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To all concerned in Ritual,

Members, for whatever reason there seems to be confusion over District Ritual Contest every year. This letter is to help clarify once again what we the Sponsors would like.

At District Level, we want every lodge to participate in the District Ritual Contest. Every District should have a District Lodge Contest. We prefer the memorization of the Ritual, but if a member would like to read the Ritual aloud at the contest it is allowed.

The only teams allowed to go on to State and National Competition are the teams that memorize. We, the Sponsors, would hope that if a team or Member of a Ritual Team reads the Initiation at the District Level there is recognition or perhaps a reward given to the best reading team and the best individual reading officers. This would help to recognize everyone who participates.

It is my belief that we need participation in the Ritual Contest at the District level so that the new officers and the repeat officers can all gather and become familiar with each other.

This letter is meant to be short and to the point. Every lodge participates. They can memorize or read. The key point is participation. Should there be any questions, call me directly at 209-298-8572. This is my new office number.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Louis J. Grillo".

Louis J. Grillo, PGER

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