



REPRESENTATIVE DeMOLAY CEREMONY

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

Required Parts: Master Councilor: M.C.; Marshal: Mar.

Optional Parts: Senior Councilor: S.C.; Junior Councilor: J.C.

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

See Appendix for pronunciation and definition of "tuebor" on page 3.

M.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 deeds. 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 member who achieves this goal is granted the distinction of being designated a Representative DeMolay. Brother Marshal, present the designates to this Chapter.

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

Mar. Brother Master Councilor, I am privileged to present Brothers....., who have been designated to receive the Representative DeMolay award.

M.C. My Brothers, the attainment of this goal is naturally the objective of every DeMolay. This distinction is granted by DeMolay International 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.

At the Chapter's option, the queries may be given by the Senior Councilor instead of the Master Councilor. If this is done:

M.C. Brother Marshal, conduct the designates to the Senior Councilor.

Mar. conducts designates U T C D; all face West.

**M.C.
(S.C.)** Have you conscientiously tried to obey the divine command, "Honor thy father and thy mother"?

Des. I have.

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

Des. I do.

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

Des. I have.

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

Des. I have.

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

Des. I have.

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

Des. I have.

**M.C.
(S.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.

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

Des. I have.

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

Des. I will.

If the Senior Councilor gave the preceding questions, then the Junior Councilor will further instruct the designates.

S.C. Brother Marshal, conduct the designates to the Junior Councilor.

Marshal conducts designates D E V T L; all face South.

**M.C.
(J.C.)** My brothers, you have met the requirements for this 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. You shall defend these seven precepts even at peril to yourself, just as Jacques DeMolay defended his principles even unto his death.

M.C. Brother Marshal, conduct the designates to our Holy Altar.
(J.C.)

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

M.C. * * * (3 raps)

All rise.

M.C. moves X U O.

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

Designates kneel.

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

Done.

M.C. Place your left hand over your heart.

Done.

M.C. Say "I"...

Des. I

M.C. ...Speak your names.

Done.

M.C. ...and repeat after me:

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

M.C. 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 life, / 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.

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

Done.

M.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.

M.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 Altar if there is a large number of designates. M.C. returns to point O, then to East, moving O U X.

M.C. * (rap)

All except M.C., Mar. and Des. sit down.

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

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

M.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. You now stand 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 our 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.

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

M.C. Brother Marshal, conduct our brothers to seats of honor in this Chapter.

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

M.C. * (rap)

All sit down.

APPENDIX

Pronouncing Glossary

cardinal	kärd'nəl. Of high importance.
conscientiously	kön'shē-ën'shəs-lē. Guided by morals; thoroughly.
ingrained	ĭn-grānd'. Firmly established; deep-rooted.
insignia	ĭn-sĭg'nē-ə. A badge of rank; an emblem.
instinctively	ĭn-stĭngk'tĭv-lē. Happening without thought; involuntary.
memento	mə-mĕn'tō. A reminder of the past; a keepsake.
Tuebor	tū-ā'bōr. Latin for "I shall defend".
undermine	ŭn'dər-mĭn'. To weaken or injure.