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The DeMolay Chapter follows its regular procedures for Installation until they are installed.

INSTALLING OFFICER

Brother Marshal, you will invite the Officers of _____ Assembly # ____, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, to enter the Chapter room.

MARSHAL

(Speaks upon reaching the doors and opening them.) My sisters, it is the wish of the Installing Master Councilor that you enter the Chapter room. (The Marshal conducts the Worthy Advisor to the East.)

INSTALLING OFFICER

My Sister, as a symbol of our fraternal relationship as members of the Masonic family, and as a token of friendship which exists between our Orders, it is my pleasure to invite the Officers of _____ Assembly, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, to install our Brother as Master Councilor of _____ Chapter, Order of DeMolay.

WORTHY ADVISOR

On behalf of _____ Assembly, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, I accept your invitation to install _____ as the new Master Councilor of _____ Chapter, Order of DeMolay. (The Worthy Advisor turns and faces the altar; she remains on the main floor level.)

Sisters, you will enter the Chapter room. (The Officers enter the room in the usual manner, forming a bow except for the line officers who group themselves about the altar, Faith at the northwest corner, Charity at the north, and Hope at the south, as in balloting; and the Worthy Associate Advisor to the west.)

Sister Drill Leader, you will present _____ at the altar, upon which rests the Holy Bible, symbol of White Light, where he will stand with bowed head. (The Chaplain advances to the East and escorts the Worthy Advisor and the new Master Councilor to the altar where they place themselves as in Initiation.)

CHAPLAIN

Our Father, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind. We pray that you will grant this young man wisdom; aid him so his efforts on behalf of this Chapter of young men may prosper under his leadership and guidance and that the individual members profit from his administration. Amen. (The Worthy Advisor and Chaplain return to the East; the Worthy Advisor seats the Chapter.)

WORTHY ADVISOR

Officers, assume your proper places in the Chapter Room. (The Drill Leader remains at the altar with the Master Councilor.)

Sister Drill Leader, you will present the Master Councilor to the Sister of Faith.

DRILL LEADER

Sister of Faith, I present to you, by order of the Worthy Advisor, Brother _____, newly elected Master Councilor of the _____ Chapter, Order of DeMolay. (Drill Leader returns to her station by following Faith and the Master Councilor to that position.)

FAITH

Brother Master Councilor. I am Faith; I will go with you on your journey through this installation, and thence throughout life that you may have faith in God, in man, in woman, and in every righteous thing. Let me guide you on your way. (Faith conducts him into the bow, facing west where the Bow Officers address him.)

My Sisters, I present Brother _____.

LOVE

Brother _____, my color is red. It symbolizes love and devotion. Jesus said, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy strength and with all thy mind, and thy neighbor as thyself."

RELIGION

My station is religion. Its color is orange. Religion is defined in the new testament by St. James as "Pure religion, undefiled before God and the Father is this: to visit the fatherless and the widows in their affliction and to keep himself unspotted from the world."

NATURE

The third station is called Nature. My color is yellow. Remember it is in the great out of doors, away from the crowds and social activities, that God speaks to you.

IMMORTALITY

The fourth station is called Immortality. My color is green. Jesus said, "I am the Resurrection and the life. He that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live, and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die."

FIDELITY

My station is Fidelity. My color is blue, a symbol of loyalty and truth. Great confidence has been placed in you by selecting you for this office. Heed the words given at this station and begin at this moment to be true to every vow.

PATRIOTISM

My station is Patriotism. Its color is indigo. Here you re-dedicate your life to your country and its flag, the symbol of American civilization, enlightenment and liberty.

SERVICE

My station is Service. My color is violet. You can never know the meaning of the other lessons until you learn the meaning of offering yourself as a living sacrifice in the service of others.

(Faith now conducts the Master Councilor to the Hope as she stands near the altar area.)

FAITH

I present Brother _____.

HOPE

Brother Master Councilor. I am Hope, symbolic in the Rainbow of God's promise. "The storm clouds of the north vanish under the rays of the sun at noonday and, in the words of the Sacred Writer, 'And the bow shall be in the cloud and I shall look upon it that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living thing that is upon the earth.' " The responsibilities of your office are many, and you are to remember that Hope always awaits you. Sister of Faith, you will present Brother _____ to the Worthy Associate Advisor.

(Faith escorts the Brother to the Worthy Associate Advisor, while speaking.)

FAITH

"And though I have the gift of prophecy and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge, and though I have all faith so that I can remove mountains and have not charity, I am nothing."

I present Brother _____.

WORTHY ASSOCIATE ADVISOR

My Brother, I am pleased to welcome you to the station in the West. You are for a short time to be a leader of a group of young men. Although you are elevated for this short time to a station above them, you must treat them with impartiality and equality at all times, and your term in office will be remembered in the years that are to come.

Sister of Faith, you will present Brother _____ to the station of Charity.

(Faith proceeds to Charity while speaking.)

FAITH

"Now abideth Faith, Hope and Charity. These three, but the greatest of these is Charity."

CHARITY

My Brother, I am pleased to welcome you to the station in the North. We now accept you as the Master Councilor of this Chapter. My office symbolizes the end of the journey. It is the last lesson and we would impress upon you that the real secret of life that leads to happiness is Charity. May God help you and keep your life the living example of your office. Sister of Faith, you will conduct our Brother to the Worthy Advisor in the East who will be pleased to invest him with the robe of his office.

FAITH

Worthy Advisor, I am pleased to present to you Brother _____ who is to receive from you the robe of his office.

WORTHY ADVISOR

Sister Drill Leader, you will present the robe in the East. (Drill leader retrieves the robe and remains beside the Worthy Advisor to help place the robe.)

Brother _____, at the request of the installing officer and by virtue of the authority vested in me as Worthy Advisor of _____ Assembly, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, I invest you with this robe, symbol of your authority as Master Councilor of _____ Chapter, Order of DeMolay. Be zealous in your work and may the blessing of the Almighty God be on you and this Chapter over which you preside. (Worthy Advisor raises the group with three raps of the gavel.)

Master Councilor, behold the members of your Chapter; members of _____ Chapter, behold your Master Councilor and greet him with a hearty cheer.

Rainbow officers retire in the usual manner and stand in a bow while the CHAPLAIN gives the benediction:

I pray the prayer that the Easterners do,
May the peace of Allah abide with you.
Wherever you stray, wherever you go,
May the beautiful flowers of Allah grow,
So I touch my heart as the Easterners do,
May the peace of Allah abide with you.

WORTHY ADVISOR

Officers of _____ Assembly, you will invest each of the officers of _____ Chapter, Order of DeMolay, with the robe of his office.

(As the Drill Leader and Faith get the robes, the Marshal reads the names of the two officers of be robed. They go behind the altar and Hope and Charity put the robes on them.)