

# RITUAL COMPETITION STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS

Team is sitting in chairs in front of room.

After the prompter starts the competition, the Chairman rises and proceeds on a direct diagonal to center of podium. 1 rap with gavel.

(charge by Chairman)

Team members rise in unison **and face the Altar**. Chaplain steps off on left foot on direct diagonal to Altar - stops two feet before Altar, center. The Chairman turns about and returns to chair. Chairman must be in position in front of chair as Chaplain stops at Altar. Chaplain then steps forward, reverently opens Bible (at the center) and remains in place.

(charge by Chaplain)

Team members fold arms and bows heads in unison.

(charge by Chaplain)

At conclusion of prayer, in unison team members return heads/arms to starting position.

(charge by Chaplain)

Chaplain takes 2 steps back. In unison, all turn in unison to flag and place hand over heart. All say pledge together (USA)/repeat in unison (Canada); Team members lower hands/arms in unison and turn to face **speaker**.

Chaplain turns about, and returns on direct diagonal to chair, turns and faces audience. As she is moving, Historian proceeds on a direct diagonal to center of podium. Chaplain and Historian are to be in final position at same time.

(charge by Historian)

Team sits in unison.

(charge by Historian)

Historian turns about, proceeds on direct diagonal to chair. Registrar proceeds on direct diagonal to center of podium. Historian and Registrar are at final position at same time.

(charge by Registrar)

Team rises in unison. Members proceed on direct diagonal to positions 2 feet from the Altar - Chaplain, Historian are at positions at corner of Altar, Chairman is at center of Altar. They continue to face audience.

(charge by Registrar)

All team members raise right hands in unison (hands remain up) for pledge.

(charge by Registrar)

Team members repeat pledge in unison.

(charge by Registrar)

All team members lower hands in unison. (In unison): Chaplain takes one step forward, turns and proceeds to chair. Historian takes one step forward on right foot, turns and proceeds to chair. Registrar proceeds to chair. Chairman takes one step forward on right foot, turns to face podium; proceeds to the front center of podium on a straight line, semi-circles podium to her right. All are in final position at the same time.

(charge by Chairman)

Chairman raps 2 times with gavel. Team rises in unison. Chaplain steps off on left foot on direct diagonal to Altar - stops two feet before Altar, center.

(charge by Chaplain)

Team members (with the exception of the Chairman) fold arms and bows heads in unison.

Chairman remains at podium - rings chimes 9 times. Turns and proceeds to chair, turns and to face audience; folds arms and bows head. Once the Chairman is in final position **and all movement has stopped**, Chaplain continues with prayer.

(charge by Chaplain)

At conclusion of prayer, in unison team members return arms and heads to starting position. Chaplain reverently closes the Bible. Upon cue, team members sit in unison.

(charge by Chaplain)

Chaplain turns, proceeds on direct diagonal to chair, turns to face audience. Chaplain remains standing. Historian proceeds on direct diagonal to center of podium. Both are in final position at same time.

(charge by Historian)

Chairman and Registrar rise in unison. All team members raise right hand in unison; repeat obligation in unison.

(charge by Historian)

In unison, team members lower hands and are seated.

(charge by Historian)

Each team member acknowledges introduction, **before or after** stepping forward 1 to 2 steps (to be in line with Registrar's sideline chair). After introducing herself, Historian acknowledges introduction **before stepping** 1 to 2 steps back to be in line with **Registrar's** sideline chair. All team members should be in line with each other.

In unison, all turn towards sideline chairs. All step off on left foot. **All proceed in straight line toward the Registrar's sideline chair. 4 feet from the outside leg of Historian's chair (in front of room), the Historian, Chairman and Chaplain turn to proceed on a direct diagonal to center of their sideline chairs. In unison, all arrive at chairs. In unison, all turn to face opposite side wall. In unison, all are seated.**

**\*no more than eight (8) added gestures per position.**

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