

2010 RITUAL COMPETITION

Dear Daughters and Adults:

Because of a problem in securing a location in Richmond in March, the date of the Ritual Competition has been changed. This year's Ritual Competition will be held on **April 24, 2010 at Kena Temple in Arlington, Virginia**. We are hoping that each Daughter will be coming to Northern Virginia for the HQ/MC/WA Ball scheduled for that evening at the same location.

We understand that some Bethels may be travelling from further locations and every effort will be made to schedule Bethels at a time that takes distance into consideration. Also, we hope to complete competition in plenty of time for Daughters to prepare for the evening dance. Start time will be determined by the number of participants and each Bethel and Daughter will be assigned a time prior to the competition.

Due to past experiences with Daughters who have competed in the Virginia State Supreme Team category, we are including an agreement form to be signed by the Daughter and her parent, indicating that she will attend Supreme Session in Colorado Springs, CO in August if she is selected for the team. The form also indicates that the Daughter will attend at least two practices between competition in April and July in order to practice as a "team". Every effort will be made to hold practices in a central location and on dates convenient for most Daughters on the team. There may be individual practices in your area held by a member of the Ritual Competition Committee.

Daughters may participate in more than one competition. Categories include:

Bethel Messenger Team (All five Messengers representing one Bethel)

Supreme Messenger Team (Daughters representing any Bethel for one Messenger part)

Each of the following categories will be judged by age:

Category A: Ages 10-12

Category B: Ages 13-14

Category C: Ages 15-16

Category D: Ages 17-19

Chaplain

Guide

Junior Princess

Senior Princess

Honored Queen

Novice (a new member as of January, 2009)

Story of Job (All 5 Messenger lectures)

All registrations forms **must be postmarked on or before April 1, 2010.**

Instructions for Competition and Judging

All work must be memorized. All floor work, hand positions and instructions must be as per the Ritual, except for the Story of Job. Daughters participating in the Story of Job will flow from one messenger lecture to the next without instructions.

The Daughter, or Messenger Team, may enter and leave the competition room in any manner, as this is not part of the competition.

Spectators will not be allowed in the competition room.

There will be a prompter in the competition room. If a Daughter pauses for 3 seconds, the prompter will give the next three words. Points will be deducted for each prompt, and for each word omitted, added, or changed. Expression, including proper punctuation, will be judged.

All Daughters must wear the official regalia – white robe with sewn attached cord, headband, white hose, shoes and slip. The robe will be tied and jewelry will be allowed per the Supreme Constitution and Bylaws (B-Bethel 5). Only those Daughters competing in the Honored Queen, Senior Princess or Junior Princess categories will wear capes and crowns.