



Ceremony of Institution

Executive Officer - On behalf of DeMolay, we welcome you to this celebration of the Institution of (Chapter Name). The beginning of a new Chapter is both a joyous and a solemn occasion. As we celebrate the founding of this Chapter, we are also reminded of the solemn responsibility we accept when working with the youth of our Commonwealth. In view of this double-significance, it is fitting that we ask God's blessing upon this new endeavor and upon our work here today. Brother Instituting Chaplain, you will lead us in prayer.

***** All stand.**

Active DeMolays will kneel on left knee. All others will remain standing.

Chaplain - Our Father, we rejoice in the blessings you have bestowed on us, and especially in the blessing of our nation's youth. We thank you for these youth and adult leaders who have joined together to begin a great work in their community. May our ceremonies today be just the beginning of a long and glorious story of leadership, service, and moral living among the youth assembled here, and among those who will follow them in the years to come. In all we do, may we be your faithful servants, today and forever. AMEN.

*** All are seated.**

Executive Officer - * Our ceremonies today could not have been possible without the commitment and dedication of many people, who have worked diligently to see this day come to pass. Not least among those responsible for the beginning of this DeMolay Chapter is their Sponsoring Body. Each Chapter in DeMolay International is sponsored by a group of Masons who, in harmony with the teachings of the Masonic Fraternity, are committed to helping our youth grow and mature into the finest type of manhood. The members and officer of (Sponsoring Body) have accepted the responsibility of being the Sponsoring Body of (Chapter Name). The commitment they have made is much more than simply a name on paper. They have resolved to support the Chapter in its activities, and to give their own time and resources to ensure the Chapter's success. Their support of the Chapter may be financial at times, but it is not limited to "writing a check." They will provide the Chapter with a place of meeting, but their contribution is much more than being a "landlord." From their membership will come men who, along with parents, Senior DeMolays, community leaders, and other upstanding adults, will be the Advisory Council of this Chapter, guiding and molding the officers and members as they grow and succeed. This Sponsoring Body will include the Chapter and its members as part of their larger "Masonic Family," creating a connection through common goals, combined projects, and shared opportunities for service. Brother _____, representative of (Sponsoring Body), on behalf of DeMolay International and Massachusetts DeMolay, I thank you for making this high and noble commitment to the youth of your community. May God bless you in your efforts.



State Master Councilor - Brother State Marshal, you will conduct the representative of (Sponsoring Body), along with the Chapter Advisor and Master Councilor of (Chapter Name), to the East.

Mr./Wor. _____, Chapter Advisor “Dad” _____, and Master Councilor Brother _____, it is my pleasure to present you with the Charter under which your Chapter will operate. This Charter must always be on display in the East when your Chapter is open. It represents your legal authority to operate as a Chapter. We present it to you with confidence that you will work diligently to see DeMolay succeed in (City, Massachusetts). The Charter reads as follows: *read Charter.*

Brother State Marshal: Escort them to their seats.

It is now my duty and my privilege to declare, under the authority of DeMolay International, and as State Master Councilor for DeMolay in Massachusetts, that David Allan Hill Chapter, Order of DeMolay, located at Leominster, Massachusetts, is now duly and regularly Constituted, on this (Date) day of (Month), (Year). *(rap)

Executive Officer -

[Introduction/Installation of Advisors]

This concludes the Institution of (Chapter Name). Brother Installing Officer, present the Master Councilor to the East of his Chapter. [turn over gavel]

Master Councilor does introductions of honored guests, etc. (See Installation Guide)