

FACT SHEET



Transforming Young Men
into the Leaders of Tomorrow
since 1919



DeMolay is the oldest "Fraternity" style program for young men, ages 12 to 21.

Founded in 1919, Frank S. Land organized the program around one young man who had lost his father during World War I.

Since then, millions of young men have discovered the leadership and overall **FUN** found in DeMolay.

Named after a 14th century Grand Master of the Knights Templar. The story of Jacques DeMolay teaches our members to be loyal to their families, their friends, their country and their God.



DeMolay teaches seven precepts to guide our personal and professional lives:

- Filial Love; to love and respect one's parents.
- Reverence for Sacred Things; living high moral standards through our beliefs.
- Courtesy
- Comradeship
- Fidelity; Loyalty
- Cleanness
- Patriotism.



The DeMolay program focuses around athletic, civic service/charity, building self confidence and creating friendships which will last a lifetime.

Members participate in local "Chapter" activities and also join together for statewide programs. These include:

- Sports tournaments
- Annual convention
- Ceremony competitions.
- Leadership camps



DeMolay Chapters are youth led and mentored by trained adults to provide

guidance in responsible decision making.

Members are empowered to manage their Chapter's budget and plan activities relevant to today's youth.

With an affiliation to three programs for young women, DeMolay offers young men positive co-ed activities throughout the year.



Through our program, DeMolay will transform your son and bring out his leadership potential.

Whether he is outgoing or shy, athletic or theatrical, there is a home for him as a member of **DeMolay!**



Frequently Asked Questions about DeMolay International

Who sponsors DeMolay?

DeMolay is sponsored by a Masonic Lodge in your local community or a group of Masons forming a sponsorship club. DeMolay is commonly referred to as a “Masonic Youth Group” (along with Rainbow for Girls and Jobs Daughters).

DeMolay is not “Junior Masons” though there are common values and principles shared between our organizations.

Although independent from Freemasonry, DeMolay is proud to be associated with the world’s largest philanthropic charity.

What is required to be a member?

Prospective members are asked to be of good moral character, are between the ages of 12 and 21 and have a belief in a supreme being of their faith.

A belief in a Supreme being? Is DeMolay a religion?

No, DeMolay is not a religion but firmly believes that a boy best develops with the guidance of their Church, Synagogue, Mosque or other place of worship. DeMolay teaches no creed and only non secular prayers are given at meetings or before meals.

Is DeMolay a Cult?

Cults isolate members to gain trust and force their views upon others. We not only encourage parent/family participation but expect parents to be engaged in their son’s participation in DeMolay.

In DeMolay we believe that providing a moral compass to members while promoting the development and ideals of the family is the key to successful youth development.

So no, DeMolay is not a cult and is similar to such groups as the Boy Scouts, Little League or your local Church youth program.

What happens after fill out an application?

Your chapter will conduct a ceremony to welcome you to the organization and you will make two promises agreeing to live by the precepts of our organization. Parents are welcome to review the obligation prior to their son joining to assure nothing will be asked that is objectionable to your beliefs.

This is a private ceremony where we welcome parents and guardians as well as any adult important to the new member.

Once a member, then what?

Get involved. There are small, medium and large roles for you in your Chapter so start where you most feel comfortable.

DeMolays have the opportunity to receive “honors” and earn “awards” most common of which are for bringing your friends as new members.

Be sure to attend all the activities your Chapter has planned and there are many statewide activities scheduled throughout the year.

- Basketball tournament – March
- Sports Rally – May
- Conclave (convention) – July
- Six Flags Masonic Youth Day – August
- FallFest (ceremony/dodgeball) - November

After the first 6 months of membership, DeMolays are challenged to complete a self assessment with their parents to see how they are living up to the DeMolay principles.

What does it cost to join DeMolay?

DeMolay offers a LIFETIME membership for only \$25.00.

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