

DeMolay Month 2019

Mitchell Holmes, Region B Youth Representative

2019 has just begun, which means March will be here a lot sooner than we expect. DeMolay Month is one of the more important aspects of DeMolay. It takes place during the entire month of March and serves as a celebration of DeMolay. DeMolay Month is an opportunity to have your chapter participate in activities that define our great youth organization. These activities can be both fun and service orientated. Your Chapter should plan activities that will help increase your chapter's membership and retention, as well as provide service projects that will help the Chapter become recognized in the community. DeMolay Month is meant to be a memorable, fun time for the members as it shows what DeMolay is. Some activities that can be planned include:

- Visitations
- LCC & RD Completion
- Prospect Party/Fun Event
- Devotional Day
- Service Project
- Senior DeMolay Night
- Masonic Sponsor Night
- Centennial Meeting
- Proclamations from Government Officials
- Newspaper Article & Photos
- Broadcasts and Press Releases
- Degrees (Rose Croix or local Degree Work)



Points are earned for almost everything that you do in the month of March. There is an outline form that can be found on the PA DeMolay website. This form should be submitted to the PA DeMolay office by March 1st, indicating the points you plan to achieve. A follow up Summary, which can also be found on the website, should be completed and sent to the PA DeMolay office by April 15th to claim the points your chapter rightfully deserves. Since it is the 100th year of DeMolay, a special 100th Anniversary Award will be given to all chapters who earn a minimum of 100 points. The top 3 point getters will earn special recognition as well.

Have you started planning for DeMolay Month? If not then what are you waiting for? March will be here before you know it, so let's make it the best DeMolay Month possible. Besides, "Dad" Land would want the best DeMolay Month to be the Centennial DeMolay Month. Feel free to contact any of the state officers or advisors if you have any questions or need help with DeMolay Month.

Happy Centennial New Year!

Sean Reitze, Centennial Youth Director

Welcome to 2019 Pennsylvania DeMolay! While everyone is working on their New Year's Resolution (and bringing in new members,) this means that we are getting closer to DeMolay International's 100th Anniversary of its founding on March 24, 2019. As we continue this year-long celebration, there are still several programs that your Chapter can participate in and become a Centennial Chapter in Pennsylvania. There are two programs in particular to note:



Worldwide Initiation Day is quickly approaching on April 1, 2019 at 7:45pm local time (not an April Fool's joke)! Even if your Chapter doesn't meet on a Monday, plan a special initiation meeting to participate in this international observance. All DeMolays initiated on Worldwide Initiation Day will be recognized in DeMolay International's Centennial Session Yearbook.

As one of the centerpieces of the Centennial year, DeMolay International designed and introduced the "Pro Merito" Centennial award. Translating from Latin, this phrase means "for merit," and it is a special merit bar drop that can be earned by any active DeMolay during the Centennial year. Pro Merito is a fantastic way that Chapters can reward members who are doing great work and encourage other members to do more involving membership recruitment, retention and activity. More details on this award can be found at DeMolay.org.

These are just two highlights of many programs available for Pennsylvania Chapters to participate in throughout the term. If you need a refresher on the program details, visit pademolay.org/pa-demolay-centennial-celebration/. May you all have a healthy, happy, and prosperous new year Pennsylvania DeMolay!

Brotherhood Awakening

Tyler Moyer, State Master Councilor

Brothers, the last two months have been great for DeMolay, and I want to start by saying how proud all the State Officers and I are of your progress. Unfortunately, we did not achieve growth in numbers for 2018, although we were so close. Regardless of that outcome, I want you all to know that we still grew in 2018. Perhaps not in quantitative growth, but we did grow as young men and leaders in our Chapters. That is the real goal of our program this year, to grow as leaders and become a well-rounded Order. In 2019 I have complete confidence that we will continue on this path of growth. I have a few goals that I want us all to work on achieving during the second half of this term.

I wish for every member to take some time to learn and earn their Obligations Cards. While this may seem like a daunting task, it is a great building block for any DeMolay. It is a foundation that allows a member to build the rest of his career in the Order, plus get a pretty cool shirt, too. Another goal I want to achieve is the completion of 100 LCC tests by both factions. Each test completed by a DeMolay earns your faction two points, but more importantly, they help to educate you on where we have come from as an Order. Lastly, let's continue visiting our brothers. To date, there have been 26 visitations between our two factions, Let's double that between now and our May weekend. Track down the helmets, track down the Judge, and remember that DeMolay is built in your home Chapter, but it is lived and experienced when you visit your brothers from all over the State. Keep up the great work the next few months and continue to help Awaken our Brotherhood.

Patriots Class

Liam McKee, Patriots Class Youth Director

Hello brethren, this is a reminder to all that Patriots Class is coming up and will be at the Reading Scottish Rite Cathedral on February 16th, 2019, with the degrees starting at 2:00 PM. This class is intended for new members, and those who have not yet received their full degrees, including those who have only been obligated. We will be presenting both degrees and will have some Star Wars related fun planned for after the degrees, so you will definitely want to be there. A flyer for all to see will be released shortly. If you'd like to be part of the degree team, feel free to contact me. Everyone who has received their degrees is eligible for this, and there are still some parts available. For information regarding the class, contact myself at liammckee123@aol.com or 267-825-0180.

Rose Croix Class

Dylan Kirk, Rose Croix Class Youth Director

With Right Eminent Grand Commander's Class just in our rear view mirror, the west side of the state is holding their own annual, induction class and it's called the Rose Croix Class. Rose Croix Class will be held on March 23rd, 2019. The initiation ceremony is for new members and those who have not seen any degrees or have been obligated by their Chapters. The degrees explain the seven cardinal virtues of DeMolay and initiates take their obligations. The class is sponsored by the Valley of Pittsburgh Scottish Rite and is held at the Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center. If you aren't receiving your degrees, you can still attend the ceremonies, or be on one of the degree teams. Either way, it's a great experience to be a part of! This year will be one of the best Rose Croix performances and one of the most exciting classes you will want to be at! As you're reading this, all of the parts should be filled for the degrees, but if you'd like a part, please contact me just in case. After Rose Croix there will be a lock-in with lots of food, games and fun. If you plan to attend the lock-in, you need to have advisor coverage as well. If you plan to attend Rose Croix and the lock-in, contact me at pens07dk@gmail.com, or by phone at (412)-294-2390.

Galactic Defense Weekend

Jacob Reilly, State Junior Councilor

From March 15th through March 17th, Pennsylvania DeMolay is proud to announce its Galactic Defense Weekend. The First Order is in possession of a treasured possession of the Resistance. In an attempt to reacquire this relic, the Resistance will be mounting raids against First Order bases. The First Order learns of these attacks through a spy planted within their ranks. Fight with your brothers with nerf weapons of your choice in hopes of bringing victory to your faction. During this weekend, there will be lots of fun filled workshops focusing on ritual and other DeMolay ideals. At the end of the weekend there will be an off-site activity to go cosmic bowling for all members and advisors at Clearview Lanes. I hope to see you all there. May the force be with you!



Centennial Memories

March 24, 2019 is the date of the official 100th Anniversary of the founding of DeMolay. To recognize this occasion, PA DeMolay is counting down the days with a blog post for each day. This started on December 15th, 2018, and will continue until March 24th. Check out plenty of memories, filled with photos, quotes and information that you may be learning for the first time. For the archive of posts that have already been made available, or to keep track of new ones, check out the PA DeMolay blog at <http://demolaypa.blogspot.com/>. They are also being made available on the various social media pages for convenience.

Outstanding Chapter Standings

Small Chapter

- 1st Place: Northeast Chapter - 25 Points
- 2nd Place: Lincoln/Steel City (Tie) - 8 Points

Medium Chapter

- 1st Place: Pilgrim Chapter - 22 Points
- 1st Place: Reading Chapter - 22 Points

Large Chapter

- 1st Place: Allentown Chapter - 45 Points
- 2nd Place: Westmoreland Chapter - 32 Points



Do You Need An Installing Team?

Contact Bro. Andrew Santilli at
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	7
Carlisle	0
Chester Pike	1
Crusade	2
Elizabethtown	9
Erie	1
Friendship-Bray	5
George Washington	2
Joppa	1
Lincoln	0
Lorraine	4
Northeast	3
Pilgrim	5
Reading	4
Riverside	1
Steel City	3
Susquehanna	9
Templar	1
Venango	7
Westmoreland	3

Total New Members in 2018: 70

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.

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

Galactic Defense Weekend & DAD Training
March 15-17, 2019

Devotional Day & LOH Observance
In your Chapter or community
March 18, 2019

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

Worldwide Initiation Day
In your home Chapters
April 1, 2019

