



**Authorized Ritual
and Program Information**

**Order of the
Squires
of the
Round Table
Missouri DeMolay**

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Squires Program Description

Purpose

The Order of the Squires of the Round Table program is a program for boys ages 8 through 11 and their parents to participate together in fun and worthwhile activities in association with the Order of DeMolay.

Philosophy

Members of the Squires and their parents will develop a sense of belonging and involvement with other Squires, other parents and DeMolay. Squires and their parents will become familiar with Squires and DeMolay activities and ceremonies and with the events and activities of the Masonic Family in the sponsoring Chapter's meeting place. To participate in Squire activities, the Squire should be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all events and activities. At the age of 12 Squires are welcome to continue their involvement with DeMolay and petition for membership into their sponsoring DeMolay Chapter. Most important, Squires must be fun!

Manor Sponsorship and Getting Started

The basic operating unit for the Squires program is the "Manor," which is equivalent to a DeMolay Chapter. All DeMolay organizations and activities including Squires' organizations and activities are subject to the authority of DeMolay International and the jurisdictional Executive Officer. A DeMolay Chapter may, with concurrence of its Advisory Council and its sponsoring body, submit a letter to the Executive Officer requesting to sponsor a Manor of the Squires of the Round Table. All Manors must be sponsored by and associated with a DeMolay Chapter in good standing to provide a base of activities, supervision and leadership from an active DeMolay named as the Sir Knight. On receipt of written approval from the Executive Officer, the Manor may proceed with organization.

Establishing a Manor requires a Manor Advisor qualified as described below under "Manor Advisors" and at least two other adult workers who may be parents of boys intending to join the Manor. They constitute the Manor Council. A Manor may operate with an initial membership of five Squires. After organization, the Manor Council should submit a letter to the Executive Officer naming the Manor Council and proposed members with the endorsement of the Sponsoring Chapter, its Advisory Council and sponsoring body requesting authority to operate.

On receipt of written approval from the Executive Officer, the Manor may proceed with operation.

Manor Advisors

The Manor operates under the jurisdiction of the sponsoring Chapter's Advisory Council. All manor advisors must be members of the Chapter Advisory Council meeting DeMolay requirements for training, fees and documentation including a full background check. All adults participating in Manor activities must complete an adult worker profile as a volunteer adult

worker including participating parents of Squires. At this time, volunteer adult workers who are not registered members of a Chapter Advisory Council are not required to complete DAD Training, nor complete background checks however all adults regularly participating in Manor activities are encouraged to complete DAD Training.

The Manor Council operates much like a Chapter Advisory Council. The Manor Council should meet at a time separate from the Manor Meetings, at least monthly, keeping a written record of discussions and decisions. The Sir Knight should be invited to Manor Council meetings along with a representative of the sponsoring Chapter's advisory council. Proposed activities should be reviewed in advance with the Manor Council and endorsed.

In the absence of the Manor Advisor, a registered member of the sponsoring Chapter's advisory council must be present at any meeting of the Manor with at least one other adult 21 or over.

All Squire activities must be conducted in accordance with DeMolay Youth Protection and Risk Management guidelines. This means that there must be at least two adults supervising any activity or event. With the parental involvement philosophy of the Squires program there should always be sufficient supervision.

Manor Member Recruitment

In considering new members for a Manor, Manor Advisors should visit the home of prospective members and explain the program to the prospective member and his family. If a home visit isn't possible, a phone discussion and later face to face discussion with a parent at an early activity may substitute. It must be emphasized that Squires is for families, and particularly at that age, Squire participation should always involve a parent or guardian.

Manor Operation

Generally, meetings of the Squires Manor will precede or run concurrently with the sponsoring DeMolay Chapter.

At the conclusion of a brief meeting, every Manor meeting should involve entertainment, refreshments or a fun activity. Manor meetings must always remain brief, seldom lasting over 30 to 45 minutes.

On concluding the Manor meeting, if a Chapter meeting is running concurrently, the Sir Knight may enter the Chapter room using the proper procedures and ask the Master Councilor for permission to present the Manor members. With permission of the Master Councilor, the Sir Knight may then escort the Manor members and their parents for presentation and introduction. The Master Squire may be called upon for a brief report of Manor activities after which the Manor members and their parents may be excused.

Squires will generally participate as appropriate in many of the activities of the Chapter. Attendance at fun events is particularly encouraged. Manor activities must never interfere with normal evening schedules appropriate for the Squires age group and should never extend past 8:00 on weeknights. Late night weekend activities such as late dances and overnight activities are generally not appropriate or may involve Manor members for only part of the event or activity. Manor Advisors are expected to exercise judgment and involve Squire parents in planning Squire activities.

The Manor Advisor is responsible to ensure coordination on calendaring between the Manor and the Chapter and with maintaining excellent communications with the Chapter and Advisory

Councilor.

Manor Officers

Manor offices, all of which are appointed, are described in the Ritual that follows, particularly the Installation. The presiding Manor officer is the Master Squire. At the Squires' age, the Master Squire will require some assistance with meeting planning and conducting a business meeting. This assistance should be in the form of guidance and positive encouragement. There is no formal progression or "line" in the offices. Terms and appointments should parallel the sponsoring DeMolay Chapter. Most Manors incorporate their Installation into the sponsoring DeMolay Chapter installation although this is not required and must be coordinated with the incoming Master Councilor and with his consent.

Role of the Sir Knight

The Chapter Dad Advisor and the Manor Advisor will appoint a responsible member of the Chapter to serve the Manor as Sir Knight. While the Sir Knight is not an advisor, this is a role model position and a significant responsibility. The DeMolay selected as Sir Knight should attend all Manor activities in addition to his participation with Chapter activities and events. He is expected to work with the Manor leaders to assist with some meeting planning, help with ritual parts, and generally encourage the Squires. He must avoid doing all the organizational work. He is the liaison between the Manor and the Chapter.

Program suggestions

The best activity ideas will come from the Squires themselves. Just ask what they want to do!

- Membership parties such as pizza nights, bowling, video games, video and popcorn nights.
- Outings to parks or entertainment venues such as Museums or the Zoo.
- Service projects such as visitations to the Masonic and Eastern Star Home, simple clean up events, litter patrols around City Parks.
- Meeting activities such as "Make your own Coat of Arms" projects, age appropriate speakers about the action parts of the Age of Chivalry, if equipment is available, pool or ping-pong, "Know your Masonic Hall" scavenger hunts to locate features of the building and its symbols, craft projects.
- Ceremonial activities can include development of an Escort Team or a Drill Team. Several Manors have distinguished themselves with Cross of Steel presentations at installations.

Manor Attire

Most Squires follow the dress code of their sponsoring Chapter, however, many Squires do not have dress shirts, ties and jackets (or grow out of them too quickly!). For more formal events, collared shirts and best effort pants and shoes should be appropriate. Some Manors develop simple, easy to make short capes for their members to wear at ceremonial events so they can all look dressed up for the occasion.

Activity Limitations

Some Squires will want to tag along and do everything the DeMolay Chapter does. Generally, however, overnight activities are hard to manage unless parents are accompanying and the

Squire is participating as a family member with older DeMolay siblings in a DeMolay event. There will not be much to hold a Squire's interest at the Annual DeMolay Convention, for example. Summer activities, some of which involve an overnight campout, may be appropriate with sufficient supervision, Squire parental involvement and concurrence of the Chapter Advisory Council. A key consideration is whether the event will hold the interest and attention of a Squire.

MERIT PATCHES

Squires may earn merit patches which may be applied to a uniform sash. The following standards are recommended for merit patches.

DeMolay Emblem

- Earn 20 points from service list

Sword of Truth

- Make a personal coat of arms; AND
- Earn 20 points from service list

Gavel of Justice

- Write a paragraph on DeMolay the organization or the man and read it at a Squires meeting; AND
- Earn 20 points from service list

Books of Wisdom

- Memorize the Squires obligation; AND
- Earn 20 points from service list

SERVICE LIST

- Attendance at a meeting or practice 2 points
- Attend DeMolay event or activity 2 points
- Visitation to other Manors or Chapters 2 points
- Participate in public ritual presentation 10 points
- Petition for new member 5 points
- Assisting in a service project 5 points
- Plan and carryout individual service project 10 points
- Knowing your opening/closing part 2 points
- Know your induction part 2 points
- B average or better (or equivalent) 2 points
- Regular religious service attendance 2 points

Opening and Closing

OPENING CEREMONIES

The Squire Marshal on the left and Sir Knight on the right enter the room from the outer door proceeding East, then turn North at the Junior Squires station and march West of the Round Table. Together they turn and face East directly behind the Round Table using the Sir Knight as the pivot point. The Sir Knight places the gavel, sword and school books on the Round Table. The Sir Knight takes one step back and together they turn to the South with the Squire Marshal stepping again to the Sir Knights left. They proceed South to the station of the Junior Squire then turn East to the Sir Knights station where the Sir Knight remains standing. The Squire Marshal then returns to the entry door.

Squire Officers enter the room in the following formation:

- Squire Marshal
- Master Squire
- Senior Squire
- Junior Squire
- Squire Chaplain
- Squire Recorder
- Squire Treasurer

They enter the manor from the outer door in single file proceeding East then turn North at the Junior Squires station and march west of the Altar forming a semi-circle around the table with the Squire Marshal at the north side. Together they kneel on left knee with their heads bowed for a moment of silence. The Officers rise together then proceed to follow the Squire Marshal to the East, South, West, North, East, South with the officers dropping off at their stations as they first come to them starting with the Master Squire in the East and ending with the Squire Marshal in the South East. (All will remain standing)

Master Squire:

The meeting of the _____ Manor, Order of the Squires of the Round Table will now come to order.

(Gavel: 1 rap All are seated)

Brother Senior Squire, (Senior Squire stands) who are the officers of the Round Table?

Senior Squire:

The Master Squire, Senior Squire, Junior Squire, Squire Chaplain , Squire Marshal, Squire Recorder and Squire Treasurer.

Master Squire:

Brother Senior Squire, who is the chief officer of the Round Table and what emblem does he keep?

Senior Squire:

The Master Squire is the chief officer, and he keeps the Gavel of Justice.

Master Squire:

What does his badge represent?

Senior Squire:

It is a symbol of Justice and Leadership.

Master Squire:

Brother Senior Squire, what emblem do you keep?

Senior Squire:

I keep the Sword of Truth. (Senior Squire is seated)

Master Squire:

Brother Junior Squire, (Junior Squire stands) what emblem do you keep?

Junior Squire:

I keep the Books of Wisdom.

Master Squire:

Brother Junior Squire, what do our emblems mean?

Junior Squire:

That true leadership depends on Wisdom, Truth, and Justice. (Junior Squire is seated)

Master Squire:

Brother Squire Marshal, (Squire Marshal stands) you will present the flag of our country in the East and lead us in the pledge of allegiance. (Gavel: 3 Raps)

(Squire Marshal moves West from his station then turns North behind the Alter then turns East and proceeds to the flag. Squire Marshal bows to the flag then picks the flag up and turns to face the alter.)

Squire Marshal:

Brethren, you will pledge your allegiance to the flag of our Country.

ALL:

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands. One nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

(Squire Marshal turns and replaces the flag in the stand. Takes one step back, bows then retraces steps back to seat and remains standing)

Master Squire:

Squire Chaplain, you will open the Bible, and lead us in prayer. Brothers, you will kneel on left knee with bowed heads. All others please remain standing.

(Squire Chaplain proceeds to the West of the Round Table, kneels on left knee (when Squire Chaplain kneels all squires kneel together), and opens the Bible reverently to Proverbs, chapter 23. (Proverbs, chapter 23 should be bookmarked)

Squire Chaplain:

Our Heavenly Father, we ask Thy blessing on our meeting. Help us to grow in wisdom, know what is true, and be just and kind to one another. Amen.

ALL: God bless Mother, God bless Father, God bless the purpose of the Squires.

(Squire Chaplain rises and as he rises all kneeling should rise together. The Squire Chaplain retraces his steps to his station.)

Master Squire:

I now declare this Round Table open for business. (Gavel: 1 rap, all are seated)

Order of Business

1. The meeting is called to order by the Master Squire.
2. Introductions
3. Induction (if there is one scheduled)
4. Roll Call
5. The minutes of the preceding meeting are read by the Squire Recorder.
 - May be approved as read
 - May be approved with additions or corrections.
6. Business
 - Old Business
 - New Business
7. Talks for the good of the order
8. Adjournment

DUTIES OF THE MASTER SQUIRE

- To preside at all meetings.
- Keep calm at all times.
- Talk no more than necessary while presiding.
- Have agenda for meeting before him and proceed in a business like manner.

Closing Ritual

Master Squire:

Brother Squires, is there anything further to come before us? (wait) None appearing, we shall proceed to close.

Brother Senior Squire, (Senior Squire stands) what have you learned?

Senior Squire:

My brothers, I have learned that Truth is Eternal. (Senior Squire is seated)

Master Squire:

Brother Junior Squire, (Junior Squire stands) what have you learned?

Junior Squire:

My brothers, I have learned that Wisdom is Power. (Junior Squire is seated)

Master Squire:

And I, my brothers, have learned that Wisdom, Truth, and Justice are the jewels of Leadership.

Squire Chaplain, (Squire Chaplain stands) you will lead us in prayer and close the Bible.

(Gavel: 3 raps, all stand)

(Squire Chaplain proceeds to the West of the Round Table, kneels on left knee (when Squire Chaplain kneels all squires kneel together).

Squire Chaplain:

Father in Heaven, we thank you for the opportunity to be together. Help us to grow in Wisdom, to know that which is True, and to be Just in our decisions. Help us to serve with lives that honor Thee, and to be faithful to our Brothers.

ALL: God Bless Mother, God Bless Father, God Bless the purpose of the Squires.

(Squire Chaplain rises and closes the Bible reverently. When the Squire Chaplain rises all Squires rise together. The Squire Chaplain retraces his steps to his station and remains standing.).

Master Squire:

This Round Table is closed.

(Gavel: 1 rap)

(Closing march may be designed by local manor if desired)

Squire Induction Ceremonies

(Sir Knight is seated on the north sideline near the altar. Membership pins are on the corner of the Altar.)

INDUCTION CEREMONY

Multiple Candidates

(The Master Squire, Senior Squire and Junior Squire informally retrieve their emblems from the Round Table and return to their stations.)

Master Squire:

Brother Squire Marshal, (*Squire Marshal stands*) there are friends without who wish to join us in the work of this Order. You will retire and escort them into our Manor.

(*SM retires and, after lining up the friends in single file, escorts them West of the Round Table.*)

Squire Marshal:

Brother Master Squire, I present those who are friends, who wish to become Squires and Brothers. (Name the candidates or have each candidate say his own name.)

Master Squire:

My friends, I welcome you to this Manor of the Squires of the Round Table. We understand that you have come to join us in our work of being better sons, dedicated to Wisdom, Truth and Justice.

(*** Master Squire moves East of the Round Table. Chaplain leaves his station, and proceeds in a circular manner around the room. Junior and Senior Squires fall in step behind the Chaplain when he passes their stations. They proceed to a position directly behind the Master Squire, stop and face West.)

Master Squire:

We would ask that you now kneel on both knees and place your right hand on our Round Table, say "I", speak your name, and repeat after me:

Candidates: I ____ ____

Master Squire:

In the presence of God / and these witnesses,
I do promise that / from this time forward
I will strive to do / that which is right.

That I will be a better son
And that I will always / honor my father and mother.

I promise that I will love and serve God
That I will serve mankind /to honor Him.

I promise that I will cherish an education.

That I will seek to learn, / and learn to improve myself.

I promise to speak the Truth / to know that which is true,
To be true to myself / and my brothers.

I furthermore promise
To walk the path of Justice / to obey the laws of my country,
And to strive to respect / the rights of others.

I promise that I will be kind.

That I will be kind to my parents / and those who love me.
To my brothers, who will support me; / to my environment,
And to myself / For through kindness I will know the light
Of Wisdom / Truth / and Justice.

So help me God!

You will arise and kiss the Holy Bible.

(Master Squire moves to the West of the Round Table)

Master Squire:

I extend to you the right hand of a Squire, the right hand is a token of friendship and fidelity as a brother.

(Master Squire shakes the right hand of each new Squire and then is escorted to his station by the Squire Marshal, as they pass the other officers return to their respective stations by way of the South. Squire Marshal returns to his station.)

Master Squire:

I now place you in the protection of the Sir Knight (rises) who guides our way. He will conduct you on a Quest for the Lessons of Life. Listen well to your lessons, for they will prove useful in your life as a Squire.

(Master Squire gives one rap * to seat everyone except the new Squires and Sir Knight.

Sir Knight proceeds to West of the Round Table, then leads the new Squires in single formation to the Junior Squire in the South, going East of the Round Table.)

Sir Knight:

Brother Junior Squire, (*Junior Squire stands*) I present these new Squires who seek to know the lesson of the Books of Wisdom.

Junior Squire:

My Brothers, I welcome you to this station of Life, and place in your keeping these Books of Wisdom. (*Hands books to Sir Knight.*)

In your Quest for the Lessons of Life, you will find them to be of infinite value. In your home, in your school, in your community and in your daily life, you will discover lessons that will help you grow in mind and spirit. Learn them well, for a man without an education is a man without Truth. He who is without Truth, is a man without Hope. The Truth of the Books within my trust is this: "A Loving Heart is the Truest Wisdom."

Seek now the Lesson of Truth from the Senior Squire.

(Sir Knight leads the new Squires to the Senior Squire in the West.)

Sir Knight:

Brother Senior Squire, (*Senior Squire stands*) I present these new Squires who are on a Quest for the Lessons of Life.

Senior Squire:

I welcome you to this station in your Journey of Life, and place in your keeping the Sword of Truth. (*Hands sword to Sir Knight*)

Your parents have led you in the paths of Truth throughout your life, so you should be well aware of the power this sword commands. The Bible tells us that 'Truth shall make you free,' and advises that 'to thine own self be true.' Through Truth you will gain Courage. Through Truth you will show Wisdom. Truth and Honesty will give you Strength. May the Sword of Truth become your greatest shield.

Continue now in your Quest through the Lesson of Justice.

(Sir Knight leads the new Squires to the Master Squire in the East.)

Sir Knight:

Brother Master Squire, *(Master Squire stands)* I present these brothers who have the Books of Wisdom and the Sword of Truth. They now seek the Lesson of Justice.

Master Squire:

My Brothers, as the leader of this round Table, I was given the Gavel of Authority. I now present it to you as a token of your power as a member of this Manor.

(Steps down and gives gavel to Sir Knight and returns to East via the North.)

I was told to use it with Wisdom, to use it for Truth, and to use it to be Just, Honest, and Fair. It is said that Justice is blind, yet leadership must never be blind. Because Wisdom comes from Knowledge, and Truth is the great Protector. Leadership is the result of combining these great powers with the Honesty of Justice. An enlightened mind provides a truthful Justice.

(Sir Knight leads the new Squires back to the West of the Round Table.)

Sir Knight:

My Brothers, your journey is over, but your Quest is not completed. You have found Wisdom, Truth and Justice.

Wisdom is gained... *(places books on Round Table)*

Justice is served... *(places gavel on Round Table)*

But Truth is eternal... *(raises sword with right arm extended upward)*

It NEVER changes!

Seek, then, to know that which is True, for only then will you find the meaning of the Lessons of Life.

My Brothers, you will kneel on both knees.

(Touches first Squire on right shoulder with the sword...saying

With the Power of the Books of Wisdom...

(Touches the left shoulder with the sword saying:

And the Authority of Justice...

(Touches the top of the head lightly, saying

And with this Sword of Truth...

(Repeats motions and the words with each new Squire)

I now proclaim you to be members of the Order of the Squires of the Round Table. Arise Young Squires!!!

*(Sir Knight gets the membership pins from the Altar and he pins them. Sir Knight replaces the sword on the Round Table. He then leads the new Squires to a seat on the sidelines and returns to his station. If desired the Master Squire may declare a recess for the purpose of greeting the new brothers. One rap * brings the Manor back to order.)*

Master Squire: *I now declare this Induction Ceremony Closed. (*)*

(New Squires are welcomed and seated at a round table.)

Installation Of Squire Officers

(PREPARATION)

Altar, Altar Cloth with Round Table, Open Bible, Gavel, Schoolbooks, and Sword

Chairs West of the Altar in a Semi-circle.

National Flag posted in East

(ENTRANCE OF INSTALLING TEAM)

Single line: Installing Sir Knight, Installing Officer, Installing Chaplain, Installing Marshal

The Installing Team enters the room from the outer door in a single line, circling the room once completely (East, North, West then South). On the second time around, the officers drop off at their stations: the IM in his regular station, IO and IC are seated in East, the Installing Sir Knight to his position adjacent to the semi-circle of chairs at the South end.

INSTALLATION CEREMONY RITUAL

Sir Knight:

Parents and friends, DeMolays and Squires, an installation ceremony of the Order of Squires of the Round Table is now convened, dedicated in the name of God to the principles of Wisdom, Truth, and Justice. Of this you will take due notice and govern yourselves accordingly.

Installing Officer:

We welcome you most cordially to this Installation Ceremony of _____ Manor of the Order of Squires of the Round Table. In a few moments these young leaders will enter into a new dimension in the Quest for service. As they assume their respective duties, each will reach a new milestone in their journey of life. This organization is for young men ages 8 to 11 who have dedicated themselves to serving God and mankind. They are on a continuing Quest for Wisdom, Truth and Justice. They are assisted in their journey by the Sir Knight of the Manor.

Sir Knight, you will present the officers elected and appointed of _____ Manor, Order of the Squires of the Round Table, for Installation.

(Sir Knight retires, and re-enters the Manor, followed in single file order by the:

Master Squire-Elect, Senior Squire-Elect, Junior Squire-Elect, Squire Chaplain,

Squire Marshal, Squire Recorder, Squire Treasurer. They enter the room from the outer door in a single line following the Installing Sir Knight, circling the room once completely (East, North, West then South) They proceed West of the Round Table in front of their chairs. (The Master Squire should be the South most of the line)

I.O.

Do you now promise that you will try to lead your brothers in the highest degree of service, and help them in their Quest for Wisdom, Truth, and Justice?

(Response: I DO)

I.O.

My Brothers, on behalf of your brothers, I accept your pledges of cooperation and service.

(All officers remain standing)

Installing Squire Marshal, present the flag of the United States of America.

(Squire Marshal, proceeds to the West turns North then East to the flag, removes it from its stand, and holds the flag facing the altar. When he first reaches the flag, the I.O. gives 3 raps)

I.O.

Friends, you will stand at attention. As a tribute to the freedoms and liberties we enjoy as citizens of this great country, let us salute and pledge our allegiance to the flag.

(Pledge of Allegiance)

(Installing Squire Marshal posts the flag and retraces his steps back to his seat.)

I.O. (Gavel: 1 rap)

Please be seated.

Brother Installing Chaplain, you will read the verses of Proverbs 23 which direct us in our Quest.

(Chaplain reads from the Podium in the East the following.)

IC Chaplain

Proverbs 23

My son, if thine heart be wise, my heart shall rejoice, even mine

Yea, my reins shall rejoice when thy lips speak right things.

Hear, thou my son, and be wise, and guide thine heart in the way.

Buy the truth and sell it not; also, wisdom and instruction and understanding.

Thy father and thy mother shall be glad, and she that bare thee shall rejoice.

My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways.

(IC returns to seat in East and is seated.)

I.O.

Installing Sir Knight, present the Master Squire for installation.

(SK and MS to Altar)

S.K.

Brother Installing Officer, I have the pleasure to present Brother _____ who has been elected Master Squire of the Round Table of this Manor.

I.O.

Brother _____, you have been elected to the honorable office of Master Squire of the Round Table by your brothers. You are the presiding leader of this Manor. It is you who will wield the gavel at your meetings.

You will now be presented with the gavel of authority,

(Sir knight takes the symbolic gavel from the Round Table and places it in the Master Squires hands)

and entrust upon you the duty of using it with Wisdom, using it with Truth, and using it always to be Just, Honest and Fair.

Because Wisdom comes from knowledge or light, and Truth is the great protector, Leadership must be the result of combining these great powers with the Honesty of Justice.

You symbolically sit at a Table Round, encircled by your officers and brothers. You must always remember as you lead, you are but only ONE of the Circle of Squires dedicated to a common Quest of the Truth which is Eternal.

Lead them with the truthful justice of an enlightened mind.

You will now be conducted to your station in the East.

(Applause. Installing Sir Knight will escort Master Squire to the East by way of the North. Master Squire may be seated.)

Installing Sir Knight, you will present the Senior and Junior Squires for Installation.
(Installing Sir Knight presents the officers West of the Altar)

S.K.

Installing Officer, I have the pleasure to present Brother _____ and Brother _____ who have been elected the Senior and Junior Squires.

I.O.

My Brothers, you are the keepers of the Symbols of this organization - the Sword of Truth and the Books of Wisdom. It is a responsibility of the greatest importance, for the lessons taught through these symbols are the very basis of our Circle of Squires.

(Sir Knight goes to Altar, get Sword and Books, turns to Sr. and Jr. Squires, and presents them with their representative symbol.)

Guard these symbols well, for, as we learn in our opening ceremonies, only when the Books of Wisdom are united with the Sword of Truth and the Gavel of Justice can we proceed as brothers in our quest for the lessons of Life.

You will now be conducted to your stations in the West and South.

(applause. Installing Sir Knight conducts the officers West to the Senior Squires station where the Installing Sir Knight pauses while the Senior Squire takes his station. Then proceeds to the South and pauses while the Junior Squire takes his station. Sr. and Jr. Squires sit at the same time.)

I.O.

Installing Sir Knight, you will present the Squire Chaplin and Squire Marshal for Installation.
(Installing Sir Knight presents the officers West of the Altar)

S.K.

Installing Officer, I now present for Installation Brother _____, and Brother _____, who have been appointed Squire Chaplin and Squire Marshal.

I.O.

My brothers, you have been chosen to lead us in our prayers and our processions. To perform these duties efficiently is part of your training as Squires to become leaders.

Dignity is essential in the performance of your duties. To you has been entrusted the ceremonial portion of our work. We are protected by both the Bible and the flag - both are symbolic of glory, of power and might.

As you lead us in our prayers or present our flag, you become a most important part of our Quest. Be proud!

You will now be conducted to your stations.

(applause. Installing Sir Knight conducts the officers West past the Senior Squires station. Then proceeds to the South past the Junior Squire station. To the officers station in the Southeast. The officers sit at the same time.)

I.O.

Installing Sir Knight, you will present the Squire Recorder and Squire Treasurer for Installation.

(Installing Sir Knight presents the officers West of the Altar)

S.K.

Installing Officer, I now present for Installation Brother _____, and Brother _____, who has been appointed Squire Recorder and Squire Treasurer.

I.O.

My Brothers, you are the recorders of our records -- our link to the very history of our Manor and Order. It is a responsibility which cannot be over-emphasized. In our Quest for the Lessons of Life, you are charged with keeping the accounting of our acts and efforts. You have been selected because we believe you have the special talents required to do these very demanding tasks

You will now be conducted to your stations.

(applause. Sir Knight conducts the officers West past the Senior Squires station. Then

proceeds to the South past the Junior Squire station. To the officers station in the Southeast.)

(SK returns to his position)

I.O.

Who has been selected as Sir Knight of this Manor? Present yourself.

(SK goes West of the Altar)

S.K.

Installing Officer, I _____, a member of _____ Chapter, Order of DeMolay, have been chosen Sir Knight of this Manor of Squires.

I.O.

My Brother, the Order of DeMolay has placed upon your shoulders a most honorable and responsible challenge. You have been selected by your peers and your advisors to represent all that is the very best about being a member of the Order of DeMolay.

You are the one who will conduct our young Squires in their Quest for the Lessons of Life.

As their conductor, you will be their initial guide in the Ceremony of Induction.

At their meetings and activities, you will be their advisor, their counselor, their big brother. To you has been given the task of being the teacher, the mentor, their brother and guide.

The most difficult part of your responsibility is to allow the Squires to perform their duties without you doing it for them -- to guide, to direct, to allow them to learn from their successes and failures alike. This is your greatest responsibility.

The Crown of Youth you wear as a DeMolay will be your inspiration, your code of conduct, your shield and protector.

Into YOUR hands will be placed the Books of Wisdom, the Sword of Truth and the Gavel of Justice -- and with these tools you are charged to guide each Squire through the Lessons of Life within a circle of friendship.

Your reward will be satisfaction. Your reward will be our gratitude, and your reward will be pride in knowing you are providing a future to our beloved Order of DeMolay.

God be with you and direct your feet, your mind and your heart. You will now return to your protective position left of the Master Squire in the East.

(applause. Sir Knight conducts himself West past the Senior Squires station. Then proceeds to the South past the Junior Squire station. To the Sir Knights station to the left of the Master Squire in the East.)

(Installation ceremony may at this time include introductions of family and friends of the squires, presentations, or words from guest. This should be lead by the Master Squire.)

I.O.

I now declare the officers duly and regularly installed. Squires and guest this now concludes our Installation of Officers.

(Gavel: one rap)

