

Candle Ceremony

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After all business of the Chapter has been conducted, just prior to beginning the Closing Ceremony, the lights in the Chapter room are dimmed and the Master Councilor rises:

** * * (three raps)*

“As Master Councilor of the Cecil Cheves Chapter, I light this candle, emblematic of the fellowship and brotherhood of DeMolay and ask all DeMolays to join me around our HolyAltar.”

Once all DeMolays have gathered in a circle around the altar and all movement has ceased, the Master Councilor says:

“As we prepare to close this meeting and depart this place, we do so as Brothers in the Order of DeMolay. Standing here together, this light reminds us of our obligations to ourselves, to each other and to the world at-large.”

“We shall pass this light of DeMolay among us. As you receive this light, if there are words in your heart that should be spoken for the good of the Order, I urge you to do so. As the light passes among us I remind you that we are bound together as Brothers in an Order whose aim is to make us better men, better friends and better citizens. The words spoken here, around this sacred place, are to be given and received in that spirit.”

“As you pass the candle to your left, across your heart, you are to say, “I pass to you the light of DeMolay.”

The light is passed among the brothers present. When it is returned to the Master Councilor, he says:

“Having passed this light of DeMolay among us, I now receive it in the East where it shall remain until we meet again. As we extinguish this candle,”

Master Councilor extinguishes candle;

“may we rededicate ourselves to keeping the spirit that this light represents alive as we go out into the world. May each of us carry the warmth of our DeMolay brotherhood in our heart.”

Master Councilor returns to the East, gives one rap () to seat all in the Chapter.*