



# The Shield Talk

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*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.