

## PENNSYLVANIA DEMOLAY

### **Past Master Councilors, and their regalia (Issued 1-16-02)**

A Past Master Councilor is one who has completed a term as Master Councilor by serving until his successor has been elected and installed. He is, by this designation, eligible to run for a State Elected Office, and to wear the regalia of a Past Master Councilor.

The Past Master Councilor's Jewel, PMC Pin, and other regalia designed for Past Master Councilors, are items of personal jewelry. They are *not* awards. Anyone who has the right to the title also is entitled to receive, purchase, and wear the emblems of a PMC.

An Advisory Council may, in accordance with DeMolay International Rules and Regulations 322.8, permit the Chapter to spend Chapter funds to purchase a PMC Jewel, pin or other appropriate award, *as a gift* to a retiring Past Master Councilor. (This expenditure of funds must then be approved by regular vote of the Chapter.) The Rules and Regulations specify that the jewel, pin or other token may NOT be awarded as a gift of the Chapter if the PMC has failed to confer the Initiatory and DeMolay Degrees from memory, at least once. This is the only control that an Advisory Council may exercise over PMC regalia. This does not prevent any advisor or parent from purchasing or presenting such a token at an installation or Chapter meeting—it only restricts the Chapter from paying for it.

*[Note: By contrast, an Advisory Council may exercise some control over the awarding of the Past Master Councilor's Meritorious Service Award (PMC-MSA) through the statements required of the Chapter Advisor attesting to the performance of the Master Councilor.]*