

What are You Doing in March?

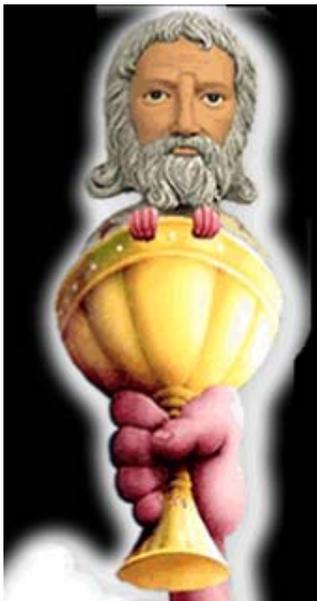
Eric Dye: State Master Councilor

The entire month of March is widely recognized as DeMolay Month. It's an opportunity for our members in Pennsylvania to step up their DeMolay efforts and promote one of the premier youth organizations for young men. By now, your chapter should have already planned events that will spread the work, charity, and outreach of our order. Your chapter should be making arrangements for proclamations and service activities. Bringing in members should be a main focus during DeMolay month as well. Members who first-line-sign multiple members during the month of March will be awarded prizes, such as a DeMolay poster and t-shirt. DeMolays will also be entered in a drawing for a Nintendo Switch after bringing in 3 new members. The drawing will take place live on Facebook April 10th. Don't miss out! DeMolay Month is a great reason to hold spectacular events in March. Tell us what you are doing throughout DeMolay Month! Post your efforts in the PA DeMolay Facebook or write an article for the website or blog.



An Invitation to Join the Quest

Arthur, King of the Britons



On March 17-19, 2017, you and your chapter are invited to join PA DeMolay on a quest. We will gather at the Masonic Conference Center—Patton Campus in Elizabethtown for what is known as Movie Mashup Weekend: Quest for the Holy Grail. DeMolays and Sweethearts will be created knights for the weekend (hopefully not knights who say NI!) and they will go through many challenges in pursuit of the Holy Grail. Challenges include physical tasks, riddles and other obstacles that may hinder the path to victory. Come prepared to work as a team, and wear your thinking cap, as some challenges may require a large dosage of brain power. Dressing in character is strongly recommended, so get out your armor, put on your helmet, and bring your nerf sword with you.

Along with the excitement of the weekend, one of the quarterly contests will be due at opening session of Movie Mashup Weekend. Members are challenged to create a poem under 1,000 words, or a song no longer than 3 minutes. So showcase your talents to Movie Mashup Weekend. The three winners of the contest will each receive a bungie chair. Join us for the quest, because you will not want to miss out on such a fun and entertaining adventure.

Inducting New Members in the West

Sir Lancelot the Brave



On March 11th, the Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center will host the annual Rose Croix Class. Members from the Western PA Chapters will put together an All-Star Degree Cast to perform the degrees for the newest initiates joining PA DeMolay. Practices will take place before and after lunch, with the degrees starting at 2 PM. A new candidate orientation will take place around 1:30. The dress is shirt and tie, jacket or suit if you have it. The PA Advisor Training will also take place at Rose Croix, so if your chapter has anyone in need of the training, please bring them to the class. The

training will start at 10:00 AM and will be completed by 12 Noon. If you are interested in taking part in the class or bringing a friend to join DeMolay, contact "Dad" Eric Ullom at deco.ericjen@verizon.net to register for the class.

Scholarship Season Coming to an End

Sir Bedevere the Wise

March 15th is approaching quickly, but if you know a DeMolay – or Job's Daughter, Rainbow Girl or child/grandchild of a Pennsylvania Master Mason – please encourage this youth to check out the 2017 Masonic Scholarship Resource Guide (MSRG) and apply for the many scholarships that are available to young people who meet the basic criteria. The MSRG and the PA Masonic Youth Foundation Scholarship can be found on the internet at www.pmyf.org. The Youth Foundation Scholarship, and several of the other available scholarships, is **due March 15th** so completing the application in the next couple of weeks is very important. The application can be completed online and printed for submission.

Along with the application, the student will need to include the official transcripts from the last completed year of schooling – so a high school senior will need to have his junior year transcripts submitted; a college freshman will need to include his senior year of high school transcripts; and so on. A copy of the parents' most recent tax return or a copy of the current FAFSA Student Aid Report must also be included unless the student is no longer a dependent. Finally, a verification of eligibility needs to be provided in the form of a copy of the Masonic relative's current Lodge dues card, a letter from the Secretary of the relative's Lodge or a letter from the appropriate Masonic-related youth group advisor.



Available exclusively to DeMolays are the Samuel C. Williamson Endowment Scholarship and the Conrad and Alice Voltz Scholarship that is sponsored by "Mom" Deb Vanek. This application is **due June 1st** and is made up of a DeMolay autobiography and essay questions regarding service to God, Country and DeMolay. This scholarship is available online at www.pademolay.org.

There are many other scholarship available, so please review the booklet carefully, and if you have any questions please contact "Dad" Dave Berry, Executive Secretary, at dwberry@pademolay.net or 800-266-8424 X4..

"Our King? Well, I didn't vote for you."

Action Heroes Assemble!

Tyler Moyer: State Junior Councilor

From the people who brought you such critically-acclaimed weekends as Jacquestoberfest, Cowboys vs. Aliens, and Movie Mashup comes the newest adventure in the PA DeMolay lineup: Action Hero Weekend! From May 5th-7th, 2017, we invite you to join us at the Masonic Conference Center—Patton Campus in Elizabethtown for a weekend full of great fun, good friends, and quality learning. We have assembled the best leaders from across the universe to share with you their knowledge to help make us and PA DeMolay better. Members will be taking on superhero personas and using their newfound knowledge to help them conquer several challenges that await them on campus. The fate of the DeMolay Universe is in your hands, Pennsylvania DeMolay, but only if you accept this challenge at Action Hero Weekend, May 5th-7th. More information will come to your Chapters soon.



The End of an Era

Adam Neubauer: Senior DeMolay from Westmoreland Chapter



I joined Westmoreland Chapter DeMolay on August 10th, 2008. At the time Westmoreland Chapter had only two other active members. One of the first activities that I remember going to was the Grand Master's Class. I remember going in an RV with members of Steel City Chapter. This was my first weekend at Patton Campus and I got the opportunity to meet some brothers and friends that I will have for the rest of my life. Another one of the many memories that is special to me are the annual camping trips we would do before the school year started. We would also go whitewater rafting, kayaking and of course make s'mores and mountain pies by the camp fire. In early 2009, Past State Master Councilor Isaac W. Holtzer joined DeMolay. At this time, "Dad" Neubauer, "Dad" Holtzer, Isaac and I started to travel a lot. We started with the chapters near us and then before we knew it, we would make a day trip to the Philadelphia area. This is also when Westmoreland started to chase the Judge around the state. In August of 2012, I became Master Councilor of Westmoreland Chapter. I had a very successful term and did a lot of different and

fun activities. I earned my Past Master Councilor's Meritorious Service Award. Westmoreland Chapter continued to grow and I got to make even more friendships that will last forever. I earned many awards and Honors like numerous Merit Bars, my Number One Pin, Founder's Membership Award, Blue Honor Key, Representative DeMolay, and Chevalier. When you reach the age of 21, you age out of DeMolay and become a Senior DeMolay, but that doesn't mean that the journey is over. I plan on taking the DAD Training in order to become an Advisor for Westmoreland Chapter. I am doing this because I want to give back to DeMolay as much as it has given to me. I would like to thank everyone who has helped me to become the man that I am today. I want to leave you with a quote by American Race Car Driver, Bobby Unser, "Success is where preparation and opportunity meet."

"Your mother was a hamster and your father smelled of elderberries."

Don't Forget:

Outstanding Chapter As of 2/20/2017

- Please fill out the Ritual Database Entry Form at pademolay.org if you have not done so already.
- Congratulations to "Dad" Raymond Gottschall, this year's DeMolay recipient of the HODEGOS Award.
- Sell those yearbook ads! Your chapter can receive a nice bonus for your hard work.
- Support the Children's Dyslexia Center, our State Charity.
- Speaking of the State Charity, Elizabethtown Chapter's Dodgeball for Dyslexia event is scheduled for May 13th. Sign up now.
- Convention 2017 will be in the Allentown area. Registration will be available soon, so start saving up now.

Small Chapter

1st Place: Northeast with 44 Points

2nd Place: Reading with 29 Points

Medium Chapter

1st Place: Friendship-Bray with 54 Points

2nd Place: Pilgrim with 44 Points

Large Chapter

1st Place: Elizabethtown with 62 Points

2nd Place: Allentown with 56 Points

Do You Need An Installing Team?

Contact Bro. Jake Beers at
pademolayritual@gmail.com

If you need an Installing Team for your Chapter, contact Bro. Beers **at least 60 days** before the Installation and he will assist you in every way he can.

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

al-Aksa (LT)	1/4
Allentown	1/10
Carlisle	2/8
Chester Pike	0/4
Crusade	0/4
Elizabethtown	0/8
Erie	0/10
Friendship-Bray	0/8
George Washington	0/8
Joppa	0/7
Lincoln	0/8
Lorraine	0/10
Northeast	0/6
Pilgrim	0/8
Reading	1/8
Riverside	2/11
Steel City	0/12
Susquehanna	2/12
Templar	0/8
Westmoreland	0/10

Total New: 9

Goal: 164

Percent of Goal:

6%

Pennsylvania DeMolay enforces

a Zero Tolerance Policy

with regard to the use of alcohol, illegal drugs, weapons, hazing, or any physical, verbal, sexual, or emotional abuse of any kind at any DeMolay function. This policy applies to both Active DeMolays and adult volunteers. Violations of risk management, youth protection, or prohibited substance policies will result in suspension or expulsion from DeMolay.

Coming Attractions

Events with no location listed are at the Masonic Conference Center in Elizabethtown.

DeMolay Month
Entire month of March

Rose Croix Class & PA Advisor Training
March 11th
Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center

Movie Mashup Weekend & PA Advisor Training
March 17th-19th

Action Hero Weekend & PA Advisor Training
May 5th-7th