



# CROSS OF HONOR INVESTITURE

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*This ceremony is to be used for investing Advisors with the DeMolay Cross of Honor.*

*Required Parts: Executive Officer (or his representative): E.O.; the Master Councilor: M.C.; Senior Councilor: S.C.; Junior Councilor: J.C.; Marshal: Mar.; who are Active DeMolays.*

*Required Paraphernalia: Holy Bible open on Altar; school books on Northeast corner of Altar; regalia for Cross of Honor on pedestal in East.*

**M.C.** Brother Marshal, you will present the designates for the Cross of Honor.

*Mar. moves X Z T, thence to place where designates are seated and conducts them to point J.*

**Mar.** It is my honor to present these outstanding Advisors who have been designated by DeMolay International to receive the Cross of Honor.

**M.C.** \* \* (2 raps)

*Officers rise.*

*M.C. moves X U; S.C. moves X D E V U; J.C. moves X L T U. Simultaneously all face West and move in a line to point O within circle of candles, M.C. one step in advance of others.*

**J.C.** We salute you who have given to the young men of DeMolay that precious thing which only you can give – yourself. We are sure that you have given so generously of your time and talents with the full realization of how much better it is to give than to receive.

**S.C.** We salute you for the wisdom, patience, and love which you have bestowed on us so unselfishly through the years so that we may be better young men and become better men. Our sincere wish is that you may enjoy all the rewards of your endeavors in behalf of youth.

**M.C.** We salute you, who have been selected by the Executive Officer in this jurisdiction and designated by DeMolay International to receive the Cross of Honor which is the highest honor that can be given for service as an Advisor. It denotes years of exceptional efforts on behalf of the Order of DeMolay and of conspicuously meritorious service to your Chapter (*or: "to this jurisdiction" if appropriate*). Prior to being invested with the Cross of Honor, we request that you take the dedicatory oath at our Altar which, for our purpose this evening, is dedicated to the youth you have so faithfully served.

You will place your right hand over your heart and remain silent.

*Done.*

**M.C.** In the presence of God and on my honor as an Advisor, recognizing that the moral and civic virtues inculcated in the teachings of Masonry may best be nurtured in the hearts and minds of young men, renew my dedication to the order of DeMolay and its service to the young men of all the world.

As a DeMolay Advisor, I solemnly declare that I will continue to serve the members of this Order as a counselor, seeking always to guide them by inspiration and example, knowing that in every DeMolay lies the promise of the future, and realizing that every effort must be made to assure the complete fulfillment of that promise. Do you so promise?

**Des.** I do.

*Designates drop hands.*

*Councilors face East and move O U. M.C. ascends dais, faces West. Simultaneously S.C. moves U V E D X, faces East, and J.C. moves U T L X, faces North. Mar. conducts designates J K V U, faces East.*

**M.C.** \* (rap)

*All except M.C. sit down.*

**M.C.** Dad ....., may I present to you, as Active Member, (or “Deputy”) of DeMolay International and the Executive Officer in ..... (*jurisdiction*) ..... these Advisors who have been designated by DeMolay International to receive the Cross of Honor. They now appear before you to be invested with the jewel of that honor.

*M.C. and E.O. move X U and approach first designate.*

**M.C.** May I present Dad (Mom) ....., an Advisor of ....., located in ..... (*or other title if not a Chapter Advisor*).

*E.O. places jewel on designate and summarizes in one or two sentences the Advisor’s principal accomplishments. Repeat for each designate. M.C. and E.O. move U X, faces West.*

**M.C.** Brother Marshal, you will present the patents to these Advisors.

*Done.*

**M.C.** May this honor you have received inspire you to further service for the Order of DeMolay in the days to come.

\* (rap)

Brother Marshal, you will conduct these distinguished Advisors to seats of honor in the Chapter room.

*Done.*

*Mar. moves Z X, faces West*

**M.C.** \* (rap)

# APPENDIX

## Pronouncing Glossary

conspicuously	kən-spɪk'yū-əs-lē'. Easily noticed; obvious.
inculcate	ɪn'kʊl- kāt' , ɪn-kʊl'kāt'. To impress upon the mind of another; to instill.
investiture	ɪn-vēs'tə-chər. A formal ceremony for conferring an honor.
meritorious	mēr'ɪ-tôr'ē-əs. Deserving reward or praise.