



ADVISORY COUNCIL INSTALLATION SERVICE

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It is recommended that the Executive Officer or his representative perform this ceremony from memory. It is also recommended that it be performed annually, at a Chapter meeting, or in conjunction with another program such as a Chapter Officer Installation Service, as soon as practicable near the beginning of the new year.

Required Parts: Presiding Officer: P.O.; Marshal: Mar.

Required Paraphernalia: Holy Bible open on Altar; school books on Northeast corner of Altar; Gavel at P.O.'s station.

P.O. Brethren and friends, we are assembled at this time to install the Advisory Council of Chapter, Order of DeMolay, for the current year. Brother Marshal, you will present these Advisors West of the Altar.

Mar. moves X Z T, then to place where Advisors are seated and conducts them to point J.

Brother *(use titular head of the sponsoring body, if possible)*, you will read the names of those who have been designated by the Executive Officer to serve as this Chapter's Advisory Council for the current year.

Done.

Brethren and friends, these are dedicated Advisors who believe wholeheartedly in the youth of our community. These Advisors know our youths to be good and reputable young men who, as responsible, upright citizens, will preserve our nation's rich heritage and continue the course of human concern and God-centered living that have made this nation great. These Advisors will give much time and effort in their dedicated service to this Chapter. They live lives worthy of DeMolay ideals and are vibrant examples of loyal and effective service.

My fellow Advisors, each of you has a particular duty and a special activity to which you have been assigned. I charge you to be faithful and diligent in the discharge of that duty so that this Chapter may succeed in serving God, country, and mankind, and so that its members may see in you an example worthy of emulation.

* * * (3 raps)

All stand.

P.O. moves X U O.

The P.O. has the choice of two methods for the following Obligation. It may be given either with the Advisors repeating along, or with the Advisors remaining silent.

OPTION A – Advisors Remain Silent

P.O. You will place your right hand over your heart and remain silent.

Done.

In the presence of Almighty God and these witnesses, I do solemnly promise that I will strive to the best of my ability to guide and counsel the Officers and members of this Chapter in accordance with the ideals and principles of the Order of DeMolay.

I promise that in my service as a DeMolay Advisor I will bear true allegiance to DeMolay International and to the Executive Officer in this jurisdiction.

I promise that in all my dealings with a member of the Order of DeMolay I will be ever mindful that he brings to me the precious gift of his trust, a gift which can be received only with patience, understanding and love.

Do you so promise?

Des. I do.

OPTION B – Advisors Repeat Along

P.O. You will place your right hand over your heart.

Done.

You will say "I," speak your name in full, and repeat after me:

Done.

P.O. pauses after each phrase of convenient length in the Obligation, to give designates an opportunity to repeat it. A diagonal is placed at suggested points for pausing, but P.O. should understand that he may phrase as he chooses.

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I promise / that in all my dealings / with a member of the Order of DeMolay / I will be ever mindful that he brings to me / the precious gift of his trust, / a gift which can be received only / with patience, understanding and love.

So help me God.

Advisors drop hands.

P.O. faces East, moves O U X, faces West.

P.O. * (rap)

All except P.O., Mar., and Advisors sit down.

May each of you be inspired by the noble purposes of this great Order. May you display the enthusiasm that will mold hard work and devotion into success. May you follow in the footsteps of our founder, Frank Sherman Land, by helping young men to be better men and leaders who will establish a better world for tomorrow.

Brother Marshal, you will escort our Advisors to their seats.

Mar. conducts Advisors J K, then to their seats, then moves Z X, faces West, sits down.