



## **Monitor of Ceremonies**

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# **GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

DeMolay International 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.

## **Guidelines**

**Bible:** References to the "Holy Bible" are made throughout this Monitor 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:** In this revision of the Monitor of Ceremonies, most gender-specific references have been removed. In some instances, the original language was retained to preserve the cadence and tone of the statement (for example, addressing officers). When the situation requires it, these references should be appropriately altered by the speaker.

**Multiple Recipients:** The ceremonies in this Monitor related to honors 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 Arrangement and Paraphernalia**

**Room Arrangement:** The Altar, the Councilors’ 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 Preceptors 1, 2, and 3 on the South side of the room and Preceptors 4, 5, 6, and 7 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 Marshal, 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 (if used) should be placed in standards in the East. Example positions are shown on Diagram One that conform to the United States Flag Code. Chapters have flexibility in choosing these locations, so long as the National flag is in the Northeast, to the right of the Master Councilor's station, and the Chapter banner (if used) is in the Southeast, to the left of the Master Councilor's station.

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

**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 International 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 D 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 conducting people, carrying the flag, etc.

## Conduct in the Chapter Room

**Floor Movements:** After the Master Councilor or the equivalent presiding officer has called the Chapter to order, no person shall pass between the Altar and the East except when this Monitor 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 Councilors, 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 Marshal 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 thus: Ch. and Mar. move J K V Z X.

**Recognition:** When a person wishes to be recognized by the Master Councilor, or the equivalent presiding officer, he should rise, face the Master Councilor, and

remain silent until he is recognized. When a person is addressed by the Master Councilor by name, or an Officer by title, he shall rise immediately and face the Master Councilor. No other salute of any kind is to be given to the Master Councilor. Except during prayers, all Officers (including the Master Councilor) 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.

**Marshal Conducts:** When the Marshal conducts an Officer or any other person, he shall use his right arm and hand to take hold of that 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 Marshal 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, Marshal, 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 opened 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 Marshal. The Marshal in the formation of the Triangle kneels with the other Officers. If the Marshal 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 honor 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 honored; when only one adult is being honored, the text should be changed appropriately to fit the situation.*

*This service is intended to be generic for all adults being honored, 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 International website.*

*Required Parts: Master Councilor: M.C., Senior Councilor: 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 Councilor, whom do we honor?

*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 Councilor, 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.; Marshal: 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 Marshal, 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.*

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.*

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.

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 International 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, / 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 International / 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.

So help me God.

*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.*

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 Marshal, 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.*

## **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 Honor, 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 Marshal: 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; cordon 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 Marshal; 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 honor those to whom honors were due.

Brother Grand Marshal, 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 International 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 honor for distinguished DeMolay service within the gift of DeMolay International. Only one other honor, the Legion of Honor, 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 honors 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 honor 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 honor 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 Marshal, 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 International 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 Marshal, 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 International 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 Honor 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 International. 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 honor 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 honor 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 JK V ZX, 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 International, 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 Marshal, 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 HONOR INVESTITURE

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

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

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

**M.C.** Brother Marshal, you will present the designates for the Cross of Honor.

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

**Mar.** Brother Master Councilor, it is my honor to present these outstanding Advisors who have been designated by DeMolay International to receive the Cross of Honor.

**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 International to receive the Cross of Honor which is the highest honor 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 Honor, 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 honor 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.*

*Councilors 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 International to receive the Cross of Honor. They now appear before you to be invested with the jewel of that honor.

*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 Marshal, you will present the patents to these Advisors.

*Done.*

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

\* (rap)

Brother Marshal, you will conduct these distinguished Advisors to seats of honor 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 International lapel pin, or Jurisdictional pin, or Chapter pin.*

*Required Parts: Master Councilor: M.C., Marshal: 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 Marshal, 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 Councilor, I take pleasure in presenting to you and to the members of .....Chapter, Brothers.....who have been exalted to the rank and honor 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 Councilor of ..... Chapter, it is my pleasure to present to you this insignia which I hope you will wear with pleasure to yourself and honor 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 Marshal, 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.*

## FATHERS' 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 honor 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.

## **FUNERAL/MEMORIAL SERVICE**

*This service is appropriate to honor 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 honored; when multiple members are being honored, 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 International website.*

*Required Parts: Master Councilor: M.C., Senior Councilor: S.C., Junior Councilor: J.C., Senior Deacon: S.D., Marshal: 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 Marshal, 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 Councilor, 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 honor. I bring the consolation of this certainty that only death left unfulfilled.

**M.C.** Brother Senior Councilor, 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 honor his memory by practicing those same virtues in our daily lives.

## **LEGION OF HONOR INVESTITURE**

*Before the Legion of Honor 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 International, and assuming his duties and before he ever gives the "Secret Vow" of the Legion of Honor, should sign the Vow Book upon the pages set aside for this purpose.*

*This open investiture of a member of the Legion of Honor 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 floorwork.*

*All Officers take regular stations. Her. 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 Bible 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:*

- 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.*

*Optional Paraphernalia: The Chapter banner in a standard placed as indicated on Diagram One; Altar cloth; pedestal covers; baton for Grand Marshal; pedestal on the right of each Preceptor station, on which each Preceptor places the appropriate flowers and the candle he carries in the procession.*

*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 International calls you from refreshment to labor. A Grand Preceptory of the Legion of Honor 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 IP-7P. drop off; G.Mar. moves V Z X, faces West.*

**C.E.** \* (rap)

*All except C.E. sit down.*

**C.E.** Brother Grand Marshal, you will present those about to receive the Legion of Honor 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 honor and great pleasure to present to you \_\_\_\_\_ (*speaks name of each designate*) who have been officially designated by DeMolay International to be received and elevated to the rank, honor, insignia and degree of the Legion of Honor 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 International honors 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 labor. Your zeal and interest in the welfare of the Order of DeMolay is an accepted fact. Your designation to be exalted to the highest honor within the gift of DeMolay International 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 honor, 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 honor 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 Honor 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 Honor 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 honor 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 International. 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 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 honored 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 honors invest them. We thank Thee, our Heavenly Father, for Thy divine favor in the past and wilt Thou be graciously pleased to reconsecrate these whom we honor 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 heretofore taken a vow, one so secret that it is known only to those who have received it, not because it contains anything that should not be known to all, for each one of you will reveal it to the world at large by your own actions and the life you live – but that it may ever be a solemn reminder to you to be true to the ideals of DeMolay and valiant in its service throughout 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 retirement or resignation possible. You will now be conducted to our Holy Altar.

*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...

*Designates kneel.*

...place your right hand on the Holy Bible 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 honor 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; / to live in secret and 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 men.

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 Honor / 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 Honor, / anyone who does not possess / the (identification card and) credentials / of DeMolay International.

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...

*Done.*

...arise...

*Done.*

...and kiss the Holy Bible.

*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, takes red and white carnations along with candle, and 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 International, I light this candle at the symbolic Altar of filial love and with these flowers of affection...

*1P. places red and white carnations on the Altar.*

...I dedicate you anew to the DeMolay ideals of loving sonship.

*1P. moves O P V T Z X, replaces candle, sits down. As 1P. sits down, 2P. rises, takes ferns or evergreens along with candle 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 International, I light this candle at the symbolic Altar of reverence for sacred things and with these green sprigs of immortality...

*2P. places ferns or evergreens on Altar.*

...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, replaces candle, sits down. As 2P. sits down, 3P. rises, takes white roses along with candle 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 International, I light this candle at the symbolic Altar of courtesy and with these pure roses of white...

*3P. places white roses on Altar.*

...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, takes jasmine or other yellow flowers along with candle 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 International, I light this candle at the symbolic Altar of comradeship and with these yellow flowers of constancy...

*4P. places jasmine or other yellow flowers on Altar.*

...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, replaces candles, sits down. As 4P. sits down, 5P. rises, takes blue flowers along with candle 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 International, I light this candle at the symbolic altar of fidelity and with these flowers of blue....

*5P. places blue flowers on Altar.*

... 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, replaces candle, sits down. As 5P. sits down, 6P. rises, takes white lilies along with candle 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 International, I light this candle at the symbolic Altar of cleanliness and with these lilies of stainless white...

*6P. places lilies on Altar.*

...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 manhood upon which clean citizenship depends.

*6P. moves O N C E Z X, replaces candle, sits down. As 6P. sits down, 7P. rises, takes red roses along with candle 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 International, I light this candle at the symbolic Altar of patriotism and with these red roses – ...

*7P. places red roses on Altar.*

... 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 honor 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, replaces candle, 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 Honor.

**C.S.** For the purpose of this ceremony, I occupy the station symbolic of the years of manhood. 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 honor 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 honor 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 Honor.

**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 honors. 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 honor 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 Honor, 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 International 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, a 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 honor and ever remind you of that humility which is the very essence of knighthood.

The medallion reveals the valor 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 honor.

*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 International, 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 honor, 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 honorable 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 Honor of the Order of DeMolay. You will kneel on both knees.

*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.*

May God bless all that has been said and done here; may these just invested with this honor press forward as a valiant phalanx, a veritable Legion of Honor, leading DeMolay's serried ranks to new victories for the prosperity, safety and honor of our beloved country, and to the glory of the Infinite and Almighty God. Amen.

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

**C.E.** \* (rap)

*All sit down.*

*If the conferral team will be retiring from the room:*

**C.E.** \* \* (2 raps)

*Officers rise.*

**C.E.** The Officers will now retire.

*Suggested music cue:*

*G.Mar moves X Z C E V T C E V T A, picking up the Preceptors on the first cycle, with each taking his place at the end of the line; then picking up the G.Ch., C.S., C.W., and G.C. on the second cycle, with each taking his place just behind G.Mar. so as to recreate the same order that they used in the entrance.*

## **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 Councilor: M.C., Senior Councilor: S.C., Junior Councilor: J.C., Marshal: 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 Marshal, 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 honor 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 honor, 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 honor 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 Marshal, 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 Marshal, 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 Marshal, 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 Marshal, 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 Marshal, 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.*

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| <b>Adv.</b> | 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. |
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*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 honor 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 Honor 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 Honor Investiture. The Chevalier team would take seats on the sidelines, and the Legion of Honor team would change the room setup as necessary to prepare for its ceremony (for instance, informally extinguishing the candles).*
5. *The Legion of Honor team would enter, and perform the ceremony.*
6. *Remarks and other presentations.*
7. *Transition to the Closing. The Legion of Honor 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 Councilor: M.C., Senior Councilor: S.C., Junior Councilor: 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, cleanliness 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 Councilor, 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 Councilor, 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 and salute our flag.

*The following instructions, including the Pledge of Allegiance, are specific to the United States of America. Other countries should adapt these instructions according to their laws and customs.*

*Standing at attention means that a person stands with head and body erect facing the flag. As the flag moves, the head and body are moved so that the person always faces the flag. S.D. carries the flag with left hand high – right hand low – on the flag staff, with the staff extending past his right side. S.D. should tilt the flag forward such that he may carry it comfortably (see Figure 5). An explanation of the United States Flag Code is given in Appendix C.*

*The salute is defined as follows: Placing the right hand over the heart with fingers joined. A person (other than one in military uniform) who is covered removes his headgear and holds it over his heart with his right hand.*

*As S.D. picks up flag, all present salute. The salute is dropped when S.D. stops West of the Altar.*

*The same salute is made during the pledge to the flag. The same salute is again made when the S.D. starts to leave the Altar and is dropped when he has replaced the flag in its stand. S.D. does not salute the flag at any time.*

*Only citizens of the United States should salute and recite the pledge.*

*Suggested music cue:*

*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 S.D. repeat in unison the pledge to the flag. It is strongly urged that the pledge be followed immediately with the singing of the National anthem or another appropriate patriotic song. S.D. does not sing.*

- J.C.** Brethren and friends, join me in saluting and pledging allegiance to the flag.
- ALL** I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

**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 honor 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 unwaveringly 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 JK 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 Councilor: M.C.; Marshal: Mar.*

*Optional Parts: Senior Councilor: S.C.; Junior Councilor: J.C.*

*Required Paraphernalia: Gavel on the Master Councilor'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 Councilor'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 Marshal; 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 Marshal, 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 Councilor, 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 International 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 Councilor instead of the Master Councilor. If this is done:*

**M.C.** Brother Marshal, conduct the designates to the Junior Councilor.

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

**M.C.** Have you conscientiously tried to obey the divine command, "Honor thy father and thy mother"?

**Des.** I have.

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

**Des.** I do.

**M.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.** 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 Councilor gave the preceding questions, then the Senior Councilor will further instruct the designates.*

**J.C.** Brother Marshal, conduct the designates to the Senior Councilor.

*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.** Brother Marshal, conduct the designates to our Holy Altar.  
**(S.C.)**

*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 honor 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 Marshal, 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 honors. 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 Marshal, conduct our Brothers to seats of honor 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, Cleanliness and Patriotism.

The TEN RUBIES of the crown honor 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 honored 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 Monitor.

’	Heavy stress	’	Light stress		
ă	as in <u>add</u>	ā	as in <u>day</u>	â	as in <u>air</u>
ě	as in <u>pet</u>	ē	as in <u>bee</u>		ə as in <u>soda</u>
ĩ	as in <u>pit</u>	ī	as in <u>wire</u>	î	as in <u>here</u>
õ	as in <u>pot</u>	ō	as in <u>toe</u>	ô	as in <u>paw</u>
ü	as in <u>cut</u>	ū	as in <u>boot</u>	û	as in <u>term</u>

abiding      ə-bī'dīng. Lasting for a long time.

abundant      ə-būn'dənt. Plentiful.

abyss      ə-bīs'. A bottomless pit or depth.

adder      ăd'ĕr. A snake, often poisonous.

adjutant      ăj'ĕ-tĕnt. An assistant.

admonish      ăd-mōn'ĕsh. To remind of an obligation.

agape      ă-gă'pă. Love that is spiritual in its nature.

alleviation      ə-lē'veē-ă'shĕn. Something that relieves or lessens.

alms      ălmz. Money or goods given to charity.

animate      ăn'ĕ-măt'. To fill with spirit.

arduous      är'jū-ĕs. Demanding great effort; difficult.

aspiring      ə-spīr' īng. Striving toward a goal.

assail      ə-săl'. To attack verbally; to ridicule.

Athenian Oath      ū-thēn'ĕ-ăn. An oath of citizenship in ancient Greece.

attuned	ə-tūnd'. In agreement with; conformed.
augury	ə'gyə-rē. A sign of something coming; an omen.
auspicious	ə-spīsh'əs. Marked by success.
benediction	bĕn'i-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	bōrn. Carried, assigned, or taken, as in a responsibility.
brink	brīngk. An edge; the point at which something begins.
buckler	bük'lər. A small, round shield either carried or worn on the arm.
bulwark	būl'wərk. Something serving as a defense or safeguard.
cardinal	kärd'nəl. Of high importance.
Chancellor	chān'sə-lər. An official of high rank.
chasm	kăz'əm. A deep opening in the earth's surface.
chivalrous	shīv'əl-rəs. Characterized by honor and courtesy.
chivalry	shīv'əl-rē. Customs of knighthood such as bravery, honor, and courtesy.
circlet	sūr'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.

cleanliness	klēn'ness. Purity of life and language.
colleagues	kōl'ēgz'. Peers or allies.
communion	kə-myūn'yən. The act of sharing thoughts; fellowship.
conscientiously	kōn'shē-ěn'shəs-lē. Guided by morals; thoroughly.
consecrate	kōn'sī-krāt'. To dedicate solemnly to a service or goal.
consolation	kōn'sə-lā'shən. Something that gives relief or comfort.
consonant	kōn'sə-nənt. Being in agreement or accord.
conspicuously	kən-spīk'yū-əs-lē'. Easily noticed; obvious.
constancy	kōn'stən-sē. Being faithful to purposes.
constitute	kōn'stī-tūt'. To appoint to an office; to designate.
convene	kən-vēn'. To come together for an official purpose.
courteous	kür'tē-əs. Marked by respect toward others.
courtesy	kür'tī-sē. Consideration, and respect in dealing with others.
covenant	kūv'ə-nənt. A binding agreement or contract.
coveted	kūv'īt-ēd. Strongly desired.
crises	krī' sēz. Unstable political or social conditions.
dais(es)	dā'īs(əs) , dī' īs(əs). A raised platform.
debauch	dī-bōch'. To lead away from virtue; to corrupt.
decorum	dī-kōr'əm. Appropriateness of behavior
deference	dēf'ər-əns. Courteous respect.

degradation	dēg'rā-dā'shən. A decline to an immoral quality.
deliberations	dī-lib'ə-rā'shənz. A meeting; a decision-making process.
devaluation	dē-văl'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' īng. Donating to charity.
eloquent	ěl'ə-kwənt. Movingly expressive, as in speech.
emulation	ěm'yə-lā'shən. Imitation of another.
endeavors	ěn-děv'ərs. Activities directed toward a goal.
engrossing	ěn-grō'sīng. Occupying one's complete attention.
enlightenment	ěn-līt'n-mənt. A state of giving intellectual insight.
ensuing	ěn-sū' īng. Following; taking place subsequently.
ere	âr. Before.
exalted	īg-zôl'tid. Elevated in rank or status.
exemplar	īg-zěm'plär'. A model; one worthy of imitation.
exemplify	īg-zěm'plə-fī'. To illustrate by example.
exponent	ěk'spō'nənt. One that speaks for or advocates.
fallible	fāl'ə-bəl. Capable of making an error.
fidelity	fī-děl'ī-tē , fī-děl'ī-tē. The quality or state of being faithful.
filial	fil'ē-əl. Of, relating to, or befitting a son or daughter.

fleeting	flē'tīng. Passing quickly.
forbearance	fôr-bâr'əns. Tolerance; patience.
fowler	foul'ər. A sportsman who hunts or traps wild fowl.
garland	gär'lənd. A wreath of flowers, used as a decoration.
garb	gärb. A distinctive form of clothing.
Godspeed	gōd'spēd'. Success or good fortune; literally, God's blessings.
hallowed	häl'ōd. Highly respected or beloved.
henceforth	hěns'fōrth'. From now on.
herald	hěr'əld. To announce or proclaim.
heraldic	hěr-räl'dik. Something that designates or proclaims.
heretofore	hîr'tə-fōr'. Previously; up until now.
illumination	ī-lū'mə-nā'shən. Spiritual insight.
illustrious	ī-lüs'trē-əs. Well known and distinguished.
immemorial	īm'ə-mōr'ē-əl. Reaching beyond the limits of memory.
immortelles	īm'ōr-tělz'. Flowers that retain their shape and color when dried.
inculcate	īn'kūl-kāt', īn-kūl'kāt'. To impress upon the mind of another; to instill.
incumbent	īn-kūm'bənt. A person who holds an office.
indulgent	īn-dūl'jənt. Disposed to show favor.
infamy	īn'fə-mē. Evil fame or reputation.
ingrained	īn-grānd'. Firmly established; deep-rooted.

inherent	īn-hēr'ēnt. Forming an essential element; essence.
inscrutable	īn-skrū'tə-bəl. Difficult to understand; mysterious.
insignia	īn-sīg'nē-ə. A badge of rank; an emblem.
instinctively	īn-stǐngk'tīv-lē. Happening without thought; involuntary.
integral	īn-tēg'rəl. Essential or necessary.
interpolation	īn-tūr'pə-lā'shən. The act of inserting into a sequence.
intrinsic	īn-trīn'zīk. Related to the essential nature of a thing; essence.
investiture	īn-vēs'tə-chər. A formal ceremony for conferring an honor.
invoke	īn-vōk'. To call on for assistance, often to a higher power.
irreparable	ī-rēp'ər-ə-bəl. Impossible to repair.
Jacques DeMolay: Zhäk Dē' Mō - lā'. Last Grand Master of the Knights Templar.	
lustre	lūs'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	měr'i-tōr'ē-əs. Deserving reward or praise.
monumented	mōn'yə-mənt' ēd. Preserved, as in the memory of someone.
nigh	nī. Near.
Nineveh	nīn'ə-və. An ancient city of Assyria on the Tigris River.
noisome	noi'səm. Harmful or dangerous.

ostentatious	ǒs'těn-tā'shəs. Marked by unnecessary extravagance.
pangs	păngz. Sudden sharp spasms of pain.
patriotism	pā'trē-ə-tĭz'əm. Love for or devotion to one's country.
permeate	pûr'mē-āt'. To spread or flow throughout; to pervade.
perpetual	pər-pěch'ū-əl. Lasting forever.
perpetuate	pər-pěch'ū-āt'. To cause to be remembered for all time.
perpetuity	pûr'pī-tū'ī-tē. Time without end; eternity.
pestilence	pěs'tə-ləns. An evil influence or agent.
phalanx	fā'lăngks'. A formation of infantry with shields and spears.
portals	pōr'tls. A means of entrance.
presumptuous	při-zǔmp'chū-əs. Going beyond what is right or proper; excessively forward.
propriety	prə-prī'ī-tē. Appropriateness; quality of being proper.
reconsecrate	rē-kōn'sī-krāt'. To rededicate solemnly to a service or goal.
reposed	rī-pōzd'. Confidence or trust placed in someone or something.
repository	rī-pōz'ī-tōr'ē. A safe place for storing things or concepts.
resurrection	rēz'ə-rék'shən. The state of one who has returned to life.
reverence	rēv'ər-əns. The act of treating with respect.
righteousness	rī'chəs-nəss. State of being morally upright, without sin.
rites	rītz. Ceremonial acts; rituals.
saber	sā'bər. A heavy cavalry sword.

sanctify	săngk' <i>t</i> ə- <i>f</i> ɪ'. To bless; to purify.
sanctity	săngk' <i>t</i> ī- <i>t</i> ē. Something considered sacred.
scrupulously	skrū' <i>p</i> yə- <i>l</i> əs- <i>l</i> ē'. Painstakingly exact; precise.
sedition	sǐ- <i>d</i> ish' <i>ə</i> n. Rebellion or insurrection.
Semper Fidelis	sěm' <i>p</i> ər- <i>f</i> ī-děl' <i>ī</i> s. Latin for “always faithful”.
serried	sér' <i>ē</i> d. Pressed or crowded together, especially in rows.
severed	sěv' <i>ə</i> rd. Broken apart or separated.
shirk	shûrk. To avoid or neglect a duty.
solace	söł' <i>ī</i> s. Comfort in times of distress.
spray	sprā. A small branch bearing buds or flowers.
sprig	sprīg. A twig of a plant.
steadfast	stěd' <i>f</i> ast. Fixed or unchanging; steady.
stewardship	stū' <i>ə</i> rd-shíp. The act of managing or supervising.
tangible	tän' <i>j</i> ə- <i>b</i> əl. Possible to touch; having a value.
tares	târz. Unwelcome elements; weeds.
tender	těn' <i>d</i> ər. To offer formally; to give with respect.
tenet	těn' <i>ī</i> t. A principle held by an organization; doctrine.
threshold	thrěsh' <i>ō</i> ld'. A point at which a change occurs in a person.
toga virilis	tō' <i>g</i> ə və- <i>r</i> īl' <i>ī</i> s. A white toga symbolizing manhood that boys in ancient Rome wore starting at age 15.
transcend	trăñ-sěnd'. 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	ūn'dər-mīn'. To weaken or injure.
unfaltering	ūn-fōl'tər-īng. Being steady in purpose or action.
unfurl	ūn-fūrl'. To unroll or open something.
unswervingly	ūn-swūr'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'chū-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	rōt. 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**

### **EXPLANATION OF UNITED STATES FLAG CODE**

The official United States Flag Code, passed by Congress, is currently 4 USC Chapter 1, the full text of which is given here:

<http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/4/Chapter-1>

Nowhere in this code is there a manner prescribed for how to carry the flag, except for this passage:

**4 USC § 8 I**      The flag should never be carried flat or horizontally, but always aloft and free

Specifically, there is no mention of the following:

- Which hand should be higher when carrying the flag
- On which side of the body the flag staff should extend
- At what angle the flag should be carried

The United States Congress publication “Our Flag” gives a history of the flag, and summarizes customs and procedures. Likewise, it does not cover any of the areas mentioned above.

<http://publications.usa.gov/epublications/ourflag/titlepage.htm>

Various websites include other protocols, but these are not part of the official laws of the country. Individual branches of the armed forces may have other protocols, but civilians are not expected to abide by them.

From this, the Ritual and Regalia Committee concludes that the DeMolay Ritual instructions for carrying the flag are, in fact, consistent with the official Flag Code of the United States.

## **APPENDIX D**

### **DIAGRAMS AND FIGURES**

**Room Arrangement:** The Altar, the Councilors' 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.

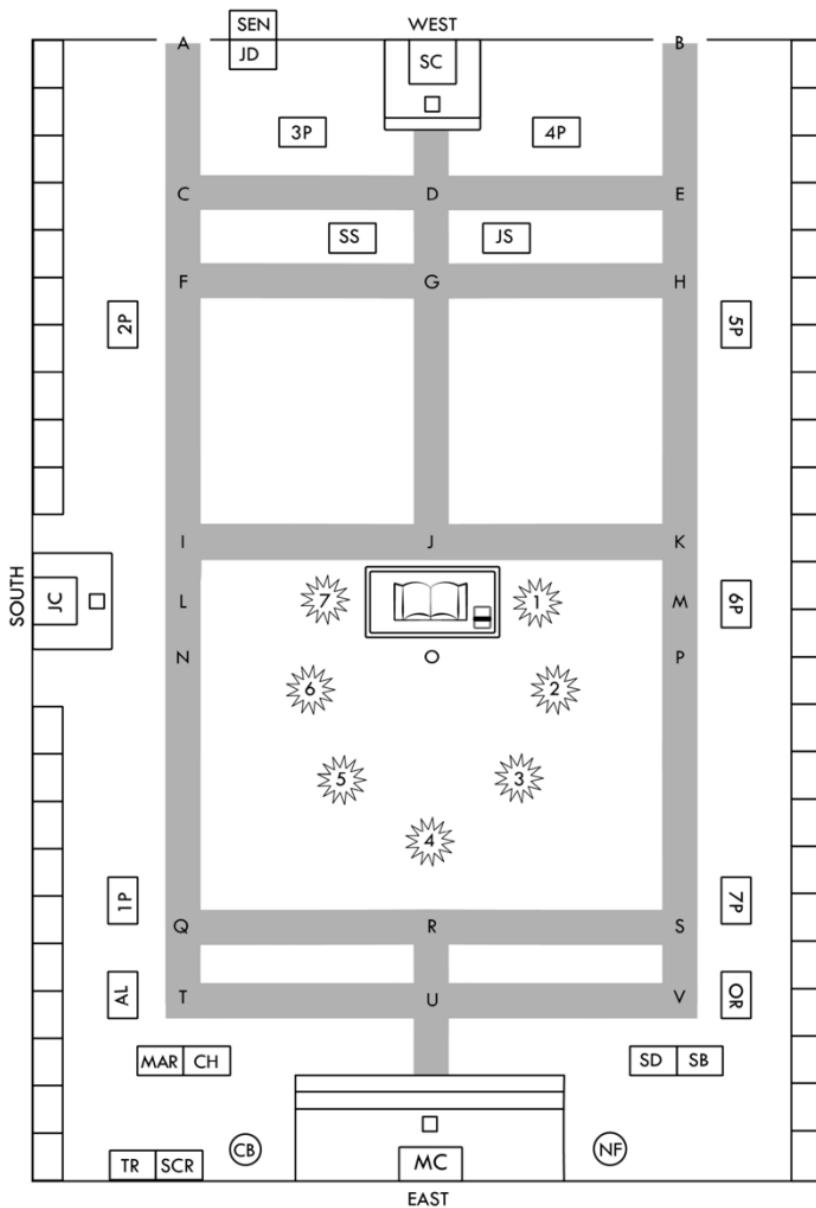
**Floor Movements:** After the Master Councilor or presiding officer has called the Chapter to order, no person shall pass between the Altar and the East except when this Ritual expressly requires it.

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.

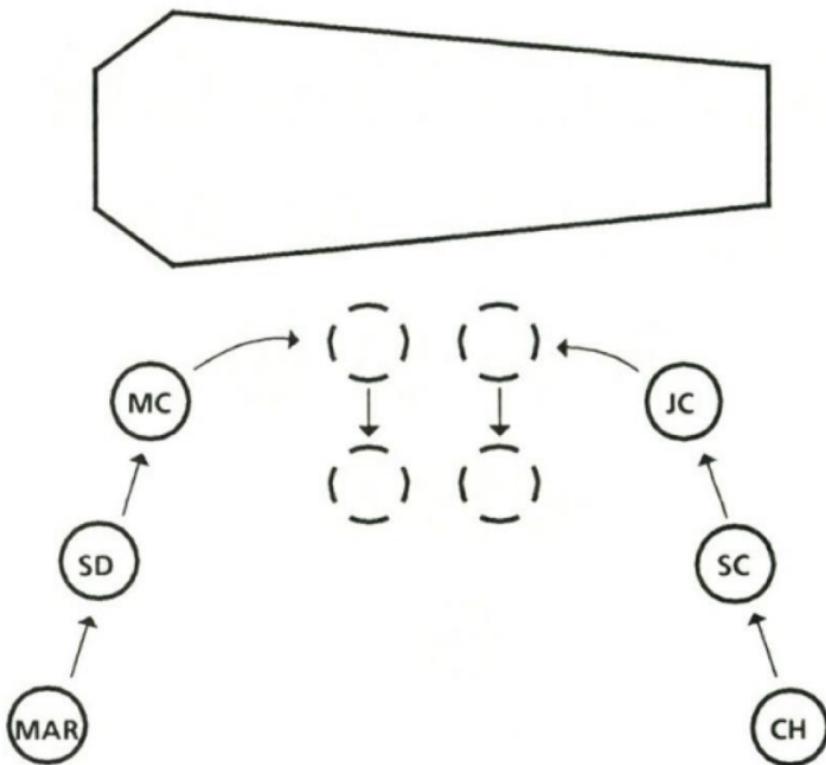
An Officer directed to move X Z moves directly forward from his station to the walking band, except: the Councilors, Scribe and Treasurer will move by the most direct route to the walking band, but around the pedestals or desks in their paths. An Officer directed to move Z X returns to his station by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

**Floor Movement Examples:** Movements of the Chaplain and Marshal 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.

# 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 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

Marshal conducting another person, and carrying baton

*When the Marshal 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. If a second person is being conducted, that person would follow them.*

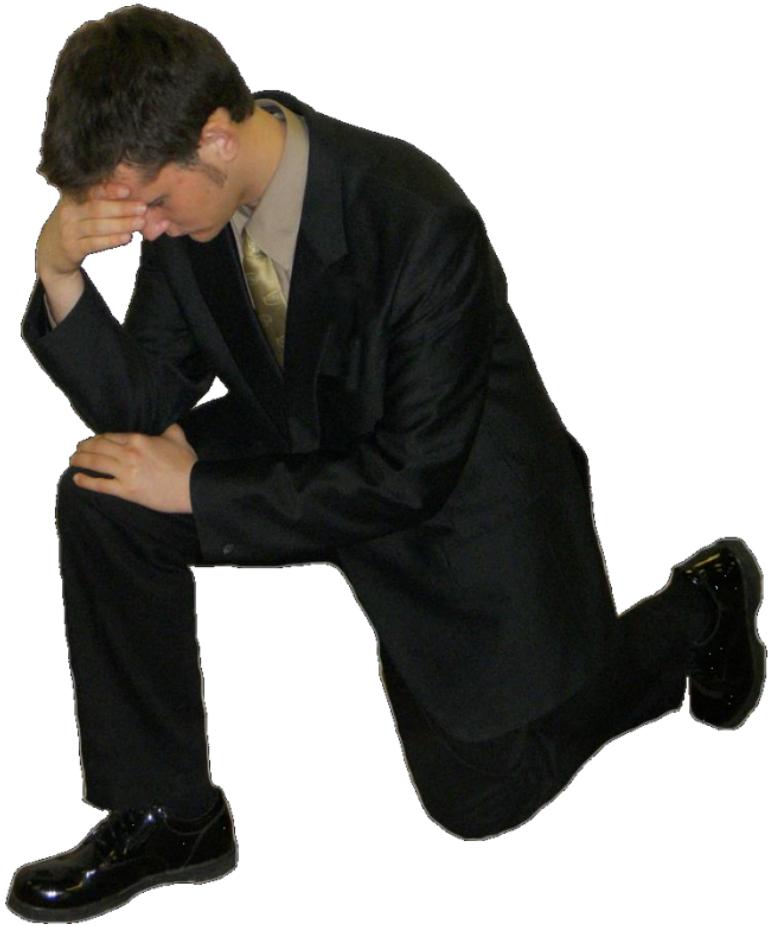


Figure 2

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

Marshal kneeling for prayer

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



Figure 5

Officer carrying the National flag

*Standing at attention means that a person stands with head and body erect facing the flag. As the flag moves, the head and body are moved so that the person always faces the flag. An Officer carries the flag with left hand high--right hand low--on the flag staff with the staff extending past his right side. He should tilt the flag forward such that he may carry it comfortably. The salute is defined as placing the right hand over the heart with fingers joined.*