

**Ceremony to Receive
the State Master Councilor
for his
Official Visit to the Local Chapter**

The reception ceremony requires the involvement of the following officers:

<i>Master Councilor (M.C.)</i>	<i>Marshal (Mar.)</i>
<i>Senior Deacon (S.D.)</i>	<i>Junior Deacon (J.D.)</i>
<i>Senior Steward (S.S.)</i>	<i>Junior Steward (J.S.)</i>
<i>Sentinel (Sen.)</i>	

The State Master Councilor waits outside the Chapter room in the company of the Sentinel while the Chapter meeting is opened on both degrees.

When the opening of the Chapter on the DeMolay Degree is completed, the Sentinel sounds the appropriate alarm.

J.D. *(stands and when recognized by the M.C.)* Brother Master Councilor, there is an alarm at the door.

M.C. Brother Junior Deacon you will ascertain the cause of the alarm.

J.D. *(Approaches the door in proper manner, gives the appropriate response to the Sentinel's alarm and opens the door.)* Brother Sentinel, what is the cause of the alarm.

Sen. Brother _____, a member of the _____ Chapter, Order of DeMolay and the State Master Councilor of the Associated DeMolay Chapters of Georgia approaches the door of our Chapter for the purpose of making an official visitation.

J.D. I will inform the Master Councilor. *(J.D. closes door, returns to his station.)* Brother Master Councilor, the alarm was caused by the approach of Brother _____, a member of the _____ Chapter, Order of DeMolay and the State Master Councilor of the Associated DeMolay Chapters of Georgia, who waits outside for his official visit.

M.C. Brother Marshal, *(Marshal rises and faces the M.C.)* there is in waiting Brother _____, a member of the _____ Chapter and the State Master Councilor of the Associated DeMolay Chapters of Georgia, who approaches the door of our Chapter room to make an official visit. You will repair with the Deacons *(S.D. and J.D. rise)* and the Stewards *(S.S. and J.S. rise)* and receive him.

(Mar., S.D., J.D., S.S. and J.S. approach the altar and face the East in the formation of an honor guard as shown below;)

M.C.

Altar

<i>S.D.</i>	<i>J.D.</i>
<i>Mar.</i>	
<i>S.S.</i>	<i>J.S.</i>

M.C. *one rap ** (Without breaking formation, the entire reception party does a right face and moves to the south edge of the chapter room. The reception party, still in formation, stops, makes another right face and moves, in formation toward the door. The reception party stops just inside the door. At this time the Deacons and Stewards simultaneously turn to face each other and the Marshal continues to face the door. When the Deacons and Stewards have completed their move, the Mar. proceeds through the center of the square to the door and opens it. The Mar. then steps outside, quietly greets S.M.C. and assumes the position to escort the S.M.C into the Chapter room. The Mar. and the S.M.C. step into the Chapter room and proceed to the center of the honor guard. As the Mar. and S.M.C. reach the center of the square, they pause. The S.D., J.D. S.S. and J.S. simultaneously turn to face east and the entire processional, maintaining the formation retraces its steps to the altar. Once the honor guard is behind the altar, the Mar. and the S.M.C. moves between the S.D. and J.D. to a position immediately behind the altar.

Mar. Brother Master Councilor, it is my pleasure to introduce to you, and through you to the Brothers and friends here assembled, Brother _____, a member of the _____ Chapter and the State Master Councilor of the Associated DeMolay Chapters of Georgia, who joins us this evening to make his official visit to the _____ Chapter.

M.C. (Makes brief welcoming remarks to the S.M.C.)

M.C. Brother Mar. you will escort him further east.

(Mar. and S.M.C. step back into their previous position in the center of the square. Once in position, the entire group does left face, and moves in formation to the north edge of the chapter room floor, stops, does a right face & moves to the eastern edge of the chapter room floor, stops, does a right face and moves forward to a position directly in front of the M.C. Once stopped, the Deacons and Stewards turn and face each other. The Mar. escorts S.M.C. to the M.C. and then moves back into the square.)

M.C. rap *

(All members of the reception party then turn and face south and move to the edge of the chapter room. As the groups begins its move to the side, the members work themselves into a single file line and then move back to their seats in proper form.)

M.C. rap * (Members of the reception party are seated.)

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(This ceremony was adapted and standardized by Brother Derek Honea, P.M.C. of Clayton Chapter, from ceremonies traditionally used by Georgia Chapters to welcome the State Master Councilor, September 1998.)