

SIMPLE WAYS TO MAKE THE RITUAL MORE MEANINGFUL

WITH HAND GESTURES AND WORD EMPHASIS

How will this help?

- They won't notice if you missed a word.
 - They will miss small mistakes.
 - They will pay better attention.
- It will help keep them interested.

OPENING CEREMONY

- Worthy President: Hand motion to the officers your addressing.
- Example:(Worthy Conductor, with the aid of the Worthy Chaplin.)
- Worthy President: Find words that you can put a little more emphasis on.
- Example:(To all Visitors seated in the Aerie room, I Bid you welcome.)
- Jr Past Worthy President & Worthy Vice President:Word emphasis & Gesture.
- Example:(To Sit at the Station of Liberty w/ a Hand Gesture to the Flag.)
- Example:(To Sit at the Station of Truth w/ a Hand Gesture to the Eagle.)

OPENING CEREMONY CONTINUED

- Worthy Chaplin: Word emphasis & Gesture.
- Example:(...and to insist that Justice be measured out impartially w/ a Hand Gesture to the Bible.)
- Worthy Conductor: Word emphasis & Gesture.
- Example:(After the pledge is done. When speaking about the flag. Make a Hand Gestures to the top of the flag (the sentinel) and find some Words to emphasis.)
- Do the same with the Bible and Eagles make a Hand Gestures after they have been placed on the Altar and find some words to put some Emphasis on.
- These are just examples find your own way to make your part of the ritual stand out.

INITIATORY CEREMONY

- Worthy Conductor: When making such preparations as are necessary for the ceremony of initiation.
- I sure most of you have the room all set up for a Initiation if there will be one at the meeting as the secretary has informed you.
- Set the mood by doing something to check all the officers with a transparency are ready.
- Worthy President: Word emphasis & Gesture.
- Example: (In the Name of... Liberty, Truth, Justice emphasis with a hand gesture to that station.)

INITIATORY CEREMONY CONTINUED

- **Ode to the Candidates**
- Have it sang by a soloist.
- Speak it or Break it up into parts to have each officer speak a sentence or two.
- All the officers touching hands around the Candidates as it is being sung or spoken.

INITIATORY CEREMONY CONTINUED

- Worthy Conductor: When taking the Candidates to each station emphasis the station and motion to the transparency.
- Jr Past Worthy President, Worthy Vice President, Worthy Chaplain.
- When starting your part make a Hand Gesture to your Transparency.
- Find area that you where you can emphasis a few words here and there.

INITIATORY CEREMONY CONTINUED

- Worthy President: Make a Hand Gesture to the Transparency.
- It states that when performing the Aerie Initiatory ceremony the Worthy President will demonstrate all of the signs or none of them.
- 2nd Transparency: Both the Worthy Conductor & Worthy President could make a Hand Gesture to the Transparency or at least just one of them. This part also can be done by another member or the Aerie.
- When it comes to following my instructions. You are at the part with the gavel hold it up and show them the gavel.
- When doing your wraps do it with authority. Bring them to attention.

A GESTURE AT THE WRONG TIME

- A missed gavel.
- A gavel to early.
- A officer or member standing up at the wrong time. Say in the middle of one the ceremony's.
- When the members or officers make it know that something was missed or done wrong.
- Allow the Officer who is performing his part to due there best. Help them with small hits to help them along. Take them aside after and aid them in doing better the next time.
- Remember a wrong gesture, movement at the wrong time can mess up things as well as a Gesture or a word emphasis at the right time can help them miss the mistakes.

INCONCLUSION

- Make the Ritual your own, find your rhythm.
- Find the rhythm of your group.
- Read the small print.
- Listen to the words.
- Read the Ritual so that you understand and know your parts as well as the parts before and after you.
- Remember your Obligation.
- Take your time don't rush it.
- Enjoy it and have fun.