

## Supreme Tall Cedar's Class

Dylan Kirk, State Senior Councilor



Every December, Pennsylvania DeMolay hosts an induction class in the honor of someone who has done a lot for DeMolay, especially in Pennsylvania. This year the class will be held on December 1-3, 2017, and will honor the Supreme Tall Cedar of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Mark Brumaghim. "Dad" Brumaghim has supported DeMolay in many ways over the years. The Tall Cedars are the proud sponsor of the PMC-MSA program, a program that provides an award to Master Councilors that reach specific requirements throughout their term of office. "Dad" Brumaghim is also a recent recipient of the DeMolay Legion of Honor, receiving it at the Eastern Legion of Honor Conferral in Reading.

The induction class is an expanded version of the obligations that a member receives when he joins DeMolay. The degrees teach the lessons to which a

DeMolay is bound, and the story that is the basis of our Order. The degrees will be conducted by an all-star cast of members throughout Pennsylvania, led by the Elected State Officers.

Are you interested in attending the Supreme Tall Cedar's Class? There are a few ways in which you can attend the celebration. Anyone receiving the degrees for the first time, or as a follow up to the obligations, can attend this class to receive the full degrees. The first-line signer of the candidate is also welcome to attend. Another way to participate is to join the degree cast. Plenty of spots are still open for the induction teams, so email me at [pademolayritual@gmail.com](mailto:pademolayritual@gmail.com) and I will find a spot for you on the team.

This is a special occasion to honor a very distinguished DeMolay sponsor and to welcome new members into our organization. You will not want to miss out on this great celebration!



# Raising Awareness for Dyslexia

Mary Lichtenwalner, State Sweetheart



At the Talladega Nights Weekend, we collected M&M tubes full of quarters for the Dyslexia Centers, and learned about the Centers and ways to fundraise in a workshop held on Saturday. We raised over \$260 for the Children's Dyslexia Centers, and there are more donations still coming in. Thank you to everyone who participated! Look for an updated total coming out soon.

I am very excited for the upcoming year with this positive start. We have two main goals for this year; first and foremost, we want to raise awareness of dyslexia and the work of the Centers. Our second goal is to raise a total of \$15,000 for the Centers. As we progress throughout the year, you will learn more and more educational facts about dyslexia and the Centers. This background knowledge will enable every member to confidently speak about the Dyslexia Centers to anyone who may be interested in donating in any shape and form. Remember that helping at fundraisers and doing activities such as the Walk for Dyslexia supports children across the Commonwealth!

I hope that everything taught and presented this year will be helpful and applied to your own chapter's fundraisers.

# GO Lead For PA DeMolay!

Jacob Beers, State Master Councilor

In the past three years, Pennsylvania DeMolay has seen a transition, as the active membership base shifts into a younger dynamic. The GO Lead initiative is aimed at encouraging these new, younger members to take up leadership roles in their Chapters. This program can be divided into four steps to help understand its process. The first step is for a member to take on a leadership role in his Chapter. Some suggestions include becoming a Councilor, the Chairman of a committee, planning an event, or by filling some other essential role.

After a DeMolay has been a proven leader for some time, he should submit a letter to the State Master Councilor at the PA DeMolay office, outlining why he believes he has "stepped up" to improve DeMolay. This submission must be approved by the Chapter Advisor. All submissions must be delivered to the PA DeMolay office by the May 7, 2018 deadline. Once all the submissions have been sent in, they will be reviewed by a panel of Elected State Officers and Advisors. This panel will narrow the submissions down to 3 finalists. These finalists will be announced on June 1, 2018. The winner of the GO Lead initiative will be announced at Convention 2018. All 3 finalists will receive a custom GO Lead car that will be unveiled later in the year. This car will be signed by all the Elected State Officers and presented at the Convention Business Session.

In addition to this, the winner will also receive a plaque congratulating him for his hard work. It's never too early to take leadership in your Chapter, so GO out and GO Lead and you could be the 2018 GO Lead Champion!



The first official NASCAR race was held in Charlotte, North Carolina in 1949



# Pit Stop For Leadership

Sean Reitze, State Junior Councilor

3...2...1... Happy New Year! What better way to kick off the new calendar year than by going to Pit Stop for Leadership from January 12<sup>th</sup> – January 14<sup>th</sup>? This will be the first weekend of 2018 held at the Masonic Conference Center—Patton Campus.



As the title suggests, the weekend will be focused on refining and strengthening leadership skills, as well as taking a “pit stop” for reflection. Pit Stop for Leadership will feature informative and interesting workshops, fun events like indoor sports, karaoke, and other activities. Following these workshops, on Saturday evening there will be an interactive, fun, and teambuilding activity which will apply the skills you have learned at the weekend. One could say that it will be the most anticipated race of the term – stay tuned for details! Get ready to start your engines in January!

# Showing Comfort to Others in Need

Tyler Moyer, Deputy State Master Councilor



Each year during the holiday season, we as DeMolays make it a priority to reach out and help others; particularly those in need. Our Day of Comfort is the third of seven Obligatory days during the DeMolay year. It's to be observed between the Thanksgiving and Christmas season and you and your Chapter should be looking to do an event where you visit the sick and bring comfort to those who need it.

Here are some suggestions for activities that can be done: holding fundraisers and donating the money raised to less fortunate families; preparing food baskets for people to have on Thanksgiving and Christmas; “Adopting” a

family and sponsoring their whole holiday celebration (complete with a tree, dinner, gifts, and decorations), caroling at homes for the aged or hospitals; and holding a canned food or clothing drive to be donated to missions or other agencies.

These are just suggestions, and we strongly encourage you and your Chapter members to sit down as a group and come up with new and original ideas. Look at your communities and discuss what could make an impact to the people and families there. We say in the 9 O'clock Interpolation prayer “May we ever realize that we are brothers of the helpless and suffering, and rejoice in every call to the relief of pain or the alleviation of sorrow.” Brothers, this is one of our calls. Let's make this Observance of the Obligatory Day of Comfort a big one. To someone out there, what we do will make their holiday season a lot better.

Jimmie Johnson is the only NASCAR Cup Series driver to win 5 consecutive championships from 2006-2010.

## PMC-MSA

## Outstanding Chapter Standings

As mentioned on the front page, the PMC-MSA, which stands for Past Master Councilor's Meritorious Service Award, is given to a PMC that achieves several different requirements throughout his term. The award, although given to the Master Councilor, is as much the chapter's award as it is his.

A letter and a term plan must be sent to the PMC-MSA director within 10 days of the MC's installation. He must have memorized his ritual, observed all obligatory days, met the membership goal, and held at least one social, civic service, Masonic service, athletic, and fund raising activity during the term. A follow up letter is then sent to the director of the PMC-MSA acknowledging that all of the requirements have been met.

### Small Chapter

1st Place: Northeast with 14 Points  
2nd Place: Chester Pike with 12 Points

### Medium Chapter

1st Place: FBC with 21 Points  
2nd Place: Elizabethtown with 15 Points

### Large Chapter

1st Place: Allentown with 22 Points  
2nd Place: Westmoreland with 18 Points

## Do You Need An Installing Team?

Contact Bro. Dylan Kirk at  
[pademolayritual@gmail.com](mailto:pademolayritual@gmail.com)

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

**Total New: 59**

**Goal: 164**

**Percent of Goal:**

**34%**

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.*

### **Frank S. Land Obligatory Day & Chevalier Observance**

November 8th, 2017

(check [pademolay.org](http://pademolay.org) for an observance near you)

### **Supreme Tall Cedar's Class Dad Training and Dad Plus Training**

December 1st-3rd, 2017

### **Pit Stop For Leadership Dad Training and Dad Plus Training**

January 12th-14th, 2017

### **Patriots Class Dad Training**

February 10th, 2017  
Scottish Rite Cathedral, Reading