

PENNSYLVANIA DEMOLAY

Welcoming Visitors, a revision to the Ritual (Revised 1-15-02)

Due to recent changes in who may attend meetings, which have not yet been accounted for in the older edition of the Ritual, the following procedure shall be followed in the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania:

The "Welcome To Visitors" and the "Oath of Secrecy" (included on page 15 of the corrected 14th Edition of the Ritual) MUST NOT be used. Instead, the Master Councilor shall, in place of the Welcome To Visitors, address all guests by saying,

"Will all visitors to the Chapter who are not Advisors or Members of the Order of DeMolay please rise? (Done.) I take great pleasure in welcoming you as guests of [name] Chapter. We deeply appreciate the interest which your visit proves, and we know that it is not inspired by mere curiosity. I need hardly ask that you keep secret anything you may witness here which your judgment tells you should not be disclosed. In the Chapter meeting we use gavel raps to raise and seat all present. One rap commands order, two raps call up the officers, three raps call the entire room to stand, and one rap seats them. We hope you will enjoy your visit exceedingly."