

## **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.; State Senior Councilor: S.S.C.; State Junior Councilor: S.J.C.; Appointed State Officers*

*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 S.S.C.'s and S.J.C.'s pedestals*

*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 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 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, he walks into the room and assembles in a triangle on the west side of the Altar.*

**I.O.** My Brothers, 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 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 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)

*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. places knees and places hands on the Bible.*

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?

*I.O. kneels on the east side of the Altar.*

I.O. I now return this collar to the Altar from which I received it.

*I.O. removes the collar and places it on the Altar.*

I.O. Brother Past State Master Councilors, please assist me.

*All participate in elevating the collar and placing it around the neck of the new 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. and S.M.C. return to the east.*

**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.** \* (1 rap)

**I.O.** Brother Installing Marshal, you will present the State Senior 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 State Senior 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 invest the State Senior Councilor with the jewel of his office and conduct him to his seat, after which you will present the State Junior 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 State Junior Councilor.

**I.O.** Brother \*\*\*\*\*, the office of State Junior Councilor is one of dignity and honor. You have certain duties and responsibilities that are important to the overall quality of the Georgia DeMolay program. 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 other 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.

**I.O.** Brother Installing Marshal, you will invest the State Junior Councilor with the jewel of his office and conduct him to his 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 \*\*\*\*\* and Brother \*\*\*\*\*, who have been appointed to the offices of Georgia State Deacons; Brother \*\*\*\*\* and Brother \*\*\*\*\*, who have been appointed to the offices of Georgia State Stewards; Brother \*\*\*\*\*, who has been appointed to the office of Georgia State Chaplain; Brother \*\*\*\*\*, who has been appointed to the office of Georgia State Marshal; and Brother \*\*\*\*\*, who has been appointed to the office of Georgia State Scribe 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 officers corps of our State Association.

Brother \*\*\*\*\* and Brother \*\*\*\*\*, you have been appointed to the offices of State Senior Deacon and State Junior Deacon. I need not remind you that the duties of the State Deacons are many and varied. You will be responsible for much of the floor work involved in opening, recessing, and closing this State Association. Brother State Senior Deacon, to you is entrusted the beloved banner of our nation, the symbol that stands as a sentinel of our freedom and safety and for all that reside beneath its protective folds. Brother State Junior Deacon, to you goes the task of guarding our deliberations and ensuring that only those who are qualified are admitted to the closed proceedings of this Association. Yours is an important task and should not be taken lightly.

Brother \*\*\*\*\* and Brother \*\*\*\*\*, you have been appointed to the offices of State Senior Steward and State Junior Steward. Yours are very respectable offices. As State Stewards, you are responsible for the care of our Holy Altar. Brother State Senior Steward, you are responsible for care and keeping of the Holy Bible. As it is the rule and guide of our faith, it is important that it always be carried with great reverence and respect. Within its pages are the fundamentals of DeMolay. Brother State Junior Steward, you are responsible for the care and keeping of school

books, the symbol of the great public school system of our country. Take care that they are never neglected, for they are the foundation upon which has been built a system for the enlightenment of the masses.

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.

Brother \*\*\*\*\*, you have been appointed to the office of State Marshal. You are one of the most visible officers in the State Line for you will serve as the conductor of dignitaries and special guests at our functions. By virtue of your visibility, you will naturally become an example and an integral part of Georgia DeMolay's image. Always remember that your actions are under constant scrutiny, so they should be carried out in a manner befitting the important place you hold in the State Officer Corps.

Brother \*\*\*\*\*, you have been appointed to the office of State Scribe. As the personal appointment of the Executive Officer, you will be working closely with him to carry out the programs of Georgia DeMolay. Much of the work you do will not be noticed by most of the other members. However, the minutes you take will serve as a record of our activities for generations to come. Remember, though, that it is this work that is needed, and without it, Georgia DeMolay would be missing an important part of its historical record.

In addition to performing the duties I have just prescribed, each of you will be called upon to assist the Councilors with carrying out the programs aimed at improving DeMolay in Georgia. 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 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.