

Ritual 101

Memorization Strategies

Read, Read, Read

This strategy is the first step to memorization. Read your ritual. Multiple times. Then read it again. For some people this is the only strategy they need. For the rest...read on.

Write It Out

This is beneficial in many ways. As you write your part, you will be saying it in your head (saying it aloud is even better), you will be seeing it and the hand motions used in writing will help commit it to memory.

Recording

If you have the ability to record your ritual work (voice memos, cassette tapes, etc.), you will be able to listen to it during various times in the day; while falling asleep, riding in the car, walking the dog...

Hint-Use headphones since it's "secret work".

UNDERSTAND the Ritual (and be INTERESTED)

If you are able to understand *what* you are learning, you will have a much easier time with memorization.

Also, we're all better remembering what interests us.

Do you remember how to find the best items in your favorite video game? Then I'll bet that video game interests you.

Buddy Memorize

DeMolay is a family. If you are struggling to memorize something, talk to your brothers. Ask them to work on a part with you. Not only will this help you, it will help them learn a new part. Talk to your advisors. Many of them have been involved with a youth group and many are currently involved in the adult groups. They have been there and will be a strong support system.

Ritual Practice

I cannot stress this enough. This is the most important piece of learning ritual: Plan a Ritual Practice and GO. Be engaged at your ritual practice. Listen to the advice and input from others. It will really help if you do your memorizing *before* practice so you can fine tune your part.

Visitations

Going to other chapters is a great way to learn your part (and all the other parts).

Opening/Closing, 9:00 Interpolation, Degrees are all times when your brothers are reciting ritual from memory. Mouth it as they say it aloud. Say it in your head so you don't distract others.

In Conclusion

Use whatever strategy that works for you. If you find something that works and is not on the list please email Dad Stew at papastew1970@gmail.com

Please remember-we want to present ourselves in the best way possible. Part of that is knowing your ritual.