

50 Year Pin Investiture

M.C. Brethren and friends, we have met to honor those who have been among our ranks for 50 years. These Brethren have lived gloriously in behalf of our name and it is my distinct pleasure to call them my brothers.

M.C. Brother Marshal, you will present the honorees to the east.

Mar. moves X Z and then in the direction of the honorees. Mar. conducts honorees to U and directs honorees to face east.

Mar. Brother Master Councilor, it gives me great pleasure to present to you and to the brethren and guests here assembled Dad(s) _____ who have faithfully served the Order of DeMolay for 50 years.

M.C. Brethren, I welcome you back into our great order which has been dedicated to the ideals of good sonship and good citizenship and engineered for the purposes of fellowship and service. I am impelled to remind you of the great journey you have taken two score and ten years ago when you received from the concierges of the seven symbolic jewels in the Crown of Youth those virtues which you have utterly translated into lives of service. You have laid aside the Crown of Youth for the Crown of Manhood and the fidelity of your stewardship has kindled the spirit of DeMolay within, your Crown of Manhood blazing with an astonishing glow. As it is a cardinal tenet prior to receiving any great distinction, let us pause a moment while the Chaplain offers a prayer.

M.C. * * * (3 raps)

M.C. Brother Chaplain, you will lead us in prayer.

Ch. moves X Z I J. As Ch. leaves his station, all Active DeMolays in the East and the S.C. and J.C. descend to the floor level. Mar. directs honorees to face west.

M.C. Active DeMolays will kneel on left knee. All others will remain standing.

Active DeMolays kneel as Ch. Kneels.

Ch. Our Father, Who art in Heaven, we ask that Thou wilt look over us as we honor the great predecessors of our Order. Instill in us the passion and pride of these great men so that we may one day pass it along to the young men of our future. Help us so to live always that we may be ever loyal servants of our parents, our country, our Order, and Thyself. Amen.

ALL Amen.

Active DeMolays rise as Ch. rises. Ch. moves J K V Z X. As Ch. and leave Altar, all Active DeMolays who were in the East and S.C. and J.C. return to daises. Mar. directs honorees to face east.

M.C. * (rap)

My Brothers, it has been enjoined upon me the duty of seeing that you reflect upon the pathway of human life. It was in the morning years, when you were fostered by your magnanimous parents, that you were brought before our altar and dedicated to the ideals that would augment your lives and future. May you cherish our brotherhood for imbuing such exemplary qualities and virtues into your lives and especially for the friendships that only the brothers and comrades of such loyalty and fidelity can render. Brother Marshal, you will conduct our brothers to the symbolic south.

Mar. conducts honorees U T L and directs honorees to face south.

J.C. My Brothers, you are at the symbolic south, emblematic of the meridian years of your lives. I ask that you take a moment to look back upon the noon of your lives and contemplate how the teachings of our order have impressed the decisions and choices you made as you crossed into that threshold of manhood. May you admire the benefits DeMolay has extended to you as much as our order admires you for embodying our purposes.

J.C. descends from dais to greet each honoree with left foot in advance of the right, grasping the honoree's right hand, and placing his left hand upon the honoree's left shoulder. The J.C.'s speech should be given as he greets the honorees so that the last hand shake is given at the end of the speech. J.C. moves Z X.

J.C. Brother Marshal, you will conduct our brothers to the symbolic west.

Marshal conducts honorees L C D and directs honorees to face west.

S.C. places his left hand upon his heart.

S.C. My Brothers, the west is emblematic of the evening of your lives. We hope that upon your reflection of life, you saw a happy journey. One of the many purposes of our order is to help in trying to make each other better so that when we reach the twilight years we may be satisfied.

S.C. descends from dais and places his left hand upon each honoree's heart as he gives the rest of his speech so that he finishes the speech as he reaches the last honoree.

S.C. As I remind you of your obligations to be faithful, I can only hope that you crave to share once again in our experiences and to share these experiences with the young men of today, the future of tomorrow. May you strive to benefit the lives of countless young men and introduce them to the brotherhood that you will forever cherish.

S.C. moves Z X.

Brother Marshal, you will conduct the honorees to the Altar where they will rededicate themselves to the purposes of DeMolay.

M.C. * * * (3 raps)

Simultaneously Mar. conducts honorees D J and directs honorees to face east; M.C. moves X Z R; S.C. moves X Z E S R and faces west; J.C. moves X Z Q R and faces west. Councilors walk directly to O and form triangle.

M.C. My Brothers, if possible, you will kneel on both knees. You will place your right hand on the Holy Bible or on the shoulder of the one in front of you. You will say "I".

M.C. pauses while this is done.

M.C. Speak your name...

M.C. pauses while this is done.

M.C. ...and repeat after me.

M.C. I promise with God as my witness to promote the ideals of clean and manly living as I have conducted myself.

I promise to rededicate myself to the virtues of filial love, reverence for sacred things, courtesy, comradeship, fidelity, cleanness and patriotism holding them to be not only the cardinal teachings of our Order, but also as the best preparation for the duties of manhood.

I promise with these witnesses here assembled to advance the interests of our Order as well as the lessons of loyalty and toleration.

I most solemnly promise and vow to continue to live ever worthy of the name of our great heroic martyr and that I will never do anything which would shame or defame his name.

You will arise.

M.C. pauses while this is done.

M.C. You will seal your promises by kissing the Holy Bible.

M.C. pauses while this is done.

M.C. I welcome you anew to lasting fraternity.

M.C. shakes each honoree's hand and moves K V U Z X.

M.C. * (rap)

Simultaneously S.C. moves R S E Z X; J.C. moves R Q Z X.

M.C. * (rap)

Mar. conducts honorees K V U and directs honorees to face east.

M.C. My Brothers, I welcome you once again to the comradeship of our Order. You already know that we are dedicated to service and not mere empty forms. You know that your merit has been measured by the extent to which you have translated the lessons and examples we have set before you into your daily lives and service among your fellows. It is the benefit which you have attained over the last 50 years and we commend both you and our Order for building such prime examples of what it is to be a DeMolay and to be a man. I need hardly ask that you continue to serve the Order of DeMolay as well as the young men who bear our future.

M.C. invests each honoree with the 50 year pin. Mar. presents patents to honorees.

M.C. Brother Marshal, you will afford our brothers seats within the chapter room.

Mar. conducts honorees to seats with the chapter room and returns X Z.

M.C. * (rap)

M.C. Brethren and friends, may the brethren honored here this day inspire in each of us the same devotion to our Order which has made exemplary men out of the millions who have banded together under our common bond that our posterity may share in this noble brotherhood. I now declare this ceremony to be closed.

M.C. * (rap)