

Order of the Squires of the Round Table



Ritual and Guide



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DeMolay Squires Mission Statement

The purpose of this organization is to enable young men and their parents to participate together in fun and worthwhile activities in association with the Order of DeMolay; to offer the tools that will enable them to be better young men, and prepare them for some of the lessons they will learn in the future as members of the Order of DeMolay.

A Fraternal Organization for Young Men Ages 8 - 12

Manor Sponsorship and Getting Started

The Squires meet in a group referred to as the “Manor,” which is similar to a DeMolay Chapter. All DeMolay organizations and activities including the Squires’ organization and activities are subject to the authority of DeMolay International and the Jurisdictional Executive Officer. A DeMolay Chapter may, with approval of its Advisory Council and its sponsoring body, submit a letter to the Executive Officer requesting to sponsor a Manor of DeMolay Squires.

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 joining the Manor. They constitute the Manor Council. A Manor may operate with an initial membership of five Squires.

Once established, 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.

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.

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 Operation

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

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 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 Officers

Manor officers, 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. During each term, the Master Squire should plan at least one fun activity, and one community service project. These can be anything that the Master Squire chooses, but must be approved by the Manor Advisor.

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.

Manor Attire

Most Squires follow the dress code of their sponsoring Chapter, however, many Squires do not have dress shirts, ties and jackets (or outgrow them too quickly!). For more formal events, collared shirts, slacks, 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.

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, movie 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, craft projects and/or “Know your Masonic Hall” scavenger hunts to locate features of the building and its symbols.
- 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.

Activity Limitations

Some Squires will want to tag along and do everything with the DeMolay Chapter. Generally, however, overnight activities are hard to manage unless parents are accompanying the Squires. Summer activities, some of which involve an overnight campout, may be appropriate with sufficient supervision, Squire parental involvement and approval of the Chapter Advisory Council. A key consideration is whether the event will hold the interest and attention of a Squire.

The Squires have their own ritual work, which is designed to teach moral lessons they can understand. They meet in a Masonic Lodge room, or in a room set up as though it were a Masonic Lodge room. They have seven officers:

Elected

Master Squire (MS) -- in the East
Senior Squire (SS) -- in the West
Junior Squire (JS) -- in the South

Appointed

Squire Treasurer (ST) -- At desk in the Southeast
Squire Recorder (SR) -- Next to Treasurer at desk in the Southeast
Squire Chaplain (SC) -- In the Southeast
Squire Marshal (SM) -- Next to Chaplain in the Southeast

A Manor Advisor, who is a member of the Advisory Council, should be present at all Squire meetings and functions, and has overall responsibility for the Manor. The Manor Advisor sits in the East, at the left of the Master Squire.

In addition, a DeMolay, whose title is Sir Knight, serves as a DeMolay Representative and liaison. He is appointed by the Master Councilor of the Sponsoring DeMolay Chapter and approved by the Chapter's Advisory Council. The Sir Knight sits in the East, at the right of the Master Squire.

The Country's flag shall be displayed in the Northeast, somewhere to the right of the Sir Knight. A Manor Standard may mirror the Country flag on the left of the Manor Advisors station.

When meeting, it is suggested that the Squires follow Robert's Rules of Order, as they apply to DeMolay functions. Use of the gavel is the same as in other DeMolay functions. Also, no one is allowed to speak until recognized by the Master Squire, and he always stands while speaking.

The emblem of the Squires is a circle, representing the top of a round table. It is royal blue, with a gold border. It has one vertical gold line and one horizontal gold line, dividing the circle into four equal quadrants. It is oriented so that the lines run vertically East to West, and horizontally North to South. In the upper left quadrant is the DeMolay emblem. In the upper right quadrant is a gavel, laid horizontally. In the lower right quadrant are school books, like those used in the DeMolay ritual, laid vertically. In the lower left quadrant is a sword, laid diagonally.

When meeting, the Altar is covered with a round table top, that is decorated as described above, but without the gavel, books, or sword. The top of the table, or East, points to the Master Squire's station. A Bible is placed in the center of the Round Table, where the horizontal and vertical lines meet. At the Master Squire's station are two gavels (one ceremonial, and one to use). At the Senior Squire's station is a sword, and at the Junior Squire's station are the school books.

Floor Movement

After the Manor has been called to order, no person should pass between the Altar and the East unless required in the Ritual.

Movement from place to place as directed in the Ritual will be annotated by letters corresponding to the letters in Figure A. The letters in Figure C. represent a walking band which is always wide enough for two officers to walk side by side. All officers' movements about the Manor are directed by the corresponding letters. X is the station of the officers being directed. Z is the point on the walking band nearest the station of the Officers being directed.

When Master, Senior, and Junior Squires are in possession of their emblems from the round table during the Opening and Closing Ceremonies, they will rest them on a stand near their chair if seated, but hold them in their hands when standing if they are discussing them as part of the ritual. This does not apply during prayer sections.

Opening Ritual

Before opening their Manor, the officers line up at the entry to the Lodge room (preferably in the Lodge Preparation Room, if available). Other Squires are seated on the sidelines in the room. The Manor Advisor and Sir Knight are in the East. The emblems of the Master Squire, Senior Squire, and Junior Squire are at their respective stations.

The Manor Advisor gives one rap of the gavel (*) to alert members and guests that the meeting is about to begin, then nods to the officers to begin their entrance.

The Sir Knight and Manor Advisor sit, with the Manor Advisor at the left of the Master Squire's chair and the Sir Knight on the right.

Squire Officers enter the room in the following order: Squire Marshal, Master Squire, Senior Squire, Junior Squire, Squire Chaplain, Squire Treasurer, Squire Recorder.

Officers travel B, H, G stopping west of the Round Table with the Master Squire on the South end of the line and the other officers in order behind him. The Marshal continues F, K, L stopping east of the round table. Officers turn together to face north and south, all in the direction of the Alter.

Upon a nod from the Marshal, the other officers kneel on their left knee with bowed heads. (A moment of silence for about 5 seconds is appropriate.) Upon the word Amen from the Master Squire they rise. With a nod from the Marshal, all turn and move to their respective stations. All move directly south to the walking band and turn north moving N, P, E, C and stepping out of line at their respective stations, about face and remain standing at their chair.

Master Squire:

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

Senior Squire:

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

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 moves X, Z, O, L to the Round Table, carrying the Gavel.

Master Squire:

What does his emblem represent?

Senior Squire:

It is a symbol of Justice and Leadership.

Master Squire places the ceremonial Gavel in the corresponding quadrant of the Round Table, as it is in the Squire Emblem.

Master Squire:

Brother Senior Squire, what emblem do you keep?

Senior Squire:

I keep the Sword of Truth.

Senior Squire moves X, Z, D, G to the Round Table, placing the Sword in the corresponding quadrant of the Round Table, as it is in the Squire Emblem.

Master Squire:

Brother Junior Squire, what emblem do you keep?

Junior Squire:

I keep the Books of Wisdom.

Junior Squire moves X, Z, I, F, G to the Round Table, just south of the Senior Squire and places the school books in the corresponding quadrant of the Round Table, as it is in the Squire Emblem.

Master Squire:

Brother Junior Squire, what do our emblems mean?

Junior Squire:

That true leadership depends on Wisdom, Truth, and Justice.

Master Squire nods. The three officers turn toward their right and follow their path back to their stations.

Master Squire:

*** (3 raps) *All rise*

Brother Squire Marshal, you will present the flag of our country and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. (Or any other tribute that is customary in the nation of the Manor)

Squire Marshal travels X, Z, N, P, X, Z to the flag, removes it from the stand, and remaining in place, turns and faces West.

Squire Marshal:

Brethren, join me in pledging allegiance to the flag of our Country.

ALL: (U.S.)

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 back, replaces the flag in the stand and returns to his station along previous path.

Master Squire:

Brother Squire Chaplain, you will open the Bible, and lead us in our opening prayer. All Squires will kneel on left knee. (*Figure A.*)

All Squires move to the floor when Squire Chaplain moves, and kneels when the Squire Chaplain kneels. Squire Chaplain moves X, Z, N, F, G, faces the Round Table, kneels on both knees, opens Holy Bible reverently and slowly to Proverbs, Chapter 23 and begins prayer.

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 respond:

Amen.

When Squire Chaplain rises, all rise and move back to their chairs. Squire Chaplain rises, moves F, N, Z, X, does an about face and remains standing at his chair.

Master Squire:

Brethren, what did you promise as a Squire?

ALL Squires:

I promised to be a better son, and to love and serve God.

I promised to learn, and to serve my fellow man.

I promised to seek the truth.

I promised to be just and kind to my brothers.

To all these things and more I promised.

Master Squire:

I now declare this Manor open for Business.

** (rap) All sit down*

Order of Business

- Introduction of visitors
- Induction (if there is one scheduled)
- Roll Call
- Minutes of Previous Meeting
(Minutes may be approved as read or with corrections.)
- Treasurer's Report
(If there are bills that need to be paid, vote to approve payment.)
- Committee Reports
- Old Business
(Discuss any activities or events that the Manor has done.)
- New Business
(Discuss any activities or events that the Manor has in the future.)
(Election of New Officers)
- Good of the Order

Closing Ritual

Master Squire:

Brethren, is there anything further to come before this Round Table?
(Waits for response) None appearing, I will proceed to close.

** (2 raps) *Officers rise.*

Master Squire moves X, Z, O, L and faces the Round Table.

Master Squire:

Brother Senior Squire, what have you learned?

Senior Squire:

My brothers, I have learned that Truth is Eternal.

Senior Squire moves X, Z, D, G to the Round Table.

Master Squire:

Brother Junior Squire, what have you learned?

Junior Squire:

My brothers, I have learned that Wisdom is Power.

Junior Squire moves X, Z, I, F, G to the Round Table, just south of the Senior Squire.

Master Squire:

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

Master Squire nods and all three officers retrieve the emblems of their offices.

Master Squire nods again. All three officers do an about-face, and retrace their steps back to their stations, taking the emblems with them. They do an about-face, and remain standing.

Master Squire:

*** (3 raps) *All rise.*

Brother Squire Chaplain, you will lead us in our closing prayer and close the Bible. All Squires will kneel on left knee.

All Squires move to the floor when Squire Chaplain moves, and kneels when the Squire Chaplain kneels. Squire Chaplain moves X, Z, N, F, G, faces the Round Table, kneels on both knees and begins prayer.

Squire Chaplain:

Our Heavenly Father, 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 be faithful to our brothers. Amen.

ALL Squires:

God bless Mother, God bless Father, and God bless the purpose of the Squires. Amen.

When Squire Chaplain rises, all rise and move back to their chairs, all do an about face and remain standing at their chair. Squire Chaplain closes the Bible, then rises, moves F, N, Z, X, does an about face and remains standing at his chair.

Master Squire:

This Manor is closed.

* (1 rap)

Squire Induction Ceremony

Before the ceremony begins, the Master Squire, Senior Squire, and Junior Squire retrieve their emblems from the Round Table and return to their stations. If necessary, the ritual language can be modified to indicate individual or multiple candidates. (*Candidates should be prepared and waiting in the Preparation Room.*)

Master Squire stands.

Master Squire:

* (rap)

Brother Squire Marshal, (*Squire Marshal stands*) there are friends outside the door who wish to become Squires. You will retire and escort them into our Manor.

Squire Marshal moves X, Z, N, C, E, B. Opens the door and escorts Candidates B, H, G to the West of the Round Table, centers the Candidates between H & F, and directs them to face the Master Squire. (Depending on the number of candidates, it may be necessary to arrange them in rows of 3 or 4.)

Squire Marshal:

Brother Master Squire, I present _____, who wish to become Squires and brothers of our Manor.

Master Squire:

*** (3 Raps)

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

Master Squire moves X, Z, O, L to the East of the Round Table facing Candidate. Chaplain leaves his station, and proceeds X, Z, N, C, E, P, O 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, centered between P & N.

My Friends, We ask that you now kneel on both knees and rest your hands on the Round Table, or place your right hand on the shoulder of the friend in front of you. You will say "I", speak your name, and repeat after me.

I, _____, in the presence of God,
And these witnesses, on my honor,
promise that from this time forward,
I will strive to do what is right,
that I will be a better son,
and that I will always
honor my father and mother.

I promise that I will seek Wisdom.
that I will cherish an education,
and learn to improve myself.

I promise to tell the Truth,
and to be true to God, myself,
my family, my friends,
and my brother Squires.

I promise to be just and fair,
to obey the laws of my country,
and to respect the rights of others.
So help me God.

Master Squire:

You will arise and seal your vow by kissing the Holy Bible.

*Squire Marshal may need to lift the Bible and move it closer to the edge of the Round Table so the Candidates can reach it, being certain to return it when finished.
Master Squire moves L, K, F, G to the West of the Round Table.*

Master Squire:

I now extend to you my right hand, which is a sign of my friendship and loyalty as a brother.

Master Squire shakes hands with the candidates then moves H, P, O, Z, X, does an about face and remains standing at his chair. When Master Squire moves, Squire Chaplain, Senior Squire and Junior Squire move directly south to the walking band and Squire Chaplain turns East while others turn West moving L, K, C, D and stepping out of line at their respective stations, about face and remain standing at their chairs.

Master Squire:

I will now place you in the protection of our Sir Knight, (*Sir Knight rises.*) who along with the Squire Marshal, will conduct you on a Quest for the Lessons of Life.

Sir Knight moves X, Z, N, F, G

* (Rap)

everyone is seated except the candidates, Sir Knight, and Squire Marshal. Sir Knight along with the Squire Marshal conducts the candidates once around the Manor moving F, C, E, P, N, I to the Junior Squire in the South. With multiple Candidates, the Sir Knight should escort the front candidate while the Squire Marshal escorts the last candidate.

Squire Marshal:

Brother Junior Squire, (*Junior Squire rises and picks up books.*) I present _____, who seek to know the lesson of the Books of Wisdom.

Junior Squire:

My Brothers, I welcome you to this station of life, and will explain the Books of Wisdom. In your journey through life you will find them to be of great value. In your home, in your school, and in your community, you will discover lessons that will help you grow in mind and spirit. They open the door to hopes and dreams of great accomplishments and an amazing and happy future. Seek now the lesson of the Sword of Truth from the Senior Squire.

Squire Marshal takes the books and as directly as possible, places them on the altar, then returns and continues with his escort of the candidates moving C, D to the Senior Squire in the West.

Squire Marshal:

Brother Senior Squire, *Senior Squire rises and picks up the sword.* I present _____, who seeks to know the Lesson of the Sword of Truth.

Senior Squire:

My brother, I welcome you to this station of life, and will explain the Sword of Truth. 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.’ We are often advised that ‘to thine own self be true.’ Through Truth you will gain Courage. Through Truth you will show Wisdom. Through Truth and Honesty you will gain Strength. May the Sword of Truth become your greatest shield.

Continue now to the Master Squire for the lesson of the Gavel of Justice.

Squire Marshal takes the sword and as directly as possible, places it on the altar, then returns and continues with his escort of the candidates moving E, P, O to the Master Squire in the East.

Squire Marshal:

Brother Master Squire, (*Master Squire rises and picks up Gavel.*) I present _____, who has been taught the lessons of the Books of Wisdom and the Sword of Truth, and now seeks the lesson of the Gavel of Justice.

Master Squire:

My Brother, I welcome you to this station of life, and will explain the Gavel of Justice. As the leader of this Manor, I was given the Gavel as an emblem of authority. I was told to use it with Wisdom, to use it for Truth, and to use it to be just, honest, and fair. You have been taught that Wisdom comes from knowledge, and Truth is your shield. Leadership is the result of combining these great powers with the fairness of Justice.

Squire Marshal takes the gavel and as directly as possible, places it on the altar, then returns and continues with his escort. Candidates are escorted N, F, G to the west of the Round Table. The Sir Knight places himself between the candidates and the Alter. The candidates should be in one line from north to south facing the East with a few feet between them and the Alter.

Sir Knight:

You will kneel on both knees.

The Sir Knight turns, picks up the Sword of Truth, turns back to the candidates, draws the Sword of Truth, holds it upright, and dubs each candidate by performing the Accolade and giving each the Charge. (Figure B.)

In the name of Wisdom, (*tapping the right shoulder with the Sword*) Truth, (*tapping the left shoulder with the Sword*) and Justice. (*gently touching the top of their head with the Sword*)

I now proclaim you to be a member of the DeMolay Squires. Welcome, Brother Squires.

Sword of Truth is sheathed and returned to the Round Table. The new Brothers are given seats among the Brethren. Everyone returns to their seats.

Installation of Officers

Squire Round Table with Emblems except for gavel in place and the Bible open to Proverbs 23. Gavel is at the East.

Seven chairs West of the Altar in a line from North to South facing East.

National Flag is posted in the East.

Officers to be installed stage in the Preparation room.

ENTRANCE OF INSTALLING OFFICERS:

Installing officers enter the room from door A in the following order:

Sir Knight (SK), Installing Officer (IO), Installing Chaplain (IC), and Installing Marshal (IM). Installing Officers travel C, N, O dropping off at their respective stations, do an about face, and all except SK are seated.

SK:

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

SK sits, IO stands

IO:

We welcome you most cordially to this Installation of Officers of _____ Manor of the DeMolay Squires. In a few moments these young leaders will assume their respective duties, and each will reach a milestone in his quest for the lessons of life. This organization is for young men who want to be better sons, students, and citizens by learning the lessons of Wisdom, Truth, and Justice. Brother Installing Marshal, (*Installing Marshal stands.*) you will present the officers for Installation.

Installing Marshal retires moving X, Z, N, C, E, B, opens the door, exits, and re-enters the Manor, followed in order by the:

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

Officers travel B, H, G stopping west of the Round Table with the Master Squire on the South end of the line and the other officers in order behind him centered between H & F. The Marshal continues F, K, L stopping east of the round table. Officers turn together to face north and south, all in the direction of the Altar.

Upon a nod from the Marshal, the other officers kneel on their left knee with bowed heads. (A moment of silence for about 5 seconds is appropriate.) Upon the word Amen from the Master Squire Elect, they rise. The Installing Marshal turns, moves K, N, Z, X returns to his station, does an about face and is seated. Officers being installed remain standing.

IO:

My Brothers, I congratulate you on your selection to be the officers of this Manor. It is a great honor and a responsibility that must not be taken lightly.

Listen carefully as I charge you with that responsibility. You will place your right hand over your heart.

(done)

Do you promise that you will work together with the other officers and members of the Manor?

Officers being installed

“I Do”

IO:

Do you promise that you will faithfully lead your brothers, and help them in their quest for Wisdom, Truth, and Justice?

Officers being installed

“I Do”

IO:

On behalf of your brothers, I accept your pledges of cooperation and service.

*** (3 raps) *All rise.*

Brother Installing Marshal, present the flag of our country.

Installing Marshal travels X, Z, N, P, X, Z to the flag, removes it from the stand, and remaining in place, turns and faces West.

IO:

“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.”

ALL: (U.S.)

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.

Installing Marshal turns back, replaces the flag in the stand and returns to his station along previous path.

IO:

Brother Installing Chaplain, you will read the verses of Proverbs 23, which direct us in our Quest. All Squires will kneel on left knee.

All Squires move to the floor when Installing Chaplain moves, and kneel when the Installing Chaplain kneels. Installing Chaplain moves X, Z, N, F, G, faces the Round Table, kneels on both knees, opens Holy Bible reverently and slowly to Proverbs, Chapter 23 and begins prayer.

IC:

My son, if your heart is wise, then my heart will be glad. My inmost being will rejoice when your lips speak what is right. Listen, my son, and be wise, and keep your heart on the right path. Buy the Truth and do not sell it. Get wisdom, discipline, and understanding. May your father and your mother be glad. May she who gave you birth rejoice.

My son, give me your heart and let your eyes keep to my ways.

*(Holy Bible, New International Version, 1978
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When Squire Chaplain rises, all rise and move back to their chairs. Squire Chaplain rises, moves F, N, Z, X, does an about face and remains standing at his chair.

IO:

* (1 rap) *All sit down except for IO and IM.*

Brother Installing Marshal, present the Master Squire-elect for installation.

Installing Marshal moves X, Z, N, F, G. The Master Squire-elect stands as the Installing Marshal approaches. Installing Marshal escorts the Master Squire-elect to the Altar.

IM:

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

IO:

Brother _____, you have been elected to the honorable office of Master Squire by your brothers. You are the leader of this Manor. You will wield the gavel at your meetings. *(hold Gavel for all to see)* I now present you with the Gavel of Justice, which represents your authority to preside over this Manor, and tell you to always use it with Wisdom and Truth, then you will always use it to be fair to your brothers.

*** (3 raps) *All rise*

You will now take your place in the East.

Master Squire is conducted F, N, O by the Installing Marshal. Master Squire moves to his station and faces West. Marshal moves to his station and faces West.

* (1 rap) *All sit down except the IO and IM.*

IO:

Brother Installing Marshal, you will present the Senior and Junior Squires for installation.

Installing Marshal moves X, Z, N, F, G. The Senior and Junior Squires -elect stand as the Installing Marshal approaches. Installing Marshal escorts the Senior and Junior Squires-elect to the Altar.

IM:

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

IO:

My Brothers, you are the keepers of the Books of Wisdom and the Sword of Truth. These are responsibilities of the greatest importance, for the lessons taught through these symbols are the very basis of the DeMolay Squires. Guard these symbols well, for as we learn in our opening and closing ceremonies, it is only when the Books of Wisdom are united with the Sword of Truth and the Gavel of Justice, that true leadership can exist. You will now be conducted to your stations in the West and South.

Senior and Junior Squires are conducted H, E, C, I by the Installing Marshal. Each moves to their respective station, does an about face and is seated. Installing Marshal remains at I.

IO:

Brother Installing Marshal, you will present the Squire Chaplain and Squire Marshal for installation.

Installing Marshal moves F, G. The appointed Squire Chaplain and Squire Marshal stand as the Installing Marshal approaches. Installing Marshal escorts them to the Altar.

IM:

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

IO:

My Brothers, you have been chosen to lead our processions and to lead us in our prayers. To perform these duties efficiently is part of your training as Squires in order to become leaders. Dignity is essential in the performance of your duties. To you has been entrusted the sacred and patriotic ceremonial portions of our work. As you lead us in our prayers or present our flag, you teach us lessons of humility and patriotism.

You will now be conducted to your stations.

The Squire Chaplain and Squire Marshal are conducted F, N to their stations by the Installing Marshal. Each moves to their respective station, does an about face and is seated. Installing Marshal remains at N.

IO:

Brother Installing Marshal, you will present the Squire Treasurer and Squire Recorder for installation.

Installing Marshal moves F, G. The appointed Squire Treasurer and Squire Recorder stand as the Installing Marshal approaches. Installing Marshal escorts them to the Altar.

IM:

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

IO:

My Brothers, you are the recorders of our records and history. It is a great responsibility. You have been selected by your brothers because they believe you have the special talents required to complete these very demanding tasks. You will now be conducted to your stations.

Squire Treasurer and Squire Recorder are conducted F, N to their stations by the Installing Marshal. Each moves to their respective station, does an about face and is seated. Installing Marshal moves N, Z, X.

IO:

Who has been selected as Sir Knight of this Manor?

Sir Knight stands, moves X, Z, O, L and turns around to face East..

Sir Knight:

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

IO:

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. At their meetings and activities, you will be their counselor, their mentor, and their big brother.

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

Your reward will be satisfaction.

Your reward will be our gratitude.

Your reward will be in knowing you are providing a future to our beloved Order of DeMolay.

IO moves X, Z, O, L, to stand before the SK.

IO:

I now place upon your shoulders this Mantle of Responsibility. *Places jewel around SK's neck.*

IO:

Allow me to escort you to your station next to the Master Squire in the East.

Installing Officer escorts the Sir Knight to his station L, O, Z, X, both do an about face and the Sir Knight sits, the IO remains standing.

IO:

Squires and guests, this concludes our Installation of Officers.

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Figure A.



Figure B.



Figure C.

