

## Grand Commander's Class

James McKeown, State Senior Councilor



The Right Eminent Grand Commander's Induction Class will be held at the Masonic Conference Center—Patton Campus from November 30th-December 2nd, 2018. It will be held in honor of Sir Knight Benjamin A. Beynon, the current Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania. This is a great opportunity for candidates to receive their full degrees in DeMolay. There are only three ways that you, the members of DeMolay, can attend the weekend: 1) If you haven't received the degrees yet, or have only received the obligations, you can attend to complete the journey. 2) If you are a first line signer for one of those who attend to receive the full degrees. 3) You can also attend by taking part on one of the degree teams. No matter the way you get there, we hope you will join us for this annual

tradition. There will also be the PA Advisor Training available for new Advisors.

Along with the ceremonies, there will be a new exciting event taking place during the weekend. After the degrees are finished, we will be holding the "Degree Prix" which is a team based competition. During the Degree Prix, there will be competitions such as a Karaoke and Dodgeball, along with a few others. These competitions will win you points for your team, and might even get you points for your faction! Get out there and get members so they can experience this great weekend and become part of the greatest youth group for young men in the world, DeMolay.

There are still parts available for the Right Eminent Grand Commander's Class. If you'd like to take part on a degree team, or have any general questions regarding the class, contact James McKeown at [JamesTheNarwhale@gmail.com](mailto:JamesTheNarwhale@gmail.com).



# Leadership Retreat Weekend

Andrew Santilli, Deputy State Master Councilor

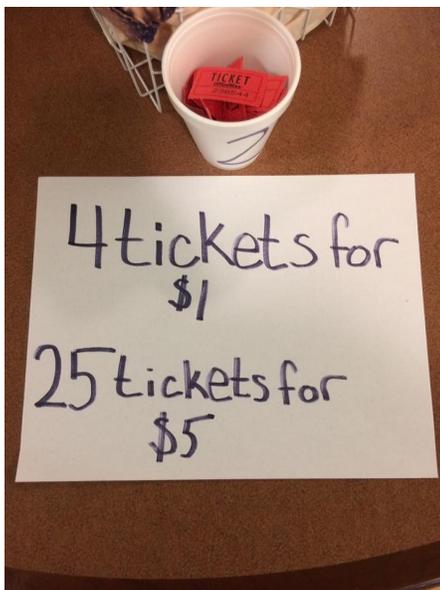
Jedi and Sith in training, make your way to Patton Campus on January 11th-13th to hone your skills and become leaders of DeMolay. Culminating in a laser tag battle between the First Order and the Resistance, this weekend will be packed with workshops and fun events, teaching you real skills to make your chapters stand out in the state almost overnight. To get the most out of what's planned, make sure to bring your swimsuit and be ready to practice DeMolay in ways you never have before. By the time we leave on Sunday, you'll feel more ready than you've ever been before to be an elected officer in your chapter and a state officer for PA DeMolay.



Without revealing too many of our secret plans for the weekend (totally not secret plans to the Death Star), prepare to perform your favorite piece of ritual or strongly consider earning your Obligations Card! There will be a program implemented throughout the weekend for our State Charity, as well. Brother Jacob Reilly and State Sweetheart Samantha Moore will be all over social media with charity details closer to the weekend. Look on our social media pages in the coming months for more detailed sneak peeks into the Force training you'll get at this weekend, and be ready to receive pamphlets along with a packing list, registration form, and weekend schedule at our upcoming Grand Commander's Class. For any questions concerning the weekend, contact me, Brother Andrew Santilli, at [jddrew4@gmail.com](mailto:jddrew4@gmail.com).

# State Charity Update

Samantha Moore, State Sweetheart



Penny Wars concluded at the Cadet Training Weekend. Any chapter that participated should have turned in their totals to either State Sweetheart, Samantha Moore or State Junior Councilor, Jacob Reilly at the Cadet Training Weekend. If you have not, please turn them in to the PA DeMolay office. Hopefully everyone had lots of fun with their penny war! Along with the success of the Penny War, the charity committee decided to sell mystery boxes, which contained a set of challenges for the individual to complete, earning themselves a prize when completed. This program earned an additional \$76.46.

Next on the agenda is "Everyone's A Winner Raffles." The way this works is for a chapter to sell raffle tickets towards a big prize. To make everyone a winner, you can provide candy or a little trinket for tickets sold. You could raffle off a basket of goodies, tickets to a game, or some other prize appealing to others. This can take place within the Chapter, or at a local Masonic event or activity. This can even be done at an already planned fundraiser, such as a spaghetti dinner or pancake breakfast. More information on this will be sent to all of the Chapter Advisors. Happy fundraising!

If you look closely during Episode I: Phantom Menace, you can see the alien race of E.T. in the Grand Convocation Chamber.

# A New Hope

Tyler Moyer, State Master Councilor



While this term may have only started a little over three months ago, a **lot** has happened in that time. We have seen the Factions take on the challenges presented and run away with them. The determination expressed by several Chapters and members is truly inspiring. For all of this hard work I wanted to provide some updates and highlight the amazing work of our two factions. More than twenty-seven visitations have taken place. More than thirteen obligations cards have been earned. One new Squire Manor has started, with a few more on the horizon. More than thirty-eight Leadership Correspondence Course tests have been completed, of which four Lamp of Knowledge Pins have been earned. All of this has been happening in conjunction with bringing more than nineteen young men into our ranks. That averages out to more than one new member a week since the term started.

At this moment, we are on pace to grow for the year, but it is going to take more than just doing what has been done all year long. It is going to take “out of the box” thinking and well thought out plans for the remainder of the year. I encourage you all to go back to your Chapters and come up with a strategy for these last two months, one that not only involves a plan to help your Chapters grow in 2018, but also one that takes a look at getting more involved in the Galactic Conquest to help your Faction come home victorious.

Throughout this entire article, you may have noticed me use the words “More than...” before mentioning a milestone, that is because at the time of writing this article those are the statistics that we have, and I am optimistic that those will change by the time you read this. Keep up the great work PA DeMolay, and “May the Force be with you!”

# Upcoming Obligatory Days

Jacob Reilly, State Junior Councilor

As we head into the fall and winter months, we as DeMolays have responsibilities in the form of Obligatory Days. There are two coming up that should already have a plan in place.

Day of Comfort, which falls between Thanksgiving and Christmas, should be a day to help comfort the sick and distressed. Suggestions include visiting a nursing home, preparing baskets for the needy, or sponsoring a family for the holiday season.

Patriots Day, which falls on a day convenient to the Chapter in February, is a day to remember the patriotic events that took place in our country, and those who have served our country in making those moments memorable. Events include sending care packages to the troops or inviting a speaker to address the Chapter.

The most important part of observing the obligatory days is to make it your own. Think outside the box and be creative.



Chewbacca's voice was made with a mixture of animal sounds, including bears, walruses, lions, and badgers.

# Kach Essay Contest

Paul R. Kach was a 33rd degree Scottish Rite Mason from the valley of Baltimore, Maryland, and was a proud supporter of DeMolay. Every year since 1984, an essay contest has been available for members of DeMolay, no matter the age, to earn a cash prize. There are two categories: 10th Grade and below, and 11th Grade and above. Regional winners can win \$300 each, with two international winners receiving \$1,200. For the Centennial Year, International winners will receive a \$5,000 academic scholarship. The essay must be an original work and contain between 1,000 to 1,500 words. This year's question is "How can DeMolay create leaders in a global community?" The deadline for submissions is December 1, 2018, so get out that laptop or get some paper and pens and earn some money today. For more details, including the location to submit essays, visit [demolay.org/kach-essay/](http://demolay.org/kach-essay/)



Of all the films in the series, Empire Strikes Back uses the most stop-motion animation.

## ***Do You Need An Installing Team?***

Contact Bro. Andrew Santilli at  
[pademolayritual@gmail.com](mailto:pademolayritual@gmail.com)

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

## ***2018 MEMBERSHIP STATS***

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

**Total New  
Members in  
2018: 62**

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.

## **Upcoming Events**

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

**Frank S. Land Day & Chevalier Observance**  
Nov. 8, 2018

**Right Eminent Grand Commander's Class & DAD Training**  
Nov. 30—Dec. 2, 2018

**Leadership Retreat Weekend & DAD Training**  
January 11—13, 2019

**Patriots Class & DAD Training**  
Reading Scottish Rite Cathedral  
February 16, 2019

**Rose Croix & DAD Training**  
Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center  
March 23, 2019