

## GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

It is recommended that all Open Ceremonies be used at every available opportunity. 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 effort can be achieved by combining various ceremonies, but care should be taken to avoid lengthy programs.

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

The texts of these ceremonies must be followed to the letter; no additions or deletions are permitted, but they may be amplified with special features as a musical program, addresses, presentation of jewels or other tokens, as may be desired. They 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 otherwise.

## ROOM ARRANGEMENTS AND PARAPHERNALIA

**Room Arrangement:** The Altar, the Councilors' seat and pedestals, the station 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; chime.

**Optional Items:** Altar cloth; flowers; Chapter banner; baton for Marshal; Bible maker; gavel for Junior Councilor.

**Candles:** The candles should be arranged about and to the East of the Altar as shown on Diagram One.

**Flag and Banner:** The National flag and the Chapter banner should be placed in standards at the positions shown on Diagram One.

**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.

If flowers are used, they should be placed around the Holy Bible, but not on it. If Bible marker is used, the DeMolay emblem upon it, if any, should be toward the West side of the Altar, whether the Bible is opened or closed. If there is a DeMolay emblem on the Altar cloth, it should be on the West side.

**Robes:** The uniform adopted by the International Supreme Council for use by Chapter Officers is a black cape robe lined with red with the DeMolay emblem on the wearer's right breast. That robe is for use by all Officers in Open Ceremonies.

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

**Music:** Appendix B contains a program of selected music titles. The use of music in all DeMolay Ritual work is strongly recommended. Throughout the text, blanks for the entry of suggested music are provided. A standard cassette tape of musical selections is available from the International Supreme Council headquarters.

**Diagrams and Figures:** Appendix C contains diagrams showing the Chapter room set-up. 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 persons, 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. These officers will move by the most direct route to 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 movements Examples: Movements of Chaplain and Marshal from their stations by way of South to the West side of the Altar would be noted thus: Ch. And Mar. move X Z I J. Their return from the West side of the Altar by way of the North to their stations would be noted: Ch. and Mar. move J K V Z X.

**Recognition:** When a person wishes to be recognized by the Master 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 other persons stand when speaking.

**Gavel Raps:** Except when this *Monitor* expressly requires 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, all persons 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 2. 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 4.

**Prayers:** During prayers, all Active DeMolays (except the Chaplain and Marshal) kneel facing the Altar. An Active DeMolay kneels on his left knee, his right elbow resting on his right knee, his forehead resting in his right hand as shown, his left hand around his right elbow (See Figure 1.). 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 5.). The Marshall, all Senior DeMolays and all Master Masons 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 3.).

At the close of prayers and before rising, Active DeMolays respond "Amen", except after the Nine O'clock Interpolation prayer, when they respond, "God bless mother. God bless father. God bless the purpose of DeMolay. Amen."

**Form 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 titles "Brother" followed by the title of his office. An Advisor is addressed by the title "dad" followed by his name. A Senior DeMolay who is not an Advisor is addressed by the title "Brother" followed by his last name. A Master Mason who is not an Advisor or an Active DeMolay is addressed by the title "Mister" followed by his last name.

## 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 in connection with a Chapter Officer Installation Service as soon as practicable after January 1<sup>st</sup>.*

*Required Parts” Presiding Officer: P.O.; Marshal: Mar.*

*Required Paraphernalia: Holy Bible open on the Altar; school books on Northeast corner of Altar.*

**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, thence to place where Advisors are seated and conducts them to point J.*

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

*Done.*

Brethren and friends, these are dedicated men who believe wholeheartedly in the youth of our community. These Advisors know our youths to be good reputable young men who, as responsible, upright citizens, will preserve our nations’ rich heritage and continue the course of human concern and God-centered living that have made this nation great. These men will give much time and effort in their dedicated service to this Chapter. They live lives worthy of DeMolay and Masonic ideals and are vibrant examples of loyal and effective service.

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.*

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

*Done.*

In the presence of the 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 The International Supreme Council and to the Executive Officer of 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 solemnly promise?

**Des.** I do.

*Drop hands.*

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

*All sit down.*

**P.O.** May each of you be inspired with 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 these Advisors to their seats.

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

#### CEREMONY OF LIGHT

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

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

*Required Paraphernalia: Holy Bible open on Altar; school books on Northeast corner of Altar; seven candlesticks with candles already lighted, arranged as shown on Diagram*

*One. All other lights should be dimmed or extinguished during the ceremony. National flag in a standard as indicated on Diagram One. The word, "agape" in the second paragraph is pronounced AH-GAH-Pay; accent on the second syllable.*

*Speaker moves to point O, faces West.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The sixth candle is symbolic of cleanness, not only the bodily cleanness which we all practice, but the cleanness of every thought, word, and deed. Only in

cleanness can a DeMolay rightly be representative of the pureness of our teachings.

The last candle is emblematic of patriotism. Perhaps we shall never be called upon to defend our country on the field of battle, but each day affords new opportunities to stand as good and upright citizens in behalf of that beloved banner and our hallowed land.

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

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

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

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

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

*Speaker returns to his seat. Lights raised to full.*

#### CEREMONY OF VISITATION

*This ceremony is to be used only to receive an Executive Officer in his own jurisdiction. It may be used at Chapter meetings and at open ceremonies to the extent the Executive Officer considers appropriate. When this ceremony is used other than for a Chapter (such as a Legion of Honor Preceptory, Chevalier Court, etc.) the appropriate counterpart term will be substituted for "Chapter", "Master Councilor", "Marshal", etc.*

*Required Parts: Master Councilor: M.C.; Marshal: Mar.; Adjutant: Adj.; Junior Deacon: J.D.; Executive Officer: E.O.*

*Required Paraphernalia: Gavel on M.C. pedestal*

*Executive Officer's Adjutant outside the entrance door.*

**Adj.** \*\* \*\* \* (5 raps grouped as indicated)

**J.D.** Brother Master Councilor, there is an alarm indicating the Executive Officer in this jurisdiction is in attendance without.

**M.C.** Brother Junior Deacon, you will attend to the alarm.

*J.D. moves to A ...*

*...and opens door. Adj. Enters. Door remains open. Adj. Moves from door to F G J.*

**Adj.** Brother Master Councilor, I have the honor to announce that Dad \_\_\_\_\_, Active Member (or Deputy) of The International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay, and Executive Officer in the jurisdiction of \_\_\_\_\_, is in attendance without for the purpose of making a fraternal visit to this Chapter.

**M.C.** Brother Adjutant, please retire and present the Executive Officer. Brother Marshal, you will accompany him.

*Mar. rises and moves X Z I J. Simultaneously Adj. Faces North. Mar. takes Adj. By the arm (see Figure 2) and together they move J K V T A to anteroom. Adj. And Mar., with Executive Officer between them, immediately return to Chapter room. J.D., who has remained at the open door, closes door room. J.D., who has remained at the open door, closes door behind them and returns to his station. Immediately upon their crossing the entrance door threshold, M.C. calls up Chapter.*

**M.C.** \*\*\* (3 raps)

*All stand.*

*They move A F H V U. Simultaneously, M.C. moves U. He steps between Marshal and Executive Officer and all four face West so they form a single line across the East, standing in order from North to South: Mar., M.C., Executive Officer, Adj.*

**Adj.** Brother Master Councilor and Brethren, Dad \_\_\_\_\_, Active Member (or Deputy) of The International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay, and Executive Officer in the jurisdiction of \_\_\_\_\_.

*After the brethren have greeted the Executive Officer, M.C. welcomes him in his own words and then invites Executive Officer to join him in the East. They ascend to the East. Adj. Either ascends to the East behind them or goes to another seat in the Chapter room. Mar. moves U Z X, faces West.*

**M.C.** Dad \_\_\_\_\_, in token of our loyalty and devotion to our Order, to its Supreme Council, and to the principles and precepts inculcated by our ritual and by the pledges we have made, I tender you the gavel and the chair.

*Executive Officer accepts the gavel and seats the Chapter.*

**E.O.** \* (rap)

*All sit down.*

*At his pleasure, he then take the M.C.'s station and presides or he returns the gavel to the M.C. who proceeds with the Chapter's affairs. The E.O. may at any later time in the proceedings assume the gavel and the chair. When the E.O. is presiding, all further proceedings are under his sole control unless and until he resigns the gavel and chair to M.C. When the M.C. is presiding, the E.O. sits in the chair immediately to the North of the M.C. If the E.O. desires to retire before the Chapter is closed, the Adj., moves to U, says:*

**Adj.** Brother Master Councilor and Brethren, the Executive Officer is about to retire from the Chapter room.

**M.C.** \*\*\* (3 raps)

*All stand.*

*E.O., escorted by M.C., descends to U, where Adj. And Mar. join them. They form a line facing West, in order North to South: Adj., E.O., M.C., Mar.. M.C. takes one step back and others face South and move U T A. As they reach point T, J.D. moves X Z A, opens door. As they exit, M.C. moves U X, faces West. Mar. immediately returns to Chapter room. J.D. closes door, moves Z X, faces East. Mar. moves A T Z X, faces West.*

**M.C.** \* (rap)

*All sit 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 such other persons 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.*

*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, a lectern placed in the East, to the South of the G.C.; a sample ring must be on hand in the event no one receiving the degree elects to purchase the ring; kneeling pads.*

*Optional Paraphernalia: Seven candlesticks with candles; the National flag in a standard; the Chapter banner in a standard, all placed as indicated on Diagram One; Altar cloth; Altar flowers; pedestal covers; baton for Grand Marshal.*

*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 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 move X Z T, thence 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 names of each designate) who have been designated by our Supreme Council to be elevate 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 The International Supreme Council. 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 the 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 is the inspired words of David who sang of the security of the godly in the ninety-first chapter of Psalms.

*G. Ch. rises, moves X Z, thence 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 I will 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 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, honour him.

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

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

**G.C.** My brothers, in the days that are to come, may these words of the Psalmist ever be before you, a beacon to light your way to the very throne of God. As children of the 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.*

**Gmar** Brother Commander, I present to you these brethren who have been designated by our Supreme Council 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 the 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.

*Suggested music cue:*

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

**Gmar** Brother Commander, I present to you these brethren who have been designated by our Supreme Council 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, love of country. Your leadership through the years, if charted on these principles, “will make your life worthily for your country as well as die bravely for it if the need shall come.” 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 move 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 of steel over designates and Altar.*

**G.C.** My brothers, you have already signed your Vows of Allegiance that it may be deposited in the archives of The International Supreme Council. 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.*

*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 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 as 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 the Almighty God/ and these witnesses here assembled,/ do solemnly promise, covenant, and vow/ that I will, from this time forward,/ militantly and with 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 and most solemnly promise and vow/ that hereafter on November 8<sup>th</sup> of each year,/ as a memorial to our founding,/ 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, arise, and kiss the Holy Bible.

*Done*

*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. sit down.*

*G.C. moves X U O. If all designates are receiving a ring, omit the word symbolically and place the 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 right 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. faces East, moves O U X, faces West. G. Mar. conducts designates J K S R, faces East.*

**Gmar.** 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.

**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 pint J, faces East and takes one step toward the 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 will 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 J K V Z X, faces West. As G. Ch. leaves Altar all DeMolays and Chevaliers who were in 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.*

**G.C.** By virtue of the power and authority in me vested as Grand Commander and acting under the authority of The International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay, 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, thence 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.*

*Suggested music cue:*

#### 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 Master Councilor: M.C.; Senior Councilor: S.C.; Junior Councilor: J.C.; Marshal: Mar.; who are active DeMolays.*

*Required Paraphernalia: Holy Bible open on Altar; school books on Northeast corner of Altar; regalia for Cross of Honor pedestal in East.*

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

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

**Mar.** It is my honor to present these outstanding Advisors who have been designated by The International Supreme Council 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 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 The International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay 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 on 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 purposes 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 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. sit down.*

**M.C.** Dad \_\_\_\_\_, may I present to you, as Active Member (or “Deputy”) of The International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay and the Executive Officer in \_\_\_\_\_ (jurisdiction) Advisors who have been selected by you and designated by The Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay to receive the Cross of Honor. They now appear before you to be invested with the jewel of honor.

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

**M.C.** May I present Dad \_\_\_\_\_, and Advisor of \_\_\_\_\_, located in \_\_\_\_\_ ( or other title if not Chapter Advisor.)

*E.O. places jewel on designate and summarizes in one or two sentences 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 o seats of honor in the Chapter room.

*Done*

*Mar. moves Z X, faces West.*

**M.C.** \* (rap)

#### **FLOWER TALK**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Were I to draw you a picture of love divine, it would not be that of  
A stately angel  
With a form that is full of grace  
But a tired and toil-worn mother  
With a grave and tender face.

It was your mother who loved you before you were born – who carried you for a long months close to her heart and in the fullest of time took God’s hand in hers and passed through the valley of shadows to give you life. It was she who cared for you during the helpless years of infancy and scarcely less dependent years of childhood. As you have grown less dependent, she has done the countless, thoughtful, trouble-healing, helpful and encouraging things which somehow only mothers seem to know how to do. You may have accepted these attentions more of less as matters of course and perhaps without conscious gratitude or any expressions of your appreciation. You are rapidly approaching the time in life when you will be entirely independent of your mother. The ties which dependency has bound you to her may be served as you grow older, but the tie of mother-love can never be broken.

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Done*

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

## FUNERAL SERVICE

*This service is designated exclusively for the home, church or cemetery, and is distinct from the formal Memorial Service.*

*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*

*Officers take positions shown on Diagram 3.*

**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 ideals that he professed. Death is universal and to it all ages are as one. But death also is the beginning of a new life – a life with God who gave to us an earthly body with which to serve Him for awhile. Today is a time for sadness, but it is also a time for rejoicing, knowing that our brother has completed the earthly time given to him and has returned to live forever in that world that has no end.

*Suggested music cue:*

**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 a life before with the everlasting gates have opened wide to receive one who was true to all 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 an intimacy which will always be cherished by the comrades of our departed brother. He attended us faithfully at all times, and I bring the consolation of an endless journey along the pathway of eternity.

**M.C.** The East is symbolic of the morning of life and from the station of a rising sun I bring the consolation of youth that began so well the journey now so ultimately ended. I bring the consolation of obligation 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; he loved his country as a loyal citizen; his life was clean in word and deed; he was a trusted comrade; he was faithful to every ideal; his life was gentle with courtesy 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 unfilled.

**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, of a faith founded on the rock of everlasting days. I bring the consolation of that faith that knows no years, for our brother dwells in the city four-square, where suns neither rise nor set, for the Lamb of God the light thereof. 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 hopes. Our brother's life, cut off in its morning years, is glorified with duties well-performed and upon shines the splendor of everlasting light.

**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 sorrowing sympathy. Words cannot lessen their sense of irreplaceable loss. We can only commend them to the infinite love and pity of the universal Father, with the hopes that in the years to come, the remembrance that our brother was worthy of comradeship of our Order and deserved the commendation of all good men will be a solace to them in bereavement that can never be forgotten.

*Suggested music cue:*

*If the service is not at the grave, M.C. will announce that it will be concluded at the cemetery. If the entire ceremony is conducted at the grave there will be no break in the service.*

**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 to whom our brother was nearest and dearest. May they find comfort in the remembrance of his virtues; and may we know him in the comradeship of our Chapter gain anew 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 of our Order. Amen.

**ALL** Amen.

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

*At the conclusion 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 3.*

**INSTALLATION SERVICE**

*An open Installation Service may be exemplified with appropriate features, such as musical selections, addresses, and presentation of tokens suitable to the ceremony. It should be made as impressive as possible, since it is an opportunity for DeMolays to explain and exemplify the purposes of the Order to those who may never learn them otherwise. At the discretion of the Executive Officer, the Officers may be installed in the order shown or in the reverse order, only.*

*Required Parts: Installing Officer: I.O.; Installing Senior Councilor: I.S.C.; Installing Junior Councilor: I.J.C.; Installing Marshal: I.Mar.; Installing Chaplain: I.Ch.; Installing Senior Deacon: I.S.D.*

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

*Optional Paraphernalia: Altar cloth; Chapter banner placed in standard situated as indicated on Diagram One; Altar flowers; pedestal covers; baton for I.Mar.; matches for I.S.D.; gavel on I.J.C.'s pedestal.*

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

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

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

*They kneel for a moment of silent prayer.*

**I.O.** Amen.

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

**I.O.** \* (rap)

*I.S.C. moves J K E D X. Simultaneously I.J.C. moves J I L X. As I.S.C. and I.J.C. reach points K and I respectively, I.S.D. moves J K V Z X. I.CH. moves J I T Z X and simultaneously I.Mar. moves J I T Z X.*

**I.O.** \* (rap)

*All except I.O. sit down.*

**I.O.** Friends, on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter, Order of DeMolay, we welcome you most cordially to this ceremony of installing the Officers who have been elected or appointed for the ensuing term. It may not out of place at this time to explain briefly the general purposes of our Order, to which only young men between the ages of 13 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 meeting we inculcate only principles which are in harmony with this exalted purpose and in our daily lives we seek to carry them into effect. We feel we can rightly bespeak for our Order in general and for ourselves in particular the hearty assistance of all good men and women.

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

*Suggested music cue:*

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

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

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

**I.O.** \* (rap)

*I.S.D. sits down.*

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

\*\*\* (3 raps)

*All stand.*

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

**I.S.C.** We open the Holy Bible, the foundation of our faith in everlasting days upon the Altar as a symbol of the religious liberty which is the birthright of all people. Upon that Altar it is not the emblem of any creed or the repository of any system of theology, but the word of 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 consciences, our freedom would be a mockery and therefore, as the foundation of all our liberties, we place the word of God upon our Altar and I solemnly enjoin the members of this Chapter ever to walk in the light of its teachings and never to meet save around its opened pages.

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

**I.O.** Brother Installing Junior Councilor, you will see that the flag of our country is presented at the Altar.

**I.J.C.** Brother Installing Senior Deacon, you will present the flag of our country at the Altar.

Brethren and friends, you will stand at attention and salute our 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. I.S.D. carries the flag with left hand high – right hand low—on the flag staff, with the staff extending past his right side. (See figure 6.)*

*In The United States of America, 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 I.S.D. picks up flag, all persons salute. The salute is dropped when I.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 I.S.D. starts to leave the Altar and is dropped when he has replaced the flag in its stand. I.S.D. does not salute the flag at any time.*

*Suggested music cue:*

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

**I.J.C.** Brethren, 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.

*Suggested music cue: National anthem or other patriotic song.*

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

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

**I.J.C.** We present the flag at the Altar as a symbol of the civil liberty without which there could be no religious freedom. It is especially appropriate that this flag should be committed to the custody of these young men, so soon to become the citizens by whose patriotism its 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.

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

**I.O.** \* (rap)

*All except I.O. sit down.*

*I.O. carrying school books, moves X U O, faces West, places school books on Northeast corner of Altar.*

**I.O.** From the station in the East, emblematic of the morning years of life, we place the school books on the Altar as a symbol of the intellectual liberty, without which there could be neither civil nor religious freedom. They are particularly emblematic of the great public school system of our country, the foundation of that universal enlightenment which is the crowning glory of our institutions. Devoted championship of our public schools is a cardinal teaching of the Order of DeMolay. We are unalterably opposed to the same building housing a school, a church and a seat of civil government. Civil, religious and intellectual liberty are the three sources of our country's greatness, but they must stand alone, upon separate foundations and under separate roofs. These books, representative of those being carried to and from the public schools of our liberties as the Holy

Bible, which is the rule and guide of our faith, or the flag which protects the church, the school and the seat of civil power. We, therefore, place these books upon the Altar and I solemnly enjoin the members of this Chapter ever to stand unswervingly for the protection and perpetuity of the free public schools, the citadel of our safety and the source of the only real freedom possible in a government of the people, by the people and for the people.

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

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

\*\*\* (3 raps)

*All stand.*

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

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

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

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

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

**ALL** Amen.

*Active DeMolays rise as I.Ch. rises. I.Ch. takes one step backward away from Altar, simultaneously I.Mar. takes one step forward. Both face North. I.Ch. takes one step forward to I.Mar.'s side. I.Ch. conducted by I.Mar. moves J K V Z, I.Ch. crosses in front of I.Mar. and moves X, stands facing his station. I Mar. moves 2 X and simultaneously both I. Ch. and I.Mar. face West. AS I.Ch. and I.Mar leave Altar, all Active DeMolays who were in the East and I.S.C. and I.J.C. return to dais. Lights raised to full.*

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

\* (rap)

*All sit down.*

*Suggested music cue:*

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

*Done.*

*If the Chapter so desires the Officers may already be seated within the Chapter room, either at the stations which they are about to assume, or in a predesignated area. If either of these methods is used, then the Officers will form the triangle as prescribed in Diagram 2 when their names are read. Or if space permits the Officers may be seated in the triangle show in Diagram 2 from the beginning of the ceremony.*

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

**ALL** We do.

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

**ALL** We do.

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

**C's** We do.

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

**C's** We do.

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

**I.O.** Brother Installing Marshal, you will present the Master Councilor elect for installation.

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

**I.Mar.** Brother Installing Officer, I take pleasure in presenting Brother \_\_\_\_\_, who has been elected Master Councilor of the Chapter for the ensuing term.

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

**M.C.** I am.

**I.O.** \*\*\* (3 raps)

*All rise.*

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

*M.C. kneels...*

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

*...places hands as directed.*

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

**M.C.** I do.

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

**M.C.** I do.

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

**M.C.** I do.

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

**M.C.** I do.

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

**M.C.** I do.

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

**M.C.** I do.

**I.O.** Do you promise that you will at all times obey the Statues and orders of the Supreme Council?

**M.C.** I do.

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

**M.C.** I do.

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

**M.C.** I do.

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

**M.C.** I do.

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

**M.C.** I do.

**I.O.** Then you will seal your promises by kissing the Holy Bible.

*Done.*

**I.O.** You will arise.

*M.C. rises.*

**I.O.** Brother Installing Marshal, you will conduct our Master Councilor to his station.

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

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

*I.O. leads applause.*

**I.O.** \* (rap)

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

**I.O.** Brother Installing Marshal, you will present the Senior Councilor-elect for installation.

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

*When I.O. names Officers I.Mar. is to present for installation, Officers named move to point J. When I.O. instructs I.Mar. to conduct Officers to station, I.Mar. moves J K V T C E K, with Officers accompanying him to Z X. I.Mar. returns to J standing always on the left of those being installed. When more than one Officer is being conducted: The Officer9s0 follow single file behind the first; they remain standing until all are at stations, then sit down in unison.*

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

**I.O.** Brother \_\_\_\_\_, you have been elected by your brethren to the second highest office in their gift and it will be your duty to preside in the absence of the Master Councilor. It is necessary, therefore, that you be fully qualified to fill not

only your own particular station, but also that of your immediate superior. Your station in the West is symbolic of the setting sun, and emblematic of the night which heralds the eternal day. Brother Installing Marshal, you will conduct the Senior Councilor to his station in the West, after which you will present the Junior Councilor-elect for installation.

*Done.*

*S.C. sits down upon reaching his station.*

**I.Mar.** Brother Installing Officer, I take pleasure in presenting Brother \_\_\_\_\_, who has been elected Junior Councilor for the ensuing term.

**I.O.** Brother \_\_\_\_\_, the office of the Junior Councilor is one of dignity and honor. The members of this Chapter expressed their confidence in you when you were elected to this position. You are to cooperate heartily with the other two Councilors as prescribed by our ritual. Your capabilities and effectiveness will afford the best proof of your zeal and interest in this Chapter. Your station is in the South, symbolic of the meridian sun or the noon of life. Brother Installing Marshal, you will conduct the Junior Councilor to his station in the South, after which you will present the Deacons for installation.

*Done.*

*J.C. sits down upon reaching his station.*

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

**I.O.** Brother \_\_\_\_\_, the office of Senior Deacon is one of the most important in the official line. In the interpretation of the work of the Order you have been assigned a role which is both arduous and honorable. Your selection for this rank is a compliment to your efficiency, and I trust that you will labor zealously to vindicate the wisdom of your selection. Brother \_\_\_\_\_, as Junior Deacon you will be the inner guard of the Chapter and will assist the Senior Deacon in the ceremony of initiation. I enjoin upon you the same devotion to the work of the Order which is the duty of all Officers of whatever rank or station. Brother Installing Marshal, you will conduct the Deacons to their respective stations, after which you will present the Stewards for Installation.

*Done.*

*S.D. and J.D. sit down upon reaching their stations.*

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

**I.O.** Brethern, your duties are suggested by your titles and as integral parts of our work they have a definite place. You are to assist the Deacons in conducting candidates through the ceremony of initiation. You will have many opportunities for effective service and your very rank teaches us that all service is honorable and worthy of faithful performance. Brother Installing Marshal, you will conduct the Stewards to their respective stations, after which you will present the Marshal and Sentinel for installation.

*Done.*

*S.S. and J.S. sit down upon reaching their stations.*

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

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

*Done.*

*Mar. and Sen. Sit down upon reaching their stations.*

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

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

Chaplain to his station, after which you will present the Scribe and Standard Bearer for installation.

*Done.*

*Ch. sits down upon reaching his station.*

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

**I.O.** Brother \_\_\_\_\_, you have been chosen to record the proceedings of the chapter and I enjoin upon you the care, neatness and efficiency which make a secretary's work valuable to any order. The duties of your office are many and carried and are not confined to the meetings of the Chapter. We rely upon your fidelity at all times, that no confusion or dispute may arise in connection with the Chapter's routine business. Brother \_\_\_\_\_, as the title of your office implies you are to be the official custodian of the beloved emblem of our country's greatness. Patriotism is one of the cardinal virtues of our Order, and as the formal guardian of the flag you are to remind us of our duties as common sharers in the closings won for us by all the sacrifices of those who have lived well and died gloriously in behalf of our country. The honor of that flag is soon to be committed to our hands and it is no light distinction which has been accorded you as its keeper. Brother Installing Marshal, you will conduct the Scribe and the Standard Bearer to their respective stations after which you will present the Treasurer, Almoner and Orator for installation.

*Done.*

*Sc. and S.B. sit down upon reaching their stations.*

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

**I.O.** Brother \_\_\_\_\_, you have been elected to the stewardship of the finances of this chapter and I enjoin upon you rigid fidelity in the discharge of that important trust. With propriety I urge you to the strictest carefulness that this Chapter may at all times know its financial status. Brother \_\_\_\_\_, it is your province to remind us, in the performance of your official duties as Almoner, that charity, not the ostentatious and unmeaning dolling out of aims, but the charity which has been translated "brotherly love" is a virtue which all should practice. The cry of need is ever sounding in our ears and to it our ears must never be closed. Brother \_\_\_\_\_, you have been selected as the Orator of this Chapter. It is an office the importance of which cannot be overestimated.

The interpretation of the lesson to be taught in the DeMolay Degree depends in a large measure on the manner in which the Orator makes his explanation of the fundamental significance of the teachings of our Order. No small measure of ability will be required to make your portion of the ritual impressive and your selection for this office is an automatic proof of the Master Councilor's confidence that you possess and will display that ability. Brother Installing Marshal, you will conduct the Treasurer, Almoner and Orator to their respective stations, after which you will present the Preceptors for installation.

*Done.*

*Tr., Al. and O. sit down upon reaching their stations.*

**I.Mar.** Brother Installing Officer, I take pleasure in presenting Brothers \_\_\_\_\_, who have been chosen Preceptors for the ensuing term.

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

*I.Mar. conducts Precs. J K V T C E V Z X. 1P moves Z X at first pass by his station. Others then move Z X in sequence.*

*When all Precs. Have reached their stations they sit down simultaneously.*

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

*I.Mar. moves X Y Z I J, face East, without kneeling, lays right hand on Bible and raises left hand (and baton if one is used.)*

**I.Mar.** In the name and under the authority of The International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay, and by direction of the Installing Officer, I declare the Officers of \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter, Order of DeMolay duly and regularly installed/

**I.O.** \* (rap)

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

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

*I.O. hands gavel to new M.C. After M.C. has completed his acknowledgements, introductions, announcements, etc., he returns gavel to I.O.*

**I.O.** Brethren and friends, before concluding our ceremonies, let us unite in prayer.

\*\*\* (3 raps)

*All stand.*

*All lights except the candles and Altar spot are dimmed.*

*A minister or other person designated may offer prayer or the Chaplain selected for the purpose may use the following prayer of the Nine o'clock Interpolation prayer, including the unison response by the brethren.*

*If I.Ch. is to give prayer, I.Ch., conducted by I.Mar., moves X Z I J. I.Ch. halts at point J. I.Mar. takes one step further, both face East. I Ch. takes one step towards Altar. As I.Ch. and I.Mar. leave their stations, all Active DeMolays in the East and I.S.C and I.J.C. descend to the floor level.*

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

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

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

**ALL** Amen. (*Unison response if Nine O'clock Interpolation Prayer is used.*)

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

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

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

**I.O.** I now declare this Chapter closed.

\* (rap)

### INTRODUCING VISITORS

*When occasion requires the introduction of visitors, the Marshal or instruction from the Master Councilor goes to the visitor in the Chapter room or at the entrance, as the case may be, conducts him to point J facing the Master Councilor, and introduces him as follows.*

**Mar.** Brother Master Councilor, it gives me pleasure to present to you and to the members of \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter, Brother \_\_\_\_\_, a member of \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter, located at \_\_\_\_\_.

*The Mar. should conduct the visitor to a seat in the East or elsewhere in the Chapter room as the M.C. instructs.*

*Mar. moves Z X, faces West.*

**M.C.** \* (rap)

*Mar. sits.*

### LEGION OF HONOR

*Before the Legion of Honor degree is conferred, upon either an active or honorary designate, it is mandatory that the Executive Officer, or one designated by him, give the "Secret Vow" to the designates in private. No one is permitted to be present when this vow is given other than Active Members, or Emeritus Members or Deputies of The International Supreme Council and Legionnaires. The Executive Officer cannot deputize anyone other than a regularly constituted Legionnaire to confer this degree or give the "Secret Vow."*

*The Executive Officer, upon receiving an appointment to Supreme Council, 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 herein stated without any deletions or additions thereto, except that, if the only designate is for the Honorary Legion of Honor, the Executive Officer may authorize appropriate deletions. 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 Officer as he selects shall be used in the conferring of this degree. If Legionnaires are not available, DeMolays may be used as Preceptors. After an organ prelude, the Executive Officer, or one deputized by him to preside, enters the room with the other Officers. The Seven Preceptors each carry a lighted taper or candle.*

*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.*

*All Officers take regular stations. Her. After making announcement sits in S.D. 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 across it with hilt toward Southwest corner, points 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 no one receiving the degree elects 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 covers; baton for Grand Marshal; pedestal on the right of 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., 6 P., 7P. Her. Moves C E V U, ascends dais, faces West.*

*Fanfare of trumpets!!!*

*Her.* Brethren in the North, East, South and West, The International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay 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 Y. C.E. drops off at his station first, then as procession proceeds T C E V, the C.S. and C.W. drop off, then on second circuit the G.Ch. and 1P-7P. drop off; G.Mar. moves V Z X, faces West.*

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

*All except C.E. sit down.*

**C.E.** Brother Grand Marshal, you will present those about to receive the Legion of Honor of the Order of DeMolay.

*G.Mar. moves X Z T, thence 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 The International Supreme Council 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 The International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay honors its illustrious sons, 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 accepted fact. Your designation to be exalted to the highest honor within the gift of the International Supreme Council 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 fall as a citizen, as a leader, and as a man. 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 dew. At this moment those who have been created members of the DeMolay Legion of Honor are counted only in the tens of hundreds from a worldwide membership that runs into the millions.

You not only become a part of a distinguished body of men determined to perpetrate the ideals of the Order of DeMolay, but you are bound together by most sacred of vows to lead the great army of DeMolay as it marches onward to a realization of its teachings—teaching 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 immoral Tenth Legion will live forever in history, yet it never fought so bravely as when under the eye of Ceaser, who knew each man by name. But the Legions 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.

My brothers, 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, assigned by my colleagues, I am now about to confer upon you the highest decoration within the gift of our International Supreme Council. 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 brethren 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 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 are raised to full. G. Mar. directs designates to face East.*

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

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

My brothers, as Legionnaires, 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 V T I J, facing East.*

**C.E.** \*\*\* (3 raps)

*All rise.*

**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.*

In the presence of Almighty God/and these witnesses here assembled,/I 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 all 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 and most solemnly/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,/I 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 The International Supreme Council/of the Order of DeMolay.

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

So help me God!

*Suggested music cue:*

**C.E.** My brethren, 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 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. 1P. rises, takes red and white carnations along with candle, and moves X Z F H M to candle 1, lights it and steps to point O, faces West.*

**1P.** In the name of The International Supreme Council, I light this candle at the symbolic Altar of filial love and with these flowers of affection...

*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 F H P thence to candle 2, lights it and steps up to point O, faces West.*

**2P.** In the name of The International Supreme Council, I light this candle at the symbolic Altar of reverence for sacred things and with these green springs of immortality...

*places ferns or evergreens on Altar.*

...I dedicate you anew to the faith of our father—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 P V T Z X, replaces candle, sits down. As 2P. sits down, 3P. rises, takes white roses along with candle and moves X Z E P thence to candle 3, lights it and steps to point O, faces West.*

- 3P.** In the name of The International Supreme Council, I light this candle at the symbolic Altar of courtesy and with these pure roses of white...

*places white roses on Altar.*

...I declare you anew to DeMolay ideals of that thoughtful consideration for others which is the only true refinement.

*3P. moves O P V T C Z X, replaces candle, sits down. As 3 P. sits down, 4P. rises, takes jasmine or other yellow flowers along with candle and moves X Z E S R thence to candle 4, lights it and steps to point O, faces West.*

- 4P.** In the name of The International Supreme Council, I light this candle at the symbolic Altar of comradeship and with these yellow flowers of constancy...

*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 R Q C Z X, replaces candles, sits down. As 4P, sits down, 5P. rises, takes blue flowers along with candle and moves X Z V TN thence to candle 5, lights it then steps to point O, faces West.*

- 5P.** In the name of The International Supreme Council, I light this candle at the symbolic altar of fidelity and with these flowers of blue....

*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 M F H Z X, replaces candle, sits down/ As 5P. sits down, 6P. rises, takes white lilies along with candle and moves X Z V T N thence to candle 6, lights it then steps to point O, faces West.*

- 6P.** In the name of The International Supreme Council, I light this candle at the symbolic Altar of cleanness and with these lilies of stainless white...

*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 F H Z X, replaces candle, sits down. As 6P. sits down, 7P.raises, takes red roses along with candle and moves X Z V T L thence to candle 7, lights it then steps to point O, faces West.*

- 7P.** In the name of The International Supreme Council, I light this candle at the symbolic Altar of patriotism and with these red roses--...

*places them on Altar.*

... the immemorial badge of courage—I dedicate you anew to the DeMolay ideals of citizenship, the bravery which offers the heroism of good citizenship in time of peace.

*7P. moves O N F H 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 brethren now about to be invested with the Legion of Honor.

- C.S.** My brethren, for the purpose of this ceremony, I occupy the station of symbolic of the years of manhood. As the sun at its zenith represents the day half done, the task incompleting, 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 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 which you have

reflected credit and which, through its highest governing body, is glad to honor you. You will 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 brethren now about to be invested with the Legion of Honor.

**C.W.** My brethren, 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 the designates moving D E S R, faces East. Places kneeling pads for designates.*

**C.E.** My brothers, it is now my pleasant duty and honor to present 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, The International Supreme Council had 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. Brother Grand Marshal, you will present the Patents.

*Done.*

The ring is a fitting symbol of all the pledges you have made, or may make in the future, to be a good 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 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 which it is composed.

*If all designates are receiving a ring, omit the word “symbolically” and place the 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.

This Cordon is the insignia of membership in an Order which has taken as its great exemplar one of the world’s knightliest 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, them moves J K V U and hands it to C.E.*

**C.E.** In the name of The International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay, 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 welfare 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. My brothers, 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. Arise Legionnaire.

*Takes sword blade in right hand, places sword across left arm, turning the left side to Legionnaire, who places his right hand on hit and rises. G. Mar. directs Legionnaires to face Altar.*

**C.E.** 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.

## **MAJORITY SERICE**

*This service is intended as a recognition for 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 the Northeast corner of the Altar; National flag in standard as indicated in Diagram One.*

*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 conversation 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, thence 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 an active member 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. Only you yourself can destroy that sacred means of communication and we believe and pray that you will maintain your enthusiasm for our Order throughout the broader life upon which you have entered.

The ancient world held no higher civic honor than that 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. Across the threshold of manhood you have passed as it were in one brief but tremendous moment.

It is to bid you farewell at the door of this larger life, to wish you Godspeed in the new journey you have begun, to urge you to maintain your affection for our Order and to welcome you on frequent visits to the Chapter around which so many happy associations cling that we have summoned you again to the East, symbolic of the youth you have left behind. 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.S.** 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.

It is not for me, as the incumbent of the office that is emblematic of the meridian years of life, to urge you to continued loyalty to the teachings and practices which are designated to fit youth for useful honorable citizenship. I may, however, with propriety suggest that 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. The true spirit of a DeMolay will make a man or boy loyal and loving to their memory when they have passed away. He will revere sacred things and weave into the fabric of his manhood the essentials of his religious faith. He will love the flag of his country and hold it high above all other banners of the earth, fighting for it if need be, defending its honor in battle or on the fields of good citizenship, where the victories of peace are won. He will be loyal to the widened circle of his friendship. We will be faithful to all the broadened responsibilities and the new pledges he has assumed. He will be courteous and kindly and considerate because the Crown of Manhood holds no jewel that can replace true refinement. The step of greeting, the sign of welcome, the token of brotherhood will be the instinctive gestures of his life and always in his heart will abide reverence for the heroic fidelity of the great exemplar of our Order.

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 weavers of the Crown of Youth, which you have now exchanged for the Crown of Manhood. We rejoice if we have helped to prepare you for the solemn task upon which you now enter. We glory in the hope that the companionship of the Order has strengthened you in hours of weakness, cheered you in times of loneliness, perhaps saved you in moments of temptation.

As the Master Councilor has suggested, it would be presumptuous for us now to remind you of the pledges you have made in the past. We ask none of you now. Your future is in your own hands. We can only accompany you to the threshold which we ourselves shall soon reach in turn. We can only remind you that what you promised yesterday is the task of today; that pledges have become duties and obligations opportunities. 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 LCD, face West.*

- S.C.** My brothers, at this station, emblematic of the eve of life, you have heard inculcated many times the great truth that the wisest young man is he who looks well to the ending of the journey as well as to its beginning. 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. Among those opportunities is the happy privilege of knowing that the doors have not closed upon you and that you will always be a welcome visitor. 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 are dimmed.*

*Ch., unescorted goes to Altar, moving 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 will 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 the Altar and faces North. Ch. unescorted, moves J K V Z X, faces West. As Ch. leaves Altar all Active DeMolays who were in East the S.C. and J.C. return to daises. Lights are 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.** And now, my brothers, this ceremony nears its close, henceforth, we may not greet you as Active DeMolays though the ties which have been formed can be severed only by death. We extend again the warm invitation to visit your Chapter as often as possible. Brother Marshal, you will afford our brothers seats within the Chapter room.

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

**M.C.** \* (rap)

*All sit down.*

## **MEMORIAL SERVICE**

*This service is written to be either open or private, as the Chapter may decide. It may be used as an annual ceremony to commemorate the death of all the members of the Chapter who died during the year, or it may be used for each brother who passes away. It is obvious that the wording must be changed to fit the situation if the memorial is for more than one deceased brother, as will probably be in most services.*

*Required Parts: Master Councilor: M.C.; Senior Councilor: S.C.; Junior Councilor: J.C.; Chaplain: Ch.; Orator: O.; Senior Deacon: S.D.; Seven Preceptors: 1P-7P.*

*Required Paraphernalia: Gavel on M.C.'s pedestal; Holy Bible open on Altar; school books on Northeast corner of Altar; the following flowers:*

*M.C.: opening rose of any color  
J.C.: full blown rose of any color  
S.D.: immortelles (fern or evergreen)  
S.D.: sprig of evergreen  
1P: violets  
2P: white lily  
3P: white rose  
4P: rosemary*

*5P: jasmine (or other yellow flower)*

*6P: any white flower*

*7P: red rose;*

*The Councilors' flowers on their respective pedestals; red and yellow ribbons on Altar.*

*Optional Paraphernalia: Seven candlesticks with candles, Chapter banner in a standard, both situated as on Diagram One; Altar cloth; pedestal covers; baton for Mar.; pedestals at right of each preceptors station for appropriate flowers; pedestal at left of S.D.'s station for appropriate flowers.*

**M.C.** \*(rap)

**M.C.** Brethren, we are called upon to pay the last tribute of respect to the memory of a brother who has gone. A place once filled is now vacant. A chair once occupied is now empty. A voice once heard in this Chapter is forever silent to mortal ears. A form familiar to our eyes will never be seen on earth again. Hands, whose helpful clasp cheered us in days gone by, are folded in the everlasting rest. It is fitting, therefore, that we should pause, no matter how engrossing our duties, and pay to our departed brother the tribute due his memory.

*Suggested music cue:*

**M.C.** Brother Scribe, you will call the roll of our Chapter.

*M.C. sits down.*

*Scribe starts as though to call the complete roll, beginning with the M.C., S.C., and J.C., who answer "Here." The name of the deceased is called and there is no answer; a second time, and a third time, with no response. After the third time the M.C. rises and says:*

**M.C.** Brethren, we call upon our brother. There is no reply, but I answer that though his voice is silent in death and his form absent to mortal vision, yet he is here. He is here in the loving memory of his comrades. He is here in the sorrowing remembrance that can never forget. He is here in every cheery, helpful word he spoke, in kind deeds he wrought, in the brotherly affection that beamed from his eye and in the warm clasp of his hand. He is here in the example of his loyal, clean, filial and patriotic young life. We call his name but he does not speak. We look to the place he filled, but he is not there. We stretch out our hands for the olden greeting, but they fall empty to our sides. Yet the eyes of faith see him, the ears of faith hear his voice, and we are persuaded that we shall again greet him in another world. In the name of that faith, therefore, I answer that he is here.

You will pay heed to the Orator.

*M.C. sits down.*

**O.** *Reads Ecclesiastes, 12<sup>th</sup> Chapter, 1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> verses:*

Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them; While the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened, nor the clouds return after the rain;

In the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those that look out of the windows be darkened;

And the doors shall be shut in the streets, when the sound of the grinding is low, and he shall rise up at the voice of the bird, and all the daughters of music shall be brought low;

Also when they shall be afraid of that which is high, and fears shall be in the way, and the almond tree shall flourish, and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and desire shall fail; because man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets;

Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern. Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was; and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.

**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, moving X Z I J. Ch. halts at point J, faces East and takes one step toward Altar. As Ch. leaves his station all Active DeMolays in the 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 in Heaven, we thank Thee for the comforting assurance of the faith implanted in our hearts, without which we would indeed sorrow as those without hope. We mourn the departure of a comrade dear to us. His should has gone to Thee and Thou art love and mercy without bounds. We invoke the consolation of Thy grace upon all those to whom our brother was near and dear, and especially upon the family circle now broken, its bright hopes unrealized and its loving dream unfulfilled. We pray that Thou wilt help us to learn the lesson of such a

life as our brother lived among us and that we may strive, as he, to mold our lives in accord with Thy holy will. Amen.

**ALL** Amen.

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

**M.C.** \*(rap)

*All except M.C. sit down.*

**M.C.** Brethren, flowers have been untold ages the symbol of all the holiest emotions of the soul. They are the mute but eloquent voices that express what the halting tongue cannot put in words. They are the perfumed music, the fragrant poetry, the petaled picture and the nodding sculpture that combine the beauty of all the arts, speaking the universal language that the most be knighted and the most civilized have always understood. They lend their sweet ministry to the bed of suffering, dulling its sharpest pangs. They give their promise of hope and happiness at the Holy Altar where marriage vows are pledged. They speak a thousand messages along the path of life and they bloom on the very brink of the grave, emblems of the unwithering gardens that bloom in the world to come. Brother Senior Deacon, what tribute do you bring to our memorial Altar?

*M.C. sits down.*

*S.D. takes sprig of evergreen, moves X Z U O, places it on Altar.*

**S.D.** As it is the duty of my office to open the door of our Chapter to those who seek admission to our circle, I lay on the Altar of memory, this sprig of evergreen, emblematic of the everlasting Chapter into which our brother has entered through the opened door of death.

*Suggested music cue:*

*S.D. faces East, moves O U Z X, faces West, sits down.*

*As S.D. sits down, M.C. rises, takes opening rose, moves X U O, places it on Altar.*

**M.C.** From the station of the rising sun, symbol of the morn of life, I bring this opening rose and lay it on the Altar of memory in token of the young manhood that passed in the morning years, while the dews of life still lingered on them and the hidden promise was unfulfilled.

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

**M.C.** Brother Junior Councilor, what tribute do you bring to our memorial Altar?

*M.C. sits down.*

*J.C. takes full-blown rose, moves X L N O, faces West, places it on Altar.*

**J.C.** From the station of the meridian sun, symbol of the noon of life, I bring this full-blown rose, and lay it on the Altar of memory in token of the manhood years which our brother never reached, but of whose ripened fullness his life gave such abundant promise.

*J.C. faces South, moves O N L X, faces North, sits down.*

**M.C.** Brother Senior Councilor, what tribute do you bring to our memorial Altar?

*M.C. sits down.*

*S.C. takes immortelles, moves X D J, places spray on Altar.*

**S.C.** From the station of the setting sun, symbol of the eve of life, I bring this spray of immortelles, emblematic of the everlasting day that follows the night of life. Our brother lived well the years allotted to him and our faith has lighted a beacon which guided him over the dark waters of death and enables us to see him through the eyes of hope, on the farther shore, where there is no twilight or setting sun.

*Suggested music cue:*

*S.C. faces West, moves J D X, faces East, sits down.*

**M.C.** Brethren, virtues are the flowers in the garden of life which give it beauty and fragrance, as weaknesses are the tares, and sin the thorns that give it suffering and pain. Brother Preceptors, (Precs. Do not rise) our brother wore worthily the Crown of Youth you committed to his keeping. What tributes do you bring to our memorial Altar?

*M.C. sits down.*

*1P. rises, takes violets from pedestal, moves X Z N O, faces West, places them on Altar.*

**1P.** I lay these violets of sweet affection on the Altar of memory in token of our brother's filial devotion. He was a good son and the memory of this virtue is one of consolations which will, as time goes by, lighten the sorrow of those nearest and dearest to him.

*1P. sits down, 2P. rises, takes lily from pedestal, moves X Z I J, places it on Altar.*

- 2P.** I lay this stainless lily of the resurrection on the Altar of memory in token of our brother's reverence for sacred things and his profound death that the dead shall live again. His trust in God was abiding; he loved the companionship of the good and in the holy places of worship he found peace and joy.

*2P. faces South, moves J I Z X, faces North, sits down. As 2P. sits down, 3P. rises, takes white rose from pedestal, moves X Z D J, places it on Altar.*

- 3P.** I lay this rose of white, emblematic of chivalry and an un tarnished shield, on the Altar of memory in token of our brother's courtesy, the crowning bloom of human character. This truly charming virtue refined his life and gave it a beauty which is the flower of that knightliness which flourishes today as in the days of tented fields and tournaments of courage and skill. He was a truly knightly soul, for his was the rare courtesy that makes knights of all who are kind and gentle, patient, considerate and refined.

*3P. faces West, moves J D Z X, faces East, sits down. As 3P. sits down, 4P. rises, takes sprig of rosemary from pedestal, moves X Z D J, places sprig on Altar.*

- 4P.** I lay this sprig of rosemary, emblem of remembrance, on the Altar of memory in token of our brother's spirit of comradeship. He was a loyal friend and brother to the members of our Order. His handclasp was strong and true, and his comradeship was worthy of our precepts, for it exemplified itself in his every act and thought and word. As a comrade he will be most sincerely mourned and his place in our circle can never be completely filled.

*4P. faces West, moves J D Z X, faces East, sits down. As 4P. sits down, 5P. rises, takes jasmine from pedestal, moves X Z K J, faces East, places it on Altar.*

- 5P.** I lay this yellow jasmine, symbol of constancy, on the Altar of memory in token of our brother's fidelity. He was true to the letter and spirit of the obligation he assumed at our Altar and o every unspoken vow of duty. He strove earnestly at all times to live up to his conception of what a right-thinking and right-living young man should be, and the motto of his life might well have been "Semper Fidelis," for he was ever faithful to every trust reposed in him.

*5P. faces North, moves J K Z X, faces South, sits down. As 5P. sits down, 6P. rises, takes white flower from pedestal, moves X Z K J, faces East, places it on Altar.*

- 6P.** I lay this white flower of purity on the Altar of memory in token of our brother's cleanness of body, heart and mind. Our circle held no finer type of clean-living,

clean-thinking, clean-speaking young manhood, and this flower is the most fitting symbol of the purity and beauty of his life.

*6P. faces North, moves J K Z X, faces South, sits down. As 6P. sits down, 7P. rises, takes red rose from pedestal, moves X Z P O, faces West, places it on Altar.*

**7P.** I lay this red rose of courage on the Altar of memory in token of our brother's love of country. Though he was not called upon to offer his life in its defense, he represented the highest type of patriotic young American manhood. Our flag had no more devoted lover and had it needed him, it would have had no braver defender.

*7P. faces North, moves O P Z X, faces South sits down. M.C. rises moves X U O.*

**M.C.** Brethren, you have heard the tributes to our departed brother and have seen the symbolic flowers laid upon the Altar of memory in token of his virtues. I bind them together with the cord of loving remembrance.

*Suggested music cue:*

*M.C. ties them with yellow and red ribbons of the Order.*

**M.C.** I lay these flowers upon our Altar as a votive offering in this temple of holy things. This memorial garland is a pledge we give to the dead to be true to the principles to which he was faithful and a vow we make to the living to strive to deserve the same tribute if we should be called by death. Let us, around this sacred Altar, rededicate and reconsecrate ourselves to the teachings of our Order. The brethren of this Chapter will rise and repeat "I do so promise and vow."

*Done.*

**M.C.** May we go forth from this place restrengthened in every fine, pure purpose that animates a DeMolay. These flowers will wither in a few short hours. Their fragrance will pass away and their petals become but perfumed dust. They are only symbols of things that live forever. Let us take with us through the days and years to come the lessons they teach. Thus shall our lives become gardens where the fleeting flowers of earth shall never wither or decay.

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

**M.C.** Brethren, we place our right hand over our heart in token of our fidelity to the principles to which he subscribed and as a symbol that he will always live in our hearts. We invoke the divine favor upon all who held him near and dear, and we bow to the majesty of death and to the inscrutable will of our Heavenly Father.

*M.C. raises his right hand in benediction.*

**M.C.** ... and may God sanctify to us all the lessons of this hour.

*\* (rap)*

*M.C. sits down.*

*Suggested music cue:*

*A short address may be given at this time.*

**M.C.** This concludes our memorial service for Brother \_\_\_\_\_.

*Officers may march out. IF the service is held for but one brother, let the flowers be given to the mother, if she be present.*

### **NINE O’CLOCK INTERPOLATION**

*All Chapter meetings whether public or private, require the giving of the Nine O’clock Interpolation if the meeting includes the hour of nine o’clock in the evening. The Nine O’clock Interpolation may also be given on other public DeMolay occasions which include the hour of nine o’clock in the evening when the circumstances are appropriate to the nature of the ceremony.*

*When the hour of nine o’clock arrives—or as soon thereafter as the proceedings will not be greatly disturbed—all lights except the candles are dimmed. A gong is struck nine times. The striking of the gong and the dimming of the lights may be omitted at public occasions if the circumstances are such that that would be more appropriate.*

**M.C.** Brethren, at this hour, all over our land, mothers are bending above their beds wherein lie the children they love. At this hour also, the guests in homes and hospitals are preparing for the hour of rest. Let us pause a moment in our deliberations while the Chaplain offers a prayer.

*Suggested music cue:*

**M.C.** \*\*\* (3 raps)

*All stand.*

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

*Ch., conducted by Mar., moves X Z I J. As Ch. and Mar. leave their stations, all Active DeMolays in the East and the S.C. and J.C. descend to floor level.*

*Mar. and CH. halt at point J. Mar. takes one further step North; both face East. Ch. takes one step toward Altar; simultaneously Mar. takes one step backward away from Altar. At public occasions outside the Chapter room where no Altar is available, M.C. will proceed directly to next speech.*

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

*Active DeMolays except Mar. kneel in unison as Ch. kneels.*

**Ch.** Our Father, as sons of loving and indulgent parents, we invoke Thy divine blessing upon all the fathers and mothers of our country and of all the world and wilt Thou pour out a special blessing for our mothers who have watched over us with unceasing care during all the years of our lives. We ask Thy benediction upon all who labor for the relief of suffering and need. May we ever realize that we are brothers of the helpless and suffering and rejoice in every call to the relief of pain or the alleviation of sorrow. Wilt Thou help us to lead upright and patriotic lives worthy of the devotion of all who have labored for our beloved country in every field of sacrifice and service. Amen.

**ALL** (In Unison) God bless mother. God bless father. God bless the purposes of DeMolay. Amen.

*Suggested music cue:*

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

**M.C.** \*(rap)

*All sit down.*

## **RECOGNITION PIN PRESENTATION CERMONY**

*This presentation is designed to be either open or private as the Chapter may decide.*

*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 recognition pin for each candidate placed on Altar on East side of Bible.*

*Optional Paraphernalia: Seven candlesticks with candles; Altar cloth; Altar flowers; pedestal covers; baton for Mar.*

**M.C.** Brother Marshal, you will conduct our newly initiated brothers to the Altar.

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

**Mar.** 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 world-wide 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.

More than six hundred years 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 thinking 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. Its 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 recognition insignia which I hope you will wear with pleasure to yourself and honor of 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.

May this recognition 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 candidates J K thence to seats, then returns Z X, faces West.*

**M.C.** \* (rap)

*All sit down.*

## **REPRESENTATIVE DeMOLAY CEREMONY**

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

*Required Parts: Chancellor: C. in center chair in East; Marshal: Mar. in the regular Marshal's station in the Chapter.*

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

*Optional Paraphernalia: Seven candlesticks with candles; Chapter banner placed in a standard, situated as indicated on Diagram One; Altar cloth; Altar flowers; pedestal covers; baton for Marshal; R.D. ribbon.*

*NOTE: The word of a Representative DeMolay is TUEBOR. Pronounced TOO AY BOR; accent on the second syllable.*

### **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 deed. 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 members who achieves this goal is granted the distinction of being designated a Representative DeMolay. Brother Marshal, present the Representative DeMolay designates to this Court.

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

**Mar.** Brother Chancellor, I am privileged to present Brothers \_\_\_\_\_, who have been designated to receive the Representative DeMolay award.

**C.** My brothers, the attainment of this goal is naturally the objective of every DeMolay, and to him who achieves this all-around development is granted the distinction of being designated as a Representative DeMolay. This distinction is granted by The International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay 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.

**C.** Have you conscientiously tried to obey the divine command, “Honor thy father and they mother”?

**Des.** I have.

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

**Des.** I do.

**C.** Have you honestly tried to maintain a clean mind and to keep your thought, speech and deeds on a high level of respect for womanhood?

**Des.** I have.

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

**Des.** I have.

**C.** Have you maintained a schedule of varied physical and recreational activities to develop a healthy body?

**Des.** I have.

**C.** Have you, through study and work, sought to prepare yourself for effective service to society?

**Des.** I have.

**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.

**C.** Have you been regular in your attendance and participation in the activities of our Order?

**Des.** I have.

**C.** Will you oppose every effort to undermine our democracy, and will you study the basic principles of good citizenship upon which our liberties are founded?

**Des.** I will.

- C. My brothers, you have met the requirements for the Representative DeMolay 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. As a Representative DeMolay, you shall defend these seven precepts even at peril to yourself, just as Jacques DeMolay defended his principles even unto his death.

- C. Brother Marshal, conduct the designates to the Altar.

*Mar. and designates move U T I J, face East.*

- C. \*\*\* (3 raps)

*All rise.*

*C. moves X U O.*

- C. My brothers, you will kneel on your left knee.

*Designates kneel.*

- C. Place your right hand on the Holy Bible or on the shoulder of the brother in front of you.

*Done.*

- C. Place your left hand on your heart.

*Done.*

- C. Say “I” ...

**Des.** I

- C. ...speak your names.

*Done.*

- C. ...and repeat after me:

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

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 like,/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.*

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

*Done.*

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.

*C. hands each designate the certificate, card and lapel pin and shakes hands with each designate. He may hand the items across the Altar, or may walk around the Alter if there is a large number of designates. C. returns to point O, thence to East, moving O U X.*

C. \*(rap)

*All except C., Mar. and Des. Sit down.*

C. Brother Marshal, conduct the new Representative DeMolays to the East.

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

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. Each of you now stands 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 your 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.

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

**C.** Brother Marshal, conduct our brothers to seats of honor in this Court.

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

**C.** \* (rap)

*All sit down.*