



CEREMONY OF VISITATION

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This ceremony is to be used only to receive an Executive Officer in his own jurisdiction. It may be used at Chapter meetings and at open ceremonies to the extent the Executive Officer considers appropriate. When this ceremony is used other than for a Chapter (such as a Legion of Honor Preceptory, Chevalier Court, etc.) the appropriate counterpart term will be substituted for "Chapter", "Master Councilor", "Marshal", etc.

Required Parts: Master Councilor: M.C., Marshal: Mar., Adjutant: Adj., Junior Deacon: J.D., Executive Officer: E.O.

Required Paraphernalia: Gavel on M.C.'s pedestal.

Executive Officer's Adjutant outside the entrance door.

Adj. ** ** * (5 raps grouped as indicated)

J.D. Brother Master Councilor, there is an alarm indicating that the Executive Officer in this jurisdiction is in attendance without.

M.C. Brother Junior Deacon, you will attend to the alarm.

J.D. moves to point A...

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... and opens door. Adj. enters. Door remains open. Adj. moves from door to F G J.

Adj. Brother Master Councilor, I have the honor to announce that Dad, Active Member of DeMolay International, and Executive Officer in the jurisdiction of, is in attendance without for the purpose of making a fraternal visit to this Chapter.

M.C. Brother Adjutant, please retire and present the Executive Officer. Brother Marshal, you will accompany him.

Mar. rises and moves X Z I J. Simultaneously Adj. faces North. Mar. takes Adj. by the arm (see Figure 2) and together they move J K V T A to anteroom. Adj. and Mar., with Executive Officer between them, immediately return to Chapter room. J.D., who has remained at the open door, closes door behind them and returns to his station. Immediately upon their crossing the entrance door threshold, M.C. calls up Chapter.

M.C. * * * (3 raps)

All stand.

They move A F H V U. Simultaneously, M.C. moves X U. He steps between Marshal and Executive Officer and all four face West so they form a single line across the East, standing in order from North to South: Mar., M.C., Executive Officer, Adj.

Adj. Brother Master Councilor and Brethren, Dad, Active Member of DeMolay International, and Executive Officer in the jurisdiction of

After the brethren have greeted the Executive Officer, M.C. welcomes him in his own words and then invites Executive Officer to join him in the East. They ascend to the

East. Adj. either ascends to the East behind them or goes to another seat in the Chapter room. Mar. moves U Z X, faces West.

M.C. Dad, in token of our loyalty and devotion to our Order, to DeMolay International, and to the principles and precepts inculcated by our ritual and by the pledges we have made, I tender you the gavel and the chair.

Executive Officer accepts the gavel and seats the Chapter.

E.O. * (rap)

All sit down.

At his pleasure, he then takes the M.C.'s station and presides or he returns the gavel to the M.C. who proceeds with the Chapter's affairs. The E.O. may at any later time in the proceedings assume the gavel and the chair. When the E.O. is presiding, all further proceedings are under his sole control unless and until he resigns the gavel and chair to M.C. When the M.C. is presiding, the E.O. sits in the chair immediately to the North of the M.C. If the E.O. desires to retire before the Chapter is closed, the Adj., moves to point U, says:

Adj. Brother Master Councilor and Brethren, the Executive Officer is about to retire from the Chapter room.

M.C. * * * (3 raps)

All stand.

E.O., escorted by M.C. descends to point U, where Adj. and Mar. join them. They form a line facing West, in order North to South: Adj., E.O., M.C., Mar.. M.C. takes one step back and others face South and move U T A. As they reach point T, J.D. moves X Z A, opens door. As they exit, M.C. moves U X, faces West. Mar. immediately returns to Chapter room. J.D. closes door, moves Z X, faces East. Mar. moves A T Z X, faces West.

M.C. * (rap)

All sit down.

APPENDIX

Pronouncing Glossary

adjutant	ăj'ə-tənt. An assistant.
inculcate	ĭn'kŭl- kāt' , ĭn-kŭl'kāt'. To impress upon the mind of another; to instill.
tender	tĕn'dər. To offer formally; to give with respect.