

DEMOLAY
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Competition Rules



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OUTSTANDING CHAPTER COMPETITION



Purpose:

To stimulate interest among the Chapters in all basic DeMolay activities and encourage each Chapter to develop and conduct a well-rounded, continuing program of activities.

Sponsor: The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of PA.

Eligibility:

A Chapter must be a member, in good standing, of Pennsylvania DeMolay. Chapters working under Letters Temporary are eligible to compete.

Period:

The competition will run from June 1 of one year through May 31 of the following year.

Rules:

Points will be awarded as indicated for each area of activity. State Trophy Points will awarded only where noted. There may or may not be an actual trophy awarded. The point values for State Trophy Points are as follows:

1st Place = 5 points 2nd Place = 4 points 3rd Place = 3 points
4th Place = 2 points 5th Place = 1 point

All certifications and reports of activity required for points must be submitted to the Executive Secretary within 30 days of the activity in order to insure credit being granted.

Points will be compiled by the Director of Competitions from materials submitted by the Executive Officer, Deputy Executive Officers, Staff Directors, and Chapter representatives. All materials must be submitted by June 5, following the end of the contest period, to be considered. The Chapter with the highest total points at the end of the competition will be declared the winner at the Annual Convention.

Points:

1. RITUAL
 - a. Participation Points. One point per event in the Tournament of Champions (TOC) system in which the Chapter is represented by one or more participants, up to a maximum of 5 points. This includes competition in Initiatory Degree; DeMolay Degree 1st through 3rd section; DeMolay Degree 4th section, Chapter Proficiency, Chaplain (all three prayers); Nine O'clock Interpolation; Magnificent Seven; Flower Talk; Ceremony of Light, and Shield Talk.
 - b. State Trophy Points. Awarded for Initiatory Degree; DeMolay Degree, 1st and 3rd Section; DeMolay Degree, 4th Section
 - c. Exemplification. 1 point for each exemplification of the Initiatory Degree, DeMolay Degree, Flower Talk, Ceremony of Light, Shield Talk, or Opening/Closing before

- c. Advisory Council Registration. 2 points for submission of the Advisory Council Registration form and proper fees, prior to the established deadline.
 - d. Form 11's. 1 point for each Form 11 filed per term of officers, by established deadline.
5. ATHLETICS
- a. Pennsylvania DeMolay Tournaments. 2 points for participation in each of the PA State Athletics Tournaments. State Trophy Points awarded for: Basketball, Flag Football, Soccer, Softball, and Volleyball.
 - b. DeMolay International Athletics. 3 points for participation in each DeMolay International Athletics Competition. Submit a copy of registration form, with scores, as evidence of participation.
6. EDUCATION
- a. Leadership Correspondence Course. 1 point for every 5 completed courses, up to a maximum of 10 points, by members, Senior DeMolays, Advisors, Mothers, Sweethearts, Parents, etc. during competition year. Credit for each of 5 lessons will be given once during each competition year. State Trophy Points.
 - b. Advisor Training Programs.
 - 1) 2 points for each Advisor Certified in an approved DAD Seminar or other Advisor Training Program conducted by the Executive Officer's Staff.
 - 2) 1 point for each Advisor in attendance at DAD Seminars and Advisor Training Programs, conducted by the Executive Officer's Staff. (Repeated attendance is encouraged.)
 - c. Key Man Conference. 1 point for each member or Advisor in attendance at the Key Man Conference, (not including Staff or State Officers.)
 - d. Leadership Training Conference. 1 point for each member or Advisor in attendance at another DeMolay Leadership Conference, (not including Staff.)
7. ACTIVITIES
- a. Chapter Communications. 2 points for entering each division of the State Communication Competition. State Trophy Points in each division.
 - b. Obligatory Days. 1 point for each Obligatory Day observed. (total of 7 possible points).
 - c. Keystone Crusader/pademolay.org. 1 point for submitting at least one article to the editor of the *Keystone Crusader* and/or webmaster of **pademolay.org** during the competition year.
 - d. Samuel C. Williamson Scholarship Fund. 2 points for making a contribution to the Samuel C. Williamson Scholarship Fund during the competition year.
 - e. State Officers. 2 points for each elected officer. 1 point for each appointed officer, up to a maximum of 4 points overall in this category.
 - f. Convention Yearbook Sales. 2 points for each ad sale in the annual Convention Yearbook.
 - g. Chapter Sweetheart. 1 point for electing a Chapter Sweetheart during the competition year. 1 point for having a contestant in the State Sweetheart competition at the Annual Convention. 2 points for winning State Sweetheart.

- h. Visitations. 2 points for participation in the State Visitations Competition. State Trophy Points.
- i. DeMolay Month. 2 points for participation in State DeMolay Month Competition. State Trophy Points.
- j. Sponsoring Body of the Year. 1 point for submitting a letter to the competition. 3 points for winning competition.
- k. Pennsylvania DeMolay Activities. 2 points for being represented by active DeMolay members at each State Association event, including, but not limited to: Convention, Regional Conferences, State Initiation Classes, Masonic Homes Grand Master's/Autumn Day, DeMolay International Sessions, etc., as designated by the Executive Secretary.
- l. Community Service Project. 2 point for participation in the State Community Service Project Competition. State Trophy Points.
- m. Obligatory Days Competition. 2 points for participation in the State Obligatory Days Competition at Convention. State Trophy Points.
- n. State Charity Contribution. 2 points for contributing to the State Charity. 1 point for each special fundraiser held to benefit the State Charity.
- o. International Philanthropy. 2 points for a contribution to or volunteer participation in an International Philanthropy (Special Olympics) event. 1 point for each additional event.

8. PUBLIC AWARENESS

- a. Non-Ritualistic Public Presentations. 1 point for non-ritualistic public presentations, 15 minutes in length, or greater, evidenced by a letter or signed statement from a leader of group to which presentation was made.

9. BONUS POINTS

- a. Other Programs. The Executive Secretary is authorized to add areas in which up to 3 points may be awarded to permit flexibility in the promotion of State Association events and programs, provided that all Chapters receive equal advanced notice of points available for participating in a new program.

Judging:

The Director of Competitions or his designee will compile the points for this competition, determine winners, and make scoring rulings, as needed.

OUTSTANDING CHAPTER RECAP

FOR COMPETITION YEAR 20____ - 20____

Chapter Name _____ Location _____

Please complete this recap and submit by June 5th to the Executive Secretary, c/o Pennsylvania DeMolay, 1244 Bainbridge Road, Elizabethtown, PA 17022.

1. RITUAL

- a. Participation in TOC system competitions (up to 5 points) _____
- b. Initiatory Degree participation (2 points) _____
Initiatory Degree State Trophy Points _____
- c. DeMolay Degree 1st – 3rd Section Participation (2 points) _____
DeMolay Degree 1st – 3rd Section State Trophy Points _____
- d. DeMolay Degree 4th Section Participation (2 points) _____
- e. DeMolay Degree 4th Section State Trophy Points _____
- f. Exemplifications (1 point each) _____
(list date, ceremony and body on appended page)
- g. Regional and National Competition (2 points) _____
(list date and competition on appended page)

2. MEMBERSHIP

- a. PA Membership Quota: (calendar year basis)
 - 100% of quota (5 points) _____
 - State Trophy points for 100% quota and over _____
 - State Trophy points for % of Membership Growth _____
- b. Blue Honor Key (5 points each) _____
- c. Founder's Membership Award (3 points each) _____
- d. 1st (White) Membership Merit Bar _____

3. HONORS AND AWARDS

- a. Miscellaneous Awards (1 point each) _____
 - Zerubbabel Key _____
 - Medal of Appreciation _____
 - Medal of Heroism _____
 - Advisors Honor Key _____
- b. Representative DeMolay Awards (2 points each) _____
 - RD State Trophy Points _____
 - RD of the Year Finalist (2 points) _____
 - RD of the Year Winner (5 points) _____
- c. PMC Meritorious Service Award (Up to 12 points) _____
- d. Distinguished Service Award Nomination _____
 - DSA Winner _____
- e. Guild of the Leather Apron Nomination (2 points) _____
 - GLA Winner (5 points) _____
- f. Honors Nomination (2 points) _____

4. ADMINISTRATION (items submitted by deadline)

- a. Annual Financial Report (2 points) _____
- b. Insurance Premium payment _____

- c. Advisory Council Registration (2 points) _____
- d. FORM 11's filed for each term (1 point each) _____

5. ATHLETICS

- a. Pennsylvania DeMolay Tournaments
 - Volleyball Tournament _____
 - State Trophy Points _____
 - Basketball Tournament _____
 - State Trophy Points _____
 - Softball Tournament _____
 - State Trophy Points _____
 - Bowling Tournament _____
 - State Trophy Points _____
 - Flag Football _____
 - State Trophy Points _____
 - Swimming Tournament (Participation only) _____
 - Tennis Tournament (Participation only) _____
 - Golf Tournament (Participation only) _____
- b. DeMolay International Competitions (3 points each) _____
 (List date and competition on appended page)

6. EDUCATION

- a. Leadership Correspondence Course
 - 1 point for every 5, maximum of 10 points _____
 - LCC State Trophy Points _____
- b. Advisor Training:
 - DAD Certifications in competition year (2 points each) _____
 - Advisors attending additional DAD Training (1 point each) _____
- c. Key Man Conference Attendance (1 point each) _____
- d. DeMolay International Leadership Training Conference (1 point each) _____
 (List date, location and name of attendee on appended page)

7. ACTIVITIES

- a. Chapter Communications:
 - Newsletter Participation (2 points) _____
 - Newsletter State Trophy Points _____
 - Publication Participation (2 points) _____
 - Website Participation (2 points) _____
 - Website State Trophy Points _____
- b. Obligatory Day Observances (1 point each) _____
 (list activities for each on appended page)
- c. Keystone Crusader/pademolay.org Submission (1 point) _____
- d. Samuel C. Williamson Scholarship Contribution (2 points) _____
- e. State Officers:
 - Elected (2 points each) _____
 - Appointed (1 point each) _____
- f. Convention Yearbook Ad Sales (2 points each) _____
- g. Chapter Sweethearts:
 - Electing a Chapter Sweetheart (1 point) _____
 (Provide name and address on appended page)
 - State Sweetheart Contestant (1 point) _____

- State Sweetheart _____
- h. Visitation Participation (2 points) _____
 Visitation State Trophy Points _____
- i. DeMolay Month Competition Participation (2 points) _____
 State Trophy Points _____
- j. Sponsoring Body of the Year submission (1 point) _____
 Sponsoring body of the Year winner (3 points) _____
- k. Pennsylvania DeMolay Activities (2 points each) _____
- l. Community Service Project Competition (2 points, 1 point ea. add'l) _____
 State Trophy Points _____
- m. Obligatory Days Competition Participation (2 points) _____
 State Trophy Points _____
- n. State Charity Contribution (2 points, 1 point ea. add'l) _____
- o. International Philanthropy Participation (2 points, 1 point ea. add'l) _____

- 8. PUBLIC AWARENESS**
- a. Non-Ritualistic Public Presentation (1 point each) _____

- 9. BONUS POINTS**
- a. Other programs established and promoted by
 the Executive Secretary (up to 3 points each) _____

TOTAL POINTS =====

CHAPTER RITUAL COMPETITIONS



Purpose:

The Ritual and its proper exemplification is the foundation of the Order of DeMolay. To encourage standardization, accuracy, conformity and quality in the work of each Chapter is the goal of these competitions.

Competitions and Sponsors:

Initiatory Degree:	<i>Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of PA</i>
DeMolay Degree:	Individual First Section and Fourth Section Competitions. Trophies awarded. <i>Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of PA</i>
Flower Talk:	Championship Level at Tournaments Open Level at Convention <i>(Sponsorship available.)</i>
Ceremony of Light:	Championship Level at Tournaments Open Level at Convention <i>(Sponsorship available.)</i>
Shield Talk:	A public ceremony authorized by the Executive Officer. <i>(Sponsorship available.)</i>
Rookie of the Year:	For a member of less than one year, both Obligations & Queries <i>(Sponsorship available.)</i>

Other Tournament of Champions Competitions:

Any recognized ritualistic ceremony will be judged at Pennsylvania Regional Tournament of Champions. Certificates awarded at annual Convention.

Eligibility:

A Chapter must be a member, in good standing, of Pennsylvania DeMolay. Chapters working under Letters Temporary are eligible to compete.

Period:

The competition will run from June 1 of one year to May 31 of the following year.

Rules:

Tournament of Champions rules, as approved by the Executive Officer and implemented by the Director of Ritual, shall govern this competition. Contact the Director of Ritual for a complete summary of the rules. The Tournament of Champions is an internationally recognized system of competitive ritual judging which concentrates on memorization, but also includes floor work and performance elements in the overall scoring system. Tournament style judging requires that judges be Certified in a standard training program which includes skill instruction, practice and testing. Tournament style judging is not performed at the home Chapter. Regional tournaments

are established by the Director of Ritual based on pre-registration of intent to compete by the Chapters. Chapters do not need to use current officers to compete. Chapters may compete with a team of their best ritualists, and may enter multiple entries in individual and team competitions.

Judging:

Judging will be provided by judges certified in the Tournament of Champions system, under the direction of the Director of Ritual.

National Competitions:

Variations of the Tournament of Champions are conducted across the United States with champions from each state competing at Championship and Open levels. Championship Level is only between designated State Champions. Open Level allows any Chapter or individual to compete.

MEMBERSHIP COMPETITIONS



Purpose:

To stimulate membership recruitment and growth, and to recognize achievement in membership programs.

Sponsor:

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Eligibility:

A Chapter must be a member, in good standing, of Pennsylvania DeMolay. Chapters working under Letters Temporary are eligible to compete.

Period:

The competitions will run on the calendar year. Awards will be made at Convention for the period ending the previous December.

Rules:

Most Initiates in a Calendar Year

The top five Chapters in number of initiates during a calendar year will be recognized with awards by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Percentage of Membership Goal

The top five Chapters in percentage of their annual membership goal (as set by PA DeMolay) will be recognized with awards by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Judging:

The Director of Competitions will determine the winners of these competitions.

REPRESENTATIVE DeMOLAY COMPETITION



Purpose:

To encourage DeMolays to earn the DeMolay International Representative DeMolay Award and to encourage Chapters to develop programs that will assist them in this endeavor.

Sponsor:

Grand Council of Royal and Select Master Masons of PA.

Eligibility:

A Chapter must be a member, in good standing, of Pennsylvania DeMolay. Chapters working under Letters Temporary are eligible to compete.

Period:

The competition will run from June 1 of one year through May 31 of the following year.

Rules:

Each RD granted (including those to Senior DeMolays) during the competition period shall earn one point. (An Advisor earning the RD will earn a point for the chapter for which he serves on the Advisory Council, even if he is a Senior DeMolay of another chapter.) The Chapter accumulating the greatest number of points at the end of the competition shall be declared the winner. All Final Forms submitted during the competition period must be considered to ensure a fair competition.

Judging:

The Director of Competitions shall be responsible for tallying the points in this competition.

RD OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

Purpose:

To encourage DeMolays to successfully complete the Representative DeMolay Award with the highest quality submission they can develop.

Sponsor:

(Sponsorship available)

Eligibility:

All Active DeMolays who are awarded the Representative DeMolay Award during the competition year. The competition shall be held in two divisions: one for members 15 years of age and younger, and one for members 16 years of age and older.

Period:

The competition will run from June 1 of one year through May 31 of the following year.

Rules:

1. Each submission for the Representative DeMolay Award will be reviewed on the basis of its overall content, an assessment of the accuracy of the self-evaluation ratings, neatness, supplementary material, and well-rounded participation in the many disciplines reviewed by the RD program.
2. The Director of the Representative DeMolay Program will select no more than five DeMolays who earned the award, to be invited to participate in the RD of the Year Competition. These finalists will meet with the RD of the Year Review Committee at the Annual Convention.
3. The RD of the Year Review Committee will interview each of the finalists who choose to participate in the program to evaluate each candidate's knowledge and understanding of the many subjects included in the RD program. They will also evaluate the manner in which the finalists present themselves to the committee, and their qualifications to be truly representative of the best qualities of Pennsylvania DeMolay.
4. Each interview shall not be shorter than 15 minutes nor longer than 30 minutes, during which the committee members and the finalist shall engage in an unstructured conversation, during which any appropriate subject may be discussed.
5. A trophy will be awarded to the winners of the competition. If warranted, additional trophies will be awarded for second and third place.
6. State Trophy Points will be awarded to the Chapters of the top five finalists, based on their final standing as determined by the review committee.

Judging:

The Director of the Representative DeMolay Award program shall select 3 to 5 Advisors or Executive Officer Staff Members to sit on the RD of the Year Review Committee, and shall provide scoring and review guidelines.

VISITATION COMPETITION



Section A - Most Miles Traveled

Purpose:

To encourage DeMolays to visit their brethren in other Chapters, sharing fellowship and learning new ideas to help their Chapter.

Sponsor:

Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation, A.A.S.R.

Eligibility:

A Chapter must be a member, in good standing, of Pennsylvania DeMolay. Chapters working under Letters Temporary are eligible to compete.

Period:

The competition will run from June 1 of one year to May 31 of the following year.

Rules:

1. Only visitations by active DeMolays who are not elected State Officers, will count in this competition.
2. Visitations to more than one Chapter during any one trip will count only as a single visitation to the most distant Chapter.
3. Visitation may be made to regular Stated Meetings of a Chapter, or to regular Installations of Officers - special Meetings of Chapters will not be counted except where distance inhibits a visitation to a regular stated meeting. Conclaves or Conventions of this or any other jurisdiction will not be counted.
4. Only three (3) visitations during the contest year to any one Chapter will be counted in the scoring.
5. Distances traveled must be calculated from town to town, and must not include additional miles traveled to the homes of Chapter members. These distances shall conform to the accepted mileage between towns as established by the American Automobile Association, and should represent the shortest, or most convenient route.
6. College students may earn credit for their home Chapter on the basis of the distance traveled from college to the Chapter visited. Attendance at his home Chapter is not considered a visitation. Reports of visitations by students must be submitted through the home Chapter Advisor.
7. To receive credit in the Visitations Competition, the visiting brethren are required to secure, at the end of the meeting, a note from the Chapter Advisor (or representative) of the Chapter visited, attesting to the visit. The note must be in the form of, or include the same information as, the sample appended to these rules.
8. A visiting Chapter should make a courtesy call to the Chapter Advisor of the Chapter to be visited, apprising him of the intent to visit and the approximate number of members to expect. This call should be made at least 24 hours in advance of the visit.
9. The following procedure will govern out-of-state visitations:

- a. Visitations may be made to any DeMolay Chapter in another Jurisdiction.
- b. Section 325.1(j) of the DeMolay International Rules and Regulations: "A Chapter or group of Chapters may not confer any of the degrees of the Order **or engage in any activities** outside its own area without prior approval of both the Executive Officer of its own jurisdiction and that of the jurisdiction where such degree work or other activity is to take place."

The Executive Officer of Pennsylvania insists upon the observance of this article. Therefore, written permission for out-of-state visitations must be obtained from the Executive Officer of your jurisdiction as well as from the Executive Officer of the jurisdiction you wish to visit. Written permission for Pennsylvania Chapters and information on obtaining permission from the Executive Officer of another jurisdiction to be visited may be obtained from the Executive Secretary. This restriction is made in order to maintain good relations between jurisdictions, and to afford to the jurisdictions an element of control and guidance. It is parallel to Masonic courtesies expected when Lodges wish to visit across borders. In order for any Chapter to receive credit for such visitations in the Visitation Competition there must be on file in the Pennsylvania DeMolay offices copies of the appropriate correspondences, prior to the date of visitation. This may sound difficult, but e-mail has simplified the process greatly.

10. Points will be awarded as follows:
 - a. One point per participant per mile traveled, one way, to Chapters in PA, MD and DE.
 - b. Visits to other out-of-state Chapters will receive one point per participant per mile traveled, one way, within the following boundaries:
 - 1) A line in the state of OH, continuing south through WV at a distance of fifty (50) miles parallel to the western PA state line.
 - 2) A line in the state of WV at a distance of twenty-five (25) miles parallel to the southern PA state line, intersecting the established western boundary.
 - 3) A line in the state of NJ at a distance of twenty-five (25) miles parallel to the eastern PA state line.
 - 4) A line in the state of NY at a distance of fifty (50) miles parallel to the northern PA state line.
 - c. All other visits to out-of-state Chapters will receive one point per participant per mile traveled, one way, up to the competition boundary lines established above, plus 50 points per participant beyond such lines.
11. The Chapter accumulating the most points within the competition period will be declared the winner at the Annual Convention.
12. Visitation report forms must be mailed within six (6) weeks of the visitation, or by June 5th following the competition period, whichever comes first, to the Executive Secretary, *c/o Pennsylvania DeMolay, 1244 Bainbridge Road, Elizabethtown, PA 17022.*

Judging:

The Director of Competitions will be responsible for tallying the accumulated points.

Section B - Most Visitations Made



Purpose:

To encourage and reward DeMolay Chapters who visit their brethren in other Chapters, recognizing those Chapters which make the most visitations with a maximum of 3 to any one Chapter.

Sponsor:

Pennsylvania DeMolay

Eligibility:

A Chapter must be a member, in good standing, of Pennsylvania DeMolay. Chapters working under Letters Temporary are eligible to compete.

Period:

The competition will run from June 1 of one year to May 31 of the following year.

Rules:

1. The rules for Section A are applicable to Section B.
2. Points are accumulated at 1 point per Chapter visited per trip.
3. The Standard Visitation Form must be filed with the Executive Secretary to amass points.
4. The Chapter accumulating the most visitations within the competition period will be declared the winner at the Annual Convention.

Judging:

The Director of Competitions will be responsible for tallying the accumulated points.



VISITATION REPORT

We, the undersigned members of _____ Chapter, _____ Order of _____ DeMolay, located in _____, PA, hereby certify that we visited _____ Chapter located in _____, in the Jurisdiction of _____. This visitation required a trip of _____ miles from our home chapter location. This was our (circle one) *1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th* visit to this Chapter during this competition year.

Visiting Members

We therefore claim _____ points in the Visitation Competition.

Advisor of Visiting Chapter

Advisor of Host Chapter

Date _____

DeMOLAY MONTH COMPETITION



Purpose:

To encourage all DeMolay Chapters in Pennsylvania to organize, execute, and detail successful DeMolay Month observances that will heighten public awareness and understanding of DeMolay. It will also serve as a membership incentive program.

Sponsor:

Lodge No. 9, F&AM

Eligibility:

A Chapter must be a member, in good standing, of Pennsylvania DeMolay. Chapters working under Letters Temporary are eligible to compete.

Period:

The competition will run from March 1 to March 31 of each year.

Rules:

1. Each Chapter that earns 150 points in the competition will be recognized with the Pennsylvania DeMolay "DeMolay Month Award of Excellence."
2. In addition, the top three Chapters will be recognized at Convention for their outstanding DeMolay Month Program with trophies for first, second, and third place.
3. Point Assignments will be granted as follows:

Mechanics

Outline submitted by March 1	10 pts
Recap submitted by April 30	10 pts
Each scheduled activity observed	1 pt

Membership

10 pts per each new initiate in month of March (Form 10's must be filed on time)

Activities

Masonic Sponsor Night	10 pts
Senior DeMolay Night	10 pts
Devotional Day Observance	10 pts
Community Service Project	10 pts
Masonic Service Project	10 pts
Social Activity	10 pts
Presentation of <i>Hi, Dad!</i> to Library	10 pts

Publicity

Announcement or Newspaper Article (including school paper)	10 pts
Newspaper articles throughout month	10 pts each
Newspaper photographs	10 pts each
Paid newspaper advertisement	10 pts ea., max 50
Radio Announcements (proof from station required)	10 pts each
Television Announcement (proof from station required)	10 pts each
Proclamation by local government official	10 pts each, up to 100 pts.

Judging:

The Director of Competitions shall be responsible for scoring all entries.

COMMUNITY SERVICE COMPETITION

Purpose:

To encourage all DeMolay Chapters in Pennsylvania to organize, execute, and detail successful Community Service projects that will heighten each member's awareness of the needs of the community, as well as facilitate greater public awareness and understanding of DeMolay.

Sponsor:

Sponsorship Available

Eligibility:

A Chapter must be a member, in good standing, of Pennsylvania DeMolay. Chapters working under Letters Temporary are eligible to compete.

Period:

The competition will run from June 1 to May 31 of each year.

Rules:

1. Each Chapter will prepare a brochure, flyer, or poster that highlights what has been done for the community and the recognition it has received.
2. Each entry must include at least:
 - a. two photographs of the civic service activity
 - b. the number of Chapter members who participated
 - c. the number of hours the members were engaged in the project
 - d. copies of newspaper clippings and photos
 - e. copies of letter of thanks and commendation
 - f. an Advisor's signature indicating the content of entry is true and accurate
3. Each entry should be received by the Executive Secretary no later than thirty (30) days after the civic service project has been completed.
4. Each participating Chapter will be recognized with:
 - a. Civic Service Award of Excellence Certificate
 - b. Two participation points in the Outstanding Chapter Competition
5. In addition, the top Chapter will be recognized at Convention for their outstanding Community Service Project with a trophy for first place.
6. Entries will be judged on content and presentation:
 - 75% of score will be based on content, or the quality of the service project.
 - 25% of score will be based on quality of the presentation.
7. A Chapter may enter the Civic Service Competition as often as it likes; only the Chapter's best entry will be considered for the trophy, and for calculating State Trophy Points.

Judging:

The Director of Competitions shall be responsible for scoring all entries.

COMMUNICATIONS COMPETITIONS

Section A - Periodicals and Newsletters

Purpose:

To encourage and reward Chapters for producing a quality newspaper and a Masonic relations tool.

Sponsor:

Sponsorship Available

Eligibility:

A Chapter must be a member, in good standing, of Pennsylvania DeMolay. Chapters working under Letters Temporary are eligible to compete.

Period:

The competition will include all issues published between June 1 and May 31 of the following calendar year.

Rules:

Generally, a Chapter newsletter should accurately report items newsworthy and interesting to the Chapter and Masonic body. Regular features of educational material concerning the history, purpose and programs of DeMolay should be included. All material must be in good taste, and each issue must contain the correct Statement of Allegiance. The newsletter will be judged on content, style, grammar, quality of printing, and frequency of distribution. The name and address of the newsletter editor must be included in each issue. A minimum of 3 issues must be submitted for qualification to be entered in the competition. If more than 3 issues are submitted, each issue will be graded, and the top 3 scores will be averaged for the final competition ranking. Newsletters must be submitted to Pennsylvania DeMolay within 30 days of their date of publication. Newsletters will be date stamped upon arrival and points will be deducted for late submissions.

Judging:

The Director of Competitions or his designee will determine the winner of this competition.

Section B – Other Publications

Purpose:

To encourage and reward Chapters for producing a quality publication which serves the Chapter as a public relations tool.

Sponsor:

Sponsorship Available

Eligibility:

A Chapter must be a member, in good standing, of Pennsylvania DeMolay. Chapters working under Letters Temporary are eligible to compete.

Period:

The competition will include all items published between June 1 and May 31 of the following calendar year.

Rules:

Generally, a Chapter publication will be considered as any published item (other than a regular newsletter or meeting notice) such as a meeting program, roster, special dinner booklet, pamphlet, etc. The purpose of the publication should be to give a positive image of the Order of DeMolay to all who receive it. All material must be in good taste, and each item must contain the correct Statement of Allegiance. Publications will be judged on content, style, grammar and quality of printing. The name and address of the publication editor must be included in each item. If more than one item is submitted, each item will be graded, and the top score will be used for the final competition ranking. Chapters will not be limited to the number of entries. Publications must be submitted to Pennsylvania DeMolay within 30 days of the date stated on the publication. Publications will be date stamped upon arrival and points will be deducted for late submissions.

Judging:

The Director of Competitions or his designee will determine the winner of this competition.

Section C - Chapter Websites

Purpose:

To encourage and reward Chapters for producing a quality Chapter World Wide Web site which serves the Chapter as a public relations and Chapter Communications tool.

Sponsor:

Sponsorship Available

Eligibility:

A Chapter must be a member, in good standing, of Pennsylvania DeMolay. Chapters working under Letters Temporary are eligible to compete.

Period:

The competition will include all items published between June 1 and May 31 of the following calendar year.

Rules:

To be eligible, all websites must be operated in conformity with PA DeMolay's web policies (found in the PA DeMolay Policy and Procedure Manual). Only official Chapter sites (those approved by action of the Advisory Council) may be entered. Sites will be judged on design, usability and features, currency of information, quality of writing, and

general impression of site. Evidence that the site is operated by or has content provided by active members will positively impact judging. Judging is based on a random check made by the Director of Competitions or his designee.

Judging:

The Director of Competitions or his designee will determine the winner of this competition.

OBLIGATORY DAYS COMPETITION

Purpose:

To encourage all DeMolay Chapters in Pennsylvania to organize, execute, and detail successful Obligatory Day observances that will heighten public awareness and understanding of DeMolay.

Sponsor:

Sponsorship available

Eligibility:

A Chapter must be a member, in good standing, of Pennsylvania DeMolay. Chapters working under Letters Temporary are eligible to compete.

Period:

The competition will be held at the annual Convention for Obligatory Days observed during the previous June 1 to May 31 contest period.

Rules:

1. Each Chapter attending the PA DeMolay Convention will be invited to prepare a presentation on how their Chapter observed the seven (7) Obligatory Days in the competition year. All Obligatory Days must be observed, including: Patriots' Day, Devotional Day, Parents' Day, My Government Day, Frank S. Land Memorial Day, Day of Comfort, and Educational Day. The presentation may focus on any three (3) of these observances.
2. The presentation will be judged by an Obligatory Days Competition panel, which will be appointed by the Director of Competitions. The panel will judge the presentations based on four areas:
 - a. Materials used
 - b. Organization
 - c. Presentation skills
 - d. Overall impression of how much thought, planning, and care went into each of the Observances.

3. Chapters are encouraged to use slides, video, posters, or other innovative approaches to their presentation.
4. Appropriate documentation of each observation should be included, such as photos, scrapbooks, programs, news clippings, letters, etc.
5. State trophy points will be awarded in the Outstanding Chapter Competition for the top 5 places. Trophies will be awarded for the first three places.

Judging:

The Director of Competitions will be responsible for assigning and supervising appropriate judges for this competition.

LEADERSHIP CORRESPONDENCE COURSE COMPETITION

Purpose:

To encourage DeMolays to successfully complete the Leadership Correspondence Course.

Sponsor:

(Sponsorship available)

Eligibility:

A Chapter must be a member, in good standing, of Pennsylvania DeMolay. Chapters working under Letters Temporary are eligible to compete.

Period:

The competition will run from June 1 of one year through May 31 of the following year.

Rules:

Each section of the Leadership Correspondence Course completed by a chapter member during the competition period shall earn one point. The Chapter accumulating the greatest number of points at the end of the competition period shall be declared the winner. State Trophy points will be awarded in the Outstanding Chapter competition for the top 5 places. Trophies will be awarded for the first three places.

Judging:

The Director of Competitions shall be responsible for tallying the points in this competition.

For questions or clarifications regarding any of these competitions and rules,
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