

# **INCOMPLETE**



## **Midwest Grotto Association**

### **Host Grotto Convention Requirements & Responsibilities**

1. **TIME:**

The annual session of the Midwest Grotto Association shall be held on the second Friday and Saturday of October of each year. Any deviation from this must be accepted by the Executive Committee of the Association.

2. **HOUSING:**

To have adequate hotel or motel accommodations within a reasonable distance of the headquarters.

3. **MEETINGS:**

To furnish a room of adequate size to accommodate at least 250 people both for the Executive Committee and Annual Business meeting

4. **CEREMONIAL:**

To hold a Full Form Ceremonial – both dramatic and Revel sections.

5. **PARADE:**

- a. To hold a street parade (weather permitting) to be featured only by Grotto organizations, Uniform Units, and Decorative Floats pertaining only to sponsored Grotto relationship with Prophets wearing Fezzes and official cars. Only ladies in a uniformed unit related organization are permitted. ALL Prophets in a parade must be in compliance with the Supreme Council Code.
- b. To furnish seven (7) cars properly identified with legible signs for each of the Midwest Grotto Association officers present and participating in the parade.
- c. To furnish one (1) car properly identified with legible signs for each member of the Supreme Council present and participating in the parade.

6. **CONTESTS:**

- a. To conduct contests in the following divisions with judging and trophies awarded as herein outlined.

1. **DIVISION “A”**

(Field Competition) 1<sup>st</sup>., 2<sup>nd</sup>., and 3<sup>rd</sup> place, each division

Band

Band Mixed

Composed of Prophets, and sons, daughters and grandchildren of Prophets under the age of 21

Clown

Prophets

Mixed

Individual

Drum Corps

Lyre Corps

Drill Teams A,B,C,D With rifles

Without Rifles

Motorcycles	Mixed Over 20 H.P Under 20 H.P
Revels	
Pipe & Drums	

**2. DIVISION “B”** (Parade) 1<sup>st</sup>. place each division

Clowns	(Vehicle)
Floats	(Self-propelled or drawn)
Horse Patrol	(Live)
Officers	
Color Guard	
Go Carts	
Best Overall Unit	
Largest Unit	

(amended at the General membership meeting, Mohassan Grotto, Davenport, Iowa, October 1, 1982)

The host Grotto will be responsible for the purchase and awarding of the trophies for competition. Every unit participating will be given recognition of their participation by being presented either a trophy or a certificate. (Amended at the Midwest meeting, Avalon Grotto, South Bend, Indiana, April 27, 1983)

- b. To furnish a drill grounds or building for competition. Competition site must be a clean, smooth, paved or black-topped surface, MINIMUM 150’ X 150’. In case of bad weather the building is mandatory. (amended at the Executive Board meeting, Sahara Grotto, Indianapolis, Indiana, April 27, 1985)
- c. To furnish competent judges for the contests. They cannot be member of the Grotto (Revels contest excepted). It is advisable to have specialists in their portion of the judging; that is musicians judging musical phases; military judging the appearance, marching, etc.  
See General rules (amended at the Executive Board meeting, Sahara Grotto, Indianapolis, Indiana, April27, 1985)
- d. To furnish an emergency vehicle at the competition and following the parade. (amended at the Executive Board Meeting, Gao Grotto, Danville, Illinois, May 5, 1979)

**7. RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- 1. All financial obligations to be assumed by the Host Grotto, and all plans for the convention to be approved by the Executive Committee at the annual mid-Winter meeting.
- 2. a. Registration for Prophets and Ladies may be accepted at any time and are considered advanced if posted ten (10) days prior to the opening convention date -- this is to qualify for the Traveling Trophy.  
(amended Abbas Grotto, E. Peoria, Illinois, April 19, 1997).
- b. The cost of advanced registration shall be \$5.50 each for which the Host Grotto shall furnish souvenir envelope. All other registration shall cost \$6.00 each. \$3.00 of each registration shall go directly to the

Midwest Grotto Association to help defray expenses. The Secretary of the Host Grotto shall report to the Secretary of the Association the number of registrations, so he is aware of the amount of money to be remitted. (amended Ibn Saud Grotto, Kokomo, Indiana, October 10, 1996).

- c. Host Grotto to furnish the Association Secretary advance registration figures by mail five (5) days prior to the opening of the convention so that he may figure the attendance trophy winner.
- d. All units competing for trophies in Field and Parade competition must have all participants registered before competing (amended Sahara Grotto, Indianapolis, Indiana, April 27, 1985). Additional units, other than Grotto sponsored units may be allowed in the parade. They will not be judged for competition nor will they replace a Grotto unit. Examples: high school bands, Demolay, Scouts, or other approved units by the Executive Committee (amended Abbas Grotto, E. Peoria, Illinois, April 19, 1997).

3. To furnish convention publicity in cooperation with the Association

- 4. a. To furnish a program stating place and time of all scheduled events and the cost of the various activities to the Officers and Grotto of the Association forty-five ((45) days prior to the convention (amended Gao Grotto, Danville, Illinois, October 13, 1979).
- b. To furnish printed program stating place and time of all scheduled events during the convention: pictures of the Midwest Officers and Past Presidents living and history of the Association. (All cuts to be furnished by the secretary of the Association and returned to him). Host Grotto may have other pictures and publicity as to their liking.

5. The schedule of all events must be built around the following and nothing shall be scheduled to interfere with same.

Executive Session:	Time to be announced by the President	
Friday	Business Meeting	1:00PM
Saturday	Forums	8:00AM – 9:30AM
Saturday	Contests	10:00AM – 11:30AM

Saturday – 1:00PM – 4:30PM      Parade, Ceremonial And Revels contest. Parade should be held first if at all possible.

Saturday – 7:00PM – 9:00PM      Presidents Banquet followed by the Installation of Officers of the Midwest Association and dance to follow. Awards to be made prior to the Installation of the Midwest Officers (amended Sahara Grotto, Indianapolis, Indiana, April 27, 1965).

The schedule of time of competition to be spread over the convention so that no two events be at the same time (amended Gao Grotto, Danville, Illinois, October 13, 1979). All preliminary arrangements (place, permits, etc.) must be made by the Host Grotto. Seating arrangements, protocol, etc., must be verified by the Midwest President or his representative.

- 6. Midwest Grotto Association to furnish Attendance Trophy to be retained by the Midwest Grotto Association and Attendance Plaque awarded if attendance trophy is won by the same Grotto three (3) years in a row. The attendance trophy is based on advanced registration. Judges will be furnished by the Midwest Grotto Association.
- 7. The Host Grotto to furnish a detailed financial report of their convention to the Midwest Association within sixty (60) days thereafter on attached form (last page of document of which

copies can be made).

8. When bidding for a Midwest Convention, the bid should be written on Grotto stationery and signed by the Monarch and Secretary, in duplicate; one for the Time & Place committee and one for the Secretary. The seal of the Grotto bidding should be affixed to same.
9. The Host Grotto to provide the Secretary of the Association a verification of insurance for the Parade and Competition (amended Abbas Grotto, E. Peoria, Illinois, March 28, 1981).
10. The Host Grotto to provide, through negotiations with the Headquarters Hotel, a Suite for the outgoing President of the Association. The Midwest Grotto Association to offset lodging cost for the Suite should full cost of the Suite not be “complimentary” (amended Ibn Saud Grotto, Kokomo, Indiana, April 20, 1996).



# Midwest Grotto Association - Financial Report of the Convention

Host by: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

## Convention Receipts

No. Tickets Sold	Description	Amount
_____	Advance Registration @ \$ 5.50	\$ _____.____
_____	Registered at the door @ \$ 6.00	\$ _____.____
_____	President's Banquet @ \$ _____.____	\$ _____.____
_____	Men's Luncheon (Pre-Reg) @ \$ _____.____	\$ _____.____
_____	Men's Luncheon @ \$ _____.____	\$ _____.____
_____	Ladies Luncheon (Pre-Reg) @ \$ _____.____	\$ _____.____
_____	Ladies Luncheon @ \$ _____.____	\$ _____.____
_____	Red Tassel (Pre-Reg) @ \$ _____.____	\$ _____.____
_____	Red Tassel @ \$ _____.____	\$ _____.____
_____	_____ @ \$ _____.____	\$ _____.____
_____	_____ @ \$ _____.____	\$ _____.____
_____	_____ @ \$ _____.____	\$ _____.____

## Convention Disbursements

Description	Amount
_____ Registrations @ \$ 3.00 (Midwest Assessment)	\$ _____.____
_____	\$ _____.____
_____	\$ _____.____
_____	\$ _____.____
_____	\$ _____.____

### **Convention Receipts:**

Sales of Ads for Convention Booklet \$ \_\_\_\_\_.\_\_\_\_  
 Total Receipts: \$ \_\_\_\_\_.\_\_\_\_

### **Convention Disbursement:**

Cost of Convention Booklets \$ \_\_\_\_\_.\_\_\_\_  
 Total Disbursements: \$ \_\_\_\_\_.\_\_\_\_

**Profit or Loss** \$ \_\_\_\_\_.\_\_\_\_

Monarch \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_  
 Use additional sheets if necessary

# Hospitality Room Competition

From \_\_\_\_\_ Grotto

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Possible 100 Points to be awarded in the following manner:**

**Theme: 10 Points** (To be named by the Association President)

**Hospitality: 90 Points** (Awarded by:)  
30 Points Greetings  
30 Points Good Fellowship  
30 Points Departure

## General Rules:

1. The Hospitality Rooms must be at the host hotel to be eligible for judging.
2. Hospitality Rooms will be judged from 11:00 A.M. Thursday until 11:00 P.M. Friday **EXCEPT THAT THEY WILL BE CLOSED DURING THE ASSOCIATION BUSINESS MEETING AND DURING THE PRESIDENT'S BANQUET.**
3. All judges will visit Hospitality Rooms a minimum of two (2) times during the specified times.
4. Judges will NOT fill out the judge's sheets in the Hospitality Rooms.
5. Judges will NOT converse with the other judges.
6. Judges will turn in the completed judging sheets to the host Grotto on Saturday morning.

## Judging Sheet

	Possible Points	Points Awarded	Judges Comments (if any)
Theme	10		
Greeting	30		
Goodfellowship	30		
Departure	30		
Total Points	100		
Average of all Judges			

# Midwest Grotto Association **Competition Entry Form** Prophets

From \_\_\_\_\_ Grotto

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Division "A" Competition  
(Check One)

**BAND**

( )

\* Band, Mixed ( )

**CHORAL**

Choral, Quartet ( )

Choral, Tenor Solo ( )

Choral, Baritone Solo \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

**CLOWN**

Clown, White Face Individual ( )

Clown, August Individual ( )

Clown, Tramp Individual ( )

Clown, Character Individual \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

Drum Corps ( )

Lyre Corps ( )

Pipes and Drums \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

**DRILL TEAMS**

Drill Team (with Rifles) ( )

Drill Team (without Rifles) ( )

\* Drill Team (Mixed) ( )

**MOTORCYCLES**

Motorcycles (Over 20Hp / 350 cc) ( )

Motorcycles (Under 20Hp / 350cc) ( )

Small Cars ( )

Floats ( )

Horse Patrol (Live Animals) ( )

Color Guard ( )

Revelers (Prophet Only) ( )

**\* MIXED - Composed of Prophets plus Sons and Grandsons of Prophets under the age of 21.**



**Midwest Grotto Association**  
**Competition Entry Form**  
**Ladies**

From \_\_\_\_\_ Grotto

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Division "A" Competition  
(Check One)

**BAND**

( )

**CHORAL**

Choral, Quartet

( )

Choral, Soprano

( )

Choral, Alto \_\_\_\_\_

( )

**CLOWN**

Clown, White Face Individual

( )

Clown, August Individual

( )

Clown, Tramp Individual

( )

Clown, Character Individual \_\_\_\_\_

( )

Drum Corps

( )

Lyre Corps

( )

Pipes and Drums \_\_\_\_\_

( )

**DRILL TEAMS**

Drill Team (with Rifles)

( )

Drill Team without Rifles)

( )

**MOTORCYCLES**

Motorcycles (Over 20Hp / 350 cc)

( )

Motorcycles (Under 20Hp / 350cc)

( )

Small Cars

( )

Floats

( )

Horse Patrol (Live Animals)

( )

Color Guard \_\_\_\_\_

( )

- **To complete in the competition, ladies must be a mother, daughter, sister or wife of a Prophet.**

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## **Parade Entry Form**

### Prophets and Ladies

From \_\_\_\_\_ Grotto

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Division "B" Competition**  
**(Check One)**

#### **BAND**

	Band (Prophets)	( )	( )
	Band (Ladies)	( )	
*	Band (Mixed)	( )	

#### **CHORAL**

	Choral (Prophets)	( )	
	Choral (Ladies)		( )
	Choral Quartet (Prophets)	( )	
	Choral Quartet (Ladies)		( )

#### **CLOWN**

	Clown Motorized (Prophets)	( )	
	Clown Motorized (Ladies)	( )	
	Clown Non-Motorized (Prophets)	( )	
	Clown Non-Motorized (Ladies)		( )
	Clown (Prophet & Ladies)	( )	
*	Clown (Mixed)	( )	

	Drum Corps (Prophets)		( )
	Drum Corps (Ladies)	( )	
	Lyre Corps (Prophets)		( )
	Lyre Corps (Ladies)	( )	
	Pipes and Drums (Prophets)	( )	
	Pipes and Drums (Ladies)	( )	

	Drill Team with Rifles (Prophets)	( )	
	Drill Team with Rifles (Ladies)		( )
	Drill Team without Rifles (Prophets)	( )	
	Drill Team without Rifles (Ladies)	( )	
*	Drill Team (Mixed)	( )	

#### **MOTORCYCLES**

	Motorcycles Under 20Hp / 350cc (Prophets)		( )
	Motorcycles Under 20Hp / 350cc (Ladies)	( )	
	Motorcycles Over 20Hp / 350 cc (Prophets)	( )	
	Motorcycles Over 20Hp / 350cc (Ladies)		( )

# Midwest Grotto Association

## **Parade Entry Form**

(continued)

### Prophets and Ladies

#### **Division "B" Competition (Check One)**

Floats (Prophets)	( )	
Floats (Ladies)		( )
Horse Patrol, Live Animals (Prophets)		( )
Horse Patrol, Live Animals (Ladies)	( )	
Color Guard (Prophets)		( )
Color Guard (Ladies)	( )	
Revelers (Prophets Only)	( )	
Most Unique Unit	( )	
Officers		( )

\* **To be eligible for individual award, you must compete in the parade.**

**MIXED = Wife, Mother, Sister, Daughter, Son or Grandchildren of a Prophet.**

1. **Each unit will pay a \$ 15.00 Entry Fee.** (Amended at General Membership Meeting at Indianapolis, IN. 9/21/2001)
2. **Each Individual competing will pay \$ 5.00 each to enter and the unit they belong to will pay an additional Fee of \$ 15.00 for the Parade Entry.** (Amended at General Membership Meeting at Indianapolis, IN. 9/21/2001)

**The Entry Fees to accompany the Registration Form**

**Make Check Payable to the Host Grotto.**

\* **There are \_\_\_\_\_ members in our unit.**

**Signed** \_\_\_\_\_  
Monarch

\_\_\_\_\_  
Unit Leader

# Midwest Grotto Association

## Contest for Color Guard

### **To consist of the minimum of:**

Two (2) riflemen honor guard

Three (3) Flags (American, Canadian and Grotto)

One (1) drill officer

Other flags such as state, city, etc., can also be used.

These units are to be judged on uniforms, marching, and presentation of flags to the reviewing stand. If

more than one unit is entered they should be all placed in front of the parade so that they can be judged

at the same time in the parade.

# Midwest Grotto Association

## DIVISION "A" CONTEST

Unit	Number of Judges	# Trophies (Men)	# Trophies (Ladies)	Notes
Band	3	3		2 Music Judges 2 Assistants 2 Sets cards 1-12 Start Gun & Stop Watch
Band (Mixed)		3 (Mixed)		
Pipe & Drum	3	3	3	
Drum Corps	3	3	3	
Lyre Corps	3	3	3	
<b>Clowns:</b> Whiteface Tramp August Character Clown of Clowns	3	3 3 3 3 1 (Man or Woman)	3 3 3 3	Judges familiar with make-up / costumes  Judged by clowns
<b>Drill Teams:</b> W / Rifles W/o Rifles Mixed	3	3 3 3	3 3 3	
Motorcycles: 350cc & Under 350cc & Over	2	3 3	3 3	2 Assistants 2 set cards 1-10 Starters Gun & Stop Watch
Small Cars	2	3	3	Same as above
Revelers	3	3	3	Prophet Judges
Color Guard	3	3	3	Same as band
Choral Quartet	3	3	3	Need Piano/player
Tenor Solo	3	3		Voice Judges
Baritone Solo	3	3		Same as above
Alto Solo	3		3	Same as above
Soprano Solo	3		3	Same as above
Horse Patrol	3	3	3	

# Midwest Grotto Association

## **DIVISION "B" PARADE**

Unit	# Trophies
Band	1
Band (Mixed)	1
Pipe & Drum	1
Drum Corps	1
Lyre Corps	1
<b>Clowns:</b>	
Motorized	1
Non-Motorized	1
Mixed	1
<b>Drill Teams:</b>	
W / Rifles	1
W/o Rifles	1
Mixed	1
<b>Motorcycles:</b>	
350cc & Under	1
350cc & Over	1
Small Cars	1
Revelers	1
Color Guard	1
Choral Quartet	1
Horse Patrol	3
Most Unique Unit	1
Officers	1

## Midwest Grotto Association

### Clown Judging Master List

Clown Number	Prophet / Lady Name	Clown Name	Grotto Name	Class Entered

## MIDWEST GROTTO ASSOCIATION Master Parade List

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# MIDWEST GROTTO ASSOCIATION GOODFELLOW

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

All performers must be BONA FIDE members of the Grotto by which they are entered. Application blank should have already been sent to the Host Grotto on or before September 1 (Attention of the Contest Committee.)

A meeting of the GOODFELLOWS will be held at the contest committee room, (location to be announced by contest committee chairman.) All GOODFELLOWS that have signified their intention of entering will draw for positions at this meeting.

The GOODFELLOW contest will be held at the conclusion of the Midwest Grotto Association Convention Ceremonial or at a time and place so designated by the contest committee. (Contest should be held at the Host Grotto meeting room if at all possible.)

All GOODFELLOWS shall furnish their own costumes, make-up and any other items required to do the GOODFELLOW'S part. (Host Grotto to provide black light.)

The official certificate of eligibility must be presented to the Midwest Grotto Association Contest Committee Chairman at the Annual Meeting.

The Midwest Grotto Association Contest Committee will require a current membership card from these Prophets.

Participating Grottoes will be responsible for immediate removal of properties, etc. that may delay the next contestant.

All GOODFELLOWS must participate in the Official Street Parade in similar attire (**NOT GOODFELLOW COSTUME.**)

Three Judges are to be furnished by the Contest Committee; each judge filling in the score sheets in Triplicate after each performance, turning in the score sheets over to the contest committee Chairman for final audit. Clipboards and carbon paper will be provided by the Host Grotto, Score sheets by the Contest Committee. The decision of the Judges shall be final and from such decision, there shall be no appeal.

# MIDWEST GROTTTO ASSOCIATION

## Cast Ritual Contest

### RULES AND REGULATIONS

All performers must be **BONA FIDE** members of the Cast and Grotto by which they are entered. Application blank should have already been sent to the Host Grotto on or before September 1 (Attention of the Contest Committee.)

A meeting of the Cast Units will be held at the contest committee room. (location to be announced by contest committee chairman.) All Cast Units that have signified their intention of entering will draw for positions at this meeting.

The Cast Contest will be held at the conclusion of the Midwest Grotto Association Convention or at a time and place so designated by the contest committee. (Contest must be held at the Host Grotto Meeting Room.)

All Cast Units shall furnish their own costumes, properties, make-up and any other items required to stage the performance. (Host Grotto to provide proper backdrop.)

Each Grotto will perform Scene #2 (Haunted Forest.) This is to include GOODFELLOW part before Scene 2.

The Official Certificate of Eligibility must be presented to the Midwest Grotto Association Contest Committee Chairman at the Cast Contest Meeting.

The Midwest Grotto Association Contest Committee Chairman will require a current membership card from all Prophets on stage.

Participating Grottoes will be responsible for immediate removal of properties, etc. that may delay the next contestants.

All Cast Units must participate in the Official Street parade in similar attire. **(NOT CAST COSTUMES)**.

Three judges are to be furnished by the Contest Committee; each judge filling in the score sheets in Triplicate after each performance, turning in the score sheets over to the contest committee Chairman for final audit. Clipboards and carbon paper will be provided by the host Grotto, Score sheets by the contest committee. The decision of the judges shall be final and from such decision, there shall be no appeal.

Casts will be judged upon the following point basis:

<b>Ritual Proficiency</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Presentation</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Audience Response</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Costume</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Make-Up</b>	<b>15</b>

**MIDWEST GROTTTO ASSOCIATION**  
**Cast Ritual Contest**  
 GRADING AND FINAL SCORE

	<b>Possible Points</b>	<b>Points Awarded</b>
<b>Proficiency</b>	<b>40</b>	
<b>Speech &amp; Action</b>	<b>30</b>	
<b>Timing</b>	<b>30</b>	
<b>Sub-Total</b>		
<b>Penalties (Late Entry, etc.)</b>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	

Judges Remarks:

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Signature of Judge: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Performing Grotto: \_\_\_\_\_

City / State: \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Host Grotto:** \_\_\_\_\_

# **MIDWEST GROTTO ASSOCIATION**

## **PARADE CONTEST JUDGING**

### **GENERAL RULES**

All Grottoes should be notified in advance (60 days) what the judging categories will be, ie, "Most Unique, Best Color Guard, etc.". This can be done by letter from the Secretary MWGA, or by the Contest Committee Chairman.

All Grottoes should understand that any individual unit (Band, Patrol, Color Guard, Offices, etc.) can compete in only **ONE** category.

The parade Entry Form for each Grotto and it's units should be in the hands of the Contest Committee on or before September 1. Late entries will be accepted after this date HOWEVER SUBJECT TO A PENALTY OF ONE (1) POINT PER DAY LATE.

A meeting should be held one day prior to the parade for all Parade Marshals, (or representatives) of each Grotto to explain how the contest will be judged and to answer questions relative to any Convention Contest. At this meeting, the Parade Marshall (or his representative) shall state (or confirm) how many units his Grotto will have in the parade and also which one category his units each desire to be judged in. From this information, the Master Parade Listing Sheet will be made out and numbers assigned at this meeting.

#### **PREPARATION FOR PARADE JUDGING:**

Have a sufficient number of cards (8 1/2 X 11") of heavy card stock made up with large numbers, (1,2,3,etc.) on them. Numbers should be on both front and rear of the cards. Use Arabic not Roman Numerals. String them with heavy cord so that the Unit Leader can place cards around his/her neck and wear on his/her chest.

Have a sufficient number of Parade Contest Grading and Final Score Sheets duplicated. These will be distributed to the Parade Judges prior to the start of the parade.

Secure three (3) Parade Judges from the host Grotto to do the job of Parade Contest Judging and three (3) Clown Judges from the host Grotto to do the Clown Contest Judging. Explain the score sheets to be used to them and instruct them to become familiar with same before parade time.

Prepare a Master Parade Listing Sheet. It is to be filled out in TRIPLICATE at the Parade Marshals Meeting. "Straggler" Grotto Units, on the day of the parade, will be added to the END of the list.

Arrange for a table to be set up at the parade starting point on the day of the parade for use by the Judges and for late registration.

Arrange for a room at the Host Grotto or Host Hotel for the Judges to meet after the parade to-total their Score Sheets.

#### **ON THE DAY OF THE PARADE :**

Have all parade Judges, Clown Judges and Contest Committeemen meet One and one half hours (1 1/2 Hrs) before the parade starting time at the Judges Table. This time period may be more or less, depending on the size of parade or if other contests are too close to the parade starting time.

As the Parade Marshals of each Grotto report to the Registration table, they will be given the numbered cards assigned to their Grotto Units. "Straggler" Grotto units will be added to the end of the list and numbers assigned.

When cards are given to the Parade Marshal of each Grotto, make sure they have been marked on the bottom of the card as to which unit he has indicated the number belongs to; (Band, Patrol, Officers, etc) -- so he can give them to the proper unit leader as he has entered that unit.

After the Master Parade Listing Sheet has been completed, send a copy by Courier with the Police Escort to the Reviewing stand ahead of the parade so the announcer on the stand can identify a Grotto and it's unit for the audience.

**JUDGING IN THE PARADE:**

Assign three (3) Judges to judge the even-numbered entries and three (3) Judges to judge the odd-numbered entries. (THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO CLOWN UNIT JUDGES).

Space one Judge near the starting point of the parade; one near the middle of the parade route; and one near the reviewing stand. (IT WORKS BEST FOR THE JUDGES TO STATION THEMSELVES ACROSS THE STREET FROM EACH OTHER).

The Clown Judges can space themselves at or near these same points. NOTE: THEY ARE TO JUDGE THE CLOWN UNITS ONLY.

Supply each judge with a clipboard, pen or pencil and an ample supply of the Parade Contest or Clown Contest Score sheets, depending on which contest they are to judge.

Arrange for a car to follow the parade to pick up the Judges and take them back to the place where the score sheets are to be totaled.

**TOTALING OF SCORE SHEETS:**

Each Judge is to total his/her own Score Sheet.

Each Judge will present his/her Score Sheets, when totaled and checked, to the Contest Committeeman responsible for each judging category.

Committeemen will total Score Sheets by category for each entry number and enter same on the Master Parade Recap Score Sheet.

In the event that only two (2) Judges see a particular entry(number) in the Parade in a given category, then the 3rd score (lowest) will be dropped for all other units in this category. In the event only one (1) or NO Judge sees a particular entry (number) the entry shall be disqualified.

WINNER IN EACH CATEGORY IS THE ONE HAVING THE HIGHEST SCORE.

**MIDWEST GROTTO ASSOCIATION  
PARADE CONTEST  
GRADING AND FINAL SCORE SHEET  
(ALL UNITS EXCEPT CLOWNS)**

Category Judged in Declared on the Entry Form:

Parade Position Number Assigned: \_\_\_\_\_

Possible Points    Penalty Points    Points Awarded

A. GENERAL APPEARANCE: Uniforms, Neatness, Construction of Float,	15		
B. MARCHING/ MOTORIZED PRECISION: In step, lines, movement	20		
C. SHOWMANSHIP:      Stunt, Routine, Uniformity	15		
D. ORIGINALITY:      Unique, Colorful, Unusual	20		
E. PERFORMANCE:      Color Guard carrying of Flags, Music Quality, Execution of Commands, Conduct in line of march	20		
F. AUDIENCE RESPONSE	10		

Total \_\_\_\_\_

Late Entry Penalty \_\_\_\_\_

Final Score Total Points \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Judges Remarks:</b>	
<b>Signature of Judge:</b>	
<b>Name of Competing Grotto:</b>	<b>City / State</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>Host Grotto:</b>

**MIDWEST GROTTO ASSOCIATION**  
**LADIES SCORE SHEET**  
**MILITARY - DRILL COMPETITION**  
**GRADING AND FINAL SCORE SHEET**

	Possible Points	Points Awarded
<b>Uniform &amp; General Appearance</b> 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20	20	
<b>Close Order Drill (Military Marching)</b> 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20	20	
<b>Exhibition Drill (Fancy)</b> 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20	20	
<b>Attendance (Plus or Minus)</b> 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 _____ Minus Members _____ Plus Members		
<b>Time - Five (5) Minutes</b> 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Subtract one (1) point for each five (5) seconds over / under	20	
<b>Late Entry Penalty Points</b>		
<b>TOTAL POINT = 80</b>	80	

**Total Score:** \_\_\_\_\_

Judges Remarks:	
Signature of Judge:	
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## **INSTRUCTIONS TO THE JUDGES**

Place an (X) beside each item you wish to deduct from the score on the first sheet, then circle the score awarded each category on the sheet. Disregard the category "Late entry penalty points".

### **Uniform & General Appearance** – 20 points Maximum

- Uniform freshly cleaned and pressed
- Shoes: Uniformity, cleaned and polished
- Socks: Uniformity, fit and color, if exposed
- Gloves: Uniformity, style and color
- Fez or headgear: Uniformity
- Position of attention
- Intoxication: 10 Points off for each offense

### **Close Order Drill** – 20 Points Maximum

- Facing Movements: Left, Right, About Face
- Flanking Movements
- Column Movements
- Half-step / Mark-time
- Side / Back step
- Close / Normal Interval
- Cadence: Staying in Step
- Cover & Dress Alignment
- Bearing & Posture
- Command voice: Inflection
- Arm swing
- Halts

### **Exhibition Drill (Fancy)** – 20 Points Maximum

- Command Voice
- Control of Team
- Execution of moves
- Complexity & Difficulty
- Showmanship & Audience Appeal
- Alignment & Cover
- Precision / Snap
- Head / Eye movement
- Continuity of flow
- Originality
- Arm movement uniformity
- Cadence, In-step

### **Attendance** – 20 Points Maximum

A team shall consist of twelve (12) members plus a Commander (officer). Subtract one (1) point for each member under 12. Award one (1) point for each member over 12.

**Time** – 20 Points Maximum    Figure as stated on the score sheet



**MIDWEST GROTTO ASSOCIATION  
JUDGING SHEET  
BAND, DRUM AND BUGLE AND BELL / LYRE CORPS**

11 MINUTE PROGRAM

GRADING: EXCELLENT: 16 to 20 POINTS  
GOOD: 11 to 10 POINTS  
AVERAGE: 6 to 10 POINTS  
FAIR: 0 to 5 POINTS

<b>FIELD PERFORMANCE</b> (MUSIC JUDGES (2 REQUIRED))		POINTS	
1. Marching precision: Files, ranks, cadence, etc.			
2. Complexity of program: Marching and music			
3. Bugle/lyre performance and repertoire			
4. Drum performance and repertoire			
5. Overall performance and crowd reaction			
<b>TWO MUSIC JUDGES COMBINED SCORE DIVIDED BY (2)</b>			
<b>INDIVIDUAL INSPECTION</b>	<b>(MILITARY JUDGE)</b>	<b>GIGS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
1. Uniform conformity			
2. Uniform cleanliness			
3. Uniform leather			
4. Posture and military bearing			
5. Position and polish of equipment			
6. Personal grooming			
<b>MINUS TOTAL GIGS</b>			
<b>SPECIAL FIVE (5) POINT PENALTIES(MILITARY JUDGE)</b>			
1. Failing to perform for the full 11 minutes			
2. Failing to retire between the 11 and 12 minute period			
3. Standing special penalties			
<b>MINUS SPECIAL PENALTIES</b>			
<b>FINAL SCORE</b>			

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Signature of Judge:	
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# **MIDWEST GROTTO ASSOCIATION**

## **DRUM BUGLE / Bell / Lyre**

### **GENERAL RULES**

Corps will be introduced, in line, to the judges, for individual inspection after which an eleven (11) minute marching program will be presented.

Unit may use one drum to enter and one to retire.

No penalty for accidental dropping of equipment. Five point penalty for retrieving. Judge may return item to user during program with no penalty attached.

Judges will meet with Drum Majors, at contest site, 30 minutes prior to start of competition.

It is mandatory of the Host Grotto to furnish two (2) Music Judges and one (1) Military Judge. Music judges to judge independently, FIELD PERFORMANCE, and the Military Judge to judge INDIVIDUAL INSPECTION and SPECIAL FIVE POINT PENALTIES. He will be furnished a revolver, blank ammunition, and a stop watch. All judges will be supplied with a clip board.

Military Judge will start timing at first step or the first note of music after individual inspection is completed. He will fire two shots at the eleven minute mark, and one shot at twelve minutes.

Cadence shall generally be 120 paces per minute, but may vary if musical selection demands.

Military Judge shall have two assistants furnished, each of which shall be given a set of number cards, supplied by the Midwest Association, 1 to 12. One assistant to be stationed with Military Judge, the other at the opposite end of the field. At the Judges order, cards shall be flashed to the Drum Major indicating time expired.

Competition site must be a clean smooth paved or black-topped surface, a minimum of 150 feet by 150 feet.

These rules may be amended at any time 30 days prior to any contest by mutual consent of all competing units.

Supreme Council Contest & Parade rules will apply if not otherwise listed.

**MIDWEST GROTTO ASSOCIATION  
JUDGING SHEET  
Bike / Small Car Patrol**

8 MINUTE PROGRAM

GRADING:    EXCELLENT:    16 to 20 POINTS  
                       GOOD:        11 to 10 POINTS  
                       AVERAGE:    6 to 10 POINTS  
                       FAIR:         0 to 5 POINTS

FIELD PERFORMANCE		POINTS
1. Unit Precision: Ranks, Files, etc.		
2. Complexity of program		
3. Individual driving skill		
4. Equipment stability & Operation		
5. Overall performance and crowd reaction		
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>		
INDIVIDUAL INSPECTION	GIGS	TOTAL
1. Uniform conformity		
2. Uniform cleanliness		
3. Uniform leather		
4. Posture and military bearing		
5. Position and polish of equipment		
6. Personal grooming		
<b>MINUS TOTAL GIGS</b>		
<b>SPECIAL FIVE (5) POINT PENALTIES</b>		
1. Failure to perform mandatory maneuvers		
2. Failure to perform the minimum eight (8) minutes		
3. Failure to retire between 8 and 10 minutes		
<b>MINUS SPECIAL PENALTIES</b>		
<b>FINAL SCORE</b>		

Judges Remarks:	
Signature of Judge:	
Name of Competing Grotto:	City / State
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# **MIDWEST GROTTO ASSOCIATION**

## **BIKES / SMALL CARS**

### **GENERAL RULES**

Unit will be introduced, in line, to the judges, for individual inspection, after, which an eight (8) (minimum) riding program will be presented.

Mandatory maneuvers will include; columns of 2, columns of 3, columns of 4, figure eight, and double circle.

Competition site must be a clean, smooth, paved or black-topped surface, minimum 150 feet by 150 feet.

Judges will meet with Unit Leaders, at contest site, 30 minutes prior to competition.

It shall be mandatory of the Host Grotto to furnish 2 Judges; One to be furnished a revolver, blank ammunition, and a stop watch. Both will be supplied with a clip board.

Timing Judge will start timing as unit moves out of "in line" after Individual Inspection is completed. He will fire two (2) shots at the eight minute mark, and one (1) shot at the ten minutes. He shall have two assistants furnished, each of which shall be given a set of number cards, supplied by the Midwest Grotto Association, 1 to 10. One assistant to be stationed with the Judge, the other at the opposite side of the field. At the Judges order, car'-shall be flashed to the Unit Leader indicating time expired.

In the event of complete engine failure, driver shall immediately move his machine to the nearest inside edge of the competition field with no penalty. Failure to comply will be a five point penalty.

These rules may be amended at any time 30 days prior to any contest by mutual consent of all competing units.