

Missouri State Ritualistic Committee, Chairman's Report  
September 15, 2013

The National Ritualistic Competition was held at Grand Lodge Convention this past July, where the Missouri Elks Association was represented by our State Ritual Champion – Blue Springs Lodge #2509. Ritual Competition scoring was VERY tight this year, and although Blue Springs placed Fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) in the Western Division they only missed qualifying for the “Final Four” Competition by Four-tenths of a point. I'd like to add that the Western Division had the two (2) Highest Scores in the Final Four Competition—hence it took the “Best of the Best” to beat us.

The State Ritualistic Committee held a Ritual Clinic yesterday for Elks and Lodges interested in Ritual Performance and Competition. No one attended - aside from two Ritual Judges.

The State Ritualistic Committee also held our First Exalted Ruler's Flag Charge Contest yesterday. No one competed, nor attended, however Four Ritual Judges were there.

Lastly, if your Lodge is interested in the State Ritualistic Competition in March...now is the time to start studying and practicing. I'd be happy to conduct a workshop at your Lodge and I know several other Judges & Coaches that will also help you prepare - my contact information is in the State Directory.

Fraternally,

Clifford L. McDonald  
Chairman, Missouri State Ritualistic Committee

