

# Worthy Grand Patron's 2023-2024 Ritualistic Work Incentive Program

## Purpose Statement:

To provide an incentive for the membership of Oklahoma Eastern Star to learn Ritualistic work (memory work), and reward those who demonstrate (for each office they choose to apply) Ritualistic proficiency.

## Program Description:

The award for demonstrating Ritualistic proficiency is a Ritualistic pin (initial achievement only) and an office charm for each office for which the applicant demonstrates Ritualistic proficiency. Applicant(s) are awarded charms as they demonstrate proficiency for additional offices.

Members contact designated test administrators listed under the rules section for testing. After testing is complete, the results are sent to the WGP (**WGP designated assistant, Margaret Wait**). The WGP is notified by his assistant of passing applicants so awards can be presented either in person, or sent to that Chapter's Secretary, if a Grand Chapter presentation/recognition is unable to be made.

A record is kept of all applications and their status to ensure rules are followed. Program rules are attached.

**2023-2024 the WGP's designated assistant is:**

**Margaret Wait, PG Adah (email: [wait.margaret@yahoo.com](mailto:wait.margaret@yahoo.com))**

## 2023-2024 Ritualistic Award Rules

- What do I need to do to get tested? Study, practice, use required resources (Current (2018) Ritual/Secret Work/Brown Book as necessary), then when ready to test contact a test administrator. **The test can only be administered through contacting a current Grand Officer, District Deputy, Past Grand Matron, Past Grand Patron, Past Grand Officer, or current Escort.**
- Give her/him your Name; No. 1 Chapter; Office(s) testing for.
- No pre-approval is required to take the test.
- Once testing is complete, the test administrator will contact the WGP (WGP designated assistant) via email and provide the results of the testing (Refer to the attached form). Then the designated assistant will send the results to the WGP for his approval and distribution of award(s).
- Ritual work must be from the current Ritual and Secret Work of the Order of the Eastern Star published by the authority of the General Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.
- Only members of the Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Oklahoma are allowed to participate in the program.
- Regardless of gender, any qualifying member may test for any office.
- Applicants must recite all Ritualistic language contained in the Ritual, Secret Work, and Grand Chapter Instructions (Brown Book) for opening, closing, and initiation for each office tested. If a given office doesn't have language in all three sessions, then refer to required test material and errors allowed spreadsheet.
- Tests are only for "memory work". Floor work, in the Ritual, is not included.

- If an applicant misses more than the designated mistakes allowed in the rules, they can try once more that day. Maximum attempts allowed per day are two per office.
- If a person, giving their lecture, catches their own mistake and corrects themselves before saying the next word then no mistake will be counted. If a person says another word after the mistake, then the mistake is counted.
- Adding or omitting a plural tense is considered an error.
- Applicants are not allowed to go back or start over during a test session.
- No prompting is allowed.
- No more than one person may test at one time with a test administrator.
- Tests for multiple offices may be taken in the same day.
- Tests can be administered anywhere however, the location must be of sufficient secrecy, and secure enough to mitigate eavesdropping.
- Test administrators must check each member for qualification under the rules.
- Test administrators must use a current Ritual, Secret Work, and Oklahoma General Instructions (“Brown Book”) when listening to applicants. It is suggested these items be supplied by the applicants, so the test administrator may mark mistake(s), in pencil, to aid the applicants’ in improving their ritualistic proficiency.
- WP is not required to recite the scriptures.
- Associate Patron includes the optional Initiation lecture (i.e. no “short form”).

- All awards will be in the possession of the WGP or his designated assistants for distribution to award winners.
- WGP resolves all disagreements between applicants and administrators.
- Test administrators must notify the WGP/WGP Assistant via email of the status of testing applicants so records can be updated. This information must include the following for each applicant:
  1. Applicant Name
  2. Applicant's No. 1 Chapter
  3. Administrator Name
  4. Test Date
  5. Office being tested
  6. Number of mistakes made
  7. Test result.
  8. If applicant tested has met requirement to receive charm, has applicant received initial "Ritual" pin?
- In addition to language in the Ritual, pertaining to the announcement of door alarms, the Warder includes language contained in the current General Instructions for the Subordinate Chapters of Oklahoma, section titled 'WARDER AND SENTINEL ATTENDING DOOR.'" Warder and Sentinel include the language from the section titled "INITIATION." The Warder and Sentinel will demonstrate door knocks as outlined in the Ritual.
- All decisions made by the WGP regarding this program are final.

Based on the total number of words for each office from opening, closing, and initiation, the number of mistakes allowed per office are as follows:

Office	Opening Ritual Pages	Initiation Ritual Pages/Secret Work	Closing Ritual Pages	Mistakes Allowed
Worthy Matron	24-43	49, 50, 52, 53, 56, 57, 77, 78	45 – 47	<b>12</b>
Worthy Patron	23, 24	55, 57-60, 63, 67, 70, 73, 76, 77, 81-86, 90-91	N/A	<b>8</b>
Associate Matron	26-28, 39-41	55, 56	45	<b>5</b>
Associate Patron	39	86 – 90 Including full West Lecture	N/A	<b>6</b>
Secretary	33, 34	N/A	N/A	<b>2</b>
Treasurer	32, 33	N/A	N/A	<b>2</b>
Conductress	31, 32	52-55, 58, 60, 64, 67, 70, 73, 74, 77, Including Secret Work pages 82-83	N/A	<b>4</b>

Associate Conductress	23, 27, 31	49 – 52	N/A	2
Chaplain	29, 30, 42 Including Opening Prayer	80 Including Initiation Prayer	46 Including Closing Prayer	4
Marshal	30	N/A	N/A	2
Organist	30, 31	N/A	N/A	2
Adah	34, 35, Including Secret Work	60 – 63, Including Secret Work	N/A	5
Ruth	35, Including Secret Work	64 – 66, Including Secret Work	N/A	5
Esther	35, 36, Including Secret Work	67 – 69, Including Secret Work	N/A	5

Martha	36, 37, Including Secret Work	70 – 72, Including Secret Work	N/A	<b>5</b>
Electa	37 – 39, Including Secret Work	74 – 75, Including Secret Work	N/A	<b>5</b>
Warder	25, 28, 29, 43, Including Raps and Grand Chapter Instructions Page 20	See Grand Chapter Instructions Page 64	45, 47, Including Raps	<b>2</b>
Sentinel	25, 43, Including Raps	See Grand Chapter Instructions Page 64	45, Including Raps	<b>2</b>

2023-2024 e-mail results to: [wait.margaret@yahoo.com](mailto:wait.margaret@yahoo.com)

Please complete a separate form for each applicant and for each Office for which the applicant is being tested, i.e. if Applicant 1 tests for Worthy Matron, and Secretary, and Applicant 2 tests for Secretary and Treasurer, you would complete 2 forms for Applicant 1, you would complete 2 forms for Applicant 2, for a total of 4 forms.

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

#1 Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Administrator (Your) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Tested: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Mistakes: \_\_\_\_\_

Test Result: Pass / Not Pass

Previously Received Pin?            Y        N