

Installation Service

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INSTALLATION SERVICE

An open Installation Service may be amplified with appropriate features, such as musical selections, addresses, and presentation of tokens suitable to the ceremony. It should be made as impressive as possible, since it is an opportunity for DeMolays to explain and exemplify the purposes of the Order to those who may never learn them otherwise.

At the discretion of the Executive Officer, the Officers may only be installed in the order shown or in the reverse order. Additionally, the installation of specific officers may be divided among the other members of the Installing Team. This would allow others to have more opportunities for performance. However, the Installing Officer is always responsible for knowing his entire portion of the ceremony. When installing an officer, the member of the Installing Team should move to point O. Floor movements should be done in an efficient manner.

With permission from the Executive Officer, the Master Councillor's pledges may be asked by another DeMolay or adult, but must be done by memory.

Required Parts: Installing Officer: I.O., Installing Senior Councillor: I.S.C., Installing Junior Councillor: I.J.C., Installing Marshall: I.Mar., Installing Chaplain: I.Ch., Installing Senior Deacon: I.S.D.

Required Paraphernalia: Gavel on I.O.'s and I.S.C.'s pedestal; Holy Bible closed on Altar; school books on pedestal of I.O.; National flag in a standard as indicated on Diagram One; seven candlesticks with candles arranged as indicated on Diagram One.

Optional Paraphernalia: Altar cloth; Chapter banner placed in standard situated as indicated on Diagram One; Altar flowers; pedestal covers; baton for I.Mar.

Installing team member occupies the station of the correspondingly named Chapter Officer until that Officer is installed, at which time the installing team member will move to an extra chair which has been reserved for him.

Officers line up single file at the door in this order: I.O., I.S.C., I.J.C., I.Mar., I.Ch., I.S.D. I.O. leading moves from point A to F G J forming triangle as listed below:

They kneel for a moment of silent prayer.

I.O. Amen.

Installing officers rise and I.O. moves J K V U X, faces West.

I.O. * (rap)

Simultaneously I.S.C. faces left and I.J.C. faces right. They move to their respective walking bands and then to their stations. As soon as they reach the walking bands, simultaneously I.S.D. faces left, and I.Mar. and I.Ch. face right. They move to their respective walking bands and then to their stations, with I.Mar. following I.Ch.

I.O. * (rap)

All except the I.O. sit down.

- I.O. Brother Installing Senior Deacon, you will attend at the Altar.

Suggested music cue.

I.S.D. moves X Z M Candle 1, lights it and then lights others in order crossing between the Altar and the East as he does so. I.O. begins following speech as I.S.D. begins to light Candle 1. I.O. and I.S.D. coordinate speech and actions so that Candle 7 is lighted just as I.O. concludes speech.

I.O. Our forefathers were well aware that religious liberty, represented by the Holy Bible, civil liberty, represented by the flag of our county, and intellectual liberty, represented by the school books, must go hand in hand in order to be effective. Around these bulwarks, the Order of DeMolay places seven candles which are symbolic of the seven cardinal virtues of a DeMolay — filial love, reverence for sacred things, courtesy, comradeship, fidelity, cleanness and patriotism. As the light from these candles permeates this Chapter room, let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father Who is in Heaven.

I.S.D. moves from Candle 7 J K Z X, faces West.

I.S.D. sits down.

I.O. Brother Installing Senior Councillor, you will open the Holy Bible on the Altar.

* * * (3 raps)

All stand. I.S.C. moves X J, faces East, kneels without touching the Altar, opens Bible reverently and slowly, rises without touching the Altar.

I.S.C. We open the Holy Bible, the foundation of our faith in everlasting days, upon the Altar as a symbol of the religious liberty which is the birthright of all people. Upon that Altar it is not the emblem of any creed or the repository of any system of theology, but the word of the one living and true God, Whose universal Fatherhood teaches the inescapable lesson of the brotherhood of all His sons. Without the opportunity to worship God according to the dictates of our own consciences, our freedom would be a mockery and therefore, as the foundation of all our liberties, we place the word of God upon our Altar and I solemnly enjoin the members of this Chapter ever to walk in the light of its teachings and never to meet save around its opened pages.

I.S.C. moves J X, faces East.

- **I.O.** Brother Installing Junior Councillor, you will see that the flag of our country is presented at the Altar.
- **I.J.C.** Brother Installing Senior Deacon, you will present the flag of our country at the Altar.

Brethren and friends, you will stand at attention.

Standing at attention means that a person is standing straight, perpendicular to the ground, facing the flag. I.S.D. carries the flag with left hand high, right hand low on the flag staff, with the staff extending past his right side. I.S.D. should tilt the flag forward such that he may carry it comfortably. As I.S.D. picks up the flag, all present stand at attention while the flag is being presented.

Suggested music cue.

I.S.D. moves from flag standard Z T F G, faces Altar and moves toward it until he is about 6 feet from point J. All except I.S.D. repeat in unison the pledge to the Queen. It is strongly urged that the pledge be followed immediately with the singing of the National anthem. I.S.D. does not sing.

I.J.C. Brethren and friends, join me in pledging allegiance to the Queen.

ALL. I do pledge that I will bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Second, Queen of Canada, her heirs and successors according to the law, so help me God.

I.J.C. Brethren and friends, let us sing our opening ode.

Suggested music cue: National anthem or other patriotic song.

I.J.C. moves X L N O, faces West.

I.J.C. We present the flag at the Altar as a symbol of the civil liberty without which there could be no religious freedom. It is especially appropriate that this flag should be committed to the custody of these young men, so soon to become the citizens by whose patriotism its honour must be defended, whether on the fields of battle or on the perpetual battlefields where good citizenship wages war with bad. In all the crises of the nation's history, we have called upon our young manhood and thank God it has never failed to respond. Young men have fought every war our country has ever waged and the red upon that glorious banner is dyed a richer hue with the precious blood the nation's youth has shed. We, therefore, present it at our Altar as a sentinel to guard us while we worship and I solemnly enjoin the members of this Chapter never to meet save beneath its protecting folds, and outside the Chapter walls, ever to live worthy of that sacred banner.

I.J.C. moves O N Z X, faces North. After I.J.C. is at his station, I.S.D. does about face, moves G H V to flag standard, replaces flag, then moves X, faces West.

I.O. * (rap)

All except I.O. sit down. I.O. carrying school books, moves X U O, faces West, places school books on Northeast corner of Altar.

I.O. From the station in the East, emblematic of the morning years of life, we place the school books on the Altar as a symbol of the intellectual liberty, without which there could be neither civil nor religious freedom. They are particularly emblematic of the great public school system of our country, the foundation of that universal enlightenment which is the crowning glory of our institutions. Devoted championship of our public schools is a cardinal teaching of the Order of DeMolay. We are unalterably opposed to the same building housing a school, a church and a seat of civil government. Civil, religious and intellectual liberty are the three sources of our country's greatness, but they must stand alone, upon separate foundations and under separate roofs. These representative of those being carried to and from the public schools by millions of boys and girls each day, are just as vital symbols of our liberties as the Holy Bible, which is the rule and guide of our faith, or the flag which protects the church, the school and the seat of civil power. We, therefore, place these books upon the Altar and I solemnly enjoin the members of this Chapter ever to stand unswervingly for the protection and perpetuity of the free public schools, the citadel of our safety and the source of the only real freedom possible in a government of the people, by the people and for the people.

I.O. moves O U X, faces West.

I.O. As no great undertaking should ever begin without asking the blessing of Almighty God, let us give our attention to the Installing Chaplain as he leads us in prayer.

* * * (3 raps)

All stand.

I.O. Brother Installing Chaplain, you will lead us in prayer.

All lights except the candles and Altar spot are dimmed. I.Ch. conducted by I.Mar. moves X Z I J. I.Ch. halts at point J. I.Mar. takes one step further, both face East. I.Ch. takes one step towards Altar, simultaneously I.Mar. takes one stop backward away from Altar. As I.Ch. and I.Mar. leave their stations, all Active DeMolays in the East and the I.S.C. and I.J.C. descend to the floor level.

I.O. Active DeMolays will kneel on left knee. All others will remain standing.

All Active DeMolays except I.Mar. kneel in unison as I.Ch. kneels.

I.Ch. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we thank thee for the many opportunities we have had to display Thy manifold gifts of grace. We thank Thee for the privilege of service and for the knowledge of Thine eternal love. We ask Thy special blessing upon these Officers who assume the responsibilities of leadership in this Chapter. Reassure them of Thy continued guidance and protecting care. Give them the will to understand, the courage to do that which is right, and the strength to carry out Thy teachings. Amen.

ALL Amen.

Active DeMolays rise as I.Ch. rises. I.Ch takes one step backward away from Altar; simultaneously I.Mar. takes one step forward. Both face North. I.Ch. takes one step forward to I.Mar.'s side, I.Ch conducted by I.Mar. moves J K V Z, I.Ch. crosses in front of I.Mar. and moves X, stands facing his station. I.Mar. moves Z X and simultaneously both I.Ch. and I.Mar. face West. As I.Ch. and I.Mar. leave Altar, all Active DeMolays who were in the East and I.S.C. and I.J.C. return to daises. Lights raised to full.

I.O. I now declare this Chapter open for the purpose of installation.

* (rap)

All except the I.O. sit down.

Suggested music cue.

I.O. Brother Installing Marshall, you will read the names of the Officers who have been elected or appointed to serve this Chapter for the ensuing term.

Done.

If the Chapter so desires the Officers may already be seated within the Chapter room, either at the stations which they are about to assume, or in a predesignated area. If either of these methods is used, then the Officers will form the triangle when their names are read. Or if space permits the Officers may be seated in the triangle from the beginning of the ceremony.

The following may be omitted at the discretion of the Executive Officer.

I.O. Brethren of the Chapter, you behold those who have been elected or appointed to serve you for the next term. Do you promise faithfully to cooperate with them in their efforts to advance the interests of our Order?

ALL We do.

I.O. Do you promise to lay aside all petty jealousies and ambitions and work loyally and earnestly with them in performing whatever part of our common task may be assigned to you?

ALL We do.

I.O. Brother Councillors, you have heard the assurance of your brethren and their promises of loyal support within and without the Chapter. Do you in turn promise to labour zealously with them toward the accomplishment of the purposes which animate us all?

C.'s We do.

I.O. Do you promise to lay aside all petty distinctions of official position yet labour all the more earnestly to show your appreciation of the honour bestowed upon you?

C's We do

- **I.O.** Brother Councillors and brethren of this Chapter, on behalf of our Order, I accept these pledges of cooperation as a happy augury of the success which such mutual harmony and zeal assure. The common burden can be borne by neither Officers nor members alone. The most efficient Officers who could be chosen would be ineffective without the loyal help of the members and the most enthusiastic members would be powerless without intelligent and consecrated leadership. Without this faithful and efficient cooperation you cannot hope for and you would not deserve success.
- **I.O.** Brother Installing Marshall, you will present the Master Councillorelect for installation.

M.C.-elect moves to point J. I.Mar. moves X Z I J, standing on the M.C.-elect's left, faces East.

- **I.Mar.** Brother Installing Officer, I take pleasure in presenting Brother, who has been elected Master Councillor of this Chapter for the ensuing term.
- **I.O.** Brother, you have been elected to the honourable office of Master Councillor of this Chapter. I need not remind you that, as your title suggests, you are the leader of the body. You are not to be arrogant or dictatorial. Rather, you are to lead those who follow you gladly because you have proved your willingness to listen to counsel as well as give it. It is your duty to preside at all meetings and to perform all duties which naturally pertain to such an office or which may devolve upon you from time to time. Before taking this office, however, we must hear from you a public declaration. Are you ready to make this declaration?

M.C. I am.

I.O. * * * (3 raps)

All rise. At the I.O's option, the pledges may be given at the Altar. If this option is used, I.O. moves X U O, faces West.

I.O. Then you will kneel on both knees...

M.C. kneels...

I.O. ...and place both hands upon the Holy Bible.

M.C. ...places hands as directed.

I.O. Do you promise to follow in the footsteps of Jacques DeMolay should service and duty demand it?

M.C. I do.

I.O. Do you promise, upon your honour as a DeMolay, that you will demand of each member clean living, high respect for parents and deference to womanhood?

M.C. I do.

I.O. Do you promise that you will be just while deciding between one brother and another?

M.C. I do.

I.O. Do you promise that you will obey the laws of your city, province and country and always deserve the reputation and character of a good citizen?

M.C. I do.

I.O. Do you promise that you will endeavor to aid the members of this Chapter to a greater realization of their duties to our beloved country?

M.C. I do.

I.O. Do you promise to aid the distressed and weary and never permit a brother to go in need?

M.C. I do.

I.O. Do you promise that you will at all times obey the Rules and Regulations of DeMolay Canada?

M.C. I do.

I.O. Do you promise that you will never permit a meeting to close without a word of prayer for your mother, your father and your country's welfare?

M.C. I do.

I.O. Do you promise that you will see that both degrees of this Order are conferred at least once during your term of office?

M.C. I do.

I.O. Do you promise that you will, to the best of your ability, provide for the observance of any Obligatory Days falling within your term of office?

M.C. I do.

I.O. Do you now declare that you will uphold the public school system and hold it to be a bulwark of our citizenship?

M.C. I do.

I.O. Then you will arise.

M.C. rises.

I.O. You will seal your promises by kissing the Holy Bible.

Done. If the I.O. is at Altar, he moves O U X, faces West.

I.O. Brother Installing Marshall, you will conduct our Master Councillor to his station.

I.Mar. conducts M.C., moves J K V U, faces East. M.C. ascends dais, faces West and I.Mar. moves U Z X, faces West.

I.O. Brother Master Councillor, before you and about you are your brethren. Brethren and friends, before you is the Master Councillor.

I.O. leads applause.

I.O. * (rap)

All except I.O. and I.Mar. sit down.

I.O. Brother Installing Marshall, you will present the Senior Councillor-elect for installation

I.Mar. moves X Z I J, faces East.

When I.O. names Officer(s) I.Mar. is to present for installation, Officer(s) named move to point J. When I.O. instructs I.Mar. to conduct Officer(s) to station, I.Mar. moves J K V T C E K, with Officer(s) accompanying him to Z X. I.Mar. returns to J standing always on the left of those being installed. When more than one Officer is being conducted: The Officer(s) follow single file behind the first; they remain standing until all are at stations, then sit down in unison.

I.Mar. Brother Installing Officer, I take pleasure in presenting Brother, who has been elected Senior Councillor for the ensuing term.

I.O. Brother, you have been elected by your brethren to the second highest office in their gift and it will be your duty to preside in the absence of the Master Councillor. It is necessary, therefore, that you be fully qualified to fill not only your own particular station, but also that of your immediate superior. Your station in the West is symbolic of the setting sun, and emblematic of the night which heralds the eternal day. Brother Installing Marshall, you will conduct the Senior Councillor to his station in the West, after which you will present the Junior Councillor-elect for installation.

Done.

S.C. sits down upon reaching his station.

I.Mar. Brother Installing Officer, I take pleasure in presenting Brother, who has been elected Junior Councillor for the ensuing term.
I.O. Brother, the office of Junior Councillor is one of dignity and honour. The members of this Chapter expressed their confidence in you when you were elected to this position. You are to cooperate heartily with the other two Councillors as prescribed by our ritual. Your capabilities and effectiveness will afford the best proof of your zeal and interest in this Chapter. Your station is in the South, symbolic of the meridian sun or the noon of life. Brother Installing Marshall, you will conduct the Junior Councillor to his station in the South, after which you will present the Deacons for installation.
Done.
J.C. sits down upon reaching his station.
I.Mar. Brother Installing Officer, I take pleasure in presenting Brother, who has been chosen Senior Deacon, and Brother, who has been chosen Junior Deacon for the ensuing term.
I.O. Brother, the office of Senior Deacon is one of the most important in the official line. In the interpretation of the work of the Order you have been assigned a role which is both arduous and honourable. Your selection for this rank is a compliment to your efficiency, and I trust that you will labour zealously to vindicate the wisdom of your selection. Brother, as Junior Deacon you will be the inner guard of the Chapter and will assist the Senior Deacon in the ceremony of initiation. I enjoin upon you the same devotion to the work of the Order which is the duty of all Officers of whatever rank or station. Brother Installing Marshall,

Done.

will present the Stewards for installation.

S.D. and J.D. sit down in unison upon reaching their stations.

you will conduct the Deacons to their respective stations, after which you

I.Mar.	Brothe	er Ins	talling	Office	er, I take	pleasur	e in prese	enting	Brother
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I.O. Brethren, your duties are suggested by your titles and as integral parts of our work they have a definite place. You are to assist the Deacons in conducting candidates through the ceremony of initiation. You will have many opportunities for effective service and your very rank teaches us that all service is honourable and worthy of faithful performance. Brother Installing Marshall, you will conduct the Stewards to their respective stations, after which you will present the Marshall and Sentinel for installation.

Done.

S.S. and J.S. sit down in unison upon reaching their stations.

I.Mar. Brother Installing Officer, I take pleasure in presenting Brother, who has been chosen Marshall and Brother, who has been chosen Sentinel for the ensuing term.

I.O. Brother, it will be your duty to conduct such processions as our rites prescribe, and to perform such other duties as may be enjoined upon you. Dignity and efficiency will lend effectiveness to the performance of your duties, which are by no means unimportant. Brother, you have been selected by the Master Councillor to act as Sentinel. Your station is at the outer door. Upon you devolves the duty of seeing that no one is admitted to the deliberations of the Chapter except such as are duly qualified. It is well to remember that you are the guardian of the temple. Brother Installing Marshall, you will conduct the Marshall and Sentinel to their respective stations, after which you will present the Chaplain for installation.

Done.

Mar. and Sen. sit down in unison upon reaching their stations.

I.Mar. Brother Installing Officer, I take pleasure in presenting Brother, who has been chosen Chaplain for the ensuing term.

I.O. Brother, you have been selected for a very sacred and honourable office. As your title implies, you are to lead the Chapter in its devotions and I need not remind you that your conduct at all times should be scrupulously consonant with the dignity, the solemnity and the sanctity of those duties. The strictest decorum is necessary in all official stations, but yours is one particularly demanding such qualities as will vindicate the wisdom of your selection. Our devotions are not unmeaning forms, but the practice of duties constantly inculcated in our teachings. Brother Installing Marshall, you will conduct the Chaplain to his station, after which you will present the Scribe and Standard Bearer for installation.

Done.

Ch. sits down upon reaching his station.

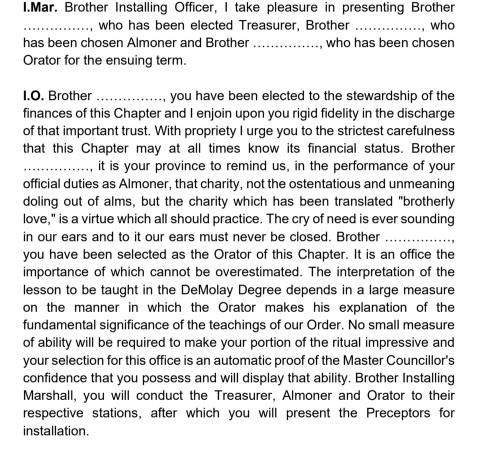
I.Mar. Brother Installing Officer, I take pleasure in presenting Brother, who has been chosen Scribe and Brother, who has been chosen Standard Bearer for the ensuing term.

I.O. Brother, you have been chosen to record the proceedings of the Chapter and I enjoin upon you the care, neatness and efficiency which make a secretary's work valuable to any order. The duties of your office are many and varied and are not confined to the meetings of the Chapter. We rely upon your fidelity at all times, that no confusion or dispute may arise in connection with the Chapter's routine business. Brother, as the title of your office implies you are to be the official custodian of the beloved emblem of our country's greatness. Patriotism is one of the cardinal virtues of our Order, and as the formal guardian of the flag you are to remind us of our duties as common sharers in the blessings won for us by all the sacrifices of those who have lived well and died gloriously in behalf of our country. The honour of that flag is soon to be committed to our hands and it is no light distinction which has been

accorded you as its keeper. Brother Installing Marshall, you will conduct the Scribe and Standard Bearer to their respective stations after which you will present the Treasurer, Almoner and Orator for installation.

Done.

Scr. and S.B. sit down in unison upon reaching their stations.



Done.

Tr., Al., and Or. sit down in unison upon reaching their stations.

- **I.Mar.** Brother Installing Officer, I take pleasure in presenting Brothers, who have been chosen Preceptors for the ensuing term.
- **I.O.** My brothers, it is unnecessary for me to emphasize the importance of the duties you are to perform in exemplifying our ritual. Without entering into the details of your share of this work, I can consistently enjoin upon you the highest efficiency of which you are capable. Your very selection is an honour, for to you has been committed the most impressive feature of our ceremony of initiation. The impression you make upon the candidates who are presented to you will be an abiding one and in proportion to your effectiveness will that impression be what it is so earnestly desired to be. Brother Installing Marshall, you will conduct the Preceptors to their stations.

I.Mar. conducts Precs. J K V T C E V Z X. 1P moves Z X at first pass by his station. Others then move Z X in sequence. When all Precs. have reached their stations they sit down simultaneously.

I.O. Brother Installing Marshall, you will now proclaim the Officers of Chapter, Order of DeMolay, duly and regularly installed.

I.Mar. moves to point J, faces East, without kneeling, lays right hand on Bible and raises left hand (and baton if one is used.)

I.O. * (rap)

I.Mar. moves J K V Z X, faces West and sits down.

I.O. Brother Master Councillor, I now present you with the gavel of authority and enjoin upon you the duty of wielding it with dignity, impartiality and courtesy, never forgetting that, though you are temporarily the chief among your brethren, you have only emerged for a brief time from the ranks and to the ranks you will soon return.

- I.O. hands gavel to new M.C. After the M.C. has completed his acknowledgements, introductions, announcements, etc., he returns gavel to the I.O.
- **I.O.** Brethren and friends, before concluding our ceremonies, let us unite in prayer.

* * * (3 raps)

All stand.

I.O. Brother Installing Chaplain, you will lead us in prayer.

All lights except the candles and Altar spotlight are dimmed. I.Ch. may use the following prayer or the Nine O'Clock Interpolation prayer, including the union response by the brethren. I.Ch., conducted by I.Mar. moves X Z I J. I.Ch. halts at point J. I.Mar. takes one step further, both face East. I.Ch. takes one step towards Altar; simultaneously I.Mar. takes one step backward away from the Altar. As I.Ch. and I.Mar. leave their stations, all Active DeMolays in the East and I.S.C. and I.J.C. descend to the floor level.

I.O. Active DeMolays will kneel on left knee. All others will remain standing.

All Active DeMolays except I.Mar. kneel in unison as I.Ch. kneels.

I.Ch. Our Father in Heaven, wilt Thou bestow upon us, as we are about to leave this place, the benediction of Thy holy favour. Wilt Thou inspire in us all the high purposes we have heard here enjoined. Wilt thou bless all who are dedicated to the cause of virtue, of clean and manly living, of lives that honour thy great sacred name. Bless the cause in which we young men are labouring and may our Order become a power for good in this community and throughout our land. Amen.

ALL Amen. (Unison response if Nine o'Clock Interpolation Prayer is used.)

Active DeMolays rise as Installing Chaplain rises. I.Ch. takes one step backward away from Altar; simultaneously I.Mar. takes one

step forward. Both face North. I.Ch. takes one step forward to I.Mar.'s side. I.Ch. conducted by I.Mar. moves J K V Z, I.Ch. crosses in front of I.Mar. and moves Z X, stands facing his station. I.Mar. moves Z X and simultaneously I.Ch. and I.Mar. face West. As I.Ch. and I.Mar. leave Altar, all Active DeMolays who were in the East and I.S.C. and I.J.C. return to daises. Lights raised to full.

I.O. Brother Installing Senior Deacon, you will attend at the Altar.

I.S.D. moves X Z T I J, faces East, kneels without touching the Altar, reverently and slowly closes the Bible, rises without touching the Altar, then proceeds to candle 1, extinguishes it, then extinguishes the others in order crossing between the Altar and East as he does so, then without kneeling removes school books, then moves J K V U, places school books on I.O.'s pedestal, then moves U Z X, faces West.

I.O. I now declare this Chapter closed.

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The remainder of the ceremony is optional, at the Installing Team's discretion.

I.O. The Installing Team will now retire.

* * (2 raps)

Installing Team rises. I.O. moves X Z U T I J, faces East. As soon as I.O. turns in toward the triangle from the walking band, simultaneously I.S.C. and I.J.C. leave their stations and go to their positions in the triangle. As soon as they turn in toward the triangle from the walking bands, simultaneously I.Mar., I.S.D., and I.Ch. leave their stations and go to their positions in the triangle, with I.Ch. following I.Mar. When all officers have reached their positions, they kneel for a moment of silent prayer.

I.O. Amen.

Officers rise. I.O. faces right, moves J I A. As soon as he reaches the walking band, simultaneously I.S.C. and I.J.C. face right, and move to the walking band and to point A. As soon as they reach the walking band, simultaneously I.Ch., I.Mar. and I.S.D. face right, and move to the walking band and point A.