

Talladega Nights Weekend

ON YOUR MARK...GET SET...GO! PA DeMolay is ready to host its first weekend of the 2017-2018 term, held at the Masonic Conference Center—Patton Campus. The weekend, which will be held from September 29th to October 1st, 2017, will be called "Talladega Nights Weekend." This event will be based around the movie of the same name, a racing film that follows the life of race car driver, Ricky Bobby. The weekend will feature plenty of brotherhood opportunities, fun-filled adventures, and learning opportunities for all DeMolay members, Advisors and sweethearts.



The weekend will also be the long awaited return of the Flag Football Tournament. As Executive Officer "Dad" Gregory Schaeffer announced at Convention, the athletic programs are being reinstated at the will of the Elected State Officers and the design of their programming. At Talladega Nights Weekend, PA DeMolay will be treated to the first ever PA DeMolay Draft, to determine the teams for the weekend's brotherhood games. Elected and Appointed State Officers will serve as team captains and the draft will take place Friday night immediately following the opening session. The cost of the weekend for DeMolays is \$40 (the standard \$15 for PMYF donation and \$25 for Flag Football registration.) Be sure to bring appropriate clothing for both indoor and outdoor activities, as well as for chapel on Sunday. The pool will be available throughout parts of the weekend as well.



Registration is available now, and is due by September 20th. Check with your Chapter Advisor to make sure you and your chapter are registered for this amazing opportunity. GO Lead the way and register now, cause as Ricky Bobby has always said, "If you ain't first, you're last." (Realistically, you could be second, third, fourth, or you could even fifth, but you get the point.)

October is Full of Activities

This October will be a very busy month for Pennsylvania DeMolay. For starters (we already covered Talladega Nights which ends on October 1st, so we're moving right along) we have Community Day on October 7th, a fall festival held at the Masonic Village of Sewickley. The festival will showcase our activities to the Western PA communities. Food will be available for a small cost and entertainment will be provided. The next day in Greensburg, October 8th, we will be celebrating the conferral of the Legion of Honor for several well deserving recipients in the Western part of Pennsylvania.



On October 21st, the annual Autumn Day festival will be held at the Masonic Village in Elizabethtown. Very similar to Community Day, Autumn Day will showcase all Masonic Youth groups and Masonic based activities. Food and entertainment will be provided by the hard-working staff at the Village. During this weekend, the Masonic Conference Center will be hosting the annual Unity Weekend, which is sponsored by PMYF, and which will unite members of DeMolay, Rainbow, Job's Daughters, Knights of Pythagoras, and Ruth Mitchell Tucker Girls for a weekend of sharing, learning and fun. This event is by invitation only as space is limited, so look for that information from State Master Councilor, Jacob Beers. On October 22nd, we will be conferring the Legion of Honor on the remaining recipients in Reading, Pennsylvania.

GO Grow For PA DeMolay!

As you should already know, this year's PA DeMolay initiative is one word; "GO." Based around the racing world, the GO program has 3 main focuses, "GO Lead," "GO Spread," and the one we will go over in this article, "GO Grow." The objective of "GO Grow" is to increase your chapter and Pennsylvania DeMolay in membership. For each member that you first line sign for, you will advance a rank on the PA DeMolay race team. With each rank comes a pin to signify your rank and secret incentives at PA DeMolay Weekends and Statewide Events. The rankings are as follows: 1 new member is a **Shop Mechanic**, 2 new members is a **Pit Crew**, 3 new members is a **Car Chief**, 4 new members is a **Crew Chief**, 5 new members is a **Spotter**, and 6 new members is a **Driver**. For bringing in your first new member in the term, you will receive a GO Grow T-Shirt, which is pictured in this article. The DeMolay who brings in the most members will receive a custom made GO Grow model car, which the design will be released later this fall. Well, now it's time to get out there and make an effort to "GO Grow" PA DeMolay and your home chapter.



"I'm all jacked up on Mountain Dew."

Remember the 8th of November

November 8th is an important date for all members of DeMolay, as that is the passing day of our Founder, "Dad" Frank S. Land. As a remembrance, we all have been dedicated to celebrating his life and the founding of this great organization. Chevaliers took an oath to hold a reunion with other chevaliers in memory of "Dad" Land, and should this be impossible, they will break bread with an active DeMolay or a young man in his teens. Each chapter is also required to hold an obligatory day observance in his honor, on a day nearest November 8th.



So what should a chapter plan for this observance? Chapters are encouraged to hold an event that recognizes the importance of "Dad" Land's life, such as a memorial, an initiation, or a "Hi Dad" presentation. Chapters are also encouraged to hold a fundraiser and donate the proceeds to a Masonic charity in Frank Land's name. For Chapters in Pennsylvania, this is a perfect opportunity to donate to the State Charity, the Children's Dyslexia Centers.

The Chase For Membership is On!



As introduced at the PA DeMolay Convention, this year's theme is for PA DeMolay to GO Grow, GO Lead, and GO Spread. To help with the GO Grow initiative, State Master Councilor, Jacob Beers has created the first ever Chase For the DeMolay Membership Cup. The Cup Chase puts each chapter against each other to earn the most members throughout the year in 4 rounds. The first round, which started at Convention, includes all of PA DeMolay's Chapters, and will end on

September 30th. At the end of each round, the chapter that brought in the least members will be eliminated from the cup contention. The next round will start with a fresh slate for all remaining Chapters. The Champion will win special recognition at Convention, as well as a plaque to commemorate their success.

At the end of Round One, the twelve Chapters with the most new members will advance, eliminating the bottom eight. Westmoreland and Elizabethtown Chapters have taken the early lead, but there is still time for your Chapter to bring in new members to secure your spot in Round Two. Each round thereafter will eliminate 4 teams until there are 4 Chapters remaining for the 4th and final round, the Cup Championship.



"Don't you put that evil on me, Ricky Bobby."

Ritual Database

Outstanding Chapter Standings

Last year, the ritual database was created for members of PA DeMolay to fill out, informing us the knowledge of what ritual parts they already know. This database allows State Officers, and others planning degree and Installation teams, the chance to assign parts based on the ritual parts that members already have memorized. As of the writing of this article, 40 people have filled out this form.

Have you complete and submitted your form? If not, log onto the PA DeMolay website. Along the right hand side, under quick picks, look for the "Ritual Database Entry Form." This information will be put in a spreadsheet, helping State Officers plan effective Ritual teams

Small Chapter
 1st Place: Northeast with 7 Points
 2nd Place: al-Aksa with 4 Points

Medium Chapter
 1st Place: FBC with 14 Points
 2nd Place: Elizabethtown with 13 Points

Large Chapter
 1st Place: Allentown with 14 Points
 2nd Place: Carlisle with 8 Points

"From now on, it's Magic Man and El Diablo."



Do You Need An Installing Team?

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



MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

al-Aksa (LT)	3/4
Allentown	5/10
Carlisle	6/8
Chester Pike	2/4
Crusade	0/4
Elizabethtown	1/8
Erie	1/10
Friendship-Bray	4/8
George Washington	2/8
Joppa	0/7
Lincoln	0/8
Lorraine	1/10
Northeast	2/6
Pilgrim	3/8
Reading	4/8
Riverside	4/11
Steel City	0/12
Susquehanna	3/12
Templar	3/8
Westmoreland	2/10

Total New: 46

Goal: 164

Percent of Goal:

28%

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.

Community Day

Masonic Village of Sewickley
 October 7, 2017

Western Legion of Honor Conferral

Masonic Center of Greensburg, PA
 October 8, 2017

Unity Weekend/Autumn Day

October 20-22, 2017

Eastern Legion of Honor Conferral

Masonic Center in Reading, PA
 October 22, 2017

