

Northern California Sweetheart Crowning

This is the required crowning ceremony for both Sweethearts and Princesses. In order to ensure the proper dignity and respect are given, please take the time to memorize the following words and practice the placement of the paraphernalia in advance.

Preparation for the Ceremony

- ♥ Select a few young ladies that can assist during the ceremony. Traditionally, the first to be asked are the Division or Jurisdiction Sweethearts or Princesses.
- ♥ Take a few moments to clean and wash the crown, this way the new Chapter Sweetheart and Princess are receiving a sparkling crown that they can be proud to wear.
- ♥ Ensure that chairs are easily available in the Chapter Room during Installation so that the set up for the Crowning Ceremony is smooth. Ensure that the new banners have been placed in a central location that is easy to get to and that they have pins to secure them once placed on the young ladies during the ceremony.
- ♥ Check with the Master Councilor to ensure that he knows where to escort the incoming Sweetheart/Princess.
- ♥ Inform the Chapter Little Sis that she will be introduced during the ceremony and when to put on her banner. (You may have an assistant to help). She will be expected to stand and be recognized.

Crowning Ceremony Instructions

- ♥ After the Installing Team retires, the Retiring Sweetheart with the help of her assistants will place the chairs in the front of the East with enough room to stand/walk behind. The new banners should be draped on the back of the chairs or placed on the steps of the East for easy access.
- ♥ The Retiring Sweetheart will ask the Master Councilors to escort the Sweetheart and Princess elect west of the Alter.
- ♥ The Master Councilor takes the Sweetheart and Princess on each arm and escorts them west of the alter, than takes one step back
- ♥ When inviting Past Sweethearts to assist the Installing Sweetheart may use this phrase, "Will all past Sweethearts of _____ Chapter please join me in the East" (Optional)

Crowning Ceremony

(Chairs will be placed in front of the east on the floor with the regalia in reach.)

"Brother Master Councilor, you will present the Sweetheart (and Princess) elect west of the altar."

(Master Councilor takes the Sweetheart and Princess on each arm and escorts them west of the alter, than takes one step back.)

"Miss _____ (and Miss _____) as (a) supporter(s) of this chapter these young men have honored you, and placed their confidence in you, by electing you to serve as

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Sweetheart(s) of _____ Chapter. Before being installed we ask that you make a public declaration”

(Installing Sweetheart will walk to the east side of the altar.)

“Please, place your right hand over your heart and repeat after me.”

“As a Sweetheart\ I promise to uphold all traditions of the chapter \and to create new ones with the Master Councilor. I promise to support and represent\ this Chapter and their activities\ to the best of my abilities. I promise that I will act as liaison\ and promote the growth \of all three Masonic Youth Orders\ by supporting and encouraging their activities. I promise that I will be a role model\ for all young women and this program. I promise that I will be polite and respectful \to the chapter members and the Adults. And I promise that I will uphold\ the Cardinal Virtues \of Filial Love, \ Reverence for Sacred Things, \ Courtesy, \ Comradeship,\ Fidelity, \Cleanness\ and Patriotism. I promise to fulfill these declarations\ to the best of my abilities.”

(Quietly) “You may drop your hand.”

(Installing Sweetheart returns to the east, and stands next to the chairs. Installing Sweetheart may invite past Sweethearts to assist. (See Above))

“Brother Master Councilor you will escort these Sweetheart(s) to the east”.

(Master Councilor returns to his seat in the East)

“Miss _____ (and Miss _____), We are confident that you will carry out your duties with the grace and beauty befitting a Sweetheart in the Northern California DeMolay Association.”

(Place Banner and step behind the chair. Little Sis places their banners on at this time)

“As I Place (crown on) this crown upon you, keep in mind the promises you have just made.”

(Face the side of the girls and say)

“Both the crown and banner you now wear are symbols of the member’s trust and confidence in you. Strive to wear them with the dignity and honor they deserve. May your memories in DeMolay last you a lifetime.”

(Escort girls to the podium, rap three times)

“I take pleasure in introducing Miss _____, Sweetheart, Miss _____ Princess, and Miss _____ Little Sis of _____ Chapter.”