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The 2024 MWPHGL Jurisdiction of Indiana Ritualistic Competition Overview

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To: All Elected and Appointed Grand Lodge Officers, Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters, Past and Present Worshipful Masters, Wardens and Brethren owing allegiance to this Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Indiana.

Greetings,

The Ritualistic Competition is a prestigious event designed to showcase the proficiency and dedication of members within the M.W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Jurisdiction of Indiana. Participants are expected to demonstrate excellence in the execution of the Opening and Closing, adhering strictly to the prescribed rituals without any deviations unless explicitly stated within the Particular Contest Rules.

Guidelines for Participation:

1. **Ritualistic Integrity:** Contestants are required to perform the Opening and Closing, following the traditional procedures without shortcuts or omissions. Any deviations from the standard ritual must be clearly defined and approved within the Particular Contest Rules provided before the competition.

Requirements for Entrants

1. **Office Representation:** Participants must portray the actual office they hold within their respective lodges. In cases of illness or other legitimate circumstances, substitutions may be requested. However, such requests must be approved by the Contest Committee in advance, with a limitation of no more than two substitutes per lodge for any reason.
2. **Ritual Adherence:** All ritualistic work presented in the competition must adhere to the version approved by the M.W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge, specifically the Nizzardini Publication. This ensures uniformity and fairness in the evaluation process.

Procedures for the Competition:

1. **Precision and Clarity:** Competitors are expected to deliver all Signs and Symbols with distinct precision. The speech must be accurate, with proper enunciation, and all material must be recited from memory, demonstrating the participants' dedication and mastery of the ritual.
2. **Order of Presentation:** The sequence in which lodges will present their ritualistic work will be determined on the day of the contest through a random drawing conducted by the Contest Committee. This drawing will establish the order of presentations, ensuring a fair and unbiased start for all participating lodges.



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- Judging Panel:** The Contest Committee will appoint three judges to evaluate the presentations. To maintain impartiality, no judge will be affiliated with any of the participating lodges. This measure is crucial to ensure a fair and transparent evaluation process, focusing solely on the performance and adherence to the prescribed rituals.

The 2024 Ritualistic Competition is an opportunity for lodges under the Jurisdiction of Indiana to celebrate and honor their commitment to the principles of Freemasonry. Through this competition, participants not only affirm their dedication to the craft but also contribute to preserving the rich heritage and rituals that define Prince Hall Freemasonry.

Take due notice and govern yourselves accordingly.

Fraternally,

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