

Remaining officers leave Triangle and go to stations as shown in Diagram Number Four. When all officers are at their stations, M.C. seats them with one rap.

**M.C.** Brother Marshal, you will see that all present are members of the Order of DeMolay or visitors.

Marshal faces South, goes South to point North of Almoner's station, then West to point East of 3rd Preceptor's station, then North (passing behind Steward's stations) to point East of 4th Preceptor's station, then East to point West of S.B.'s station, then South and stops directly in front of M.C.

**Marshal** Brother Master Councilor, all present are members of the Order of DeMolay or visitors.

Marshal faces South, goes South to point in front of his station, and faces West. M.C. seats him with one rap.

**M.C.** Brother Junior Deacon, you will see that the Sentinel is on duty and direct him to guard us from intrusion.

J.D. goes to door, gives two raps responded to by Sentinel with same number, opens door.

**J.D.** Brother Sentinel, this Chapter is about to be opened and the Master Councilor directs you to guard us from intrusion.

**Sentinel** The Master Councilor's order will be obeyed.

J.D. closes door, gives one rap responded to by Sentinel with one rap, and returns to his station.

**J.D.** Brother Master Councilor, this Chapter is safe from interruption. (M.C. seats J.D. with one rap.)

**M.C.** Will all Senior DeMolays and Master Masons who are not active DeMolays please rise. (Done.) Dad ..... (the Chapter Advisor or another Advisory Council member) can you vouch for these Senior DeMolays and Master Masons?

When an affirmative reply is given, M.C. seats those standing with one rap. If there are any for whom the advisor cannot vouch, advisor appoints another advisor to interview them. They and appointed advisor then retire at the direction of the M.C. who then seats others with one rap.

**M.C.** Brother Deacons, you will approach the East.

J.D. goes East to point West of Almoner's station and then North to position immediately to North of Chaplain's station. S.D. takes one step to South of his station. After arriving at these points, Deacons face M.C.

**M.C.** Brother Deacons, you will collect the word of the day.

Deacons collect the word and grip of the Initiatory Degree (not step, sign or token) from each active DeMolay, except the Councilors starting at the East. J.D. collects from those on South side; S.D. collects from those on North side. Deacons keep watch on each other's pace so that they arrive at the West at the same time. When

collection is finished, Deacons go to Altar as shown in Diagram Number Five.

If a large number of Brethren are present, M.C. will say: "Brother Deacons and Brother Preceptors (Preceptors rise), you will collect the word of the day." First, Second and Third Preceptors will collect from active DeMolays, except officers, on South side, each beginning at a spot which will divide the total number of Brethren on that side conveniently among them. Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Preceptors will do likewise on North side. If there are substantially more active DeMolays on one side than the other, more Preceptors should be used on that side. If the Chapter room has a balcony seating area, Preceptors should be assigned in advance to cover that area. While Preceptors are collecting from Brethren, Deacons collect from officers on their respective sides. As each Preceptor finishes his portion of the room, he returns to his station and sits down. When all Preceptors have returned, Deacons collect from Preceptors, working from East to West. Deacons then go to Altar as shown in Diagram Number Five.

If an active DeMolay has lost the word, Deacon or Preceptor collecting from him instructs him to remain standing. In such a case, when the S.D. reports he says: "Brother Master Councilor, the word of the day is lost." M.C. responds: "Can anyone vouch for the Brother(s) who is (are) standing?" If the Brother is vouched for, M.C. says: "Brother Senior Deacon, you will invest him (them) with the word and receive it from him (them)." S.D. goes directly to each Brother vouched for, gives each the word, and receives it back from him. S.D. then returns directly to West side of Altar and stands side-by-side with J.D. facing East. If there is a Brother for whom no one vouches, M.C. appoints a committee of three to examine him. M.C. then instructs the Brother and the committee to retire which they do without going to Altar and without giving step, sign or token.

After all of above relevant instructions are followed, S.D. reports to M.C.

S.D. Brother Master Councilor, the word of the day is .....  
Deacons give step, sign and token which are returned by M.C. S.D. goes North to point opposite his station, and then East to his station. Simultaneously, J.D. goes South to point opposite his station, and then West to his station. Both remain standing, S.D. facing West, J.D. facing East. M.C. gives two raps and all other officers rise.

M.C. Brother Senior Councilor, why did you seek admission to this Order?

S.C. To join with those who are dedicated to the clean and manly youth which is the best preparation for the duties of afterlife.

M.C. What are the qualifications for membership?

S.C. To be vouched for by one as worthy of comradeship.

- M.C.** Who are the officers of a Chapter?
- S.C.** The Master Councilor, Senior Councilor, Junior Councilor, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Stewards, Orator, Scribe, Treasurer, Sentinel, Chaplain, Marshal, Standard Bearer, Almoner and Preceptors.
- M.C.** Where is the station of the Sentinel?
- S.C.** At the outer door.
- M.C.** Where is the station of the Junior Deacon?
- S.C.** At the inner door, inside the Chapter room.
- M.C.** Brother Junior Deacon, what is your duty?
- J.D.** To guard the inner door and allow none to enter who is not vouched for by the Sentinel.
- M.C.** How is entrance secured?
- J.D.** By two raps, answered with the same number.
- M.C.** Why by two raps?
- J.D.** To teach those without a twofold deliberation before they seek admission and to teach those within to use double caution before granting it.
- M.C.** Where is the station of the Senior Deacon?
- J.D.** At your right.
- M.C.** Brother Senior Deacon, what is your duty?
- S.D.** To assist the Councilors in opening and closing this Chapter and to conduct candidates through the ceremony of initiation.
- M.C.** Where is the station of the Master Councilor?
- S.D.** In the East.
- M.C.** Why does he sit in the East?
- S.D.** As a symbol of the rising sun and the morn of life.
- M.C.** Where is the station of the Junior Councilor?
- S.D.** In the South.
- M.C.** Brother Junior Councilor, why do you sit in the South?
- J.C.** As a symbol of the meridian sun or the noon of life emblematic of manhood's approaching years.
- M.C.** Where is the station of the Senior Councilor?
- J.C.** In the West.
- M.C.** Brother Senior Councilor, why do you sit in the West?
- S.C.** As a symbol of the setting sun and the eve of life emblematic of the night that ushers in the everlasting day.
- M.C.** Brother Senior Deacon, you will attend at the Altar.
- S.D.** goes West to point opposite candle farthest West and North, lights it and then lights others in order crossing between the Altar and the East as he does so. **M.C.** begins following speech as **S.D.**