New Jersey State Elks Association

State Ritual Committee

B.P.O.E. RITUAL

OFFICIAL RULES FOR THE 11 *O'CLOCK TOAST CONTEST*

1. All 1st time, duly elected Exalted Rulers are eligible to participate. Repeat Exalted Rulers cannot be the District Representative (District Winner) at the state competition.
2. Contestant must provide a candidate of their choice.
3. Contestant and Candidate must position themselves in the same position as they do for the ritual.
4. The "Toast" must be given as printed on the Official Judges' form.
5. The Contestants will be introduced by the Chairman and given ample time to compose themselves before starting the contest.
6. When the Contestant is ready, the Chairman will ring the eleven chimes and proudly say, "IT IS THE HOUR OF RECOLLECTION".
7. Dress for the competition will be State Jacket and Tie.
8. Judges will mark the Contestants in the same manner as in the regular Ritual Contest.
9. Judges will score the contest on the basis of WORD ACCURACY (30%), PRONUNCIATION (10%) and IMPRESSIVENESS (60%).
10. Only the Official Judge's Form is to be used in the contest.
11. The judges shall be Grand Lodge Certified Judges.
12. Contestants may remain in the room after their contest but must be seated in the audience.
13. Scores are to be computed immediately after the conclusion of each contest.
14. Scores and final results shall be announced on the same day as the competition.
15. There shall be only one winner from each district.
16. District Chairman shall provide the State Chairman with the winner's name and lodge no less than ten (!0) days prior to the State Competition at Fall Conference.