

YOUR INDUCTION CEREMONY

As you wait for the Ceremony, the Chapter is officially opening the meeting and may need to conduct the business to approve your application. Once done, you will be invited into the Chapter room.

First, DON'T be nervous as there will be NOTHING that will embarrass you during the ceremony. No one will touch you except a candidate may place his hand on your right shoulder during the oaths.

You will be asked one question and take two oaths at the Bible. The first of the two oaths, known as the Initiatory Degree obligation is the longer of the two. The second, shorter oath is called the DeMolay Degree obligation and marks your final admission into the Chapter.

You will be asked to put your right hand on the Bible or on the shoulder of someone in front of you. When the Oath is taken, you will be asked to seal your vow by kissing the Holy Bible. This is a very old tradition and the Master Councilor will turn the page after each person seals their vow.

When finished, you will be escorted to a seat for the remainder of the meeting and you are considered an “Active DeMolay” in DeMolay International with all the rights and authority. In the future, there are no reserved seats on the “sidelines” so you may sit where you wish (along the North or South sides of the Chapter) or at your officer station.

TITLES

You are now a Brother DeMolay in DeMolay International. The proper way you will be addressed is by “Brother” and your last name when being formal or “Brother” and your first name when being informal. That is the way you are to address other members in the Chapter and they you.

During meetings of the Chapter or ceremonies, officers will be referred to as “Brother” and the office they hold such as “Brother Master Councilor” or “Brother Chaplain”.

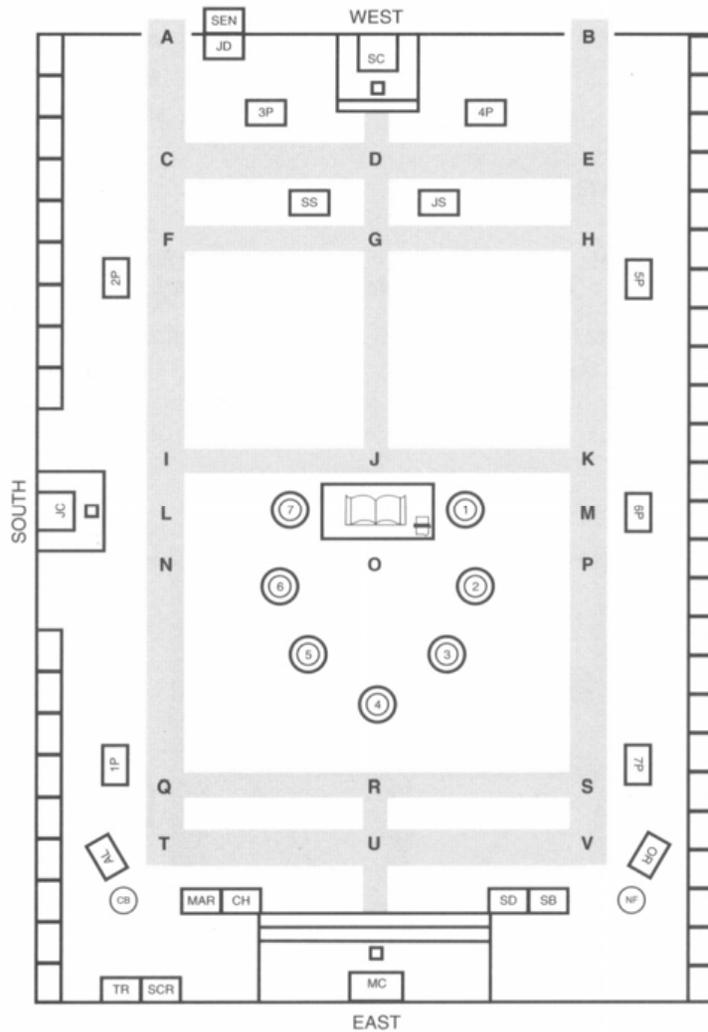
Chapter Sweetheart Court members are referred to by their first names. Advisors are referred to by the sir name “Dad” or “Mom” followed by their last name. Adult guests, even your parents, are referred to as Mr., Mrs., etc. followed by the last name. Adults are never to be addressed by their first names even by other adults while in the Chapter.

GETTING STARTED

IN



THE CHAPTER ROOM



The Chapter room is laid out like a compass but does not necessarily mean that the “EAST” is pointed in the direction of East. The directions are symbolic.

Each officer of the Chapter has a station (“chair”) on “the floor” and all non officers, Advisors, guests and parents will sit on the North and South side of the Chapter. At no time, unless specified in a ceremony, do you pass between the candle 4 and the East.

While a meeting is in progress, you must be recognized to speak so just rise and the Master Councilor will address you by “Brother” and your first or last name.

USE OF THE GAVEL

During the meetings, the Master Councilor has complete authority in the Chapter room (even over Advisors). The Master Councilor will use his gavel to indicate one of three actions:

- 1 rap calls the Chapter to order and anyone speaking should be quiet or if you are standing, be seated. This also may indicate that a motion has been completed or it is time to move on to the next item of business.
- 2 raps, the officers of the Chapter stand and all others remain seated.
- 3 raps, everyone in the Chapter room stands.

YOUR RIGHTS/AUTHORITY IN THE CHAPTER

There is no seniority in DeMolay and once you take your obligations (oaths) you will be equal to every other member in the Chapter. You may now make motions, second motions, vote, sign petitions for membership, ballot on candidates or run for elected office.

DURING PRAYERS

Two or three prayers will be given at each meeting and Active DeMolays (those between 12 and 21) take a kneeling position during all prayers. The Master Councilor will direct all members to “kneel on left knee, all others will remain standing”. Step to an open position on the floor. When the Chaplain kneels at the Bible, take one step backwards with your



left leg. Drop to your left knee in a kneeling position. Rest your head in your right hand and cup your right elbow with your left hand. After you respond to the Chaplain’s “Amen”, you will drop your right hand forward and rise as the Chaplain rises. Go back to your seat but DO NOT sit down. Wait for the gavel rap.

One prayer, the 9 o’clock Interpolation prayer, will be given toward the end of the meeting. After that prayer, the Chapter members will say; “God bless mother, God bless father, God bless the purposes of DeMolay. Amen.” Drop your right hand and rise with the Chaplain.