

GRADING FOR THE W. A. PARRY AWARD

Each Chapter or Council begins the grading with 1000 points, 500 for the Opening and 500 for the Closing.

1. A Chapter or Council should have 9 or more members filling the stations.
2. All Officers, elective and appointive, should occupy their respective stations. If an officer is absent, a member of that Chapter or Council may fill the vacancy.
 - a. If the absence is due to illness, there is no penalty.
 - b. One officer absent – 5 points
 - c. Each additional officer absent – 10 points each
3. All Officers, elective or appointive, including the Secretary/Recorder, Treasurer, Guard/Sentinel, will be graded on wording, signs, gavels, omissions, transpositions, singulars and plurals, questions and answers out of order, and opening and closing the Bible. Any errors of these provisions will be the losses of ONE point each EXCEPT the garbling of a whole sentence, which will be the loss of TEN points for the sentence without regard to the number of words. Prayers as prescribed in the Monitor will NOT be graded unless omitted, which will be the loss of FIVE points.
4. Prompting by any person with oral, motion or sign, will be the loss of FIVE points.
5. An Officer who makes a mistake on a question or answer will be given an opportunity to correct it within a reasonable amount of time, PROVIDED he recognizes his mistake, and so states prior to the time for the next question or answer. The repeat of a question or answer for the benefit of the one due to respond will be considered a prompt.
6. Only the forms, positions and movements as specified in the fine print in the Monitor will be graded.
7. In the event that a Companion or Companions cannot kneel as specified in the Chapter Ritual, each Companion will take a half step back with the left foot at the appropriate time to demonstrate they know that this would be the proper time to kneel if physically able and bring the left foot forward at the appropriate time to indicate a return to the standing position.
8. The Grading Sheet will be separated for the Opening and Closing of Chapter and Council.

The Award will be presented to the Chapter and Council who has the highest grade based on the averaged “Final Grade” of the graders.