shall deliver the lecture in accordance with the instructions contained in the current California cipher. The first brother shall be attired in the master’s apron, collar, jewel, and top hat. The second brother shall be attired in a white apron. It is not necessary that the same team members who participate at the district competition also participate at the division competition.

JUDGING PROCEDURES

- District-level judging is under the supervision and sole discretion of the inspector; division-level judging is under the supervision and sole discretion of the AGL. The inspector or AGL may use as many assistants as he deems necessary. For consistency, judges may use the standard judging forms provided by the Ritual Committee.

- The inspector will work with each individual or team leader to identify a suitable date, time, and location to hold the competitions. The inspector will forward the winning competitors’ registration forms to his AGL by June 1, 2019.

- The AGL will work with each district’s winning competitors to identify a suitable date, time, and location for the next round of competition.

- After judging the work, the AGL will forward the winning individual and teams’ registration forms to the grand lecturer by Sept. 1, 2019. This will allow him time to arrange for appropriate recognition during the 2019 Annual Communication, which will take place October 18-20.

OBSERVING

- Inspectors and AGLs are encouraged to invite any and all Master Masons to observe the judging process so that those observing the competition might improve their own ritual delivery skills.