



Monitor of Ceremonies

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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

DeMolay Canada recommends that these Open Ceremonies be used at appropriate opportunities. Written invitations to Masonic and community dignitaries will be beneficial toward improving community relations. These ceremonies can also increase Chapter enthusiasm for performing our ritual. A good effect can be achieved by combining various ceremonies, but care should be taken to avoid lengthy programs.

When more than one ceremony is presented on the same occasion, repetitious use of entrances and exits of Officers can materially detract from the beauty of the occasion. Therefore, it is recommended that there be only one formal entrance and exit of Officers on such occasions. Changes in Officers' stations may be done informally, but in as dignified and graceful a manner as possible.

The texts of these ceremonies must be followed to the letter; no additions or deletions are permitted, except the options that are provided in this Monitor. The occasion may be amplified with such special features as a musical program, addresses, presentation of jewels or other tokens, as may be desired. These ceremonies should be made as impressive as possible, since they are opportunities for DeMolays to explain and exemplify the purposes of the Order to those who may never learn them otherwise.

This Monitor of Ceremonies of the Order of DeMolay is the official standard for all non-secret ceremonial work of the Order. It presumes the existence of ideal conditions for the presentation of the work. In those instances in which the Chapter room or meeting place imposes physical limitations, the Chapter may make necessary adjustments, adhering as closely as feasible to this official standard.

Pledge to the Queen: This Book references a pledge to Queen Elizabeth II, the sovereign head of state of Canada. In the event that there is a new reigning monarch, please adjust the pledge accordingly.

Bible: References to the "Holy Bible" are made throughout this Ritual to refer, in general, to the word of God. Because of the wide variety of religious beliefs of our members, we enjoy a diversity that we should celebrate. As such, the Holy Bible may not be the only appropriate religious text in some Chapters. With permission of the Executive Officer, Chapters may decide to use an alternate religious text in place of the Bible, or may use more than one religious text. In place of the phrase "Holy Bible," the speaker should then use the title of the book (if using an alternate text) or "Books of our faith" (if using multiple texts).

Gender-Specific Language: When the situation requires it, gender-specific references should be appropriately altered by the speaker.

Multiple Recipients: The ceremonies in this Monitor related to honours and awards assume that there are multiple recipients. When there is only one recipient, the language should be altered by the speaker as appropriate.

Obligations: With permission of the Executive Officer, the presiding officer may administer the obligations by kneeling at the Altar. His hands may rest on the Bible, but should not touch the designate(s) receiving the obligation.

Unauthorized Ceremonies and Modifications: The ceremonies included in this Monitor are authorized for use by every DeMolay Chapter, and should be presented as prescribed, except where a modification has been approved, in writing, by an Executive Officer, for his Jurisdiction. The use of unauthorized ceremonies risks becoming a violation of youth protection policy because they may degenerate into comedy, horseplay, or hazing. Therefore, additional ceremonies are not permitted, except by written authorization from the Executive Officer, for his Jurisdiction.

ROOM ARRANGEMENTS, AND PARAPHERNALIA

Room Arrangement: The Altar, the Councillors seats and pedestals, the stations of the Officers and chairs for the members should be arranged as shown on Diagram One or as close to that arrangement as the circumstances of the room permit. For example: Some Chapters may find it necessary to place the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Preceptors on the South side of the room and the 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th Preceptors on the North side. If the door through which most Officers, members and others normally enter the Chapter room is not located at the point indicated as “A” on Diagram One, the Junior Deacon and Sentinel would necessarily be relocated to that door to enable them to control access.

Required Paraphernalia: In an open meeting, a Chapter room should be furnished with the following paraphernalia: two gavels, seven candlesticks with candles, Bible, school books, National flag in standard, and gong.

Optional Items: Altar cloth, flowers, Chapter banner, baton for Marshall, and Bible marker.

Candlesticks: The candlesticks should be arranged about and to the East of the Altar as shown on Diagram One.

Flag and Banner: The National flag and the Chapter banner should be placed in standards in the East. Example positions are shown on Diagram One. Chapters have flexibility in choosing these locations, so long as the National flag is in the Northeast, to the right of the Master Councillor, and the Chapter banner is in the Southeast, to the left of the Master Councillor.

Gavels: A gavel should be on the pedestal at the stations of the Master Councillor and Senior Councillor.

Altar: In an open meeting, only the Holy Bible and school books must be placed on the Altar. If desired, only an Altar cloth, Bible marker and flowers may be added. Some ceremonies may specify other items.

If flowers are used, they should be placed around the Holy Bible, but not on it. If a Bible marker is used, the DeMolay emblem upon it, if any, should be toward the West side of the Altar, whether the Bible is open or closed. When the Chapter is in session, the Bible marker should be unfolded, visible, and in the middle of the Bible, whether open or closed. If there is a DeMolay emblem on the Altar cloth, it should be on the West side.

Robes: The uniform robe adopted by DeMolay Canada for use by Chapter Officers is a black cape lined with red with the DeMolay emblem on the wearer's right breast. That robe is for use by all Officers in the Ceremonies of the Order, as permitted by the Executive Officer.

Pronunciations and Definitions: Appendix A contains a brief dictionary of words used in DeMolay ceremonies, including correct pronunciations. In order to more effectively teach the lessons contained in the ceremonies, DeMolay members preparing a ritual part should consult Appendix A for a thorough understanding of the meanings of the words and correct pronunciations.

Music: Appendix B contains information on the use of music in Degrees and Ceremonies of DeMolay along with a few suggested music titles. The use of music in all DeMolay Ritual work is strongly recommended. Throughout the text, cues for the entry of suggested music are provided.

Diagrams and Figures: Appendix C contains Diagrams showing the Chapter room setup, the positions of the Officers, the letter designations used in describing the floor movements, and Figures displaying a series of photographs of the correct way of giving the signs, etc.

CONDUCT IN THE CHAPTER ROOM

Floor Movements: After the Master Councillor or the equivalent presiding officer has called the Chapter to order, no person shall pass between the Altar and the East except when this Ritual expressly requires it.

All floor movements should be made in a clockwise direction except when specifically noted otherwise. The shaded area on Diagram One represents a walking band which is always wide enough for two Officers to walk side by side. All Officers' movements about the Chapter room are directed by the letters on Diagram One. X is the station of the Officer(s) being directed. Z is the point on the walking band nearest the station of the Officer(s) being directed.

An Officer directed to move X Z moves directly forward from his station to the walking band, except: the Councillors, Scribe and Treasurer will move by the most direct route to the walking band, but around the pedestals or desks in their paths. An Officer directed to move Z X returns to his station by retracing his X Z route.

If one speaker is performing multiple Officer parts, for example, multiple Preceptor parts, appropriate changes should be made to the floor movements, so that they are done in an efficient manner.

Floor Movement Examples: Movements of the Chaplain and Marshall from their stations by way of the South to the West side of the Altar would be noted thus: Ch. and Mar. move X Z I J. Their return from the West side of the Altar by way of the North to their stations would be noted: Ch. and Mar. move J K V Z X.

Recognition: When a person wishes to be recognized by the Master Councillor, or the equivalent presiding officer, he should rise, face the Master Councillor, and remain silent until he is recognized. When a person is addressed by the Master Councillor by name, or an Officer by title, he shall rise immediately and face the Master Councillor. No other salute of any kind is to be given to the Master Councillor. Except during prayers, all Officers (including the Master Councillor) and all others stand when speaking.

Gavel Raps: Except when directed otherwise, when a gavel is rapped once, all Officers standing at stations and all others standing will go to appropriate seats and sit down; when rapped twice, all Officers sitting will stand; when rapped three times, everyone sitting will stand.

Marshall Conducts: When the Marshall conducts an Officer or any other person, he shall use his right arm and hand to take hold of the Officer's or person's left forearm and wrist as shown in Figure 1. If a second person is being conducted, that person would follow them. The Marshall may carry a baton. If he does so, one end of the baton should be in his left hand; the other end should be tucked under his left arm as shown in Figure 1.

Prayers: During prayers, all Active DeMolays (except the Chaplain, Marshall, and any officer when holding the flag) kneel facing the Altar, when possible. An Active DeMolay kneels on his left knee, his right elbow resting on his right knee, his forehead resting in his right hand, his left hand around his right elbow (see Figure 2.) The Chaplain kneels at the Altar on both knees, both hands palms down on the Holy Bible, body erect, and head slightly turned up; eyes may be open or closed (see Figure 3.) All present who are not Active DeMolays remain standing facing the Altar. Active DeMolays kneel and rise in unison with the Chaplain. Special rules are here set forth for the Marshall. The Marshall in the formation of the Triangle kneels with the other Officers. If the Marshall is carrying a baton, he kneels placing the baton across his right leg, behind his right elbow (see Figure 4.)

At the close of prayers and before rising, all present respond "Amen," except after the Nine O'Clock Interpolation prayer, when Active DeMolays (and any others who choose to join in) will respond "God bless mother. God bless father. God bless the purposes of DeMolay. Amen."

Forms of Address: An Active DeMolay who is not an Officer of the Chapter is addressed by the title "Brother" followed by his last name. An Officer of the Chapter is addressed by the title "Brother" followed by the title of his office. A male Advisor is addressed by the title "Dad" followed by his last name. A female Advisor is addressed by the title "Mom" followed by her last name. A Senior DeMolay who is not an Advisor is addressed by the title "Brother" followed by his last name. A Master

Mason or male visitor who is not an Advisor, a Senior DeMolay, or an Active DeMolay is addressed by the title "Mister" followed by his last name. A female visitor who is not an Advisor is addressed by the title "Mrs.," "Miss," or "Ms." followed by her last name.

ADULT MEMORIAL SERVICE



This service is appropriate to honour the memory of an Advisor, Senior DeMolay, or any other adult. It may be performed in the home or church, or as a memorial service within the Chapter room. It is not intended as a funeral service. It may either be open or private, at the Chapter's discretion. It may be used as an annual ceremony, to commemorate the death of all the adults involved with a Chapter, or it may be used for each adult who passes away. The wording assumes that multiple adults are being honoured; when only one adult is being honoured, the text should be changed appropriately to fit the situation.

This service is intended to be generic for all adults being honoured, with three different types of adults specified. If the service is given in memory of only one particular type, the ceremony should be customized in the text where the words are bracketed.

A full-page handout, allowing the speakers to easily read this ceremony, is available from the DeMolay Canada website.

Required Parts: Master Councillor: M.C., Senior Councillor: S.C., Chaplain: Ch.

Required Paraphernalia: None.

Optional Paraphernalia: Gong.

M.C. Brethren and friends, as members of the Order of DeMolay we are gathered to pay tribute to the memory of our departed [friends, advisors, and brethren,] taken from us while helping to guide us through the morning years of our lives. We are gathered to testify to their virtues, to offer the consolation of their fine lives to those who mourn, and to rededicate ourselves to the ideals that they professed.

Brother Senior Councillor, whom do we honour?

S.C. reads each name, along with a summary of the person's DeMolay service and accomplishments. A gong may be rung once following the reading of each person.

S.C. (done)

M.C. The East is symbolic of the morning of life and from the station of the rising sun I bring the consolation of youth that began so well the journeys now ended. I bring the consolation of obligations to which our [friends, advisors and brethren] were true, of trusts to which they were faithful, of morning years that fulfilled their promise. They were good [sons and daughters]; they had reverent faith in the goodness of God; their lives were gentle with courtesy; they were trusted comrades; they were faithful to every ideal; their lives were clean in word and deed; they loved their country as loyal citizens; and they displayed all the virtues which our Order enjoins.

Brother Senior Councillor, what consolation do you bring?

S.C. The West is symbolic of the eve of life and I bring, from the station of the setting sun, the consolation of journeys ended and lives well-lived. I bring the sweetest consolation of all - the assurance of the holiest promises of our faith, the attainment of the goal of all our striving, the reward of all our hopes. Their lives are glorified with duties well-performed, and upon them shines the splendor of everlasting memory.

M.C. My brothers, the consolation we bring at this hour must lighten the grief that we all must feel. To those who were nearest and dearest to our departed [friends, advisors and brethren], we extend our sorrowing sympathy. Words cannot lessen the sense of irreparable loss, but we can take comfort in the infinite love of the universal Father. We hope the remembrance that they were worthy of the ideals of our Order, and deserved the commendation of all good men, will be a solace in the years to come.

Brother Chaplain, you will lead us in prayer.

Ch. Our Father, the souls of our departed [friends, advisors and brethren] are with Thee. We commit them to Thy loving kindness and beseech Thee to send the peace of Thine infinite love to those closest to them. May we find comfort in the remembrance of their virtues; and gain a new inspiration from their lives. May we go from this place reconsecrated to the ideals of good citizenship and may we strive as never before to be worthy members of our Order. Amen.

ALL Amen.

M.C. May the holy inspiration of this hour abide with us. May we exemplify in our lives the virtues which we have praised in the lives of our [friends, advisors and brethren]. May we someday deserve the tributes we have paid this day to their memory. Amen.

ADVISORY COUNCIL INSTALLATION SERVICE



It is recommended that the Executive Officer or his representative perform this ceremony from memory. It is also recommended that it be performed annually, at a Chapter meeting, or in conjunction with another program such as a Chapter Officer Installation Service, as soon as practicable near the beginning of the new year.

Required Parts: Presiding Officer: P.O.; Marshall: Mar.

Required Paraphernalia: Holy Bible open on Altar; school books on Northeast corner of Altar; Gavel at P.O.'s station.

P.O. Brethren and friends, we are assembled at this time to install the Advisory Council of _____ Chapter, Order of DeMolay, for the current year. Brother Marshall, you will present these Advisors West of the Altar.

Mar. moves X Z T, then to place where Advisors are seated and conducts them to point J.

P.O. Brother (use titular head of the sponsoring body, if possible), you will read the names of those who have been designated by the Executive Officer to serve as this Chapter's Advisory Council for the current year.

Done.

P.O. Brethren and friends, these are dedicated Advisors who believe wholeheartedly in the youth of our community. These Advisors know our youths to be good and reputable young men who, as responsible, upright

citizens, will preserve our nation's rich heritage and continue the course of human concern and God-centered living that have made this nation great. These Advisors will give much time and effort in their dedicated service to this Chapter. They live lives worthy of DeMolay ideals and are vibrant examples of loyal and effective service.

P.O. My fellow Advisors, each of you has a particular duty and a special activity to which you have been assigned. I charge you to be faithful and diligent in the discharge of that duty so that this Chapter may succeed in serving God, country, and mankind, and so that its members may see in you an example worthy of emulation.

*** (3 raps)

All stand.

P.O. moves X U O.

The P.O. has the choice of two methods for the following Obligation. It may be given either with the Advisors repeating along, or with the Advisors remaining silent.

OPTION A – Advisors Remain Silent

P.O. You will place your right hand over your heart and remain silent.

Done.

In the presence of Almighty God and these witnesses, I do solemnly promise that I will strive to the best of my ability to guide and counsel the Officers and members of this Chapter in accordance with the ideals and principles of the Order of DeMolay.

I promise that in my service as a DeMolay Advisor I will bear true allegiance to DeMolay Canada and to the Executive Officer in this jurisdiction.

I promise that in all my dealings with a member of the Order of DeMolay I will be ever mindful that he brings to me the precious gift of his trust, a gift which can be received only with patience, understanding and love.

Do you so promise?

Des. I do.

OPTION B – Advisors Repeat Along

P.O. You will place your right hand over your heart.

Done.

You will say "I," speak your name in full, and repeat after me:

Done.

P.O. pauses after each phrase of convenient length in the Obligation, to give designates an opportunity to repeat it. A diagonal is placed at suggested points for pausing, but P.O. should understand that he may phrase as he chooses.

In the presence of Almighty God and these witnesses, / I do solemnly promise / that I will strive to the best of my ability / to guide and counsel / the Officers and members of this Chapter / in accordance with the ideals and principles / of the Order of DeMolay.

I promise / that in my service as a DeMolay Advisor / I will bear true allegiance to DeMolay Canada / and to the Executive Officer in this jurisdiction.

I promise / that in all my dealings / with a member of the Order of DeMolay / I will be ever mindful that he brings to me / the precious gift of his trust, / a gift which can be received only / with patience, understanding and love.

Do you so promise?

Des. I do.

Advisors drop hands.

P.O. faces East, moves O U X, faces West.

P.O. * (rap)

All except P.O., Mar., and Advisors sit down.

P.O. May each of you be inspired by the noble purposes of this great Order. May you display the enthusiasm that will mold hard work and devotion into success. May you follow in the footsteps of our founder, Frank Sherman Land, by helping young men to be better men and leaders who will establish a better world for tomorrow.

Brother Marshall, you will escort our Advisors to their seats.

Mar. conducts Advisors J K, then to their seats, then moves Z X, faces West, sits down.

CEREMONY OF LIGHT



This Ceremony is recommended as a public relations tool to be used on occasions where a brief ceremony that summarizes the basic teachings of DeMolay is required.

Required Part: The Speaker: Spk.; it is most effectively given by an Active DeMolay with a pleasing and mature voice and style of delivery. With permission of the Executive Officer, Chapters may divide this ceremony among multiple speakers. Floor motions should be done in an efficient manner.

Required Paraphernalia: Holy Bible open on Altar; school books on Northeast corner of Altar; seven candlesticks with candles already lighted; arranged as shown on Diagram One. All other lights should be dimmed or extinguished during the ceremony. National flag in a standard as indicated on Diagram One. See Appendix for the pronunciation and definition of the word “agape” in the second paragraph.

Speaker moves to point O, faces West.

Spk. I stand before you at this sacred DeMolay Altar, upon which we have placed the mighty bulwarks of our faith, the Holy Bible and the school books. Not far away rests the banner of our beloved country. Standing as sentries are these seven burning candles, beacons in the darkness, lights to illuminate our pathway as we journey ever onward down the road of life. They are the symbols of all that is good and right with the world. They are the standards upon which we as DeMolays have pledged to base our lives.

Speaker moves and stands before candle 1 on North side of the Altar and moves to each candle 2-7 as each is mentioned in the speech.

The first candle symbolizes the love between parent and child, that love which existed before we were born, has remained with us all our life through, and will follow us even beyond the grave. The sages named this love “agape”, love for no other reason than the sake of being.

The second candle is emblematic of reverence for all that is sacred. A young man crossing the threshold of DeMolay for the first time professes a deep and abiding faith in one living and true God. Without this steadfast faith and the grace of our heavenly Father, our toil would be for nothing.

The third candle stands for courtesy, a courtesy that transcends friendships, a courtesy which reaches to the stranger, to the aged, to all men. It is this courtesy that brings a warm feeling and a smile and makes this life more pleasant for others as it lights the pathway before us.

The fourth candle, the candle in the center of our seven, stands symbolically for comradeship. Millions of young men such as ourselves have knelt at this symbolic Altar and dedicated themselves to the same high principles of good sonship and good citizenship. As long as we remain faithful to these pledges, as long as there is an Order of DeMolay - we are one.

The fifth candle stands simply for fidelity. A DeMolay can never justly be false to his vows, his promises, his friends, his God. He is called upon daily to defend the bulwarks and precepts of the Order that he might never fail as a leader or as a man.

The sixth candle is symbolic of cleanness, not only the bodily cleanness which we all practice, but the cleanness of every thought, word, and deed. Only in cleanness can a DeMolay rightly be representative of the pureness of our teachings.

The last candle is emblematic of patriotism. Perhaps we shall never be called upon to defend our country on the field of battle, but each day

affords new opportunities to stand as good and upright citizens in behalf of that beloved banner and our hallowed land.

Speaker moves counter clockwise from candle 7 to candle 1, extinguishing them and timing this action to finish at the end of the second paragraph following.

Yet we live in troubled times when the bulwarks of the Bible, flag and school books are in danger of sinking into the waste of doubt and uncertainty, when these seven glorious precepts may not be the most coveted standards upon which to base one's life; when trust and justice and brotherhood may not be considered the most virtuous of qualities.

And if we as DeMolays do not stand unswervingly in defense of the teachings of our Order, if we do not seek to perpetuate them in our daily lives, then perhaps these flames will be extinguished, muted in the shadows and darkness shall inherit the land.

Speaker moves to center candle (number 4) and lights it as he proceeds through the last paragraph.

Yet each of you, as a DeMolay, holds within your heart a flame, a beacon to guide you through the darkness. If you can make this light shine upon another, if you can reach into the innermost depths of his soul and set his flame afire, then therein lies the purpose of the Order of DeMolay, and therein lies your purpose for living.

Speaker returns to his seat. Lights raised to full.

CHEVALIER INVESTITURE



The Degree of Chevalier is an open investiture and must be given exactly as herein stated without any deletions or additions hereto. No designate may be invested with the degree unless his regalia is in the possession of the presiding officer.

The investiture as written has taken into account the opportunity for splendid musical effects and choral accompaniment.

The entire ritual must be delivered from memory except for the reading of Psalm 91. If not presided over by the Executive Officer for the jurisdiction, only Chevaliers, or others whom he may designate, shall be used in the investiture. The presiding officer is known as the Grand Commander. An escort of Knights Templar, members of the Legion of Honour, Chevaliers, or members of a DeMolay Chapter may be used at the Altar and in processions.

The text of Psalm 91 is adapted from the King James Version of the Holy Bible. The Grand Chaplain, at his option, may choose to use another version of the Psalm from a published Bible. Whichever version he chooses, he should be comfortable reading it aloud, and be able to impress upon the designates the lessons taught in the passage.

Required Parts: Grand Commander in the East: G.C., Commander in the West: C.W., Commander in the South: C.S., Grand Marshall: G.Mar., Grand Chaplain: G.Ch.

Required Paraphernalia: Holy Bible open on Altar; school books on Northeast corner of Altar; Seven candlesticks with candles already lighted; a lectern placed in the East, to the South of the

G.C.; a sample ring must be on hand in the event one or more designates elects not to purchase the ring; kneeling pads; cordons and medallions; patents; gavel on G.C.'s pedestal.

Optional Paraphernalia: The National flag in a standard; the Chapter banner in a standard, both placed as indicated on Diagram One; Altar cloth; Altar flowers; pedestal covers; baton for Grand Marshall; sword for knighting the designates.

After a prelude by the organist, the Officers enter single file as follows: G.Mar., G.C., C.S., C.W., and G.Ch., followed by escort of Knights Templar, etc. G.Mar. leading the procession moves A C E V T C E V Z X dropping off the G.C., C.S., C.W., and then G.Ch. at their respective stations. G.Mar. faces West. Escort floorwork will be devised for the individual situation.

G.C. * (rap)

All except G.C. sit down.

G.C. I count it a privilege to be permitted to preside at this conferring of the Degree of Chevalier. In a few moments, we shall witness a ceremony that is as symbolic of citizenship as the Athenian Oath and as profound in religious significance as the creation of a knight in the days of chivalry. Even before the time of Nineveh or the building of King Solomon's Temple - ere the Egyptians built their pyramids and Jason sought the Golden Fleece, or soldiers of fortune followed the Eagles of Rome, it was an ancient custom to honour those to whom honours were due.

Brother Grand Marshall, you will present those who are about to be created Chevaliers of the Order of DeMolay.

G.Mar. moves X Z T, then to place where designates are seated, and conducts them to point U, facing East.

G.Mar. Brother Grand Commander, I present to you and to the members of the Order of DeMolay and the assembled guests (speaks name of each designate) who have been designated by DeMolay Canada to be elevated to the rank and dignity of a Chevalier of the Order of DeMolay.

G.C. My brothers, you have just been presented to me for elevation to the highest honour for distinguished DeMolay service within the gift of DeMolay Canada. Only one other honour, the Legion of Honour, for outstanding adult leadership and service to humanity, outranks the distinction I am about to confer upon you.

You have been selected from the membership of Chapter as having rendered exceptional service in behalf of the Order of DeMolay and this Chapter in particular. Your efforts in the various activities of the Order have been numerous and have reflected beyond our Order to a lasting benefit of all youth. Your material gains are beyond price, but great as they are, they are of little consequence when compared with their spiritual significance. In every willing act of your life, you have performed -- let us say -- divine service, because he who acts nobly does God's will. If this is not true, then your performances have been in vain. The work in which you have been engaged cannot be measured by the standards of men. Therefore, as inspired workers in our cause, you have been called here to receive honours in the presence of your brethren and friends. I can think of no better approach to this investiture than that we heed the Grand Chaplain as he reads to us the inspired words of David who sang of the security of the godly in the ninety-first chapter of the Psalms.

G.Ch. rises, moves X Z, then to lectern placed in East and to the South of G.C.; and reads the ninety-first Psalm.

G.Ch. "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in Him will I trust.

Surely He shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

He shall cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shalt thou trust:
His truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth
by day;

Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that
wasteth at noonday.

A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it
shall not come nigh thee.

Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.

Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the most High,
thy habitation;

There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy
dwelling.

For He shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a
stone.

Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon
shalt thou trample under feet.

Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set
him on high, because he hath known my name.

He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I
will deliver him, and honour him.

With long life I will satisfy him, and show him My salvation."

G.Ch. moves from lectern Z X, faces West, and sits down.

G.C. My brothers, in the days that are to come, may these words of the Psalmist ever be before you, a beacon to light your way to the very throne of God. As children of a universal Father, acknowledging that He is "All and in All," it is fitting that you who are about to receive this honour should, throughout all the years of your life, be a humble and consecrated son of God. Outward observance of religion means little unless there is within a deep sense of soul. In the character of a Chevalier of the Order of DeMolay, may you in every act, manner and circumstance, prove worthy of this universal sonship. I, therefore, dedicate you anew to the service of God and all humanity.

Brother Grand Marshall, you will conduct these brethren to the Commander in the South.

Suggested music cue:

G.Mar. conducts designates U T C E V T L, faces South.

G.Mar. Brother Commander, I present to you these brethren who have been designated by DeMolay Canada to be elevated to the rank and dignity of a Chevalier of the Order of DeMolay.

C.S. My brothers, in this hour of consecration I again remind you of that sacred thing called home. There is a magic in that little word, home; it is a mystic circle that surrounds comforts and virtues never known beyond its hallowed limits. It is the cradle -- the very bulwark of our civilization. Ever since you first knelt at the Altar of DeMolay you have been committed to the high purpose of being a better son, a better husband, a better father, and a better man as the years move on. As a Chevalier, I dedicate you anew to the DeMolay ideal of home and all that the word implies.

Brother Grand Marshall, you will conduct these brethren to the Commander in the West.

Suggested music cue:

G.Mar. conducts designates L C E V T C D, faces West.

G.Mar. Brother Commander, I present to you these brethren who have been designated by DeMolay Canada to be elevated to the rank and dignity of a Chevalier of the Order of DeMolay.

C.W. My brothers, I receive you upon one of the cardinal points of DeMolay -- love of country; the deeper patriotism that does not unfurl the flag on holidays alone, or rattle the flashing saber in a menacing threat, but rather that patriotism which, while making known to every man his rights, still makes him mindful of the rights of every other man. Our forefathers gave us a heritage that gives to all the sincere hope of being brave men and serving patriots. It is well that we here should rededicate ourselves to the threefold purpose of DeMolay -- love of God, love of home, and love of country. Your leadership through the years, if charted on these principles, "will make you live worthily for your country as well as die bravely for it if the need shall come." As a Chevalier, I dedicate you anew to the DeMolay ideal of patriotism. You will now be conducted to our Holy Altar.

G.Mar. causes designates to face East, then moves D J. An escort of Knights Templar, Legion of Honour members, Chevaliers, or Chapter members with swords may be used with good effect in making an arch over the designates and Altar.

G.C. My brothers, you have already signed your Vow of Allegiance that it may be deposited in the archives of DeMolay Canada. You now appear at this Altar to assume a public obligation of service before being created a Chevalier of the Order of DeMolay and receiving its regalia. Are you ready to assume this obligation?

Des. I am.

G.C. * * * (3 raps)

All stand.

Lights should be extinguished, leaving only candles burning and Altar spot, if any, on full. G.C. moves X U; G.Ch. moves X Z U behind G.C.; simultaneously C.W. moves X D E V U and C.S. moves X L T U. All face West and move simultaneously to point O within the circle of candles, with C.S. and C.W. one pace behind

G.C. and G.Ch. one pace behind C.S. and C.W. so as to form a cross.

G.C. Then you will kneel on both knees ...

Designates kneel.

G.C. ... and place both hands upon the Holy Bible.

Done.

G.C. You will say "I," speak your name in full, and repeat after me:

Done.

G.C. pauses after each phrase of convenient length in the Obligation, to give designates an opportunity to repeat it. A diagonal is placed at suggested points for pausing, but G.C. should understand that he may phrase as he chooses.

G.C. In the presence of Almighty God / and these witnesses here assembled, / do solemnly promise, covenant, and vow / that I will, from this time forward, / militantly and with the deepest devotion, / serve the Order of DeMolay / and the truths it teaches.

I do now, and hereon, / renew and rededicate myself / to all of the vows / I have heretofore taken / in the Order of DeMolay.

I furthermore promise and vow / perpetual loyalty and service / to my country / in every field of endeavor / and that I will always be an active opponent / of sedition, anarchy, or any cause / that would betray my country's greatest good.

I furthermore promise and vow / that I will wage constant warfare / against ignorance, superstition, / and the forces of evil / that would enslave or debauch childhood.

I furthermore promise and vow / that I will ever strive to serve God.

I furthermore promise and vow / that I will, each day hereafter, / strive to be a better man / than I have ever been before.

I furthermore promise and vow / that hereafter on November 8th of each year, / as a memorial to our founder, / Frank Sherman Land, / I will hold communion with a fellow Chevalier / or Court of Chevaliers, / wherever I may be, / and should this be impossible, / I will break bread with an Active DeMolay / or a young man in his teens.

So help me God!

You will disengage your hands...

Done.

...arise...

Done.

...and kiss the Holy Bible.

Done. When all designates have kissed the Bible, lights are slowly raised to full.

G.C. moves O P V U X, faces West.

G.C. * (rap)

All Officers face East and move O U. C.W. moves U V E D X, faces East. Simultaneously C.S. moves U T L X, faces North. G.Ch. moves U Z X, faces West.

G.C. * (rap)

All except G.C., G.Mar., and designates sit down. G.Mar. conducts designates J K S R, faces East.

G.Mar. Brother Grand Commander, I present to you these designates, who, having assumed their vows, now desire to be exalted to the high honour and dignity of a Chevalier of the Order of DeMolay.

If all designates are receiving a ring, omit the word “symbolically” and place the ring on finger at the conclusion of part. If one or more designates do not select the ring, the word “symbolically” should be used and the sample ring should be displayed during the speech.

G.C. My brothers, it is now my privilege to (symbolically) place upon the third finger of your left hand the ring of a Chevalier of the Order of DeMolay. This ring's intrinsic worth cannot be measured in material value, for it should ever be to you a constant reminder of your vows to be faithful to the trust reposed in you.

G.C. * * * (3 raps)

All rise.

Escort may again be used to make arch of steel over designates. G.Mar. should place kneeling pads in place for designates.

G.C. My brothers, you will kneel on both knees facing the Altar.

Done.

G.C. Brother Grand Chaplain, you will lead us in prayer.

All lights except the candles and Altar spot are dimmed.

G.Ch. unescorted goes to Altar, moving X Z I J. G.Ch. halts at point J, faces East and takes one step toward Altar. As G.Ch. leaves station all DeMolays and Chevaliers in East and C.W. and C.S. descend to floor level.

G.C. Chevaliers and DeMolays will kneel on left knee. All others will remain standing.

All DeMolays and Chevaliers kneel in unison as Chaplain kneels.

G.Ch. Our Heavenly Father, Thou Who art the giver of every good and perfect gift, we approach Thee in this hour of consecration asking that Thou wilt strengthen these brothers whom we honour on this occasion. They have rededicated themselves in Thy sight to the threefold purpose of DeMolay -- love of God, love of home and love of country.

We thank Thee for what they have accomplished for our beloved Order. May they increase in Thy manifold gifts of grace. Bless them in their new responsibilities that their efforts and endeavors may be worthy in Thy sight. Grant to them wisdom and understanding that they may reflect Thy will. Amen.

ALL Amen.

G.Ch. and all DeMolays and Chevaliers except designates rise. G.Ch. takes one step backward away from Altar, faces North, moves J K V Z X, faces West. As G.Ch. leaves Altar all DeMolays and Chevaliers who were in the East (except G.C.) and C.W. and C.S. return to daises. Lights raised to full. G.C. moves to point between designates and candle 4, faces designates.

With permission of the Executive Officer, G.C. may use a sword when declaring him to be a Chevalier in the Order of DeMolay. He moves to each designate in turn and taps him lightly on the right shoulder and says:

G.C. For God

...on the left shoulder...

G.C. For country

...on the crown of the head...

G.C. For DeMolay.

G.C. By virtue of the power and authority in me vested as Grand Commander and acting under the authority of DeMolay Canada, I now declare you to be a Chevalier in the Order of DeMolay. As I place this cordon and medallion about your neck you will arise.

Done.

Suggested music cue:

G.C. moves around designates, then U X, faces West. Escort retires. Newly created Chevaliers form straight line, as directed by G.Mar., facing G.C.

G.C. * (rap)

All except G.C., G.Mar. and designates sit down.

G.C. Brother Grand Marshall, you will present to these newly created Chevaliers their patents of membership.

G.Mar. distributes patents, then directs Chevaliers to face Altar.

G.C. This concludes our ceremony of investiture. May these whom we have elevated to distinction this day (evening) go forward as true soldiers of DeMolay, radiant in God's glory, and as an incentive and inspiration to the young manhood of all the world.

G.Mar. seats new Chevaliers and returns Z X.

G.C. * (rap)

All sit down.

If the Investiture team is retiring from the room:

G.C. * * (2 raps)

Officers rise.

G.C. The Officers will now retire.

Suggested music cue:

G.Mar., followed by G.Ch., moves X Z C E V T C A, picking up the C.S., C.W., and G.C. in order, with each taking his place in the procession just behind G.Mar. Escort floorwork will be devised for the individual situation.

CROSS OF HONOUR INVESTITURE



This ceremony is to be used for investing Advisors with the DeMolay Cross of Honour.

Required Parts: Executive Officer (or his representative): E.O.; the following Active DeMolays: Master Councillor: M.C.; Senior Councillor: S.C.; Junior Councillor: J.C.; Marshall: Mar.

Required Paraphernalia: Holy Bible open on Altar; school books on Northeast corner of Altar; regalia for Cross of Honour on pedestal in East; seven candlesticks with candles already lighted; gavel on M.C.'s pedestal.

M.C. Brother Marshall, you will present the designates for the Cross of Honour.

Mar. moves X Z T, then to place where designates are seated and conducts them to point J.

Mar. Brother Master Councillor, it is my honour to present these outstanding Advisors who have been designated by DeMolay Canada to receive the Cross of Honour.

M.C. * * (2 raps)

Officers rise.

M.C. moves X U; S.C. moves X D E V U; J.C. moves X L T U. Simultaneously all face West and move in a line to point O within circle of candles, M.C. one step in advance of others.

J.C. We salute you who have given to the young men of DeMolay that precious thing which only you can give - yourself. We are sure that you have given so generously of your time and talents with the full realization of how much better it is to give than to receive.

S.C. We salute you for the wisdom, patience, and love which you have bestowed on us so unselfishly through the years so that we may be better young men and become better men. Our sincere wish is that you may enjoy all the rewards of your endeavors in behalf of youth.

M.C. We salute you, who have been selected by the Executive Officer in this jurisdiction and designated by DeMolay Canada to receive the Cross of Honour which is the highest honour that can be given for service as an Advisor. It denotes years of exceptional efforts in behalf of the Order of DeMolay and of conspicuously meritorious service to your Chapter (*or: "to this jurisdiction" if appropriate*). Prior to being invested with the Cross of Honour, we request that you take the dedicatory oath at our Altar which, for our purpose this evening, is dedicated to the youth you have so faithfully served.

You will place your right hand over your heart and remain silent.

Done.

M.C. In the presence of God and on my honour as an Advisor, recognizing that the moral and civic virtues inculcated in the teachings of Masonry may best be nurtured in the hearts and minds of young men, renew my dedication to the order of DeMolay and its service to the young men of all the world.

As a DeMolay Advisor, I solemnly declare that I will continue to serve the members of this Order as a counselor, seeking always to guide them by inspiration and example, knowing that in every DeMolay lies the promise of the future, and realizing that every effort must be made to assure the complete fulfillment of that promise. Do you so promise?

Des. *I do.*

Designates drop hands.

Councillors face East and move O U. M.C. ascends dais, faces West. Simultaneously S.C. moves U V E D X, faces East, and J.C. moves U T L X, faces North. Mar. conducts designates J K V U, faces East.

M.C. * (rap)

All except M.C., Mar., and designates sit down.

M.C. Dad, (*representative of*) the Executive Officer in this jurisdiction, may I present to you these Advisors who have been designated by DeMolay Canada to receive the Cross of Honour. They now appear before you to be invested with the jewel of that honour.

M.C. and E.O. move X U and approach first designate.

M.C. May I present Dad (*Mom*), an Advisor of, located in, (*or other title if not a Chapter Advisor*).

E.O. places jewel on designate and summarizes the Advisor's principal accomplishments. Repeat for each designate. M.C. and E.O. move U X, face West.

M.C. Brother Marshall, you will present the patents to these Advisors.

Done.

M.C. May this honour you have received inspire you to further service for the Order of DeMolay in the days to come.

* (rap)

Brother Marshall, you will conduct these distinguished Advisors to seats of honour in the Chapter room.

Done.

Mar. moves Z X, faces West.

M.C. * (rap)

All sit down.

DEMOLAY MEMBER PIN PRESENTATION



This ceremony is designed to be either open or private as the Chapter may decide. For instance, the Chapter may choose to give this ceremony after an initiation, at an Installation, or other appropriate time. In this ceremony, any DeMolay pin may be presented: some examples would be an official DeMolay Crest lapel pin, or Jurisdictional pin, or Chapter pin.

Required Parts: Master Councillor: M.C., Marshall: Mar.

Required Paraphernalia: Gavel on M.C.'s pedestal: Holy Bible open on Altar; school books on Northeast corner of Altar; a pin for each candidate placed on Altar on East side of Bible.

Optional Paraphernalia: Seven candlesticks with candles; Altar cloth; baton for Mar.

If this ceremony is not presented following an induction ceremony, the words "newly initiated" should be omitted.

M.C. Brother Marshall, you will conduct our (newly initiated) brothers to the Altar.

Mar. moves X Z T, then to place where designates are seated, and conducts them to point J, all face East.

Mar. Brother Master Councillor, I take pleasure in presenting to you and to the members of Chapter, Brothers who have been exalted to the rank and honour of DeMolays with fellowship in this Chapter.

M.C. moves X U O, faces West.

M.C. In the words of our founder: To you who have entered the portals of DeMolay a whole-hearted welcome is extended by the great legion of its international membership. You are now a part of a select worldwide group of young men. You have been handed the torch of high endeavor first lighted and carried by Jacques DeMolay, and it becomes your sacred and solemn duty to keep it ever burning. Millions of young men have borne it in the past and millions will bear it in the future. To keep its flame gleaming brightly is a stewardship never to be shirked.

Centuries have passed since the unconquerable spirit of Jacques DeMolay blazed forth with a luster that dimmed the material flames which consumed his body. It was an outstanding principle of moral courage which prompted him to submit to torture and to death rather than betray his ideals or fail to fulfill his obligations. It is a spiritual illumination of moral chivalry which prompts DeMolays to be clean in all things and ever ready to aid and protect the weak, the helpless and the oppressed. This is truly a creed you will be proud to exemplify before the world. As a real seeker of truth, you will find DeMolay of genuine benefit in solving many perplexing problems. Your membership in this Order will profit you according to the measure of service you give to its cause. As you give, so shall you gain. Our Order's practical, spiritual, mental and physical standards will aid the inherent manliness within you. Its forbearance and brotherly love are yours to adopt and put to everyday use. As Master Councillor of Chapter, it is my pleasure to present to you this insignia which I hope you will wear with pleasure to yourself and honour to our fraternity. It is to be worn on your left coat lapel that your brethren and the world at large may know you to be a member of the Order of DeMolay.

M.C. presents pins to designates.

May this pin ever be a reminder to you of your vows to be faithful to our tenets. It is needless to admonish you never to wear it where you would be ashamed to take your mother, sister or father. Brother Marshall, you will conduct the brothers to seats in our midst.

M.C. faces East, moves O U X, faces West. Mar. conducts designates J K then to seats, then returns Z X, faces West.

M.C. * (rap)

All sit down.

FATHER'S TALK



This address is authorized as a talk to be given after the conferring of the Initiatory or DeMolay Degrees and at other ceremonies.

The first poem is excerpted from "A Boy and His Dad," by Edgar Guest, which is in the public domain.

Many of our members no longer live in a traditional family situation. The Fathers' Talk presents a societal ideal that, for some, may never be a reality. Chapter Advisors should consider the life situation of each member before encouraging them to participate in it. Chapter Advisors are responsible to see that all members are instructed in its purpose and given the option to choose whether or not to participate.

Adaptation, under special circumstances, may be authorized by permission of the Executive Officer.

It is well to also consider the audience for which it will be performed. Before the Fathers' Talk begins, the Chapter Advisor, or another Advisor, MAY use the following text to explain the purpose of the Fathers' Talk to the recipients and audience members who may not have seen the ceremony previously.

Adv. The Fathers' Talk is an open ceremony that is used following induction into the Order of DeMolay, at Installations, and other appropriate public functions to highlight the Virtue of Filial Love: love of parents and family. Through this virtue, we seek to emphasize that abiding devotion we bear to those who raised us from infancy, or who cared for us in our youth, whether they be a mother, father, relative, or other primary caregiver. This ceremony is not part of the required induction process, and participation is optional.

Required Part: The Speaker: Spk. It is most effectively given by an Active DeMolay with a pleasing and mature voice and style of delivery.

Spk. The Order of DeMolay teaches many important lessons, in particular the Seven Cardinal Virtues presented by our Preceptors. Of the seven, Filial Love, the love of a parent, is first among the jewels adorning the Crown of Youth.

This evening (*substitute morning or afternoon as appropriate*) we honour fatherhood, and most importantly, our own fathers: the men who have guided us to manhood.

Which is happier, man or boy?
The soul of the father is steeped in joy,
For he's finding out, to his heart's delight,
That his son is fit for the future fight.

For a son, a father is a great source of strength. In our early days, we may have seen our fathers as all-knowing, men we aspired to emulate.

As youth, we may not be aware of our father's desires for us. We may not appreciate the tasks he tries to accomplish. And at times, we might find it difficult to communicate with our dad, thinking he does not understand us, our beliefs, even our speech.

But as we grow into young men, we are better able to see Dad's side of the story and the joy a father experiences raising his son. Taking you by the hand, your father led you through the morning years of your life. He showed you the glories of God and a righteous path to adulthood. His reward is simple, to hear his grown son say, with pride, "This is my father."

DeMolays refer to our male advisors as "Dad." Our Chapter Dads are among those men who desire to guide us to manhood. In particular, those among us who have lost their fathers may look to our chapter Dads for advice and guidance -- in much the same way as the fatherless Louis Lower looked to Dad Land, the founder of our Order, for an adult role model.

We, therefore, extend to our fathers and Chapter Dads the heartiest token of our appreciation as sons and as DeMolays.

Father, help us further to be good men.
Father, light our way the best you possibly can.
For when we reach the ripening years of manhood,
Teach us to live in the spirit of the universal Brotherhood.

My Brothers, when you go home tonight, give thanks and tribute to your father. Greet your Dad tonight, smile and grip his hand firmly, and say: "Thank you, Dad, for all you have given me so far. With the help of the lessons of DeMolay, I hope to be worthy of your name."

We ask this of you as a token of your appreciation for your father and of the manhood you seek.

FLOWER TALK



Long considered to be one of the best messages DeMolay has, the Flower Talk is not only impressive to many new initiates, but it also has had a captivating influence on mothers. The address is authorized as a talk to be given after the conferring of the Initiatory or DeMolay Degrees and at other ceremonies. It is not a part of the secret ritualistic work of the Order.

Many of our members no longer live in a traditional family situation. The Flower Talk presents a societal ideal that, for some, may never be a reality. Chapter Advisors should consider the life situation of each member before encouraging them to participate in it. Chapter Advisors are responsible to see that all members are instructed in its purpose and given the option to choose whether or not to participate.

Adaptation, under special circumstances, may be authorized by permission of the Executive Officer.

It is well to also consider the audience for which it will be performed. Before the Flower Talk begins, the Chapter Advisor, or another Advisor, MAY use the following text to explain the purpose of the Flower Talk to the recipients and audience members who may not have seen the ceremony previously.

Adv. The Flower Talk is an open ceremony that has been traditionally used following induction into the Order of DeMolay, at Installations, and other appropriate public functions to highlight the Virtue of Filial Love: love of parents and family. Through this virtue we seek to emphasize that abiding devotion we bear to those who raised us from infancy, or who cared for us in our youth, whether they be a mother, father, a relative, or other primary caregiver. This ceremony is not part of the required induction process, and participation is optional.

Required Part: The Speaker: Spk. It is most effectively given by an Active DeMolay with a pleasing and mature voice and style of delivery.

Required Paraphernalia: Holy Bible open on Altar; school books on Northeast corner of Altar; red and white flowers (short-stemmed roses or carnations preferred, though any less expensive flowers may be used), should be loosely scattered over the entire Altar, but not on the Holy Bible. There should be at least one for every candidate and care should be taken to see that there is a white flower for each one whose mother has passed away. At the proper moment in the talk, each of the candidates will take a flower.

When all is in readiness, the Speaker moves to point O.

If this ceremony is not presented following an induction ceremony, the word "just" should be omitted.

Spk. My Brothers, you have (*just*) been permitted to take upon yourselves the name of one of the world's most heroic knightly figures. Now you can say "I am a DeMolay." To be deemed worthy of the privilege of entering into the comradeship of that great army of youth both here and abroad who have dedicated themselves to the ideals of Jacques DeMolay, demonstrates our confidence that the fineness of your purposes will guide your development into the highest type of manhood. To be accepted as a DeMolay is, therefore, an honour of which any young man may be justly proud.

In being received into our ranks, you have been instructed in the seven cardinal virtues of this great Order. We hope you have been deeply impressed with the lessons they teach. There is no better foundation on which to build your character and future life than the practice of these virtues. The Order of DeMolay teaches many beautiful lessons, but none is more important than honour and true respect for womanhood, and more especially for motherhood. It is fitting, therefore, that you have been called upon to stand again before this Altar in a few moments of special emphasis upon the virtue which has been given first place among the jewels adorning the Crown of Youth - Filial Love.

For my purpose now, this Altar is dedicated to our mothers whose love never fails. You may rise to positions of great influence in commercial, political, or professional life, but you can never reach the heights of your mother's secret hopes for you. You may sink into the lowest depths of infamy and degradation but never below the reach of her love. The memory of it will always stir your heart. There is no man so entirely base, so completely vile, so utterly low that he does not hold in his heart a shrine sacred and apart for the memory of his mother's love.

Were I to draw you a picture of love divine, it would not be that of

A stately angel
With a form that is full of grace,
But a tired and toil-worn mother
With a grave and tender face.

It was your mother who loved you before you were born - who carried you for long months close to her heart and in the fullness of time took God's hand in hers and passed through the valley of shadows to give you life. It was she who cared for you during the helpless years of infancy and the scarcely less dependent years of childhood. As you have grown less dependent, she has done the countless, thoughtful, trouble-healing, helpful and encouraging things which somehow only mothers seem to know how to do. You may have accepted these attentions more or less as matters of course and perhaps without conscious gratitude or any expressions of your appreciation.

You are rapidly approaching the time in life when you will be entirely independent of your mother. The ties with which dependency has bound you to her may be severed as you grow older, but the tie of mother-love can never be broken.

Thinking back upon the years of your life when you have reached the threshold of manhood, your mother might well say in the words of the poet:

"My body fed your body, son,
But birth's a swift thing,
Compared to one and twenty years
Of feeding you with spirit's tears.
I could not make your mind and soul,
But my glad hands have kept you whole.
Your groping hands
Bound me to life with ruthless bands.
And all my living became a prayer,
While all my days built up a stair
For your young feet that trod behind,
That you an aspiring way should find.
Think you that life can give you pain
Which does not stab in me again?
Think you that life can give you shame
Which does not make my pride go lame?
And you can do no evil thing
Which sears not me with poisoned sting.
Because of all that I have done,
Remember me in life, O son.
Keep that proud body fine and fair,
My life is monumented there.
For my life make no woman weep,
For my life hold no woman cheap,
And see you give no woman scorn
For that dark night when you were born."

These flowers which you see on our Altar are symbols of that mother-love - the white, the love of the mother who has gone - and the red, the mother who still lives to bless your life.

Far in the dim recesses of her heart
Where all is hushed and still
She keeps a shrine.
'Tis here she kneels in prayer
While from above long shafts of light
upon her shine.
Her heart is flower fragrant as she prays.
Aquiver like a candle flame,
each prayer takes wing
To bless the world she works among,
To leave the radiance of the candles there.

We want each of you to take a flower from this Altar. If your mother has passed over to the other shore, you will choose a white flower and keep it always sacred to her memory. May the sight of it always quicken every tender memory of her and strengthen you anew in your efforts to be worthy of her hopes and aspirations for you. If your mother is living, you will choose a red flower. When you go home tonight, give it to your mother. Tell her it is our recognition of God's best gift to a man - his mother's love. Take her in your arms and say - "Mother, I've learned a great lesson tonight. The ceremonies have helped me realize more fully how much you really mean to me. I'm going to try to show you daily how much I appreciate the sacrifices you have made and the love and care you give me."

Some day you'll find that flower, I know not where, perhaps in her Bible or prayer book or some other sacred place, a silent witness to what this night has meant to the one whose love for you, her son, is beyond the comprehension of any son. My brothers, each of you will please take a red or white flower from the Altar.

Done.

DeMolay can ask no more of you than that you shall endeavor so to live as to be worthy of your mother's love.

FUNERAL / MEMORIAL SERVICE



This service is appropriate to honour the memory of an Active DeMolay. It may be performed in the home, church, or cemetery, or as a memorial service within the Chapter room. It may either be open or private, at the Chapter's discretion. It may be used as an annual ceremony, to commemorate the death of all the Active members of the Chapter who died during the year, or it may be used for each Active member who passes away. The wording assumes that one member is being honoured; when multiple members are being honoured, the text should be changed appropriately to fit the situation.

The Order of DeMolay is a fraternity, and, as such, is concerned with the welfare of our members and their families, but DeMolay is not a religion and should never allow itself to be seen in that way. If a member's family requests a DeMolay Funeral Service, this Memorial Service can be used as such, but care should be taken to give a copy of the text of the ceremony to the family in advance, so that they can share it with their religious leaders. This ceremony is appropriate for all monotheistic religions in that it should not be considered offensive by any of these traditions. However, it is so generic that it might not satisfy the religious beliefs or requirements of some religious leaders. The Order of DeMolay should never be placed in a position of conflict with any religious leader, or between family members with differing opinions. If any conflict occurs, it is recommended that the Chapter Advisor regretfully decline the request to participate, and delay the performance to a later Memorial Service within the confines of a Chapter meeting.

While it is always preferred that DeMolay ceremonies be presented from memory, it is impossible to anticipate the need for a funeral for an Active DeMolay. Therefore, it is acceptable to read the Funeral Service, if necessary, with care taken to assure that the reading is done well, with care, and emphasis and sincerity. It is just as important to rehearse reading aloud as it is to rehearse reciting from memory. A full-page handout is available for download from the DeMolay Canada website.

Required Parts: Master Councillor: M.C., Senior Councillor: S.C., Junior Councillor: J.C., Senior Deacon: S.D., Marshall: Mar., Chaplain: Ch.

Required Paraphernalia: None.

If this is a funeral service, the Officers take the positions shown on Diagram Two.

M.C. Brethren and friends, as members of the Order of DeMolay we are gathered to pay tribute to the memory of a departed brother,, taken from our ranks while the morning sun was still upon his face. We are gathered to testify to his virtues, to offer the consolation of his fine young life to those who mourn, and to rededicate ourselves to the ideals that he professed.

M.C. Brother Marshall, what consolation do you bring in this hour of sorrow?

Mar. Our brother knocked at the portals of our Order as a stranger and became a friend and comrade. I bring the consolation of the life of one who was true to all the demands of comradeship and brotherhood.

M.C. Brother Senior Deacon, what consolation do you bring?

S.D. My office is symbolic of companionship and from that station I bring the consolation of a friendship which will always be cherished by the comrades of our departed brother.

M.C. The East is symbolic of the morning of life and from the station of the rising sun I bring the consolation of youth that began so well the journey now so untimely ended. I bring the consolation of obligations to which our brother was true, of trusts to which he was faithful, of morning years which fulfilled their promise until death halted the footsteps that pressed so eagerly toward manhood.

M.C. Brother Junior Councillor, what consolation do you bring?

J.C. From the station of the meridian sun, I bring the consolation of approaching manhood which, though never reached, was bright with the promise of the noontime. Our brother wore worthily the Crown of Youth while it rested on his brow. He was a good son; he had reverent faith in the goodness of God; his life was gentle with courtesy; he was a trusted comrade; he was faithful to every ideal; his life was clean in word and deed; he loved his country as a loyal citizen; and he displayed all the virtues which our Order enjoins. Had he lived to wear the Crown of Manhood he would have worn it with honour. I bring the consolation of this certainty that only death left unfulfilled.

M.C. Brother Senior Councillor, what consolation do you bring?

S.C. The West is symbolic of the eve of life and I bring from the station of the setting sun, the consolation of a journey ended, a life well-lived. I bring the sweetest consolation of all - the assurance of the holiest promises of our faith, the attainment of the goal of all our striving, the reward of all our hopes. Our brother's life, cut off in its morning years, is glorified with duties well-performed and upon it shines the splendor of everlasting memory.

M.C. My brothers, the consolation we bring at this hour must lighten the grief which we all must feel. To those who were nearest and dearest to our departed brother, we extend our sincere sympathy. Words cannot lessen the sense of irreparable loss, but we can take comfort in the infinite love of the universal Father. We hope the remembrance that our brother was worthy of the comradeship of our Order, and deserved the commendation of all good men, will be a solace in the years to come.

M.C. Brother Chaplain, you will lead us in prayer.

Ch. Our Father, the soul of our departed brother is with Thee. We commit him to Thy loving kindness and beseech Thee to send the peace of Thine infinite love to those closest to our brother. May they find comfort in the remembrance of his virtues; and may we who knew him in the comradeship of DeMolay gain a new inspiration from his life. May we go from this place reconsecrated to the ideals of good sonship and may we strive as never before to be worthy members of our Order. Amen.

ALL Amen.

M.C. May the holy inspiration of this hour abide with us. May we exemplify in our lives the virtues which we have praised in our brother's life. May we deserve the tributes we have paid this day to the memory of him. Amen.

If this is a funeral service, at the end of the ceremony, the M.C. and J.C. move toward center position of casket with others following (all facing casket). M.C. and J.C. turn around and retire with others following in pairs as shown on Diagram Two.

HISTORICAL LECTURE



This short informative talk about the organization's namesake could appropriately be given in public, before Masonic groups, or to candidates for the degrees. It should be given by an Active DeMolay.

Required Parts: The Speaker: Spk.; it is most effectively given by an Active DeMolay with a pleasing and mature voice and style of delivery. With permission of the Executive Officer, Chapters may divide this ceremony among multiple speakers.

Spk. During the 12th century, the powerful Order of the Temple, also known as the Knights Templar, started in Europe. This Order had been founded to protect the Christians on their pilgrimage to Jerusalem, and fought valiantly in all of the Christian military campaigns known as the Crusades.

Over time, its mission as the protector of the Church made it an important factor in Europe. The Templars also pioneered modern banking, and gained the trust of the public through their charitable outreach. Consequently, by the early part of the 14th century, the Order had become very influential and wealthy. It was then that Philip the Fair, King of France, began to fear that it would dominate the financial status of his nation.

Philip was an ambitious King, at all times eager for war. To fund his battles, he extracted every possible tribute from his people. Still in dire need of money, he took on loans, and found himself deeply in debt to the Templars. In desperate circumstances, he began to plot the destruction of the Order of the Temple so he could confiscate their wealth for his own use.

At this time, the Grand Master of the Templars was Jacques DeMolay. False rumors were circulated, and supposed confessions were published by Philip, in order to brand the organization as vile and corrupt. Such an increasing campaign eventually weakened the Templars in the minds of the people. Philip then thought it was the opportune time to strike. He ordered every known Templar in the land to be seized at the same time, and when he struck at dawn on Friday, October 13, 1307, Templars everywhere in France were taken entirely by surprise and cast into dungeons.

Through the process of torture, some of the Templars were made to confess to false statements. But DeMolay, the Grand Master, would not concede a single point to his accusers, and for almost seven years, withstood all torture and punishment, fighting as best he could to save his Order. Confined to unbearable prisons and vile dungeons, he remained true to his comrades, to God, and to his Order, until he made the supreme sacrifice. He was burned at the stake on March 18, 1314, a martyr to the cause of charity, fidelity, comradeship, courtesy, and reverence. This splendid example of true knighthood is the namesake of the Order of DeMolay, and we as DeMolays honour his memory by practicing those same virtues in our daily lives.

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:

I.O.
I.S.C I.J.C.
I.S.D. I.Mar. I.Ch.

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. Friends, on behalf of Chapter, Order of DeMolay, we welcome you most cordially to this ceremony of installing the Officers who have been elected or appointed for the ensuing term. It may not be out of place at this time to explain briefly the general purposes of our Order, to which only young men between the ages of 12 and 21 years are eligible. While we have secret signs, words and modes of recognition, we have no secrets from the world so far as our central purposes are concerned. We are banded together for mutual improvement, to help each other live clean, manly, upright, patriotic lives, which will be a credit to our parents and friends, and which will merit the commendation of all good men. In our meetings we inculcate only principles which are in harmony with this exalted purpose and in our daily lives we seek to carry them into effect. We feel we can rightly bespeak for our Order in general and for ourselves in particular the hearty assistance of all good men and women.

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.O. * (rap)

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 books, 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 step 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 Councillor-elect 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, you will conduct the Deacons to their respective stations, after which you will present the Stewards for installation.

Done.

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

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

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.

I.Mar. Brother Installing Officer, I take pleasure in presenting Brother, who has been elected Treasurer, Brother, who has been chosen Almoner and Brother, who has been chosen Orator for the ensuing term.

I.O. Brother, you have been elected to the stewardship of the finances of this Chapter and I enjoin upon you rigid fidelity in the discharge of that important trust. With propriety I urge you to the strictest carefulness that this Chapter may at all times know its financial status. Brother, it is your province to remind us, in the performance of your official duties as Almoner, that charity, not the ostentatious and unmeaning doling out of alms, but the charity which has been translated "brotherly love," is a virtue which all should practice. The cry of need is ever sounding in our ears and to it our ears must never be closed. Brother, you have been selected as the Orator of this Chapter. It is an office the importance of which cannot be overestimated. The interpretation of the lesson to be taught in the DeMolay Degree depends in a large measure on the manner in which the Orator makes his explanation of the fundamental significance of the teachings of our Order. No small measure of ability will be required to make your portion of the ritual impressive and your selection for this office is an automatic proof of the Master Councillor's confidence that you possess and will display that ability. Brother Installing Marshall, you will conduct the Treasurer, Almoner and Orator to their respective stations, after which you will present the Preceptors for installation.

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.Mar. In the name and under the authority of DeMolay Canada, and by the direction of the Installing Officer, I declare the Officers of Chapter, Order of DeMolay, duly and regularly Installed.

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.

* (rap)

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.

LEGION OF HONOUR INVESTITURE



Before the Legion of Honour degree is conferred, upon either an active or honorary designate, it is mandatory that the Executive Officer, or one appointed by him, give the "Secret Vow" to the designate in private. No one is permitted to be present when this vow is given except other Legionnaires. The Executive Officer cannot deputize anyone other than a Legionnaire to confer this degree or give the "Secret Vow."

The Executive Officer, upon receiving an appointment to DeMolay Canada, and assuming his duties and before he ever gives the "Secret Vow" of the Legion of Honour, should sign the Vow Book upon the pages set aside for this purpose.

This open investiture of a member of the Legion of Honour must be given exactly as stated without any deletions or additions. The service as written has taken into account the opportunities for splendid musical effects and choral accompaniment.

The entire ritual must be delivered from memory. If not presided over by the Executive Officer for the jurisdiction, only such Officers as he selects shall be used in the conferring of this degree. Active DeMolays may be used as Preceptors. The Seven Preceptors each carry a lighted taper or candle if electric candles are not used.

Required Parts: Commander in the East: C.E., Commander in the West: C.W., Commander in the South: C.S., Grand Marshal: G.Mar., Grand Chaplain: G.Ch., Herald: Her., Seven Preceptors: 1P-7P.

With the approval of the Executive Officer, part of the C.E.'s work may be delegated to Assistant Commander(s) in the East (A.C.E.). Some examples are the Obligation, the presentation of the Patent and Ring, and the presentation of the Cordon and Medallion. If used, A.C.E.(s) will follow behind the C.E. in the entrance and exit floor work.

All Officers take regular stations. Herald after making announcement sits in S.D.'s station.

Required Paraphernalia: Seven candlesticks with unlighted candles arranged as on Diagram One; gavel on C.E.'s pedestal; National flag in standard; Holy Book open on Altar with unsheathed sword across it with hilt toward Southwest corner, point toward Northeast corner; school books on Northeast corner of Altar; patents; cordons and medallions on C.E.'s pedestal; flowers placed appropriately on the altar around the holy book:

- 1P. Red and white carnations*
- 2P. Ferns or evergreens*
- 3P. White roses*
- 4P. Jasmine or other yellow flowers*
- 5P. Any blue flowers other than violets*
- 6P. White lilies*
- 7P. Red roses*

A sample ring must be on hand in the event one or more designates receiving the degree elects not to purchase the ring; kneeling pads. The flowers will be placed on the Altar before the ceremony begins.

Optional Paraphernalia: The Chapter banner in a standard; Altar cloth; pedestal covers; baton for Grand Marshal; pedestal on the right of each Preceptor station.

Procession forms single file as follows: Her., G.Mar., C.E., C.S., C.W., G.Ch. 1P., 2P., 3P., 4P., 5P., 6P., 7P. Her. moves C E V U, ascends dais, faces West.

Fanfare of trumpets.

Her. Friends in the North, East, South and West, DeMolay Canada calls you to labour. A Grand Preceptory of the Legion of Honour is now convened, dedicated to the glory of God. You will take due notice thereof and govern yourself accordingly.

Procession led by G.Mar. moves A C E V U. C.E. drops off at his station first, then as procession proceeds T C E V, the C.S. and C.W. drop off, then on second circuit the G.Ch. and 1P-7P. drop off; G.Mar. moves V Z X, faces West.

C.E. * (rap)

All except C.E. sit down.

C.E. Brother Grand Marshall, you will present those about to receive the Legion of Honour of the Order of DeMolay.

G.Mar. moves X Z T, then to place where designates are seated and conducts them to point U, facing East.

G.Mar. Brother Commander in the East, I have the honour and great pleasure to present to you (*speaks name of each designate*) who have been officially designated by DeMolay Canada to be received and elevated to the rank, honour, insignia and degree of the Legion of Honour of the Order of DeMolay.

Suggested music cue.

C.E. We are met on this occasion for a purpose typical of the Order of DeMolay and yet one unique in its activities. It is the public investiture and recognition with which DeMolay Canada honours its illustrious ones, not only for outstanding leadership in some field of endeavor, but also for service to God, to country and to humanity.

This citation is not necessarily a reward for DeMolay labour. Your zeal and interest in the welfare of the Order of DeMolay is an accepted fact. Your designation to be exalted to the highest honour within the gift of DeMolay

Canada comes as a recognition of the leadership you are manifesting in some worthwhile endeavor though it may be in an obscure field of service. We present each one of you to the world as an exemplar and an exponent of the Order of DeMolay.

Tonight, the door of service opens wide to you. Your ears are attuned to a high sense of duty and honour, yet I admonish you to reflect well upon the added responsibility that now comes to you - that you may never fail as a citizen, as a leader, and as a human being. The honour which we are about to confer is one to which all may aspire but which only few can attain. Indeed, the finger falls upon only the chosen few. At this moment those who have been created members of the DeMolay Legion of Honour are counted only in the tens of thousands from a worldwide membership that runs into the millions.

You not only become a part of a distinguished body determined to perpetuate the ideals of the Order of DeMolay, but you are bound together by the most sacred of vows to lead the great army of DeMolay as it marches onward to a realization of its teachings-teachings which mean so much to the young manhood of this and every other nation.

The very name "Legion" means not so much numbers as selection-not so much quantity as quality. The immortal Tenth Legion will live forever in history, yet it never fought so bravely as when under the eye of Caesar, who knew each man by name. But the Legion of Honour of the Order of DeMolay will fight under the eyes of the nation and of the world, against all the agencies hostile to their country's welfare and in behalf of everything that makes a nation strong and great.

I congratulate you heartily on the distinction that has come to you, most heartily of all because the Order of DeMolay inspires such service as that upon which this honour is based. By the authority and power in me vested, assisted by my colleagues, I am now about to confer upon you the highest decoration within the gift of DeMolay Canada. Before doing so, however, let us reverently ask the blessing of Almighty God upon this investiture.

* * * (3 raps)

All stand.

Brother Grand Chaplain, you will lead us in our devotions.

All lights except the candles and Altar spot are dimmed.

G.Mar. directs designates to face West, toward Altar. G.Ch. unescorted goes to Altar, moving X Z I J. G.Ch. halts at point J, faces East and takes one step toward Altar. As G.Ch. leaves station all DeMolays and Legionnaires in East and C.W. and C.S. descend to floor level.

C.E. Legionnaires, if able, and DeMolays will kneel on left knee. All others will remain standing.

All DeMolays and Legionnaires kneel in unison as G.Ch. kneels.

G.Ch. Almighty God, we humbly approach Thy throne and invoke Thy blessing upon these who are dedicated to doing Thy holy will. We pray Thy special blessing upon these leaders now about to be honoured in Thy sight – in the eyes of their fellows and the world – for their devotion to the great cause represented by this Order. They approach Thee in no spirit of vainglory or pride, but with a humility that comes from a new sense of responsibility with which these honours invest them. We thank Thee, our Heavenly Father, for Thy divine favour in the past and wilt Thou be graciously pleased to reconsecrate these whom we honour here. May they become more knightly for Thee and for their beloved country – more chivalrous for their fellowmen – more valiant for DeMolay in serving Thee by serving Thy humanity. Amen.

ALL Amen.

G.Ch. and all DeMolays and Legionnaires rise. G.Ch. takes one step backward away from Altar, faces North, moves J K V Z X, faces West. As G.Ch. leaves Altar all DeMolays and Legionnaires who were in East and C.W. and C.S. return to daises. Lights raised to full. G.Mar. directs designates to face East.

C.E. * (rap)

All except C.E., G.Mar. and designates sit down.

As Legionnaires-elect, you have already taken a vow, one that may ever be a solemn reminder to you to be true to the ideals of DeMolay and valiant in its service the rest of your life. In the presence of these witnesses you will therefore be required to make a public declaration. Are you ready to make this declaration?

Des. I am.

C.E. You must understand that from now on there is no avenue of resignation. You will now be conducted to the altar by Brother Grand Marshall.

Suggested music cue: G.Mar. conducts designates, moving U T I J, facing East.

C.E. * * * (3 raps)

All rise.

C.E. moves X U O.

C.E. You will kneel on both knees, if able...

Designates kneel.

...place your right hand on the Holy Book and knightly sword...

Done.

...Say "I"

Des. I

C.E. Pronounce your name in full...

Done.

C.E. and repeat after me.

C.E. pauses after each phrase of convenient length in the Obligation, to give designates an opportunity to repeat it. A diagonal is placed at suggested points for pausing, but C.E. should understand that he may phrase as he chooses. If an identification card is not given to the designates, the phrase "identification card and" should be omitted in the Obligation.

In the presence of Almighty God / and these witnesses here assembled, / do solemnly promise, covenant and vow / that I will do all in my power to strengthen the Order of DeMolay / and to prove myself worthy / of the honour I shall here receive / on bended knee and with deep humility.

I furthermore promise, covenant, and vow, / that I will, to the utmost of my ability, / carry the teachings of the Order of DeMolay / into my daily life: / and to live before the world, / in accordance with its precepts.

I furthermore promise, covenant, and vow, / that I will never willingly do anything / to forfeit the good opinion / of all right-thinking people.

I furthermore promise, covenant, and vow, / that I will always heed the call of service / in any field of endeavor, / that I will never shirk / the responsibilities of citizenship, / and will, to the best of my ability, / aid in the enforcement / of law and order.

I furthermore promise, covenant, and vow / that hereafter on March eighteenth / of each year / I will, as a memorial to the martyrdom of Jacques DeMolay, / have communion with a fellow member of the Legion of Honour / wherever I may be, / and should this be impossible, / will break bread with a member of the Order of DeMolay / or a young man in his teens.

I furthermore promise, covenant, and vow, / that I will never have communion with, / nor recognize as a member of, / the Legion of Honour, / anyone who does not possess / the (identification card and) credentials / of DeMolay Canada.

I furthermore promise, covenant, and vow, / that I will never take the name of God in vain.

So help me God!

Suggested music cue:

C.E. You will disengage your hands from the Holy Book

Done.

...arise...

Done.

...and kiss the Holy Book once.

Done.

C.E. faces East, moves O U X, faces West.

C.E. * (rap)

All except C.E., G.Mar., and designates sit down.

C.E. Flowers play an important part in DeMolay activities. We believe in placing them in the hands of the living and not alone on the casket of the dead. Brother Preceptors, you will pay tribute to these Legionnaires.

C.E. sits down.

Instructions for the Preceptors: when approaching their candles, all Preceptors turn from the walking bands at a 90-degree angle.

1P. rises, moves X Z C E towards V to candle 1, lights it and steps to point O, faces West.

1P. In the name of DeMolay Canada, I light this candle at the symbolic Altar of filial love.

1P places his hands on red and white carnations on the Altar.

And with these flowers of affection I dedicate you anew to the DeMolay ideals of loving sonship.

1P. moves O P V T Z X, sits down. As 1P. sits down, 2P. rises and moves X Z C E towards V, then to candle 2, lights it and steps up to point O, faces West.

2P. In the name of DeMolay Canada, I light this candle at the symbolic Altar of reverence for sacred things.

2P. places his hands on ferns or evergreens on the Altar.

And with these green sprigs of immortality I dedicate you anew to the faith of our fathers--a faith that builds cities, founds homes and preserves nations; a faith that makes youth strong and manhood gentle, as purpose and plan are with certainty unfolded before us. May you, through virtue, truth and righteousness, reveal a faith that will hold you steadfast to the end.

2P. moves O N Z X, sits down. As 2P. sits down, 3P. rises, and moves X Z E towards V, then to candle 3, lights it and steps to point O, faces West.

3P. In the name of DeMolay Canada, I light this candle at the symbolic Altar of courtesy.

3P. places his hands on white roses on the Altar.

And with these pure roses of white I dedicate you anew to the DeMolay ideals of that thoughtful consideration for others which is the only true refinement.

3P. moves O N C Z X, replaces candle, sits down. As 3P. sits down, 4P. rises and moves X Z E V U, then to candle 4, lights it and steps to point O, faces West.

4P. In the name of DeMolay Canada, I light this candle at the symbolic Altar of comradeship.

4P. places his hands on jasmine or other yellow flowers on the Altar.

And with these yellow flowers of constancy I dedicate you anew to the DeMolay ideals of loyalty to your fellows in all the contacts of life.

4P. faces East, moves O N C Z X, sits down. As 4P. sits down, 5P. rises and moves X Z V T towards C, then to candle 5, lights it then steps to point O, faces West.

5P. In the name of DeMolay Canada, I light this candle at the symbolic Altar of fidelity

5P. places his hands blue flowers on the Altar.

And with these flowers of blue that are the immemorial symbol of that virtue, I dedicate you anew to the DeMolay ideals of faithfulness to all the obligations of your life.

5P. moves O N C E Z X, sits down. As 5P. sits down, 6P. rises and moves X Z V T towards C, then to candle 6, lights it then steps to point O, faces West.

6P. In the name of DeMolay Canada, I light this candle at the symbolic Altar of cleanness.

6P. places his hands on the lilies on the Altar.

And with these lilies of stainless white symbol of the true knight's purity of thought, word and deed, I dedicate you anew to the DeMolay ideals of clean living, clean speaking and clean thinking. The great message of DeMolay to its membership and to the world is this--a clean mind in a clean body is the best preparation for the clean adulthood upon which clean citizenship depends.

6P. moves O N C E Z X, sits down. As 6P. sits down, 7P. rises and moves X Z V T towards C, then to candle 7, lights it then steps to point O, faces West.

7P. In the name of DeMolay Canada, I light this candle at the symbolic Altar of patriotism.

7P. places his hands on the red roses on the Altar.

And with these red roses—the immemorial badge of courage—I dedicate you anew to the DeMolay ideals of citizenship, the bravery that springs to the defense of this flag and your country’s honour if conflict comes—and the bravery which offers the heroism of good citizenship in time of peace.

7P. moves O N C E Z X, sits down.

Suggested music cue:

G.Mar. conducts designates, moving J K V T L, faces South.

G.Mar. Brother Commander in the South, I present these designates now about to be invested with the Legion of Honour.

C.S. For the purpose of this ceremony, I occupy the station symbolic of the years of adulthood. As the sun at its zenith represents the day half done, the task incomplete, this station symbolizes the attainment of noontime years. I congratulate you most heartily upon the distinguished honour that has been accorded you. Its value will not consist of the intrinsic worth of the insignia which will be given you, but in the fact that you are hereby rededicated and reconsecrated through all the years of your lives to unfaltering championship of your Order, whose interests are bound up with those of your community and your nation. I charge you in all solemnity to prove your further merit by regulating your future conduct by the teachings of the Order upon which you have reflected credit and which, through its highest governing body, is glad to honour you. You will now be conducted to the Commander in the West.

Suggested music cue:

G.Mar. conducts designates, moving L C D, faces West.

G.Mar. Brother Commander in the West, I present these designates now about to be invested with the Legion of Honour.

C.W. For the purpose of this ceremony, I occupy the station in the West, symbolic of the day about to close and the human life that nears its end. But above all it represents the sun that shall never set and the glorious promise of everlasting happiness in the world to come. At this station, symbolic of the end of the journey, I can, with all propriety, congratulate you on this auspicious occasion, and express the hope that--when for you in turn the sunshine of life shall turn to shadows--they will close about you like a benediction--with the promise of eternal rewards and everlasting honours. You will now be conducted to the East.

Suggested music cue:

G.Mar. conducts designates moving D E S R, faces East. Places kneeling pads for designates.

C.E. It is now my pleasant duty and honour to present to each of you these tangible emblems of the decoration accorded Legionnaires of the Order of DeMolay. They are the Patent of Membership, the Knightly Ring, the Cordon of a Valiant Knight of the Legion of Honour, and the Medallion of Chivalry.

This Patent is a document which you may well place beside the intimate treasures of your life and cherish as a priceless possession. By this Patent, DeMolay Canada has become your endorser – has issued its certificate of your good character. To the world, it is a promise, which you must redeem at full face value and without compromise or devaluation. To yourself it is a standing challenge to perform nobly in every contest you may enter.

The ring is a fitting symbol of all the pledges you have made, or may make in the future, to be a citizen of whom your Order and the nation may have cause to be proud. In all ages the ring has been a gauge of fidelity. It is as endless as the wisdom, power and mercy of God. It is made of gold, the immemorial symbol of worth. May it inspire you to a new devotion to God,

to your country, to the cause of truth and righteousness, devotion, which will be as endless as this circlet and as priceless as the gold of which it is composed.

If all designates are receiving a ring, omit the word "symbolically" and place ring on finger at the conclusion of the part. If one or more designates do not select the ring, the word "symbolically" should be used and the sample ring should be displayed during the speech.

C.E. I (*symbolically*) place this ring upon your little finger and enjoin you ever to consider it a constant reminder of your vow to be faithful to the trust reposed in you.

The Cordon is the insignia of membership in an Order, which has taken as its great exemplar one of the world's most knightly heroes, Jacques DeMolay, whose memory all DeMolays revere. As I place it about your neck may it robe you with knightliness, clothe you with dignity and honour and ever remind you of that humility which is the very essence of knighthood.

The medallion reveals the valour that has come down through the ages. The knights of old wore some similar heraldic device, containing the portrait of a loved one, their civil lord or some other appropriate figure attesting their knightly state. May it ever be before you as a reminder of the cause to which you have pledged your knightly honour.

Suggested music cue:

C.E. places cordons and medallions on each designate after conclusion of the speech.

G.Mar. without direction, moves R Q I J, faces East, removes sword from Altar, then moves J K V U and hands it to C.E.

C.E. In the name of DeMolay Canada, and by virtue of the power and authority in me vested, and with this sword, an emblem of power which should be wielded in defense of right and only against wrong, injustice and oppression, I dedicate you in the eyes of God, these witnesses and the

world, to your country's highest good, to the defense of its honour, to the performance of all the duties of devoted and patriotic citizenship which alone make a nation great. I dedicate you anew to the championship of the public schools and to honourable warfare against all who would assail them or take the smallest stone from this citadel of our nation's liberties, and with this sword I shall now dub, create, constitute and consecrate each of you a Legionnaire of the Legion of Honour of the Order of DeMolay. You will kneel on both knees, if able.

C.E. moves to point U then to each designate in turn and taps him lightly on the right shoulder and says:

C.E. For God

...on the left shoulder...

C.E. For country

...on the crown of the head...

C.E. For DeMolay.

C.E. takes sword by blade in right hand, places sword across left arm, turning the left side to Legionnaire.

C.E. Arise Legionnaire.

Legionnaire places his right hand on hilt and rises. G.Mar. directs Legionnaires to face Altar.

C.E. Brother Grand Marshal, you will present the Patents.

Done.

The purpose for which this Grand Preceptory has been called to labour is at an end. May God bless all that has been said and done here; may these just invested with this honour press forward as a valiant phalanx, a veritable Legion of Honour, leading DeMolay's serried ranks to new victories for humanity by following, and championing, the cardinal virtues and teaching of our Order the prosperity, and to the glory of the Infinite and Almighty Creator.

G.Mar. seats new Legionnaires and returns Z X.

MAJORITY SERVICE



This service is intended to recognize those who have attained their majority and have ceased to be Active members of the Order of DeMolay.

Required Parts: Master Councillor: M.C., Senior Councillor: S.C., Junior Councillor: J.C., Marshall: Mar., and Chaplain: Ch.

Required Paraphernalia: Gavel on M.C.'s pedestal; Holy Bible open on Altar; school books on Northeast corner of the Altar; National flag in standard as indicated on Diagram One; patents.

Optional Paraphernalia: Chapter banner in a standard; seven candlesticks with candles all arranged as on Diagram One; Altar cloth; Altar flowers; pedestal covers; baton for Mar.

M.C. Brethren, some of our number have reached the years of manhood and now cease to be Active members of our Order. It is fitting and proper that we give due consideration to this fact and bid them a formal and fraternal farewell as Active DeMolays. Will all who are qualified please rise?

M.C. Brother Marshall, you will conduct the brothers to the East.

Suggested music cue:

Mar. moves X Z T, then to place where recipients are seated and conducts them to point U; all face East.

M.C. My brothers, as you have attained the age of 21 years, it becomes our solemn duty to bid you farewell as Active members of the Order of

DeMolay and it is our privilege to congratulate you on having crossed the threshold which ushers you into the broader life of manhood.

The years have set up a boundary line between you and Active membership in our Order. They may widen that line into a gap, the gap into a chasm and the chasm into a great gulf. But across them all, your zeal for DeMolay, the memory of your Active membership and your continuing interest in its behalf will build a bridge which will span the broadest and deepest abyss the years can carve.

The ancient world held no higher civic honour than Roman citizenship. When the Roman youth attained his majority, he laid aside the tunic for the toga virilis, the emblem of life's new dignities, duties and responsibilities.

To you has come our country's noblest honour, that of being a citizen. You have symbolically laid aside the garb of youth for the toga of citizenship.

It is no longer proper for us to admonish, instruct, or direct. We can only remind and request. I therefore ask you to permit yourselves to be conducted to the South, symbolic of the noon of life and the manhood years you have attained.

Suggested music cue:

Mar. and recipients move U T L, face South.

J.C. My brothers, on the symbolic journey of our ceremonies you have often heard inculcated the cardinal teachings of our Order. To this station your eyes have been directed as toward a goal worth all your striving. That goal you have now reached.

There is no invisible line at which you are justified in disregarding the lessons taught you in your Chapter. The virtues which adorn youth honour manhood even more.

You know best of all whether as a DeMolay your achievements have measured up to your promise. You know best where and why you fell short of accomplishment as fallible humanity must fail at times. But I take

pleasure in testifying that in the eyes of your brethren you have been loyal DeMolays, worthy wearers of the Crown of Youth, which you have now exchanged for the Crown of Manhood.

The hand of welcome will be extended more eagerly than the hand of farewell whenever you revisit the scenes in which you have borne so pleasant a part in the past. Brother Marshall, you will escort our brothers to the West.

Suggested music cue:

Mar. and recipients move L C D, face West.

S.C. My brothers, you have reached the zenith years which point backward to what you have done and forward to what remains to be achieved. Half your years are behind you and half before. We can only repeat the hope that when you reach the evening of your lives you may be able to look back upon a long and happy journey, filled with memories of duties well performed, the western sky glowing with the promise of the everlasting morning. We ask you to turn your eyes again to the wonderful opportunities and the golden tasks of the afternoon that are now before you. Brother Marshall, you will cause our brothers to face the Altar.

Mar. and recipients face Altar.

M.C. * * * (3 raps)

All stand.

M.C. Brother Chaplain, you will lead us in prayer.

All lights except the candles and Altar spot are dimmed.

Ch., unescorted goes to Altar, moves X Z I J. Ch. halts at point J, faces East, takes one step toward Altar. As Ch. leaves station all Active DeMolays in East and S.C. and J.C. descend to floor level.

M.C. Active DeMolays will kneel on left knee. All others will remain standing.

All Active DeMolays kneel in unison as Ch. kneels.

Ch. *Our Father, we pray Thy watchful and loving care over these brothers who have reached the manhood years of life. Sanctify the ties that have been formed in their Chapter and in this Order. Help these brothers to be true and faithful men as they have been true and faithful DeMolays. Help them to realize that the teachings of this Order are fundamental truths that know no dividing line of years and that the true spirit of a good DeMolay will make each one a better man. Wilt Thou help us to reconsecrate ourselves to the great purposes of our Order that when we, like our brothers, reach the noon of life, we may be better fitted for all its tasks. We ask it all in Thy holy name. Amen.*

ALL *Amen.*

Ch. and all Active DeMolays rise. Ch. takes one step backward away from Altar and faces North. Ch. unescorted, moves J K V Z X, faces West. As Ch. leaves Altar all Active DeMolays who were in the East, the S.C. and J.C. return to daises. Lights raised to full.

M.C. * (rap)

All except M.C., Mar. and recipients sit down.

M.C. Brother Marshall, you will conduct our brothers to the East.

Suggested music cue:

Mar. and recipients move D E V U; all face East.

M.C. Brother Marshall, you will present the patents to our brothers.

Mar. presents the Senior DeMolay patents to the recipients.

M.C. And now, my brothers, we may no longer greet you as Active DeMolays, though the ties which have been formed can be severed only by death. We bid you farewell to the journey of youth, and we look forward to joining you soon, when we in turn cross the threshold of manhood.

Brother Marshall, you will afford our brothers seats within the Chapter room.

Mar. and recipients move U T then to seats, and Mar. moves Z X, faces West.

M.C. * (rap)

All sit down. The recipients should be given a chance to address the Chapter.

THE MOTHER'S WATCH



This short optional ceremony was adapted from the poem "The Mother Watch," by Edgar Guest, which is in the public domain.

Chapters may choose to add this poem into the Flower Talk, just before the line "If your mother is living, you will choose a red flower." With permission of the Executive Officer, Chapters may also choose to utilize this as a standalone ceremony.

Many of our members no longer live in a traditional family situation. The Mother's Watch presents a societal ideal that, for some, may never be a reality. Chapter Advisors should consider the life situation of each member before encouraging them to participate in it. Chapter Advisors are responsible to see that all members are instructed in its purpose and given the option to choose whether or not to participate.

Adaptation, under special circumstances, may be authorized by permission of the Executive Officer.

It is well to also consider the audience for which it will be performed. If the Mother's Watch is being presented as a standalone ceremony, prior to the start, the Chapter Advisor, or another Advisor, MAY use the following text to explain the purpose of the Mother's Watch to the recipients and audience members who may not have seen the ceremony previously.

Adv. The Mother's Watch is an open ceremony that has been traditionally used following induction into the Order of DeMolay, at Installations, and other appropriate public functions to highlight the

Virtue of Filial Love: love of parents and family. Through this virtue, we seek to emphasize that abiding devotion we bear to those who raised us from infancy, or who cared for us in our youth, whether they be a mother, father, relative, or other primary caregiver. This ceremony is not part of the required induction process, and participation is optional.

Required Part: The Speaker: Spk. It is most effectively given by an Active DeMolay with a pleasing and mature voice and style of delivery.

Spk. She never closed her eyes to sleep 'till we were all in bed,
And on party nights 'till we come home she often sat and read.

We little thought about it then, for we were young they say,
Just how much mama worried when we children were away.

We only knew she never slept, and when we were out at night,
That she waited just to know we'd all come home all right.

For sometimes when we'd stay away till one or two or three,
It seemed to us that mama heard the turning of the key.

For always when we'd step inside she'd call and we'd reply;
But we were all too young back then to understand the reason why.

Until the last one had returned she'd always keep a light,
For mama couldn't sleep until she kissed us all good night.

She had to know that we were safe before she went to rest,
She seemed to fear that the world might harm the ones that she loved the best;

And once she said "when you are grown to women and to men,
Perhaps I'll sleep the whole night through, I may be different then."

And so it seemed that night and day we knew a mother's care,
That always when we got back home we'd find her waiting there.

Then came the night when we were called to gather 'round her bed
"The children are all with you now," the kindly doctor said.

And in her eyes there gleamed again that old time tender light
That told that she'd just been waiting to know we were all right.

She smiled that old familiar smile and prayed to God to keep
Her children safe from harm throughout the years, and then she went to sleep.

PUBLIC CHAPTER OPENING AND CLOSING



This optional ceremony is designed for events such as honour conferrals, where the Chapter room must be set up with its paraphernalia, and where the ceremonies being performed do not include any formal opening or closing. Chapters may choose to utilize it to more fully explain the goals of the Order of DeMolay, when visitors are present who are attending a DeMolay ceremony for the first time. Consequently, it should be made as impressive as possible, and should only be performed by a team of Active DeMolays.

As an example of its usage, if the day's ceremonies include the Legion of Honour Investiture and the Chevalier Investiture, this ceremony could be incorporated as shown in the following sequence:

- 1. Public Chapter Opening as given in this ceremony.*
- 2. Transition to the Chevalier Investiture. The Opening team would take seats on the sidelines, and the Chevalier team would change the room setup as necessary to prepare for its ceremony.*
- 3. The Chevalier team would enter, and perform the ceremony.*
- 4. Transition to the Legion of Honour Investiture. The Chevalier team would take seats on the sidelines, and the Legion of Honour team would change the room setup as necessary to prepare for its ceremony (for instance, informally extinguishing the candles).*
- 5. The Legion of Honour team would enter and perform the ceremony.*
- 6. Remarks and other presentations.*

7. *Transition to the Closing. The Legion of Honour team would take seats on the sidelines, and the Closing team would take their stations.*
8. *Public Chapter Closing as given in this ceremony.*

Required Parts: Master Councillor: M.C., Senior Councillor: S.C., Junior Councillor: J.C., Senior Deacon: S.D.

Required Paraphernalia: Gavel on M.C.'s pedestal; Holy Bible closed on Altar; school books on pedestal of M.C.; 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 as indicated on Diagram One; Altar flowers; pedestal covers.

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

M.C.
S.C. S.D. J.C.

They kneel for a moment of silent prayer.

M.C. Amen.

Officers rise and M.C. moves J K V U X, faces West.

M.C. * (rap)

Simultaneously S.C. and S.D. face left and J.C. faces right. They move to their respective walking bands and then to their stations.

M.C. * (rap)

All except M.C. sit down.

M.C. Friends, on behalf of Chapter, Order of DeMolay, we welcome you most cordially to this special occasion. It may not be out of place at this time to explain briefly the general purposes of our Order, to which only young men between the ages of 12 and 21 years are eligible. While we have secret signs, words and modes of recognition, we have no secrets from the world so far as our central purposes are concerned. We are banded together for mutual improvement, to help each other live clean, manly, upright, patriotic lives, which will be a credit to our parents and friends, and which will merit the commendation of all good men. In our meetings we inculcate only principles which are in harmony with this exalted purpose and in our daily lives we seek to carry them into effect. We feel we can rightly bespeak for our Order in general and for ourselves in particular the hearty assistance of all good men and women.

M.C. Brother Senior Deacon, you will attend at the Altar.

Suggested music cue:

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. M.C. begins following speech as S.D. begins to light Candle 1. M.C. and S.D. coordinate speech and actions so that Candle 7 is lighted just as M.C. concludes speech.

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.

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

M.C. * (rap)

S.D. sits down.

M.C. Brother Senior Councillor, you will open the Holy Bible on the Altar.

* * * (3 raps)

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

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.

S.C. moves J X, faces East.

M.C. Brother Junior Councillor, you will see that the flag of our country is presented at the Altar.

J.C. Brother 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. Senior Deacon carries the flag with left hand high, right hand low on the flag staff, with the staff extending past his right side. Installing Senior Deacon should tilt the flag forward such that he may carry it comfortably. As Senior Deacon picks up the flag, all present stand at attention while the flag is being presented.

Suggested music cue.

Senior Deacon 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 Senior Deacon 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. Installing Senior Deacon 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.*

Suggested music cue: National anthem or other patriotic song.

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

J.C. moves X Z N O, faces West.

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.

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

M.C. * (rap)

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

M.C. 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 books, 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.

M.C. moves O U X, faces West.

M.C. I now declare this Chapter duly open.

* (rap)

All except M.C. sit down.

If appropriate, the M.C. may hand the gavel to the next speaker. The Officers may informally take seats on the sidelines.

At the conclusion of the other ceremonies, the Officers informally return to their positions for the closing ceremony.

M.C. Brother Senior Deacon, you will attend at the Altar.

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 M.C.'s pedestal, then moves U Z X, faces West.

M.C. I now declare this Chapter closed.

* (rap)

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

M.C. The Officers will now retire.

* * (2 raps)

Officers rise. M.C. moves X Z U T I J, faces East. As soon as M.C. turns in toward the triangle from the walking band, simultaneously S.C., J.C., and S.D. leave their stations and go to their positions in the triangle, with S.C. following S.D. When all Officers have reached their positions, they kneel for a moment of silent prayer.

M.C. Amen.

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

REPRESENTATIVE DEMOLAY INVESTITURE



It is recommended that this ceremony be presented by Representative DeMolays; however, other Active DeMolays may take part to the extent necessary.

Required Parts: Master Councillor: M.C.; Marshall: Mar.

Optional Parts: Senior Councillor: S.C.; Junior Councillor: J.C.

Required Paraphernalia: Gavel on the Master Councillor's pedestal; Holy Bible open on the Altar; school books on the Northeast corner of the Altar. For each designate, there shall be a white flower tied with a royal purple ribbon, lying on Master Councillor's pedestal; an R.D. lapel pin, an R.D. citation and card all lying on a separate pedestal just South of the Altar and Candle 7.

Optional Paraphernalia: Seven Candlesticks with candles; National flag and Chapter banner placed in standards as indicated on Diagram One; Altar cloth; Altar flowers; pedestal covers; baton for Marshall; R.D. riband.

See Appendix A for pronunciation and definition of "tuebor"

M.C. * (rap)

Brethren and friends, when a young man receives the degrees of our Order, and continuously thereafter, he is reminded that the ideals of DeMolay must be practiced in his daily life, so that they become ingrained habits that govern his thoughts and his deeds. This requires that a DeMolay engage in a program of well-rounded self-development, which

will furnish the basis of an adult life that will be truly representative of the principles of our Order. To the member who achieves this goal is granted the distinction of being designated a Representative DeMolay. Brother Marshall, present the designates to this Chapter.

Mar. moves X Z T, then to place where designates are seated, and conducts them to point U; Mar. and designates face East.

Mar. Brother Master Councillor, I am privileged to present Brothers, who have been designated to receive the Representative DeMolay award.

M.C. My Brothers, the attainment of this goal is naturally the objective of every DeMolay. This distinction is granted by DeMolay Canada on the basis of a recommendation by your Chapter and a self-evaluation which you have prepared. Before we may greet you with your new title of Representative DeMolay, you must answer certain questions based on the self-evaluation record.

At the Chapter's option, the queries may be given by the Junior Councillor instead of the Master Councillor. If this is done:

M.C. Brother Marshall, conduct the designates to the Junior Councillor.

Mar. conducts designates U T L; all face South.

M.C. (J.C.) Have you conscientiously tried to obey the divine command, "Honour thy father and thy mother"?

Des. I have.

M.C. (J.C.) Do you love God, and do you earnestly strive to develop your spiritual potential?

Des. I do.

M.C. (J.C.) Have you honestly tried to maintain a clean mind and to keep your thoughts, speech and deeds on a high level of respect for womanhood?

Des. I have.

M.C. (J.C.) Have you struggled to develop self-control to the end that you may avoid speaking rashly and acting unwisely?

Des. I have.

M.C. (J.C.) Have you maintained a schedule of varied physical and recreational activities to develop a healthy body?

Des. I have.

M.C. (J.C.) Have you, through study and work, sought to prepare yourself for effective service to society?

Des. I have.

M.C. (J.C.) Have you sought to broaden your outlook by reading and studying those arts and sciences which are beyond your special fields of interest?

Des. I have.

M.C. (J.C.) Have you been regular in your attendance and participation in the activities of our Order?

Des. I have.

M.C. (J.C.) Will you oppose every effort to undermine our government, and will you study the basic principles of good citizenship upon which our liberties are founded?

Des. I will.

If the Junior Councillor gave the preceding questions, then the Senior Councillor will further instruct the designates.

J.C. Brother Marshall, conduct the designates to the Senior Councillor.

Mar. conducts designates L C D; all face West.

M.C. (S.C.) My Brothers, you have met the requirements for this award, and I will now instruct you on the life which you must lead as a Representative DeMolay.

The word of a Representative DeMolay is "Tuebor," a Latin word which means "I shall defend." As a Representative DeMolay, you shall defend yourself against all thoughts and actions contrary to the seven cardinal virtues of our Order: a real affection for our parents, a genuine belief in God, considerate treatment of others, loyalty toward friends, faithful and habitual fulfillment of obligations, cleanness in thought, word and deed and a dedicated defense of our form of government. You shall defend these seven precepts even at peril to yourself, just as Jacques DeMolay defended his principles even unto his death.

M.C. (S.C.) Brother Marshall, conduct the designates to our Holy Altar.

If the M.C. gave the preceding speech, then Mar. and designates move U T I J, face East. If the S.C. gave the preceding speech, then Mar. and designates move D J, face East.

M.C. * * * (3 raps)

All rise.

M.C. moves X U O.

M.C. My Brothers, you will kneel on your left knee.

Designates kneel.

M.C. Place your right hand on the Holy Bible or on the shoulder of the

brother in front of you.

Done.

M.C. Place your left hand over your heart.

Done.

M.C. Say "I"...

Des. I

M.C. ...Speak your names.

Done.

M.C. ...and repeat after me:

M.C. pauses after each phrase of convenient length in the Obligation, to give candidates an opportunity to repeat it. A diagonal is placed at suggested points for pausing, but M.C. should understand that he may phrase as he chooses.

M.C. Before God, my Brothers and these friends, / and on my honour as a man and DeMolay, / do hereby rededicate myself / to the principles and ideals / of the Order of DeMolay. / I will defend, / by my daily life, / the seven symbolic jewels in the Crown of Youth / and I promise / that in every thought, word and deed, / I will earnestly strive / to be truly representative of DeMolay.

So help me God.

My Brothers, you will arise...

Done.

M.C. ...and seal your obligation by kissing the Holy Bible.

Done.

M.C. My Brothers, we now greet you with the title you have so richly earned, Representative DeMolay, and I present to you the insignia of this award.

M.C. walks around the Altar, hands each designate the certificate, card and lapel pin, and shakes hands with each designate. M.C. then returns to his station by moving from the last designate to K V U Z X, faces West.

M.C. * (rap)

All except M.C., Mar. and designates sit down.

M.C. Brother Marshall, conduct the new Representative DeMolays to the East.

Mar. and designates move J K V U, face East.

M.C. My Brothers, permit me to congratulate you upon receiving the Representative DeMolay award. I also call to your attention that the receipt of awards always adds to one's obligations. You have been publicly designated before this assembly as one who has earned this award by putting into practice the ideals of DeMolay. You now stand before your Brothers as a leader whose work and service shall ever serve to encourage all your associates to strive for and to attain the same distinction. You will no doubt attain many other awards for services well-completed in a life well-lived, but not one of these will be more significant than the one now granted for a life well-begun. And finally, on solemn occasions such as this, when we have received some recognition or distinction, our thoughts instinctively turn to our parents, who take such pride in our accomplishments and honours. We ask that you present to your parents this single flower as a token of your affection for them and as a memento of this occasion, which marks your fulfillment, in part at least, of their high ambition for you.

M.C. moves X U, presents flowers to designates, returns U X, faces West.

M.C. Brother Marshall, conduct our Brothers to seats of honour in this Chapter.

Mar. and designates move U T, then to seats and Mar. moves Z X, faces West.

M.C. * (rap)

All sit down.

SHIELD TALK



This ceremony is designed to be given in a Chapter Room, to explain the symbolism of the official DeMolay Emblem. It is an educational tool for members and the general public, and may be presented in any public or private setting.

Required Parts: The Speaker: Spk.; it is most effectively given by an Active DeMolay with a pleasing and mature voice and style of delivery. With permission of the Executive Officer, Chapters may divide this ceremony among multiple speakers.

Required Paraphernalia: Emblem as a visual aid: some examples include a Chapter banner; Altar cloth; handouts with the Emblem printed in color; large cardboard cutout; or a projected image.

If this ceremony is not presented in a Chapter Room, the phrase "at this sacred DeMolay Altar" should be omitted.

Spk. My brothers, I stand before you (*at this sacred DeMolay Altar*) so that I may explain to you the symbolism of the beautiful insignia of our Order.

The insignia was designed by the founder of our great Order, "Dad" Frank S. Land. He designed it as a pin and symbol that recognizes us as DeMolays. This emblem is to be worn only by DeMolays and their representatives. Every part of this insignia has a particular significance, and we as DeMolays should know them by heart.

The CROWN is symbolic of the Crown of Youth and constantly reminds a DeMolay of his obligations and the seven precepts of his Order: Filial Love, Reverence for Sacred Things, Courtesy, Comradeship, Fidelity, Cleanness and Patriotism.

The TEN RUBIES of the crown honour our founder, Frank S. Land and the nine youths whose ties of friendship drew them together in the formation of the Order of DeMolay. Historically, pearls represented those living members of the original nine DeMolays. When, as to every man, the final summons came for each one of this honoured group, a red ruby took the place of a pearl.

The HELMET is emblematic of chivalry which we as DeMolays display through our courtesy and respect for womanhood and without which there can be no fineness of character.

The CRESCENT is a sign of secrecy and constantly reminds DeMolays of their duty never to reveal the secrets of our Order or to betray the confidence of a friend.

The five-armed WHITE CROSS symbolizes the purity of your intentions to always remember the motto of the Order, "No DeMolay shall fail as a citizen, as a leader, and as a man."

The CROSSED SWORDS denote justice, fortitude, and mercy. They symbolize the increasing warfare of DeMolays against arrogance, despotism, and intolerance.

The STARS surrounding the crescent are symbolic of hope and should always remind us of those obligations and duties which one brother of the Order owes to another.

Be sure to display this insignia proudly. Don't wear it any place where you would be ashamed to take your mother or your sister. Remember, in all humility, when you wear this emblem, you are representing and speaking for over three million other DeMolays scattered throughout the world, who cannot, for the moment, speak for themselves.

APPENDIX A - PRONOUNCING GLOSSARY

Note: These definitions are context-specific as they are used in the Ritual.

'	Heavy Stress
ă	as in <u>a</u> pple
ě	as in Be <u>n</u>
ĩ	as in stri <u>p</u>
õ	as in thou <u>gh</u> t
ů	as in mu <u>d</u>
ā	as in br <u>a</u> ve
ē	as in <u>f</u> eed
ī	as in <u>f</u> ire
ō	as in thro <u>w</u>
ū	as in <u>t</u> ru <u>e</u>
â	as in <u>a</u> rrogant
î	as in <u>e</u> erie
ô	as in <u>a</u> wesome
û	as in <u>e</u> arth
ä	as in <u>f</u> alter
ə	as in Florid <u>a</u>

Abiding	ə-bī'dīng. Lasting for a long time.
abundant	ə-bŭn'dənt. Plentiful.
Abyss	ə-bīs'. A bottomless pit or depth.
Adder	ăd'ər. A snake, often poisonous.
Adjutant	ăj'ə-tənt. An assistant.
Admonish	ăd-mŏn'īsh. To remind of an obligation.
Agape	ă-gă'pā. Love that is spiritual in its nature.
Alleviation	ə-lē'vē-ā'shən. Something that relieves or lessens.
Alms	ălmz. Money or goods given to charity.
Animate	ăn'ə-māt'. To fill with spirit.
Arduous	ăr'jū-əs. Demanding great effort; difficult.
Aspiring	ə-spīr' ĩng. Striving toward a goal.
Assail	ə-sāl'. To attack verbally; to ridicule.
Athenian Oath	ŭ-thēn'ē-ăn. An oath of citizenship in ancient Greece.
Attuned	ə-tŭnd'. In agreement with; conformed.
Augury	ô'gyə-rē. A sign of something coming; an omen.
Auspicious	ô-spīsh'əs. Marked by success.
Benediction	bēn'ī-dīk'shən. A blessing.
Bereavement	bī-rēv'mīnt. Being left alone through someone's death.
beseech	bī-sēch'. To request earnestly; to beg for.
Bespeak	bī-spēk'. To predict or give a sign of.
Borne	bŏrn. Carried, assigned, or taken, as in a responsibility.

Brink	břingk. An edge; the point at which something begins.
Buckler	bŭk'lər. A small, round shield either carried or worn on the arm.
Bulwark	bŭl'wərk. Something serving as a defense or safeguard.
Cardinal	kärd'nəl. Of high importance.
Chancellor	chän'sə-lər. An official of high rank.
Chasm	käz'əm. A deep opening in the earth's surface.
Chivalrous	shiv'əl-rəs. Characterized by honour and courtesy.
Chivalry	shiv'əl-rē. Customs of knighthood such as bravery, honour, and courtesy
Circlet	sŭr'klīt. A small circle, especially a circular ornament.
Cistern	sīs'tərn. A receptacle for holding water or other liquids.
Citadel	sīt'ə-dəl. A stronghold or fortified place.
Citation	sī-tā'shən. A commendation for excellent service.
Cleanness	klēn'nəss. Purity of life and language.
Colleagues	köl'ēgz'. Peers or allies.
Communion	kə-myŭn'yən. The act of sharing thoughts; fellowship.
Conscientiousl y	kŏn'shē-ĕn'shəs-lē. Guided by morals; thoroughly.
Consecrate	kŏn'sī-krāt'. To dedicate solemnly to a service or goal.
Consolation	kŏn'sə-lā'shən. Something that gives relief or comfort.
Consonant	kŏn'sə-nənt. Being in agreement or accord.
Conspicuously	kən-spĭk'yŭ-əs-lē'. Easily noticed; obvious.
Constancy	kŏn'stən-sē. Being faithful to purposes.

Constitute	kɔn'stʃi-tūt'. To appoint to an office; to designate.
Convene	kən-vēn'. To come together for an official purpose.
Courteous	kûr'tē-əs. Marked by respect toward others.
Courtesy	kûr'ti-sē. Consideration, and respect in dealing with others.
Covenant	kûv'ə-nənt. A binding agreement or contract.
Coveted	kûv'it-əd. Strongly desired.
Crises	krɪ' sēz. Unstable political or social conditions.
Dais(es)	dā'is(əs) , dɪ' ɪs(əs). A raised platform.
Debauch	dī-bôch'. To lead away from virtue; to corrupt.
Decorum	dī-kôr'əm. Appropriateness of behaviour.
Deference	dēf'ər-əns. Courteous respect.
Degradation	dēg'rə-dā'shən. A decline to an immoral quality.
Deliberations	dī-līb'ə-rā'shənz. A meeting; a decision-making process.
Devaluation	dē-vāl'yū -ā' shən. A lowering in price or value.
Devolve	dī-vōlv'. To pass on or delegate.
Diligent	dīl'ə-jənt. Showing steady and earnest care and effort.
Doling	dōl' ɪŋg. Donating to charity.
Eloquent	ēl'ə-kwənt. Movingly expressive, as in speech.
Emulation	ēm'yə-lā'shən. Imitation of another.
Endeavors	ən-dēv'ərs. Activities directed toward a goal.
Engrossing	ən-grō'sɪŋg. Occupying one's complete attention.
Enlightenment	ən-līt'n-mənt. A state of giving intellectual insight.

Ensuing	ĕn-sū' ĭng. Following; taking place subsequently.
Ere	âr. Before.
Exalted	ĭg-zôl'tĭd. Elevated in rank or status.
Exemplar	ĭ g-zĕm'plâr'. A model; one worthy of imitation.
Exemplify	ĭg-zĕm'plĕ-fi'. To illustrate by example.
Exponent	ĕk'spō'nĕnt. One that speaks for or advocates.
Fallible	făl'ĕ-bĕl. Capable of making an error.
Fidelity	fĭ-dĕl'ĭ-tĕ. The quality or state of being faithful.
Filial	fĭl'ĕ-əl. Of, relating to, or befitting a son or daughter.
Fleeting	flĕ'tĭng. Passing quickly.
Forbearance	fôr-bâr'ĕns. Tolerance; patience.
Fowler	foul'ĕr. A sportsman who hunts or traps wild fowl.
Garland	gâr'lĕnd. A wreath of flowers, used as a decoration.
Garb	gärb. A distinctive form of clothing.
Godspeed	göd'spĕd'. Success or good fortune; literally, God's blessings.
Hallowed	hăl'öd. Highly respected or beloved.
Henceforth	hĕns'fôrth'. From now on.
Herald	hĕr'æld. To announce or proclaim.
Heraldic	hĕ-räl'dĭk. Something that designates or proclaims.
Heretofore	hĭr'tĕ-fôr'. Previously; up until now.
Illumination	ĭ-lū'mĕ-nā'shĕn. Spiritual insight.
Illustrious	ĭ-lūs'trĕ-ĕs. Well known and distinguished.

Immemorial	ĩm'ə-mōr'ē-əl. Reaching beyond the limits of memory.
Immortelles	ĩm'ōr-tělz'. Flowers that retain their shape and color when dried.
Inculcate	ĩn-kŭl'kāt'. To impress upon the mind of another; to instill.
Incumbent	ĩn-kŭm'bənt. A person who holds an office.
Indulgent	ĩn-dŭl'jənt. Disposed to show favour.
Infamy	ĩn'fə-mē. Evil fame or reputation.
Ingrained	ĩn-grānd'. Firmly established; deep-rooted.
Inherent	ĩn-hěr'ənt. Forming an essential element; essence.
Inscrutable	ĩn-skrŭ'tə-bəl. Difficult to understand; mysterious.
Insignia	ĩn-sĩg'nē-ə. A badge of rank; an emblem.
Instinctively	ĩn-stĩngk'tiv-lē. Happening without thought; involuntary.
Integral	ĩn-těg'rəl. Essential or necessary.
Interpolation	ĩn-tŭr'pə-lā'shən. The act of inserting into a sequence.
Intrinsic	ĩn-trĩn'zĩk. Related to the essential nature of a thing; essence.
Investiture	ĩn-vēs'tə-chər. A formal ceremony for conferring an honour.
Invoke	ĩn-vōk'. To call on for assistance, often to a higher power.
Irreparable	ĩ-rěp'ər-ə-bəl. Impossible to repair.
Lustre	lŭs'tər. Variant of "luster," meaning brightness.
Manifest	mān'ə-fěst'. Clearly apparent or obvious.
Manifold	mān'ə-fōld'. Many and varied.
Memento	mə-měn'tō. A reminder of the past; a keepsake.

Meritorious	mě'rĭ-tô'r'ē-əs. Deserving reward or praise.
Monumented	mŏn'yə-mənt' ěd. Preserved, as in the memory of someone.
Nigh	nĭ. Near.
Nineveh	nĭn'ə-və. An ancient city of Assyria on the Tigris River.
Noisome	noi'səm. Harmful or dangerous.
Ostentacious	ŏs'tĕn-tā'shəs. Marked by unnecessary extravagance.
Pangs	pāngz. Sudden sharp spasms of pain.
Patriotism	pā'trĕ-ə-tĭz'əm. Love for or devotion to one's country.
permeate	pŭr'mĕ-āt'. To spread or flow throughout; to pervade.
Perpetual	pər-pĕch'ŭ-əl. Lasting forever.
Perpetuate	pər-pĕch'ŭ-āt'. To cause to be remembered for all time.
Perpetuity	pŭr'pĭ-tŭ'ĭ-tĕ. Time without end; eternity.
Pestilence	pĕs'tə-lĕns. An evil influence or agent.
Phalanx	fā'lāngks'. A formation of infantry with shields and spears.
Portals	pŏr'tls. A means of entrance.
Presumptuous	přĭ-zŭmp'chŭ-əs. Going beyond what is right or proper; excessively forward.
Propriety	přə-přĭ'ĭ-tĕ. Appropriateness; quality of being proper.
Reconsecrate	rĕ-kŏn'sĭ-krāt'. To rededicate solemnly to a service or goal.
Reposed	rĭ-pŏzd'. Confidence or trust placed in someone or something.
Repository	rĭ-pŏz'ĭ-tŏr'ĕ. A safe place for storing things or concepts.
Resurrection	rĕz'ə-rĕk'shən. The state of one who has returned to life.

Reverence	rĕv'ər-əns. The act of treating with respect.
Righteousness	rĭ'chəs-nĕss. State of being morally upright, without sin.
Rites	rĭtz. Ceremonial acts; rituals.
Saber	sā'bər. A heavy cavalry sword.
Sanctify	săngk'tĕ-fĭ'. To bless; to purify.
Sanctity	săngk'tĭ-tĕ. Something considered sacred.
Scrupulously	skrŭ'pyə-ləs-lĕ'. Painstakingly exact; precise.
Sedition	sĭ-dĭsh'ən. Rebellion or insurrection.
Serried	sĕr'ĕd. Pressed or crowded together, especially in rows.
Severed	sĕv'ərd. Broken apart or separated.
Shirk	shŭrk. To avoid or neglect a duty.
Solace	sŏl'ĭs. Comfort in times of distress.
Spray	sprā. A small branch bearing buds or flowers.
Sprig	sprĭg. A twig of a plant.
Steadfast	stĕd'făst. Fixed or unchanging; steady.
Stewardship	stŭ'ərd-shĭp. The act of managing or supervising.
Tangible	tănjə-bəl. Possible to touch; having a value.
Tares	târz. Unwelcome elements; weeds.
Tender	tĕn'dər. To offer formally; to give with respect.
Tenet	tĕn'ĭt. A principle held by an organization; doctrine.
Threshold	thrĕsh'öld'. A point at which a change occurs in a person.
Toga virilis	tŏ'gə vĕ-rĭl'ĭs. A white toga symbolizing manhood that boys in ancient Rome wore starting at age 15.

Transcend	trăn-sënd'. To reach beyond the limits of.
Tuebor	tū-ā'bōr. Latin for "I shall defend".
Tunic	tū'nīk. A loose-fitting garment worn in ancient Rome.
Undermine	ŭn'dər-mīn'. To weaken or injure.
Unfaltering	ŭn-fōl'tər-īng. Being steady in purpose or action.
Unfurl	ŭn-fūr'l'. To unroll or open something.
Unswervingly	ŭn-swŭr'vīng-lē. Constant or steady.
Vainglory	vān'glōr'ē. Boastful pride in one's accomplishments.
Valiant	vāl'yənt. Brave; possessing valor.
Veritable	vēr'ī-tə-bəl. Being real or genuine.
Vibrant	vī'brənt. Characterized by a lively, eager quality.
Vindicate	vīn'dī-kāt'. To justify or support a decision.
Virtuous	vūr'chŭ-əs. Having or showing moral excellence.
Votive	vō'tīv. Given in fulfillment of a vow or pledge.
Wield	wēld. To handle with skill and ease.
Wilt	wīlt. Old style of "will" (in the second person, "you").
Wrought	rôt. Worked on; created.
Zealously	zēl'əs-lē'. Enthusiastically; with fervor.
Zenith	zē'nīth. The highest point reached by a celestial body, as in the sun; the peak.

APPENDIX B - MUSIC

Every Degree or open ceremony can be enhanced with music, either live or recorded. The music presentation does not have to be complex or fancy. There are many approaches to the use of music in DeMolay ritual.

Music selections should be simple, at first, and not readily identifiable. They should enhance the action by creating mood or emphasis. This will allow the candidate to focus on the Degree and experience the full effect of the music without consciously listening to it.

Many classical recordings have selections that provide fine background music for the Initiatory Degree and the open ceremonies. Suggestions include Judas Maccabaeus by Handel; Pomp and Circumstance, Marches 1-4 by Elgar; or Trumpet Voluntary by Purcell.

Appropriate musical selections will certainly complement the ceremony and you will come to appreciate their effect each and every time. Once your Chapter has used music, your Degrees without music will seem colorless.

APPENDIX C - DIAGRAMS AND FIGURES

Room Arrangement:

The Altar, the Councillors' seats and pedestals, the stations of the Officers and chairs for the members should be arranged as shown on Diagram One or as close to that arrangement as the circumstances of the room permit. For example: Some Chapters may find it necessary to place the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Preceptors on the South side of the room and the 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th Preceptors on the North side. If the door through which most Officers, members and others normally enter the Chapter room is not located at the point indicated as "A" on Diagram One, the Junior Deacon and Sentinel would necessarily be relocated to that door to enable them to control access.

Floor Movements:

After the Master Councillor or presiding officer has called the Chapter to order, no person shall pass between the Altar and the East except when this Ritual expressly requires it.

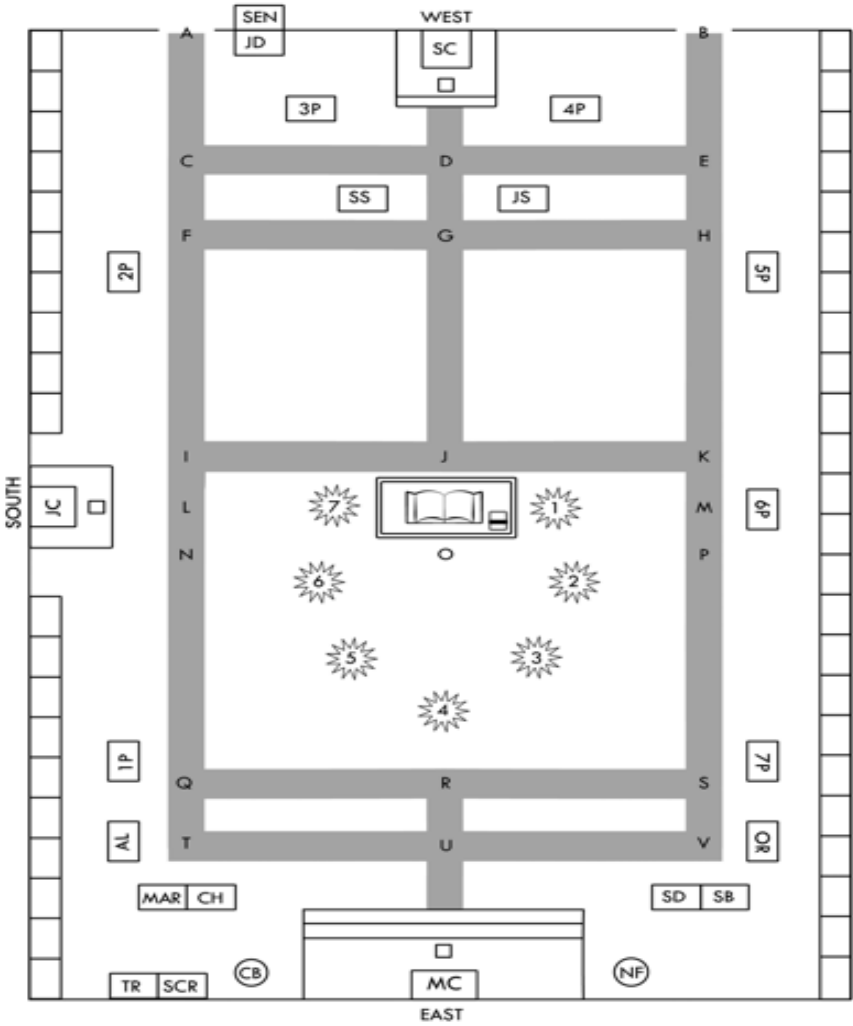
All floor movements should be made in a clockwise direction except when specifically noted otherwise. The shaded area on Diagram One represents a walking band which is always wide enough for two Officers to walk side by side. All Officers' movements about the Chapter room are directed by the letters on Diagram One. X is the station of the Officer(s) being directed. Z is the point on the walking band nearest the station of the Officer(s) being directed.

An Officer directed to move X Z moves directly forward from his station to the walking band, except: the Councillors, Scribe and Treasurer will move by the most direct route to the walking band, but around the pedestals or desks in their paths. An Officer directed to move Z X returns to his station by retracing his X Z route.

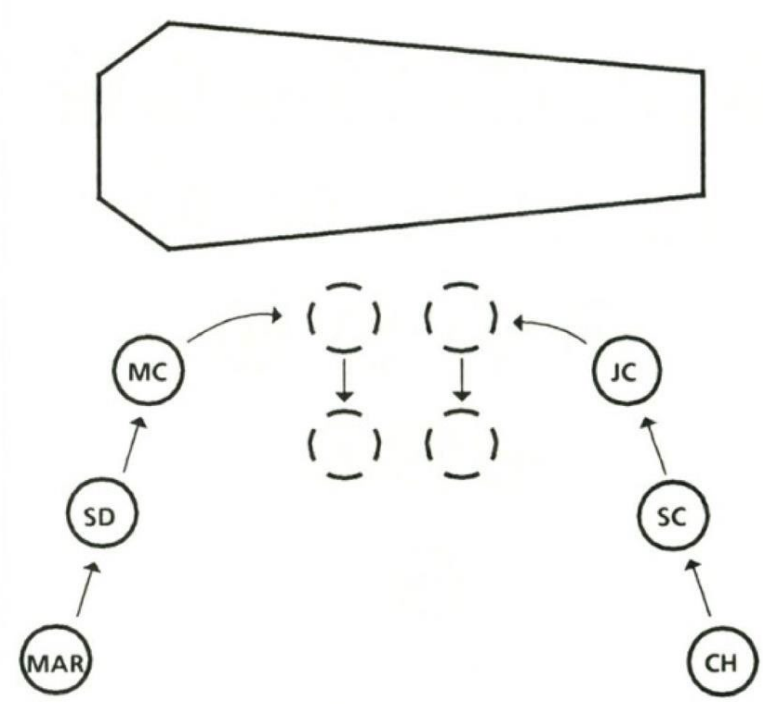
Floor Movement Examples:

Movements of the Chaplain and Marshall from their stations by way of the South to the West side of the Altar would be noted thus: Chaplain and Marshall move X Z I J. Their return from the West side of the Altar by way of the North to their stations would be noted: Chaplain and Marshall move J K V Z X.

**DIAGRAM ONE:
ROOM ARRANGEMENT, FLOOR MOVEMENTS**



**DIAGRAM TWO:
OFFICERS' POSITIONS FOR FUNERAL SERVICE**



At the end of the ceremony, the M.C. and J.C. move toward the center position of casket with others following (all facing casket). M.C. and J.C. turn around and retire with others following in pairs.



Figure 1

Marshall conducting another person, and carrying baton

When Marshall conducts Chaplain or any other person, the Marshall uses his own right arm and hand to take hold of that person's left forearm and wrist. If a second person is being conducted, that person would follow them.



Figure 2
Kneeling for prayer

An Active DeMolay kneels on his left knee, his right elbow resting on his right knee, his forehead resting in his right hand, his left hand around his right elbow.



Figure 3
Chaplain kneeling at Altar

Chaplain kneels at Altar on both knees, both hands palms down on the Holy Bible, body erect, and head slightly turned up; eyes may be open or closed.



Figure 4
Marshall kneeling for prayer

The Marshall kneels as in Figure 2. If the Marshall is carrying a baton, he kneels placing the baton across his right leg, behind his right elbow.