

British Columbia Provincial Aerie



# RITUAL RULES

for Competitions  
held within the  
**Province of British Columbia**

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To Ritual Committee Members Don Chunn, Marty Kennelly, Harry Gold, Randy Strang,  
and Provincial Secretary Will Heigh.

Brothers,

Please find your copy of the proposed Ritual Rules and Regulations for participating in Ritual in the Province of British Columbia. I believe that with the new criteria for competing in Ritual as stated in the categories listed, we have opened the door to trying to promote Ritual and allowing teams to compete that would not be allowed to compete in our province with the current rules and regulations from the Grand Aerie. The Brothers I have discussed this with in Campbell River seem happy that this list of requirements for all categories and cover all the issues that were brought up at our Island Zone Conference.

Fraternally yours,

Erich Hippolt  
Provincial Chaplain, Island Zone  
Secretary

**Provincial Secretary's Note:** The following set of Ritual Rules for the Province of British Columbia were approved by authorized motion at the 2007 British Columbia Provincial Convention in Kamloops, BC. Any amendments or alterations shall be recommended to the 2008 Convention floor by the 2007-2008 Ritual Committee for their approval by the officers and delegates present. Recommendations and/or suggestions may be made in writing to the 2007-2008 Ritual Committee Chairman Joseph Millette, PPP, no later than May 1, 2008.

## PROVINCIAL AERIE RITUAL COMPETITION RULES

1) All members of a competing team must be inspected\* at the Altar just prior to the competition.

*\* This inspection includes dress, regalia and official receipts. Any member who has not signed his receipt will be charged one half-point.*

2) If a team supplies their own Inside Guard, he must be inspected the same as any other member of the competing unit. Where it is necessary, the Ritual Committee will furnish the Secretary and Inside Guard and these positions will then not be marked for any errors.

3) Officers will stand to the left of their stations until instructed by the Worthy President to "take their stations". The right and left sides are determined by the position of the officer as he stands at the station facing the Altar. All stations must be entered on the left-hand side and exited on the right-hand side.

4) At no time during the competition will any member of the competing team be allowed to touch his regalia or the flags, other than the flag pole, during the Opening and Closing Ceremony.

5) In the matter of examining the official receipts, during the Opening Ceremony, the Worthy Conductor and/or the Worthy Chaplain must inspect the receipts of each member of the competing unit except that of the presiding officer. Receipts of judges, spectators or other members present are not inspected.

6) When the Worthy Conductor retires to the anteroom, on orders from the Worthy President to learn if there are any candidates seeking membership in our Order, he is not required, on his return, to present his official receipt to the Inside Guard when working his way into the Aerie Room.

7) A team may compete with or without candidates. Where a team does not bring any, and they are desired, they will be furnished by the Ritual Committee. The Ritual may be delivered in the singular or plural manner and each team may select their own delivery. However, if the singular is selected, each member of the team must then perform in the singular, and if the plural is selected, each must perform as such.

8) No officer is permitted to leave his station to deliver a charge unless instructions of the Ritual so indicate. However, during the Ode to the Candidates, the officers may leave their stations to perform some type of display, if so desired. All Ritual Officers should be seated immediately after the charge is delivered.

9) In case of errors, points will be charged to the speaker instead of the Worthy President in the recital of the Ode to the Candidates and the Fifth Lecture.

10) A prompt will consist of three words only and, if needed, one half-point will be charged against the speaker.

11) Any member of a competing team may sit in the same station for a maximum of two consecutive years only.

12) The Host Aerie is responsible for supplying Talliers, if they are available and properly trained.

## B.C. PROVINCIAL RITUAL CLASSIFICATIONS

Revised June 2007

CLASS "B": Non-Sitting Officers Shall consist of any member in good standing in the Local Aerie, and are not required to have held, or to hold any office in the Aerie. Shall compete without the assistance of a Drill or Escort Team and will be judged on Ritual work only. This team may be allowed to substitute up to 2 members and may not compete at the same station on another team. In the event that one team needs more than two substitutes, they may use Brothers from other Aeries to fill in the vacant chairs. The Brothers on the original team can be judged and awarded for individual All-Star awards only. All other members of that team do not qualify for any awards.

CLASS "B-2": Sitting Officers Must be made up of the current officers of the Aerie, who were installed in their respective office in the month of June prior to the Grand Aerie Convention, and must compete in the office in which they currently serve, or the officers who served in their respective office in the previous year, and must compete in the office they held in the previous year. This class may allow one substitute only, and that person must be from the same Aerie and cannot sit in the same chair on another Ritual team.

Past Presidents Ritual Team Shall use most of the same rules as the Class "B" teams except all members of that team must be Past Presidents of that Aerie and you will be allowed one substitute only. This substitute may or not be a Past President but must come from the same Aerie competing and not sit in the same chair on another Ritual Team.

One Man Ritual The Ritual will conform as printed by the Grand Aerie (see attached rules).

Novice Ritual Teams This category shall consist of Brothers reading and performing Ritual from the Ritual Book. All members of this team can stay no longer than two years in this category and may not sit and perform in the same chair for those two years. There will be no individual awards for this category but a team award will be presented to the winning team.

Please remember these Ritual Rules are for competitions held within British Columbia **only**. If you are competing at the Grand level, you must conform to the **Grand Aerie Rules**.

**RULES FOR**  
**ONE MAN RITUAL**  
in  
**BRITISH COLUMBIA**

The Ritual will conform as printed by The Grand Aerie.

All of the Ritual will be performed from the station of the Worthy President with the exception of the following:

During the Opening, the competitor will assume the part of the Worthy Conductor to set up the Altar, starting from the point of "Worthy Conductor, Attend the Flag!". Once the flag has been set up all the Ritual will be done from the Altar to the end of the Worthy Chaplain's Opening Prayer. At this time the competitor will return to the station of the Worthy President and carry on from there. It must be remembered that entering and leaving a station must be done the same as always: entering from the left-hand side and exiting from the right-hand side of the station.

During the Initiatory Ceremony the competitor will stay at the station of the Worthy President up to the point of the Obligation, at which time the competitor will take a position at the Altar and will perform from the Altar to the end of the Worthy Chaplain's prayer. Here the competitor will return to the station of the Worthy President and carry on from there to the point of "Worthy Conductor, take the candidates to the station of the Junior Past Worthy President". The competitor will now assume the station of the Junior Past Worthy President, entering and leaving the station in the proper manner. The competitor will carry on this way until he has gone through all the stations back to the station of the Worthy President. The rest of the Ritual will be performed from the station of the Worthy President, including the Closing Ceremony. The Altar will not have to be taken down as would be usual.

It must be remembered that ALL LIGHTS MUST BE RAISED AND LOWERED AT THE CORRECT TIMES AND STATIONS MUST BE TURNED ON AND OFF AT THE CORRECT TIMES, ACCORDING TO THE RITUAL BOOK.

A WAVE OFF OF ALL SALUTATIONS MUST BE DONE.

SALUTATIONS ARE NOT NECESSARY.

Marking and scoring will done in accordance with the Rules as laid down by the Grand Aerie for the regular Team Ritual Competitions, i.e. a missed or added word is a deduction of 1/10 point, a missed or added punctuation mark is a deduction of 1/10 point, etc.