

## PENNSYLVANIA DEMOLAY

### **Housing Policy** (Issued September 2011)

Pennsylvania DeMolay Chapters will adhere to the Youth Protection Policies of DeMolay International, and in recognition of this when arranging rooms for all DeMolay functions, whether a state-wide program at the Masonic Conference Center, or a Convention or other commercial location, or on a Chapter trip, each person will be housed in an age-appropriate room. Typically this means that we will house young people in age-ranges of 12-14, 14-16, 15-17, 18-20. **Advisors and adults never stay in rooms with youth**, *(except that parents may be housed with their own children; additionally in emergency situations which are known and discussed among the advisors present at an activity, it may be necessary, however, the Executive Officer should be consulted, if available, and if not, a full report must be made to him as soon as possible.)*

Sometimes there are comfort problems encountered when more than two young people are housed in the same hotel room. While it is preferred that young people be given individual beds when roomed together, we realize that cost is an issue for most Chapters and individuals, and housing four to a room may be the only way to afford an activity. This is a Chapter's choice, and young men who require single beds have the option of paying extra for that comfort, or not participating.

Elected and Appointed State Officers, who travel on DeMolay business to perform Installations, degree conferrals, official visitations, prospect parties, etc., are sometimes placed in a situation where housing them together, regardless of age, is necessary for cost control, convenience, or other legitimate reasons. These activities are optional, and the officers may choose not to participate if they are uncomfortable with the housing arrangements.