

Colorado DeMolay State Chapter

Installation Of Officers

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 DeMolay's 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 Deputy Master Councilor: I.D.M.C.; Installing Senior Councilor: I.S.C.; Installing Junior Councilor: I.J.C.; Installing Scribe: I.Scr.; Installing Marshal: I.Mar;

Required Paraphernalia: Gavel on I.O.'s pedestal; Holy Bible open on Altar; school books on North East Corner of Alter; National Flag in a standard as indicated on Diagram One; seven candlesticks with candles light and arranged as indicated on Diagram One.

Optional Paraphernalia: Altar cloth; Chapter banners placed in standard situated as indicated on Diagram One; Altar flowers; pedestal covers; baton for I.Mar.

Installing team member 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.D.M.C., I.S.C., I.J.C., I.Scr. I.Mar.

I.O. leading moves from A to F G J forming triangle listed below:

*I.O.
I.S.C. I.D.M.C.
I.J.C. I.Mar. I.Scr.*

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)

Simultaneously I.S.C faces left and I.D.M.C. faces right. They move to their respective walking bands and then to their stations. As soon as they reach the walking bands, simultaneously I.J.C, I.Mar and I.Scr face right and move to walking bands then to their respective stations with I.Scr leading.

I.O. *(rap)

All except I.O. sit down

I.O. Brethren and friends, on behalf of Colorado DeMolay, we welcome you most cordially to this ceremony of installing the State Officers, elected to serve

Colorado DeMolay for the ensuing year. For over 85 years the Order of DeMolay has given promising young men the tools to be successful in life and to become better sons, better citizens, better friends and better men. This order teaches the importance of healthy relationships between today's young men and his country, his family, his peers and his God. Above all it teaches the importance of the relationship between a young man and himself. Every DeMolay has made a commitment to exemplify the statement: "A DeMolay shall never fail as a citizen, as a leader, or as a man." These endeavors may only be accomplished through zealous labor, and these young men soon to stand before you demonstrate never-ending dedication.

It now becomes my duty and honor to install the elected and appointed officers to their respective positions in the [2008-2009] Colorado DeMolay state chapter. In a few short moments, we will witness the transfer of leadership, which will symbolize the remembrance and foundation of a year gone by, as well as the promise and opportunity of the future, which lies immediately ahead.

- I.O. Brother Installing Marshall, you will read the names of the [2008-2009] state officers elected to serve Colorado DeMolay for the nest year.

Each Officer enters as name is read and forms triangle west of the altar

- I.O. Brethren, you have proven your zeal and interest in DeMolay. This may well be the greatest responsibility you have assumed thus far in your endeavors among us. While each of you will have specific duties, your foremost attention should be to the needs of all your DeMolay brothers and their chapters. We now ask you to affirm and seal your commitment to the work you will provide to Colorado DeMolay.

Do you promise faithfully to cooperate with the DeMolay brothers of Colorado, the advisors, the Executive officer, and DeMolay international in their efforts to advance the interests of our order?

(We do)

Do you promise to lay aside all petty jealousies, ambitions, and distinction of official position and work loyally and earnestly with them toward the accomplishment of the purposes that animate us all?

(We do)

Do you now declare that you will show your appreciation of the honor bestowed upon you by performing your duties efficiently and properly, working to ensure that harmony and continuity prevail at all times?

(We do)

I.O. On behalf of the members who you represent, I accept these pledges of faithful cooperation. The common burden can be borne by no member himself. The most efficient officers would be ineffective without loyal assistance, and each member would be powerless without intelligent and consecrated leadership. Without this consistent and efficient cooperation, you could not hope for, and you would not deserve success.

If appointed offices are use here are the state marshal and chaplain. Others may be written as needed.

I.O. Brother Installing Marshall, you will present the State Marshall at the altar for installation.

I.O. Brother....., you have been chosen to serve the state chapter as Marshall for the ensuing term. You are entrusted with the duties of conducting such processions as our rites prescribe and to perform such other duties that may be enjoined upon you. Punctuality will afford proof of your dedication to our order and will help spread enthusiasm throughout our jurisdiction. Brother Installing Marshall, you will invest the State Marshall with the jewel of his officer and conduct him to his station, after which you will present the State Chaplain for installation.

I.O. Brother....., you have been chosen for a very sacred an honorable office. As your title implies, you are to lead the state in its devotions and I need not remind you that your conduct at all times must 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 of such qualities as will affirm our faithful devotions. Brother Installing Marshall, you will invest our State Chaplain with the jewel of his office and conduct him to his station, after which you will present the four state Councilors west of the alter, after which you will present the State Scribe for installation

I.O. Brother Installing Marshall, you will conduct the State Scribe to his station for installation.

(Done)

I.Scr. Brother....., your duties are suggested by your title, and I enjoin upon you the organizational skills necessary to fulfill your tasks and which make a secretaries work valuable to any order. You will keep record of all State Chapter meeting, execute any communications as placed in your charge by the State Master Councilor or State Chapter, and ensure that all chapters receive the states communications. The membership of Colorado DeMolay has entrusted you with this arduous task, and has declared their confidence in your performance. Do you now accept the responsibilities as State Scribe?

(I do)

I.Scr. I accept your pledge and now invest you with the jewel of your office. As the bearer of this jewel, may your accuracy represent your diligence.

I.Scr. places jewel around neck and proceeds to lead in applause. I.Mar then walks back to altar. I.Scr and S.Scr sit.

I.O. Brother Installing Marshall you will conduct the Junior Councilor to the south for installation.

(Done)

I.J.C. Brother....., the office of State Junior Councilor is one of honor, but also of great labor and toil. This position will challenge you physically and mentally, but may also strain your patience, which you must endure. I trust you will cooperate heartily with the other State Officers, always keeping in mind our greater purposes. Do you now accept the responsibilities as State Junior Councilor?

(I do)

I.J.C. I accept your pledge and now invest you with the jewel of your office. As the bearer of the jewel, may your zealous labor be your reward. Your station is in the south, emblematic of the noon of the day, the work that has passed and the work that is to come.

I.J.C. places jewel around neck and proceeds to lead in applause. I.Mar then walks back to altar. I.J.C and S.J.C sit.

I.O. Brother Installing Marshall, you will conduct the State Senior Councilor to the west for installation.

(Done)

I.S.C. Brother....., as State Senior Councilor, you are to work wholeheartedly with the State Officers so that efficiency and achievement prevail. You will perform many duties that may pass to you from time to time, but your greatest duty is that of enhancing and aiding your brethren in the execution of their duties throughout your travels. Do you now commit yourself to these responsibilities of office?

(I do)

I.S.C. I accept your pledge and now invest you with the jewel of your office. Your station is in the West, symbolic of the setting sun and eve of life. May you serve your brothers well.

I.S.C. places jewel around neck and proceeds to lead in applause. I.Mar then walks back to altar. I.S.C and SSC sit

I.O. Brother Installing Marshall you will present the Deputy State Master Councilor to the east for installation.

(Done)

I.D.M.C Brother, you are upon the threshold of your immediate preparation to lead Colorado DeMolay. You have been elected, by your brethren, to the second highest office and I trust that you will labor zealously to justify the wisdom of their selection. You must faithfully perform all duties entrusted to you by the Colorado DeMolay Constitution, the State Master Councilor, and the Executive Officer. As Depute State Master Councilor, circumstances will require you to preside in the absence of the State Master Councilor, and we rely upon your fidelity to be fully prepared to do so at any time. In out rites, there is no symbolic station for your office.

I.D.M.C As prescribed by the Colorado DeMolay Constitution, the Deputy State Master Councilor pledges himself to serve for two years, one as Deputy and one as the State Master Councilor, based on faithful and successful completion of all duties. Do you now commit to faithfully fulfill this pledge to the best of your ability?

(I do)

Brother....., your pledge of service is a noble declaration of your interest in the protection and perpetuity of DeMolay. May your personal ideals and morals form a harmonious union with the purposes of DeMolay as you serve for the next two years.

I.D.M.C I now invest you with the jewel of your office. In out rites, there is no symbolic station for your office however you will sit in the east to the right of the State Master Councilor, symbolically representing your readiness to stand in as the leader when necessary.

I.D.M.C. places jewel around neck and proceeds to lead in applause. I.Mar then walks back to altar. I.D.M.C and DSMC sit in east.

I.O. Brother installing Marshall, you will present the State Master Councilor west of the altar.

(Done)

I.O. Brother....., you have been elected to the honorable office of State Master Councilor. I need not remind you that you are the leader of the body. You are not to be arrogant or dictorial, rather you are to lead those who follow you gladly because you have proven your willingness to listen to counsel as well as give it. It is your duty to preside at state chapter meetings, represent Colorado DeMolay to our appending Masonic Bodies, and to lead our jurisdiction through a successful

12-month term. Before taking this office, however, we must hear from you a public declaration. Are you ready to make this declaration?

(I am)

I.O. All past State Master Councilors present will approach the altar.

I.O. ***(rap)

I.O. leaves east and moves to point J inside candles

I.O. Brother....., you will kneel on both knees...

(Done)

... and place both hands upon the open Holy Bible.

(Done)

I.O. Will you follow in the footsteps of Jacques DeMolay, should service and duty demand it?

(I will)

I.O. Will you exemplify the precepts of filial love, reverence for sacred things, courtesy, comradeship, fidelity, cleanness and patriotism?

(I will)

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

(I do)

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

(I do)

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

(I do)

I.O. Do you promise to work loyally and earnestly with your fellow DeMolays, the State Staff and Executive Officer to build enthusiasm, teamwork, confidence, and leadership within all of our jurisdictional efforts?

(I do)

I.O. Do you hear and now dedicate yourself anew to all oaths and vows you may have taken as a new DeMolay, a Representative DeMolay, a chapter Master Councilor and a Chevalier?

(I do)

I.O. With God, these witnesses, and your hands upon the Holy Bible, do you solemnly swear that you will faithfully execute the duties of State Master Councilor to your highest capacity; preserving, protecting, and defending the ideals and teachings of the Order of DeMolay?

(I do)

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

(Done)

I.O. We will now witness the transition of leadership in Colorado DeMolay. The collar and jewel of the State Master Councilor represents leadership and steadfastness, and most certainly commands much respect. Brother State Marshall, you will conduct our current State Master Councilor to the altar.

(Done)

I.O. Brother State Master Councilor you will kneel at the altar

(Done)

I.O. Your time in this particular station now ends and we extend to you a most hearty thanks and appreciation of your loyal service to Colorado DeMolay as State Master Councilor. Your name is etched on one of the links of this collar and your service will be a tangible memory of Colorado DeMolay forever. May all your future be filled with memories of duties well performed.

I.O. Brother....., your name will be etched on the next link of this collar providing your service is faithful. May that tradition remind you that though you have risen from the ranks, it is only for a brief time and to the ranks you shall soon return.

I.O. So that at no time will Colorado DeMolay be without a leader, we hereby simultaneously retire brother....., and place the collar upon your shoulders brother

I.O. You will arise the [number] State Master Councilor for Colorado DeMolay.

I.O returns to the east

I.O. *(rap)

Past State Master Councilor return to their seats and all sit down.

I.O. Brother State Master Councilor, before you and about you are your brethren and friends. Brethren and friends before you stands the Colorado State Master Councilor.

I.O. leads applause

I.O. Brother installing Marshall you will conduct the State Master councilor to his seat afterwards you will proclaim the [years] Colorado DeMolay State Officers duly and regularly installed.

I.Mar moves to J, faces 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 DeMolay International and by direction of the Installing Officer, I now declare the [years] Colorado DeMolay State Officers duly and regularly installed.

I.O. *(rap)

I.Mar. return to his seat

I.O. *(rap)

I.Mar sits down

I.O. Brother State Master Councilor, I now present you with the gavel of authority, trusting you will wield it with dignity, impartiality and courtesy. Again you will serve for only a short time. May dignity and honor preside with you during this year.

(After completing rest of program)

SMC Brother Installing Marshall, you will lead us in prayer.

I.Mar., moves X Z I J. As I.Mar. leaves his station, all Active DeMolays in the East and I.S.C. and I.J.C descend to the floor level.

SMC *** (3 raps)

SMC Active DeMolay will kneel on left knee. All others will remain standing.

All Active DeMolays kneel in unison as I.Mar kneels.

I. Mar 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

Active DeMolays rise as I.Mar. Rises. I.Mar. moves J K V Z X, As I.Mar. leaves Altar, all Active DeMolays who were in the East and I.S.C. and I.J.C. return to daises. Lights raised to full.

SMC Brother (installing or State) Marshall you will close the Holy Bible on the altar.

Done

SMC I now declare State Chapter in recess

SMC *(rap)