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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Room Arrangement and Paraphernalia

The stations of the officers should be arranged as shown in Diagram Number One or as close to that arrangement as the physical circumstances of the room permit. The candles should be arranged about and to the East of the Altar as shown in that Diagram. The national flag and the Chapter banner should be placed in standards at the position shown on Diagram Number One. A gavel should be on pedestal at the stations of the M.C. and S.C.

In a Chapter meeting, **only** an Altar cloth, the Holy Bible, a Bible marker if desired, the school books, and flowers if desired, shall be placed on the Altar. Prior to the entrance of the officers, the closed Holy Bible should be lying near the center of the Altar and the school books should be at the J.S.'s station. If flowers are used, they should be placed around the Holy Bible, but not on it. When the Holy Bible is closed, the ends of the marker should be visible with the DeMolay emblem at the West side of the Altar. If there is a DeMolay emblem on the Altar cloth, it should also be on the West side.

The uniform robe adopted by the 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 both Opening Ceremonies, the Closing Ceremony, the Initiatory Degree, and the Third and Fourth Sections of the DeMolay Degree.

Conduct in the Chapter Room

After the M.C. has called the Chapter to order, no person shall pass between the Altar and the East except when this Ritual expressly requires it.

When a person wishes to be recognized by the M.C., he should rise, face the M.C., and remain silent until he is recognized. When a person is addressed by the M.C., he shall rise immediately and face the M.C. No other salute of any kind is to be given to the M.C. Except during prayers, all officers (including the M.C.) and all other persons stand when speaking.

Except when this Ritual expressly requires otherwise: when a gavel is rapped once, all persons standing at stations will sit down; when rapped twice, all officers sitting will stand; when rapped three times, all persons sitting will stand.

During prayers, all active DeMolays (except the Chaplain and Marshal) kneel facing the Altar as shown in Figure 4. The Chaplain kneels at the Altar as shown in Figure 5. The Marshal, 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 set forth elsewhere in this Ritual for (1) the Marshal during the Officers' prayer in the Triangle, (2) the Standard Bearer during the prayer in the Initiatory Degree Opening Ceremony, and (3) the Orator during the Third Section of the DeMolay Degree.

At the close of prayers and before rising, active DeMolays respond "Amen", except in the Nine O'Clock Interpolation when they use the response set forth on Page 19.

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 6. 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. When the Marshal kneels during the Officers' Triangle prayer, he should place the baton across his right leg behind his right elbow.

An active DeMolay who is not an officer of the Chapter is addressed by his last name preceded by the title "Brother". An officer of the Chapter is addressed by the title "Brother" followed by the title of his office. An advisor is addressed by his last name preceded by the title "Dad". A Senior DeMolay who is not an advisor is addressed by his last name preceded by the title "Brother". A Master Mason who is not an advisor or an active DeMolay is addressed by his last name preceded by the title "Mister".

Working on Degrees, Recess

A Chapter must open on both Initiatory and DeMolay Degrees to conduct business of the Chapter. If only the Initiatory Degree is being conferred and no business (other than such incidental matters as announcements or the introduction and remarks of visitors) is to be transacted, it is not necessary to open on the DeMolay Degree. To open on the DeMolay Degree, the Chapter must first open on the Initiatory Degree.

If the Chapter has opened on the DeMolay Degree for the purpose of conducting business and it then wishes to confer the Initiatory Degree, the M.C. shall announce: "I declare that this Chapter is now working on the Initiatory Degree. (One rap.)" If business is to be conducted after an Initiatory Degree, the Chapter must open on the DeMolay Degree if it has not already done so, or if it has done so previously, the M.C. shall announce: "I declare that this Chapter is now working on the DeMolay Degree. (One rap.)"

When a program requiring the admission of persons who are not DeMolays or Masons is to be conducted before Chapter is closed or where there is some other appropriate reason to recess,

the M.C. shall announce: "I declare this Chapter recessed. (One Rap.)" During the recess, persons may enter and leave the room informally unless the M.C. shall otherwise direct. To reconvene the Chapter the M.C. shall give one rap and then announce: "This Chapter will come to order. (One rap.)"

EXAMINATION QUERIES

It is the duty of the J.C. (or someone else appointed by the M.C. or Advisory Council) to instruct those who have received the degree or degrees in question in the following "Examination Queries". These queries must be memorized by each active DeMolay to be eligible to vote in his Chapter on petitioners, election of officers and other matters, or to hold office. After memorizing the queries, the active DeMolay must stand examination in open Chapter. The examination is conducted by the S.D. and a vote of the Chapter must decide the DeMolay's proficiency. An "Obligation Card", which attests to passing the examination in both degrees, shall be issued by the Chapter. The card is obtainable from the International Fraternity House.

INITIATORY DEGREE QUERIES

Question: Are you a DeMolay?

Answer: I was dedicated, in the presence of God, to clean and manly living.

Question: To what were you dedicated?

Answer: To the virtues of filial love, reverence for sacred things, courtesy, comradeship, fidelity, cleanness, and patriotism.

Question: What binds you to the fraternity?

Answer: My obligation.

Question: You will repeat it.

(Done.)

Question: Give me the step, sign and token.

(Done.)

Question: Give me the word of emulation.

(Done.)

Question: Give me the grip of this degree.

(Done.)

DEMOLAY DEGREE QUERIES

Question: What more did you learn?

Answer: The lesson of loyalty and toleration.

Question: In what manner?

Answer: I beheld the trials of Jacques DeMolay.

Question: What sealed you to the fraternity?

Answer: My obligation.