



# ALBERTA ELKS ASSOCIATION

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## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>.

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 –  $\frac{1}{2}$  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 25 MD/IG 5 ESQ 5 LEC KN 10 LOY KN 10  
75 LEAD KN 10 CHAP 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 20 IPER 5 LEAD KN 10  
35

#### **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)

\_\_\_\_\_      ER \_\_\_\_\_      LEAD KN \_\_\_\_\_      LOY KN \_\_\_\_\_      LEC KN \_\_\_\_\_  
30      CHAP \_\_\_\_\_      ESQ \_\_\_\_\_

**BONUS POINTS – PERFORMING FROM MEMORY**

(ADD 2 points per Officer that does not read)

\_\_\_\_\_      ER \_\_\_\_\_      LEAD KN \_\_\_\_\_      LOY KN \_\_\_\_\_      LEC KN \_\_\_\_\_  
12      CHAP \_\_\_\_\_      ESQ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL POINTS – maximum of 272**

**272**

**COMMENTS:**

**LODGE NAME AND NO.** \_\_\_\_\_

**JUDGES NAMES** \_\_\_\_\_

**DISTRICT DEPUTY** \_\_\_\_\_

## **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)

15 Bible \_\_\_\_\_ Flag \_\_\_\_\_ Presenting the Flag (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

#### **INTRODUCTION OF OFFICIAL VISITOR**

15 HRL \_\_\_\_\_ CONDUCTRESS \_\_\_\_\_ DRILL TEAM \_\_\_\_\_

#### **INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS**

10 CONDUCTRESS \_\_\_\_\_

## LODGE CLOSING CEREMONY

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

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

### **BONUS POINTS – PERFORMING FROM MEMORY**

(ADD 2 points per Officer that does not read)

8      HRL \_\_\_\_\_    AS SOCIATE \_\_\_\_\_    CHAPLAIN \_\_\_\_\_  
CONDUCTRESS \_\_\_\_\_    PIANIST \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL POINTS – maximum of 225**

**225**

**COMMENTS:**

**LODGE NAME AND NO.** \_\_\_\_\_

**JUDGES NAMES** \_\_\_\_\_

**DISTRICT DEPUTY** \_\_\_\_\_