

Question: You will repeat it.

(Done)

Question: Give me the sign of this degree.

(Done)

Question: Give me the password of a DeMolay.

(Done by exchanging in syllables.)

Question: Give me the grip of this degree.

(Done)

## **Entering and Leaving Chapter Room**

The Sentinel should not admit any person to the Chapter room unless he is satisfied that the person is qualified to be admitted. If the person is a visitor not known to the Sentinel to be qualified, the procedures under "Visitation" beginning at page 8 shall be followed.

After satisfying himself that the person is qualified to be admitted, the Sentinel shall give him the "word of the day" if the person is an active DeMolay. The "word of the day" is selected by the Chapter Advisor and communicated to the Sentinel prior to the start of the meeting. The "word of the day" may be either a single word or a short phrase.

After the M.C. has called the Chapter to order, no person (except as otherwise expressly required or permitted by this ritual) shall be admitted to the Chapter room other than in the manner provided under "Late Arrivals" beginning at page 8.

After the M.C. has called the Chapter to order, no person (except as otherwise expressly required or permitted by this Ritual) shall leave the Chapter room unless he has been excused by the M.C. If the person leaving is an active DeMolay, he shall go to the West side of the Altar, give the step, sign and token if the Chapter is open on the Initiatory Degree only or the sign of the DeMolay Degree if the Chapter is open on that degree, and then leave by the J.D.'s door after the M.C. has returned the step, sign and token or the sign of the DeMolay Degree as the case may be. If the person leaving is a Senior DeMolay or Master Mason (who is not an active DeMolay), he shall leave by the J.D.'s door directly after having been excused by the M.C.

If approved by the Executive Officer, the Sentinel may sit inside the Chapter room after the Chapter has been opened on the DeMolay Degree for the transaction of business, except during the conferring of degrees, balloting on petitions, or as the M.C. shall otherwise instruct on particular occasions. The Sentinel should come in informally immediately after he has been informed by the J.D. that the Chapter is open on the DeMolay Degree. He should remain seated near the door in order to take care of late arrivals. He may leave the door slightly ajar for this purpose if necessary. He should leave the room informally at the start of the Closing Ceremony just after the M.C. says: "Brethren, is there anything further to come before the Chapter?"

## VISITATION

If the Sentinel does not know of his own knowledge that a person seeking admission is qualified to be admitted, these procedures will be followed.

If the person seeking admission claims to be an active DeMolay, he must show his membership card to the Sentinel and either (1) be vouched for by another active DeMolay, Senior DeMolay or Master Mason known to the Sentinel, or (2) pass an examination. No one shall vouch that a person is an active DeMolay unless he has sat in an open Chapter with that person and he so informs the Sentinel.

If no one can vouch for the person who claims to be an active DeMolay, the Sentinel shall so inform the M.C. who shall appoint an examination committee of three. The committee shall first require the person to take the following oath with his right hand on the Holy Bible:

I, ....., do hereby sincerely swear that I have received the Initiatory and DeMolay Degrees in a legally constituted Chapter of the Order of DeMolay; that I am not now a suspended or expelled member; and that I know of no reason why I should be disqualified from visiting this Chapter.

After taking the oath, the person shall be required to answer from memory the Initiatory Degree Queries and the DeMolay Degree Queries. When the Committee is satisfied that the person is an active DeMolay, they shall so inform the Sentinel. If the visitor claims only to have received the Initiatory Degree and he is visiting solely to witness a conferral of that degree, the reference to the DeMolay Degree shall be omitted from the oath and he shall be required to answer the Initiatory Degree Queries only.

If the person seeking admission claims to be a Senior DeMolay or a Master Mason (but not an active DeMolay), the Sentinel shall so inform the Chapter Advisor or another advisor of the Chapter. The advisor shall interview the person and satisfy himself of the person's qualifications to be admitted. When the advisor is so satisfied, he shall so inform the Sentinel.

## LATE ARRIVALS

The Sentinel should not sound an alarm during either Opening Ceremony, during the Closing Ceremony, during balloting on petitioners, or during the giving of an obligation in either degree, if he is aware that one of these activities is taking place. If the Sentinel does sound an alarm at such a time, the J.D. will not report it to the M.C. until after the end of that activity.

If the Sentinel is satisfied that the late arrival is qualified to be admitted, the Sentinel shall inform the late arrival of the degree on which the Chapter is working if the late arrival is an active DeMolay, give two raps, and then: