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- IO** \* (rap)
- IO** Friends, on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter, Order of DeMolay, we welcome you most cordially to this ceremony of installing the Officers who have been elected or appointed for the ensuing term. It may not be out of place at this time to explain briefly the general purposes of our Order, to which only young men between the ages of 12 and 21 years are eligible. While we have secret signs, words and modes of recognition, we have no secrets from the world so far as our central purposes are concerned. We are banded together for mutual improvement, to help each other live clean, manly, upright, patriotic lives, which will be a credit to our parents and friends, and which will merit the commendation of all good men. In our meetings we inculcate only principles which are in harmony with this exalted purpose and in our daily lives we seek to carry them into effect. We feel we can rightly bespeak for our Order in general and for ourselves in particular the hearty assistance of all good men and women.
- IO** Brother Installing Senior Deacon, you will attend at the Altar.
- IO** 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-filiallove, 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.
- IO** \* (rap)
- IO** Brother Installing Senior Councilor, you will open the Holy Bible on the Altar.
- IO** \* \* \* (3 raps)

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- ISC** We open the Holy Bible, the foundation of our faith in everlasting days, upon the Altar as a symbol of the religious liberty which is the birthright of all people. Upon that Altar it is not the emblem of any creed or the repository of any system of theology, but the word of the one living and true God, Whose universal Fatherhood teaches the inescapable lesson of the brotherhood of all His sons. Without the opportunity to worship God according to the dictates of our own consciences, our freedom would be a mockery and therefore, as the foundation of all our liberties, we place the word of God upon our Altar and I solemnly enjoin the members of this Chapter ever to walk in the light of its teachings and never to meet save around its opened pages.
- IO** Brother Installing Junior Councilor, you will see that the flag of our country is presented at the Altar.
- IJC** Brother Installing Senior Deacon, you will present the flag of our country at the Altar.
- IJC** Brethren and friends, you will stand at attention and salute our flag.
- IJC** 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  
(Ex. Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and  
ISD) justice for all.
- IJC** 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

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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.

**IO** \* (rap)

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

**IO** 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.

**IO** \* \* \* (3 raps)

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

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

**IChp** 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.

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

**IO** \* (rap)

**IO** 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.

**IMar** The Master Councilor, Senior Councilor, Junior Councilor, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Stewards, Orator, Scribe, Treasurer, Sentinel, Chaplain, Marshal, Standard Bearer, Almoner and Preceptors.

**IO** 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.

**IO** 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.

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**IO** 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?

**ALL** We do.

**IO** 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?

**ALL** We do.

**IO** 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 intelligent and consecrated leadership. Without this faithful and efficient cooperation you cannot hope for and you would not deserve success.

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

**IMar** Brother Installing Officer, I take pleasure in presenting Brother [ *John Smith* ] who has been elected Master Councilor of this Chapter for the ensuing term.

**IO** Brother [ *John Smith* ], 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 will eagerness 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,

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however, we must hear from you a public declaration. Are you ready to make this declaration?

**IMar** I am.

**IO** \* \* \* (3 raps)

**IO** Then you will kneel on both knees...  
...and place both hands upon the Holy Bible.

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

**IMar** I do.

**IO** 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?

**IMar** I do.

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

**IMar** I do.

**IO** 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?

**IMar** I do.

**IO** 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?

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**IMar** I do.

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

**IMar** I do.

**IO** Do you promise that you will at all times obey the Statutes and orders of the Supreme Council?

**IMar** I do.

**IO** 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?

**IMar** I do.

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

**IMar** I do.

**IO** 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?

**IMar** I do.

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

**IMar** I do.

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- IO** Then you will seal your promises by kissing the Holy Bible.
- IMar** You will arise.
- IO** Brother Installing Marshal, you will conduct our Master Councilor to his station.
- IO** Brother Master Councilor before you and about you are your brethren. Brethren and friends, before you is the Master Councilor.
- IO** \* (rap)
- IO** Brother Installing Marshal, you will present the Senior Councilor-elect for installation.
- IMar** Brother Installing Officer, I take pleasure in presenting Brother [ *John Smith* ] who has been elected Senior Councilor for the ensuing term.
- IO** Brother [ *John Smith* ], 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.
- IMar** Brother Installing officer, I take pleasure in presenting Brother [ *John Smith* ] who has been elected Junior Councilor for the ensuing term.

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- IO** Brother [ *John Smith* ], the office of 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.
- IMar** Brother Installing Officer, I take pleasure in presenting Brother [ *John Smith* ] who has been chosen Senior Deacon, and Brother [ *John Smith* ] who has been chosen Junior Deacon for the ensuing term.
- IO** Brother [ *John Smith* ], 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 [ *John Smith* ], 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.
- IMar** Brother Installing Officer, I take pleasure in presenting Brother [ *John Smith* ] who has been chosen Senior Steward, and Brother [ *John Smith* ] who has been chosen Junior Steward, for the ensuing term.

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- IO** Brethren, your duties are suggested by your titles and as integral parts of our work they have a definite place. You are to assist the Deacons in conducting candidates through the ceremony of initiation. You will have many opportunities for effective service and your very rank teaches us that all service is 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.
- IMar** Brother Installing Officer, I take pleasure in presenting Brother [ *John Smith* ] who has been chosen Marshal and Brother [ *John Smith* ], who has been chosen Sentinel for the ensuing term.
- IO** Brother [ *John Smith* ], it will be your duty to conduct such processions as our rites prescribe, and to perform such other duties as may be enjoined upon you. Dignity and efficiency will lend effectiveness to the performance of your duties, which are by no means unimportant. Brother [ *John Smith* ], 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.
- IMar** Brother Installing Officer, I take pleasure in presenting Brother [ *John Smith* ] who has been chosen Chaplain for the ensuing term.
- IO** Brother [ *John Smith* ], 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

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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.

**IMar** Brother Installing Officer, I take pleasure in presenting Brother [ *John Smith* ] who has been chosen Scribe and Brother [ *John Smith* ], who has been chosen Standard Bearer for the ensuing term.

**IO** Brother [ *John Smith* ], you have been chosen to record the proceedings of the Chapter and I enjoin upon you the care, neatness and efficiency which make a secretary's work valuable to any order. The duties of your office are many and varied and are not confined to the meetings of the Chapter. We rely upon your fidelity at all times, that no confusion or dispute may arise in connection with the Chapter's routine business. Brother [ *John Smith* ], as the title of your office implies you are to be the official custodian of the beloved emblem of our country's greatness. Patriotism is one of the cardinal virtues of our Order, and as the formal guardian of the flag you are to remind us of our duties as common sharers in the blessings won for us by all the sacrifices of those who have lived well and died gloriously in behalf of our country. The 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 Standard Bearer to their respective stations after which you will present the Treasurer, Almoner and Orator for installation.

**IMar** Brother Installing Officer, I take pleasure in presenting Brother [ *John Smith* ] who has been elected Treasurer, Brother [ *John Smith* ], who has been chosen Almoner and Brother [ *John Smith* ], been chosen Orator for the ensuing term.

**IO** Brother [ *John Smith* ], 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

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all times know its financial status. Brother [ *John Smith* ], it is your province to remind us, in the performance of your official duties as Almoner, that charity, not the ostentatious and unmeaning doling out of alms, but the charity which has been translated "brotherly love," is a virtue which all should practice. The cry of need is ever sounding in our ears and to it our ears must never be closed. Brother [ *John Smith* ], 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.

**IMar** Brother Installing Officer, I take pleasure in presenting Brothers [ *John Smith, John Smith, John Smith, John Smith, John Smith, John Smith, John Smith* ], who have been chosen Preceptors for the ensuing term.

**IO** 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.

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

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

**IO** \* (rap)

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

**IO** Brethren and friends, before concluding our ceremonies, let us unite in prayer.  
\* \* \* (3 raps)

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

**IChp** 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.

**IO** Brother Installing Senior Deacon, you will attend at the Altar.

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

**IO** \*(rap)