



# **RECOGNITION PIN PRESENTATION CEREMONY**

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*This presentation ceremony is designed to be either open or private as the Chapter may decide.*

*Required Parts: Master Councilor: M.C., Marshal: Mar.*

*Required Paraphernalia: Gavel on M.C.'s pedestal; Holy Bible open on Altar; school books on Northeast corner of Altar; a recognition pin for each candidate placed on Altar on East side of Bible.*

*Optional Paraphernalia: Seven candlesticks with candles; Altar cloth; Altar flowers; pedestal covers; baton for Mar.*

**M.C.** Brother Marshal, you will conduct our newly initiated brothers to the Altar.

*Mar. moves X Z T, thence to place where candidates are seated, and conducts them to point J, all face East.*

**Mar.** Brother Master Councilor, I take pleasure in presenting to you and to the members of .....Chapter, Brothers.....who have been received in the Initiatory Degree and exalted to the rank and honor of DeMolays with fellowship in this Chapter.

*M.C. moves X U O, faces West.*

**M.C.** In the words of our founder: To you who have entered the portals of DeMolay a whole-hearted welcome is extended by the great legion of its international membership. You are now a part of a select worldwide group of young men. You have been handed the torch of high endeavor first lighted and carried by Jacques DeMolay, and it becomes your sacred and solemn duty to keep it ever burning. Millions of young men have borne it in the past and millions will bear it in the future. To keep its flame gleaming brightly is a stewardship never to be shirked.

More than six hundred years have passed since the unconquerable spirit of Jacques DeMolay blazed forth with a lustre that dimmed the material flames which consumed his body. It was an outstanding principle of moral courage which prompted him to submit to torture and to death rather than betray his ideals or fail to fulfill his obligations. It is a spiritual illumination of moral chivalry which prompts DeMolays to be clean in all things and ever ready to aid and protect the weak, the helpless and the oppressed. This is truly a creed you will be proud to exemplify before the world. As a real seeker of truth, you will find DeMolay of genuine benefit in solving many perplexing problems. Your membership in this Order will profit you according to the measure of service you give to its cause. As you give, so shall you gain. Its practical, spiritual, mental and physical standards will aid the inherent manliness within you. Its forbearance and brotherly love are yours to adopt and put to everyday use. As Master Councilor of ..... Chapter, it is my pleasure to present to you this recognition insignia which I hope you will wear with pleasure to yourself and honor to our fraternity. It is to be worn on your left coat lapel that your brethren and the world at large may know you to be a member of the Order of DeMolay.

May this recognition pin ever be a reminder to you of your vows to be faithful to our tenets. It is needless to admonish you never to wear it where you would be ashamed to take your mother, sister or father. Brother Marshal, you will conduct the brothers to seats in our midst.

*M.C. faces East, moves O U X, faces West. Mar. conducts candidates J K thence to seats, then returns Z X, faces West.*

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

*All sit down.*

# APPENDIX

## Pronouncing Glossary

admonish	ăd-mŏn'ĭsh. To remind of an obligation.
borne	bŏrn. Carried, assigned, or taken, as in a responsibility.
chivalry	shĭv'əl-rē. Customs of knighthood such as bravery, honor, and courtesy.
exalted	ĭg-zŏl'tĭd. Elevated in rank or status.
exemplify	ĭg-zĕm'plĕ-fĭ'. To illustrate by example.
forbearance	fŏr-bâr'əns. Tolerance; patience.
illumination	ĭ-lū'mə-nā'shən. Spiritual insight.
inherent	ĭn-hĕr'ənt. Forming an essential element; essence.
insignia	ĭn-sĭg'nĕ-ə. A badge of rank; an emblem.
lustre	lŭs'tər. Variant of "luster", meaning brightness.
portals	pŏr'tls. A means of entrance.
shirk	shŭrk. To avoid or neglect a duty.
stewardship	stŭ'ərd-shĭp. The act of managing or supervising.
tenet	tĕn'ĭt. A principle held by an organization; doctrine.