

11 O'clock Toast contest – To be held at 1 on Saturday afternoon in the Mesa Room.

Flag Charge contest – To be held immediately following the Toast contest in the Mesa Room.

All contestants shall be ready to perform at 1. We will assign you a performance number. You WILL NOT be in the room as a spectator before your performance but are encouraged to stay after to watch and support your fellow competitors.

The rules for these competitions are simple. You must be a member in good standing and have a love for Ritual. There was a recent rule change concerning who can perform in the Flag Charge, as we knew it was an ER or a PER. This has been changed to match the Toast contest, so it is now ANY MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING can perform in this contest as well.

So, as time gets closer, the lodges will get an email requesting those who are interested to contact someone and we can begin to line things up.

Also, there have been two teams that have shown interest in the Initiatory Ritual competition. Therefore, it has been decided that this contest will be held, however, it will be held outside of the State Convention. Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, the NMEA will be conducting the initiatory ritual competitions for Carlsbad and Rio Rancho Elks Lodges. Times will be sent to these lodges, as well as announced on the floor at the Spring Convention for anyone who wishes to watch them perform.