



THE OHIO DEMOLAY STAR

September 2019

Greetings Ohio DeMolay! After taking some time to gather my thoughts after Conclave I would just like to thank all of you for electing me to the position of Deputy State Master Councilor. It truly is an honor to be selected to serve you.

This month I wanted to take the chance and tell you what DeMolay means to me. DeMolay has been a huge part of my life whether or not I knew it existed, it has been a part of my life since the day I was born. Growing up I had no idea DeMolay existed, my Mother was really involved with Rainbow and I just thought that was the only thing around. It wasn't until I was older that I learned what DeMolay was and that my entire family had been a part of it. I couldn't wait for the opportunity to join, but learned that I had to be 12 years old and at that time I was only 8. For the past 6 years of my life DeMolay has shaped me into the person I am today, the people you meet through this organization are amazing. The amount of dedicated adults invested in this organization and especially us is just incredible and we can never thank them enough for all they do. The brothers that you meet and connect with are truly some of the best friends you will ever have. Who knows? You may even meet a nice girl too.

So you're probably wondering what DeMolay actually means to me, and if I'm being honest I can't put into words what this organization means to me, it has done so much for myself and my family and it will always be a huge part of my life, even after I become a Senior DeMolay. I would just like for you to remember this one thing, if you put a little into DeMolay you get a lot out of it, if you put a lot into DeMolay you get infinite amounts of life lessons, leadership experience, joy, brotherhood and so much more in return.

~Logan Willeke, Deputy State Master Councilor

Statewide Initiation and All Night Laser Tag

One of my favorite DeMolay memories was back in August, 2014. I was asked to learn for Statewide Initiation Marshal of Commission for the DeMolay degree. Keep in mind, I wasn't very active in DeMolay. Mostly, I participated in my chapter events. So, it was super exciting to be asked and be a part of a team.

I remember interacting with the guys from 2nd District and State Council as a team. They were really great guys to hang with and they inspired me to be more active in DeMolay. I felt a part of something really cool and from then on wanted to inspire newer members as I was inspired that day. If the day wasn't awesome enough, we changed our clothes and headed out for an all night laser tag event. Unfortunately, I forgot to grab my tennis shoes for the laser tag, so I had to wear my dress shoes...all night! Besides that hiccup, it was fun and unforgettable night. When morning came, I was half dead and my feet were blistering bad. But the bonds created with my brothers, presenting the ritual work on a team and playing laser tag to the crack of dawn will always be great memories. Overall, it was just an amazing experience for me.

~Nick Gardner, State Junior Deacon

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If you take one good look at me now, I may seem like I've been in DeMolay for five years or more. But as a matter of fact, I was initiated almost exactly three years ago, when I was fourteen. When I joined DeMolay, I was a shy and a very socially anxious person. I never would've expected to, in three short years not only to be more comfortable with myself, but also being around the guys in this order. People may tell you that this is merely the best order, but I say it's so much more. DeMolay transformed my life and gave me a whole new family to grow with. I hope that others can get this same experience that I had and whatever could help them the way DeMolay has helped me.

~Hayden Long, State Orator





A Tribute to our Advisors -

Advisors are essential in each chapter as they establish a foundation for the young men to grow and mature in their lives. They do more than just maintain order and make sure the forms are completed and the rules, By-laws, and ritual are followed. Advisors are very dedicated adults that want to help each member become successful in their own way. Some advisors have a forte for ritual work, while others are interested in helping raise money so the chapter can do things like attend chapter and district activities, state events like Conclave, Ohio DeMolay Leaders of Excellence (ODLE), State Ritual, which can advance to Regional Ritual Competition (Heartland). They make sure a trip of is memorable and some drove several members to make a lifetime adventure to attend the Centennial Supreme Council Session this past June in Kansas City, MO venturing to DeMolay Headquarters where they saw and sat in the office of Dad Land. Advisors make sure there are drivers to help get DeMolays to and from activities.

They order supplies to make sure product is available for funnel cake sales at a local community holiday celebration. Advisors help make sure the Obligatory Days are observed. They order the Merit Bars so the members can be recognized. They sit in meetings discussing the upcoming activities like parades, planning for members to participate so DeMolay is known in their towns. They check to make sure there are members at different shifts so coverage is available at the county fairs and festivals. These adults provide their time to stand over boiling oil for funnel cakes on hot humid days. They provide transportation and arrange for the young men to serve at Lodge Inspections, or taking them to a zoo or amusement park so the chapter can have fun. Coordination for ceremonies so Masons can see what the DeMolay ritual is like. Add to those that many take time to prepare food, whether barbequed, make in a crockpot or pizza delivered. They attend dances to members can enjoy the fun.

I remember the Advisors who had such an influence on my time as a DeMolay, such as Dad Dominguez, Dad Schleich, Dad Smith, Dad Weber, Dad Carmody, Dad Rose, Dad Boyd, Dad Kutchbach, Dad Young, Dad Marquis, "older" Dad Kiger and so many other Advisors I've respected over the years. They helped me in so many different ways as they help you in your DeMolay experience. Through my DeMolay Chapter, Advisors were there to help and encourage me. One of the Masons in the Lodge where our Chapter met, showed support by offering me employment in his business giving me my first real job!

A very sincere THANK YOU to our Advisors! Some of them serve behind the scenes or show up to open the building, to those of you who have just begun in their chapters to those who have been serving over decades to keep DeMolay Chapters continuing in your respective areas, your work and time is deeply appreciated!

To Our young men of DeMolay - Please make sure you take the time to acknowledge your Advisors with a kind word and a moment of gratitude as you grab another slice of pizza or ask where the next sandwich or beverage or cookie or cake is coming from when you're at a meeting or installation. When you've reached the age of becoming a Sr. DeMolay and you look back on your time, you may want to help the next generation of members by becoming an Advisor and "Lay the Foundation" for future generations!

~Dad Jeff Ranneberger Ohio DeMolay Executive Officer

Ralph H. McMillan DeMolay Chapter once again had a successful week at the Greene County Fair running our Bob Evans sausage booth. This was a great opportunity for our DeMolay brothers and Rainbow sisters to interact and work together to feed the hungry fair visitors and spend quality time together. Throughout the week we had many special guests from other DeMolay Chapter brothers and advisors, District Officers, State Officers and even our very own Governor Mike DeWine and his wife Mrs. DeWine stopped by to speak with us. Once again, this year we had our daily themes and it was great to see so many people participate and get in the spirit. We also continued our "quote wall" on the fridge. Some of the most fun quotes this year were, "You can't rush perfection.", "she's backseat cooking.", "Get off your phone.", "Who's gonna storm Area 51 with me?", and "I guess one person really can make a difference...nuff said."

After the fair was over RHM donated our remaining hamburger/hotdog buns and single serve milks to the local Domestic Violence Shelter and Bridges of Hope homeless shelter. We started doing this about eight years ago and it is great to know we are giving back to the community and helping those in need.

RHM would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to all the Mom and Dad Advisors from RHM who gave their time and effort to be with us and support all week. Also a big THANK YOU to the guests who came out and worked this year. A special mention to our State Master Councilor, Ryan Cope and the other 2019-2020 State Council who came out and supported our event.

I also want to thank you all for the honor of being named the DeMolay Fair Worker of 2019. I love working the food booth and spending quality time with fellow brothers, advisors and friends.

We hope to see you all next year.

Respectfully Submitted,

~Joseph Fitzgerald, Master Councilor RHM, DeMolay





DEMOLAY STATEWIDE PAINTBALL

OHIO

This is an Ohio DeMolay event that is open for all DeMolays, Prospects, Advisors, as well as members of Jobs Daughters and Rainbow. All Rainbows and Job's attending must have a chaperone.

ALL PARTICIPANTS PLAYING PAINTBALL MUST BRING WITH THEM THE SIGNED BATTLE GROUNDS PAINTBALL WAIVER - NO EXCEPTIONS!

www.thebattlegroundspaintball.com/TheBattleGroundsPaintballWaiver.pdf

You do not need to register for the event if you are not playing paintball.

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BRING WITH THEM THEIR CONFIRMATION PAGE SIGNED BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN - NO EXCEPTIONS!

WHERE: The Battleground Paintball - 3919 Brice Rd. Canal Winchester, OH 43110

WHEN: October 12, 2019 - 11:00am to 3:00pm

COST: \$22.03

INCLUDED: Safety Mask, Paintball Marker (gun), Hopper, Barrel Cover, Air Tank, & 500 rounds of paintballs.

You must register and pay for the event even if you are bringing your own equipment.

Additional paintballs are available for purchase the day of the event: \$15/500 count - \$50/2000 count (case)

***Fair warning:** 500 paintballs can go very quickly depending on how you play the game!

Concessions are available to purchase on your own. There is no food provided as part of this ticket.



FOR TICKETS:

bit.ly/OH-DeMolay-paintball-tickets

Or follow the
QR code on your
phone:





Hello Ohio DeMolay!

Ohio Rainbow is very excited to be a part of the first edition of the DeMolay Newsletter!

Ohio Rainbow has a lot going on this year. The theme this year is **“The Greatest Show is Rainbow”** with our motto being *“No one ever made a difference by being like everyone else.”* Our colors are red and white with our symbols being elephants, circus tents, and tophats. The statewide charitable benefactor is The Shriners Children’s Hospital in Cincinnati. Our goal is to have each assembly raise \$250 to donate, if this is accomplished, Ohio Rainbow will have

around \$8,000 to donate to the Shrine! Service projects this year include volunteering at your local Shriner’s circus and adopting an animal at the Columbus Zoo. When an animal is adopted you may receive a stuffed animal, these animals will be collected to display at Grand Assembly under the Circus tent in the Grand East. If Ohio DeMolay would like to donate one they are more than welcome to add more animals to our circus! Build-a-Balloon Bouquet is an assembly project where there are certain challenges for each assembly to complete and when completed they will receive a balloon for their bouquet - to be displayed at Grand Assembly 2020.



Ohio Rainbow’s goal this year is to unite our sisterhood while embracing what makes us unique. By doing this we are able to build stronger friendships with our other Masonic youth groups. The Tri-Youth event on August 17th was very exciting to our Rainbow sisters because they were able to meet other people their own age in other youth groups that have similar values. Through the bravery of Mom Whitney and our Grand Worthy Associate Advisor Micaela L. we were able to raise \$143 to donate to the Shriners Children’s Hospital in Cincinnati. Lots of fun was had by everyone. Ohio Rainbow is very excited for this upcoming year and we hope that DeMolay will follow us throughout our journey through the circus of events!

In Rainbow love and kindness,

~Celine Freetage, *Grand Worthy Advisor 2019-2020*



ATTENTION: ALL ADVISORS / ISC MEMBERS

September 1st, opens the renewal Advisor Registration! This process will continue until November 30. Please make sure that you renew your registration and the regular fee before the November 30 deadline. This pertains to ALL advisors, whether your chapter is functioning or your chapter is in the process of getting started and is still in the “works”. After the November 30 deadline passes, ANY Advisor that misses the deadline will need to start the process all over, from application, to background check and (\$48.00) fee. Please do not delay and take care of this re-registration in September so you can continue the important part of working with your Chapter! If there are questions, please check with your Governor.

Dad Ranneberger

**Want to put an
article, ad, comic
or joke in the
paper?**

**Email it to brother Cutts at
OhioDeMolayStateScribe@
gmail.com**



LAY THE FOUNDATION
2019-2020



The Ohio State Council acknowledges the authority of and yields allegiance to DeMolay International, of which Frank S. Land was the Founder.