

## **State Officers' Installation Service Associated DeMolay Chapters of Georgia**

*This ceremony is to be used to install the officers of the Associated DeMolay Chapters of Georgia. The entire ritual is to be given from memory. If some Installing Officers are not available, the Executive Officer may designate such persons to participate.*

*Required Parts: Installing Officer: I.O.; Installing Marshal: I.Mar.; State Master Councilor: S.M.C.; Deputy State Master Councilor: D.S.M.C.; State Sweetheart: S.S.H.; Appointed State Officers*

*Optional Part: State Chapter Advisor: S.C.A.*

*Required Paraphernalia: Gavel on S.M.C.'s pedestal, Holy Bible and school books on the Altar, National flag in standard, seven candlesticks lit with candles arranged around the Altar in the usual manner.*

*Optional Paraphernalia: Altar cloth, Altar flowers, pedestal covers, gavel on D.S.M.C.'s pedestal*

*Prior to the beginning of the ceremony, the outgoing State Officers will be asked to retire their collars. They will rise, go to the west side of the Altar, remove their collar, and place it beside the Bible and return to their seat if they will not be returning as a State Officer for the ensuing year. At this time also, the incoming State Officers will assemble outside the Chapter room.*

**I.O.** Brethren and friends, it gives me great pleasure to install the officers of the Associated DeMolay Chapters of Georgia. The young men and friends that I am about to introduce will be the leaders of our State Association in the year ahead. They have proven themselves by their service in prior years on the Chapter level, and for some of them, on the state level. They have worked hard to make DeMolay better and to help it grow. These Brothers and friends have been elected or appointed to their office to serve as an example of the best of DeMolay and to lead the growth and prosperity of every Chapter in this jurisdiction. The task before them is great, but it is not impossible. By working together and making a sincere contribution to the effort, they can make a difference for DeMolay in Georgia.

**I.O.** Brother Installing Marshal, you will read the names of the State Officers elected or appointed to serve this State Association for the coming term.

**I.Mar.** (reads the names of officers and stations)

*As each officer's name is called, that officer walks into the room and assembles in a triangle on the west side of the Altar.*

**I.O.** My Brothers and friends, you are the leaders of this State Association. You have accepted added responsibilities and have committed to carry them out. It will be your duty to execute the programs of DeMolay International and this State Association and to work with the Executive Officer and his staff to promote the growth and prosperity of DeMolay in Georgia. Truly, the future of Georgia DeMolay is in your hands. I trust that each of you will do your part to make it grow and flourish in the year ahead.

**I.O.** Brother Installing Marshal, you will present the State Chapter Advisor for installation.

**I.Mar.** Brother Installing Officer, it gives me great pleasure to present to you and through you to the members and guests here assembled, [Mom/Dad] \*\*\*\*\*, who has been appointed to the office of State Chapter Advisor for the ensuing term.

**I.O.** [Mom/Dad] \*\*\*\*\*, you have been appointed to the office of State Chapter Advisor. You are the primary advisor for these State Officers and have the responsibility of being an adult resource to the team. Entrusted to you is the security and wellbeing of our State Officers as they travel on official business and attend DeMolay events.

Brother Installing Marshal, you will invest the State Chapter Advisor with the jewel of the office and conduct [her/him] to a seat, after which you will present the appointed officers for installation.

**I.Mar.** Brother Installing Officer, it gives me great pleasure to present to you and through you to the members and guests here assembled, Brother \*\*\*\*\* who has been appointed State Chaplain and Brothers \*\*\*\*\* who have been appointed to the offices of Chairmen of the State Association for the ensuing term.

*As each State Officer is mentioned by the I.O., he steps forward.*

**I.O.** My brothers, each of you has an important place in the officer corps of our State Association.

Brother \*\*\*\*\*, you have been appointed to the office of State Chaplain. Your duties are to keep us ever mindful of our dependence on our Heavenly Father, for you are the religious guide of our State Association. You will be responsible for leading the devotions of the State Association at appropriate times during activities and functions.

Brothers \*\*\*\*\*, you have been appointed to the offices of Chairmen. Within your roles as Chairmen, certain duties and responsibilities that are important to the overall quality of the Georgia DeMolay program will be expected of you. Your diligence in performing those duties will be a major factor in their success. You will also be called upon from time to time to assist the councilors with special projects. A spirit of teamwork is essential in every office in the state line, but no office is it more essential than in yours.

My brothers, in addition to performing the duties I have just prescribed, each of you will also serve as a liaison to your own Chapter and to other Chapters in the state. Because your station is not an elected post, do not count it as inferior or unnecessary, for neither can be farther from the truth.

Brother Installing Marshal, you will invest the appointed officers with the jewels of their offices and conduct them to their seats, after which you will present the Deputy State Master Councilor Elect for Installation.

**I.Mar.** Brother Installing Officer, it gives me great pleasure to present to you and through you to the members and guests here assembled, Brother \*\*\*\*\*, who has been elected to the office of Georgia Deputy State Master Councilor.

**I.O.** Brother \*\*\*\*\*, you have been elected to the second highest office in our gift. It will be your duty to assist the State Master Councilor and perform the duties prescribed to you. You are the second in authority, and it will be your duty to preside in the absence of the State Master Councilor.

**I.O.** Brother Installing Marshal, you will invest the Deputy State Master Councilor with the jewel of his office and conduct him to his seat, after which you will present the State Sweetheart-elect for installation.

**I.Mar.** Brother Installing Officer, it gives me great pleasure to present to you and through you to the members and guests here assembled, Miss \*\*\*\*\*, who has been elected to the office of Georgia State Sweetheart.

**I.O.** Miss \*\*\*\*\*, you have been elected to the office of State Sweetheart. It is your duty to uphold the high standards of young womanhood in every respect. You should always be kind, thoughtful and sincere. Do you promise to keep these duties, embody the seven cardinal virtues of DeMolay, and uphold them in your daily life?

**S.S.H.** (reply)

**I.O.** I accept this pledge on behalf of our Order. The regalia of your office is the crown and sash, alone they have no meaning, but you as State Sweetheart bring them to life. You will find your own life enriched, as well as the lives of those around you, as you support the young men of Georgia DeMolay. Remember a sweetheart's beauty shines not only from without but from within. May this night be but one of many happy milestones in your life.

Installing Marshal, please present the Junior Past State Sweetheart to invest the State Sweetheart with her regalia and conduct her to her seat, after which you will present the State Master Councilor-Elect for installation.

**I.Mar.** Brother Installing Officer, it gives me great pleasure to present to you and through you to the members and guests here assembled, Brother \*\*\*\*\*, who has been elected to the honorable office of Georgia State Master Councilor.

**I.O.** Brother \*\*\*\*\*, you have been elected to the highest office that it is in our power to grant. This office is an honorable one. You are the leader of the body. But more importantly, you represent the Order of DeMolay in Georgia. Your actions, attitudes, and appearance will reflect on the hundreds of other young men of DeMolay in Georgia. You are not to be arrogant or dictatorial, but rather, you should lead your Brothers by example and should always be worth of the trust and confidence that they have placed in you. You should be willing to listen to counsel as well as give it. It will be your duty to preside at all meetings and functions of the State Association.

Before assuming this office, however, we must hear from you a public declaration. Are you ready to make this declaration?

**S.M.C.** (reply)

**I.O.** \* \* \* (3 raps)

*If outgoing S.M.C. is not serving as I.O. then the outgoing S.M.C. shall perform the I.O. portion until noted below.*

*I.O. proceeds to the east side of the Altar.*

**I.O.** Then you will kneel on both knees and place both hands upon the Holy Bible.

*S.M.C. kneels and places hands on the Bible. I.O. kneels at the opposite side of the altar and places his hands on top of the S.M.C.'s hands.*

**I.O.** Do you promise to follow in the footsteps of Jacques DeMolay should service and duty demand it?

**S.M.C.** (reply)

**I.O.** Do you promise on your honor as a DeMolay, that you will demand of each member clean living, high respect for parents, and deference to womanhood?

**S.M.C.** (reply)

**I.O.** Do you promise to obey the Statutes of the International Supreme Council and the by-laws, rules, and regulations of the Associated DeMolay Chapters of Georgia?

**S.M.C.** (reply)

**I.O.** Do you promise to carry out the duties and responsibilities of your office to the best of your ability and consistently throughout your term?

**S.M.C.** (reply)

**I.O.** Do you promise that you will at all times conduct yourself in a manner that will bring no discredit upon your office, your Brothers, or this State Association?

**S.M.C.** (reply)

**I.O.** Do you promise to work loyally and earnestly with your fellow State Officers, the Executive Officer, and the members of the State Staff?

**S.M.C.** (reply)

**I.O.** Then you will seal your vows by kissing the Holy Bible.

*S.M.C. kisses the Bible but does not rise.*

**I.O.** Will all Past State Master Councilors of Georgia please join me at the Altar?

*P.S.M.C.'s assemble around Altar.*

**I.O.** I now return this collar to the Altar from which I received it. Brother Past State Master Councilors, please assist me.

*P.S.M.C.'s remove the collar. All participate in elevating the collar and placing it around the neck of the S.M.C.*

**I.O.** As I place this collar around your neck, you will arise, the State Master Councilor of the Associated DeMolay Chapters of Georgia.

**I.O.** Brother State Master Councilor, before you and about you are your Brethren. Brethren, before you is your State Master Councilor.

*I.O. leads applause.*

*I.O. conducts S.M.C. to the East. P.S.M.C.'s disperse back to seats.*

*If outgoing S.M.C. is not serving as I.O. then the I.O. will take back over at this point.*

**I.O.** \* (1 rap)

**I.O.** Brother Installing Marshal, you will proclaim the officers of the Associated DeMolay Chapters of Georgia duly and regularly installed.

**I.Mar.** In the name and under the authority of, the International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay, and by direction of the Installing Officer, I now proclaim the State Officers of the Associated DeMolay Chapters of Georgia duly and regularly installed.

**I.O.** \* (1 rap)

**I.O.** This concludes our ceremony of installing the officers of the Associated DeMolay Chapters of Georgia. May God guide these officers for the ensuing year that they may help DeMolay prosper and grow and that they may never forget the fundamental purpose of DeMolay, the candle in the center of our seven: Comradeship.