

**J.D.** Brother Master Councilor, there is an alarm at the door.

**M.C.** Brother Junior Deacon, you will ascertain the cause of the alarm.

**J.D.** goes to door, gives two raps, opens door.

**J.D.** Brother Sentinel, what is the cause of the alarm?

**Sentinel** Brother Junior Deacon, a Brother (or, "several Brethren", or "a Master Mason", or "several Master Masons", etc.) seek(s) admission.

**J.D.** closes door and turns to M.C.

**J.D.** Brother Master Councilor, a Brother (etc.), vouched for by the Sentinel, seek(s) admission.

**M.C.** Brother Junior Deacon, you will admit him (or "them").

**J.D.** opens door.

**J.D.** Brother Sentinel, admit him (or, "them").

The person then enters and, if he is a Senior DeMolay or Master Mason (who is not an active DeMolay), goes directly to a seat. If he is an active DeMolay, he goes to the Altar and gives the step, sign and token if the Chapter is working on the Initiatory Degree or the sign of the DeMolay Degree if the Chapter is working on that degree. The M.C. returns the step, sign and token or the sign of the DeMolay Degree (as the case may be) and invites the Brother to take a seat. J.D. closes door, returns to station, and sits down as soon as late arrival is inside room.

If the Sentinel is not satisfied that the late arrival is qualified to be admitted, he gives two raps, and then:

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**M.C.** Brother Junior Deacon, you will ascertain the cause of the alarm.

**J.D.** goes to door, gives two raps, and opens door.

**J.D.** Brother Sentinel, what is the cause of the alarm?

**Sentinel** Brother Junior Deacon, a person who says he is an active DeMolay (or "a Senior DeMolay", or "a Master Mason", etc.) seek(s) admission.

**J.D.** closes door and turns to M.C.

**J.D.** Brother Master Councilor, a person who says he is an active DeMolay (etc.) seek(s) admission.

**M.C.** (If late arrival claims to be an active DeMolay:) Brother \_\_\_\_\_, Brother \_\_\_\_\_, and Brother \_\_\_\_\_, I appoint you to be an Examination Committee. You will retire and interview our visitor. (Or, if late arrival claims to be a Senior DeMolay or a Master Mason:) Dad \_\_\_\_\_, will you please appoint an advisor to interview our visitor.

Appointed committee or advisor retires in proper fashion and examines or interviews visitor. If visitor is qualified to be admitted,

committee or advisor so informs Sentinel. Visitor and committee or advisor are then admitted in accordance with the procedure first outlined above.

## INTRODUCING VISITORS

When occasion requires the introduction of visitors, the Marshal (on instruction from the M.C.) goes to the visitor in the Chapter room or at the entrance (as the case may be), conducts him to the West side of the Altar facing the M.C., and introduces him as follows:

Brother Master Councilor, it gives me pleasure to introduce to you and through you to the members of ..... Chapter, Brother ....., a member of ..... Chapter, located at .....

If the visitor is an advisor or Master Mason (who is not an active DeMolay), the prefix "Dad" or "Mister" respectively, should be used. For any visitor, the Marshal may add appropriate DeMolay or Masonic titles to the introduction.

After the Marshal makes his introduction, the M.C. should give a brief word of welcome. The Marshal should then conduct the visitor to a seat in the East or elsewhere in the Chapter room as the M.C. instructs. The Marshal then returns to his station and faces West. The M.C. seats the Marshal with one rap.

## INITIATORY DEGREE

### Opening Ceremony

Officers form outside Chapter room as shown in Diagram Number Two. Marshal enters through Northwest door, goes East and then South to point half-way between East and head candle, and faces West. Remaining officers enter and form Triangle as shown in Diagrams Number Two and Three. When Triangle is completely formed, Marshal nods head slightly and all officers, including Marshal kneel for a few moments of silent prayer.

M.C. Amen.

All officers rise. Marshal faces South, goes South, then West, then North to a point between M.C. and Chaplain. As Marshal turns North, M.C. faces North and takes one step to his right thereby leaving opening for Marshal. Marshal conducts M.C. directly North, then East, then South to point directly in front of M.C.'s station. M.C. crosses in front of Marshal and goes to his station. Immediately after M.C. crosses in front of him, Marshal goes South to point in front of his own station and faces West. M.C. gives one rap, but Marshal remains standing.

M.C. The officers will take their stations and this Chapter will come to order.