



ALBERTA ELKS ASSOCIATION

RITUAL COMPETITION

GENERAL RULES:

Judging of competing Lodges shall take place at a location, or locations, at the discretion of the District Deputy and members of the Districts.

All competitions will be completed by May 1st of each year.

The District Deputy shall review the score sheets and declare a first and second place finalist from his/her District.

The District Deputy shall forward all score sheets and reports to the Provincial Ritual Chairman no later than May 1st.

The Provincial Ritual Chairman shall review the score sheets and declare a first and second place finalist at the Conference.

The following shall be judged:

- i) Elected Officers Present – Officers do not have to sit in their respective chairs during competition. Officers may read their ritual; however, will receive bonus points for memory work (see Scoring).
- ii) Lodge Opening Ceremony
- iii) Reception of Official Visitor
- iv) Reception of Visitors
- v) Eleven O’Clock Service (Omitted for Royal Purple Elks)
- vi) Lodge Closing Ceremony

JUDGING AND SCORING:

The District Deputy shall appoint two (2) Judges and two (2) substitute Judges, preferably members proficient in Ritual, on the basis of ability, fairness and availability.

The Judges shall be exempt from the Language of the Gavel except for singing “O Canada” and “God Save the Queen”.

Lodges may substitute a member for any Officer and any Officer may move to another chair with no penalty for substituting or moving. They will all receive marks based on the substitute’s performance provided; however, the substitute member must fill the Officer position in each category of judging. (i.e. the same person must substitute for Leading Knight/Associate Lady in all categories being judged).

Judging shall commence at the appointed hour, at which time the Exalted Ruler/Honored Royal Lady calls the Lodge to Order and opens the Lodge as per the Ritual and carries on with the regular Order of Business.

NOTE: The Short Form of Opening and Closing will not qualify for this Competition.

Immediately before the Closing Ceremony, the Leading Knight shall rise and request the hour. The Exalted Ruler will call up the Lodge, all members excluding the Judges, shall stand in place, and the Immediate Past Exalted Ruler shall perform the Eleven O’Clock Service. Singing Auld Lang Syne shall be omitted. (Omitted for Royal Purple Elks.)

SCORING:

Points shall be deducted for the following:

1. Reading of Ritual – 1 point per error (word omitted, added, or changed).
2. Ritual from Memory – ½ point per error (word omitted, added, or changed).
3. Poor Floor Work (Officers not alert, out of step, crooked lines, poor corners, incorrect spacing, signs, forgetting or improperly placing an Emblem on the Alter) – 1 point per error.
4. Officer Participation – if all eight Officers are participating, they would receive 40 points (minimum of four Officers or 50% required). Five (5) points shall be deducted for each Officer not participating, to a maximum of 20 points.

At the end of the score sheet, ADD 2 points for each officer that performs their ritual from **MEMORY**.

EXPRESSION AND GENERAL CONDUCT:

Judges should in their report, enter comments on the following points which will be considered in the event of a tie. This is important, as it would be used to determine the Winner.

1. Speaking Sincerity, Diction, Clarity, Emphasis and Pronunciation
2. Floor Work Marching, General Impression and Officers' Alertness
3. Memory Work Memory Work is to be promoted within the Order
4. Regalia Regalia is NOT TO BE MARKED in competition; use of regalia is optional
5. Decorum Is to be part of all meetings and Ritual work

SCORESHEET – ELKS

ELECTED OFFICERS PRESENT AT MEETING

(worth a maximum of 5 points each – do not have to perform ritual)

_____ ER _____ IPER _____ LEAD KN _____ LOY KN _____ LEC KN _____
40 ESQ _____ MD/IG _____ CHAP _____

LODGE OPENING CEREMONY

RITUAL

_____ ER _____ MD/IG _____ ESQ _____ LEC KN _____ LOY KN _____
75 25 5 5 10 10
LEAD KN _____ CHAP _____
 10 10

FLOOR WORK (worth a maximum of 5 points each)

_____ LEC KN _____ LOY KN _____ LEAD KN _____ ESQ _____
20

POSITIONING OF ITEMS ON ALTAR (worth a maximum of 5 points each)

_____ Bible _____ Flag _____ Elk _____ Constitution _____
20

RECEPTION OF OFFICIAL VISITOR

_____ ER _____ IPER _____ LEAD KN _____
35 20 5 10

RECEPTION OF VISITORS

_____ LEAD KN _____
10

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

30 LEAD KN _____ IPER _____
5 25

LODGE CLOSING CEREMONY

RITUAL AND FLOORWORK (worth a maximum of 5 points each)

30 ER _____ LEAD KN _____ LOY KN _____ LEC KN _____
CHAP _____ ESQ _____

BONUS POINTS – PERFORMING FROM MEMORY

(ADD 2 points per Officer that does not read)

12 ER _____ LEAD KN _____ LOY KN _____ LEC KN _____
CHAP _____ ESQ _____

TOTAL POINTS – maximum of 272

272

SCORESHEET – ROYAL PURPLE ELKS

ELECTED OFFICERS PRESENT AT MEETING

(worth a maximum of 5 points each – do not have to perform ritual)

_____ HRL _____ IPHRL _____ ASSOCIATE _____ LECTURING _____
55 LOYAL _____ CONDUCTRESS _____ CHAPLAIN _____ SECRETARY _____
TREASURER _____ INNER GUARD _____ OUTER GUARD _____

LODGE OPENING CEREMONY

RITUAL

_____ HRL _____ IPHRL _____ ASSOCIATE _____ LECTURING _____
60 LOYAL _____ CONDUCTRESS _____ CHAPLAIN _____ SECRETARY _____
TREASURER _____ INNER GUARD _____ OUTER GUARD _____

POSITIONING OF ITEMS ON ALTAR (worth a maximum of 5 points each)

_____ Bible _____ Flag _____ Presenting the Flag (Optional) _____
15

INTRODUCTION OF OFFICIAL VISITOR

_____ HRL _____ CONDUCTRESS _____ DRILL TEAM _____
15

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

_____ CONDUCTRESS _____
10

LODGE CLOSING CEREMONY

RITUAL AND FLOORWORK (worth a maximum of 5 points each)

_____ HRL _____ IPHRL _____ ASSOCIATE _____ LECTURING _____
60 LOYAL _____ CONDUCTRESS _____ CHAPLAIN _____ SECRETARY _____
TREASURER _____ INNER GUARD _____ OUTER GUARD _____
HISTORIAN _____

BONUS POINTS – PERFORMING FROM MEMORY

(ADD 2 points per Officer that does not read)

_____ HRL _____ AS SOCIATE _____ CHAPLAIN _____
8 CONDUCTRESS _____ PIANIST _____

TOTAL POINTS – maximum of 225

225

