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Brethren of Ohio DeMolay, we did it. Because of your efforts in bringing in new members, we have not only reached positive membership but exceeded 100 new members for the 2019 year. Ohio DeMolay is one of few jurisdictions in DeMolay International to reach this milestone. I am proud of the work that you have put in to get us to this point. Thank you to our members who took this goal and ran with it. You all deserve to hold your heads high as one of the leading jurisdictions in DeMolay International. The advisors of Ohio DeMolay are a huge part of this as well. Without them, we would not have the dedicated adults to see that our young men get to initiations, state events, serve on advisory councils, and many more. Without these adults, we would have been unable to open new chapters this year. Thank you to those who serve as advisors and push these young men to grow into leaders in our world. To my predecessor Brady Woodworth, the March to 100 at the start of this year really set us on the path to finish the job. Your drive to improve the membership of Ohio DeMolay when you were State Master Councilor

was incredible. It may be a few months off target, but we eventually exceeded 100 and you were an integral part of it. State Officers, thank you for pushing OMAP and membership in general. I have watched you travel around the state to attend initiations that are hours away from your home chapter, and I cannot thank you enough for your dedication to our great organization. I appreciate the help all of you have given not only to me, but to the chapters of Ohio DeMolay. Brethren who have traveled that are not state officers, some of you have been in DeMolay for less than a year, but you still want to see us grow. You go out of your way to help DeMolay in Ohio continue to flourish. We could not have done initiations without your help. Just going because you want to see a new brother join DeMolay really shows how strong our bond is in Ohio and the level of dedication that you have for being a young leader. Dad Rannebarger, we have spent a lot of time on our membership goals in these 6 months. First, we were only aiming for positive membership. Once we realized we were close, we decided that it wouldn't be too crazy to shoot for 100. Thank you for always pushing that goal further and pushing me to reach it. My brothers, we got there, we did it, and we can celebrate and enjoy this. Our work is not over. Let's make it 3 years in a row. That is my challenge for Ohio DeMolay. Positive membership in 2020, and to get another 100 members to join the best organization in the world for young men. I know we can do it. You all make me proud to be State Master Councilor of Ohio DeMolay. Thank you again Brothers. Have a great New Year!

~Ryan Cope, Ohio DeMolay State Master Councilor

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a Happy Holidays and enjoyed time with your families. You've got a few months left in school until summer break which seems crazy but it's just around the corner. Make sure to keep up your grades and finish out the year strong!

As you have probably heard already we reached positive membership this year and that is no small task. I would like to thank and congratulate each and everyone of you for reaching this goal. You have helped grow our organization immensely, and new brothers is what makes our organization even more fun.

For those of you who don't know State Ritual competition is only a month away, on February 15th. Make sure you compete at your district ritual competitions for your preceptor parts so you can do those at state. For those of you competing for the first time ever I wish you the best of luck. I remember my first ritual competition, I was really nervous and didn't do the greatest, but after learning from my mistakes I did better the next time. My greatest piece of advice for you is to have fun and relax when competing. You can have a lot of fun with it and it definitely gets easier the more you practice.

Make sure to practice your parts as much as you can and don't be afraid to learn that "big part" that the older guy in your chapter does all the time. You can do anything that you set your mind to. With that I again wish you all the best of luck at ritual competition and I will hopefully see you around the state soon!

~Logan Wilike, Ohio DeMolay Deputy State Master Councilor





2020 / Insurance / State Ritual

What an enjoyable Winterfest at Kalahari in Sandusky last month. Ohio DeMolay greeted 8 brethren from several chapters throughout the Buckeye State. Six are new members and two joined them to receive the DeMolay Degree. We hope they become active and take part in the chapters!

Br. Nick Gardner, State Jr. Deacon was presented with the Past Master Councilor's Meritorious Award and about 15 brethren who previously received that distinctive award joined Br. Gardner to congratulate him on his earning this award. Whether spending time in the water park, or playing video games or participating in the other activities of the weekend, all seemed to have a great time. Thank you to Dad Jason French for his continued efforts to make this a memorable event for those attending!

We said goodbye to 2019 with excitement! Lima Chapter was re-started on December 28th and we had new young men become DeMolays to "Carry the Flame" in the Allen County area. We know that the advisors and the Masons will work diligently to help Lima Chapter prosper.

The second equally exciting news to share is that for the second year in a row, Ohio DeMolay has brought in more members than we had turned majority, meaning the Ohio DeMolay showed "Positive Growth." AGAIN! The goal was 95 members and on December 15th, an initiation brought in more members, Ohio went over that number and surpassed that number to 99. Well done Brethren and Advisors!

Ohio DeMolay has entered a new year! Welcome to 2020 and with the Positive Growth in 2019, each Chapter needs to keep the momentum going this next year and as we approach the 100th Anniversary of Ohio DeMolay in 2021! Let your community know how important it is that DeMolay help young men locally become leaders in your towns, and cities. Congratulations to the new Master Councilors who will lead their chapter this next term. With the plans you have for this term, enjoy implementing them and make your chapter stronger in this year!

DeMolay International has informed us that the insurance will be going up. Advisory Councils will be receiving that information when provided.

State Ritual Competition will be next month, February 15th at the Dayton Masonic Temple in preparation to Heartland Regional Ritual that will be held in Ann Harbor, Michigan. Dad Dale Hall will be sending out information and we wish the competitors the best in their competitions.

M M S A P - The Grand Master of Masons of Ohio, Dad Keith Newton has expressed about the youth organizations supported by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, Job's Daughters, Rainbow for Girls and DeMolay have been requested to take part in the Masonic Model Student Assistance Program (MMSAP). The date scheduled is **Saturday, March 7th, 2020 from 10 a - 4 p at Aladdin Shrine in Grove City**. The cost will be \$10.00 to cover the cost of lunch. This is for the members and advisors. More information will be presented in January's issue. Please save the date for this important education.

~Dad Jeff Rannebarger, Ohio DeMolay Executive Officer

My Brothers, we are coming upon the end of the year and thus the end of a decade. By the time you are reading this it will be 2020. I know I have had many great memories for the half of the decade in DeMolay. During my first year in the Order, I went my first DeMolay overnight for my home chapter, Ralph H McMillan. I had no idea what was going to happen and this would be one of my first times away from home for an otherwise extend period of time. For about thirty minutes we did our LCCs and then the fun started. We broke out the Nerf guns, got into teams, and held a big nerf war that only stopped because the late night pizza arrived. After we broke out the video games. While there was an arrayed games, I joined about half the DeMolay into what we called the blue room, which was the room our advisors had there meetings, where we played the game Super Smash Bro's Brawl. The Nintendo based fighting game kept us entertained and lock in the room for about six hours. No sleep for the entire night and that was just a taste of what has come from DeMolay.

We have also reached an amazing milestone, we have initiation 100 new members in the order of DeMolay. This is something we have done two years in a row. We as well have positive membership. This puts Ohio DeMolay as one of the best jurisdictions in the U.S. My challenge for Ohio is 120, since it seems we can get 100 every year.

I think the most important thing a chapter can do is bring the kids back. It is one thing to be able to give a kid both degrees of initiation, but it is a completely different thing entirely to have those things come back. I not only want a hundred new boys in our order, I want to be able to meet and see those same a hundred boys at meetings, fun events, and state events. Let us show the other jurisdictions that Ohio DeMolay means business.

~Keifer Clark, State Senior Steward





Ohio Membership Awards Program

Any DeMolay who receives the Blue Honor Key or the Founder's Membership Award between April 1st, 2019 and March 31st, 2020 is eligible for a special event after March 31st at no cost provided by Ohio DeMolay.

From November 1st to December 31st, any DeMolay who first-line signs a petition for a new member will receive \$25 towards a state activity.



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

Email it to brother Cutts at OhioDeMolayStateScribe@gmail.com

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S DEMOLAY CROSSWORD

Across

- 3. The highest honor an active DeMolay can receive *Chevalier*
- 6. The founder of DeMolay *Dad Land*
- 8. The newspaper that Dad Frank Marshall wrote for *Star*
- 10. The oldest active chapter in Ohio DeMolay *Denbrook*
- 11. The award Dad Land wanted all DeMolays to receive *Representative DeMolay*
- 12. The award given after you complete all 5 of your LCCs *Lamp of Knowledge*
- 17. The original name of Geoffrey De Charny *Guy of Avergne*

Down

- 1. The best state to be in as a DeMolay *Ohio*
- 2. The award given to members who sign 10 petitions *Blue Honor Key*
- 4. The city DeMolay started in *Kansas City*
- 5. An award presented to someone who is responsible for founding a new chapter *Zerubbabel Key*
- 7. Ohio's exclusive ritual part *Tribute to Motherhood*
- 9. Who was the last grandmaster of the Knights Templar *Jacques DeMolay*
- 13. Ohio DeMolay is broken up into what *Districts*
- 14. The premier international youth organization striving to shape young men into leaders *DeMolay*
- 15. The award given to members who sign 5 petitions *Founders*
- 16. The first name of Ohio DeMolay's State Master Councilor *Ryan*





How to Have More Successful Committees

When I was Master Councilor of Groveport for the first time, I looked at committees as a way for me to do less work. This really isn't the case. You have to make sure that everybody knows what they're doing. But I didn't do that. So when it was time for my brothers to report back to me, they would be missing dates, times and other important information. My chapter couldn't even put their event on the calendar. Many of them had to have another meeting to work on them, if we did those events at all. So when the third Monday rolls around, when Groveport has their "fun meeting," which is when we meet at the lodge to have committees and practice Ritual, I talk to them. Make sure they have dates, know who's bringing what, and other important details. After that I got committee reports that turned into events. Events like the New Year's Lock In. And brothers like going to events they had a hand in. It gives them a chance to chip in and feel more included because of it. So next time you assign a committee to someone, call them. Make sure they have all the information they need to make their committee successful.

~Harrison Lynch, State Fourth Preceptor

Who Would Ever Believe

Who would ever believe that the values and precepts of the Order of DeMolay established 100 years ago would still hold true and strong today?

As I sat to write a throwback message for my Ohio DeMolay brothers, I realized how impossible it is to place a lifetime of memories into one article. When I began to write a story or two, 5 more stories came to mind. Therefore, I am happy to share some of the highlights of what this incredible organization has offered myself and others over the years. An organization, I had never heard of before, having no Masonic Heritage. When I finally decided to join, my high school band teacher, a Master Mason, signed my petition as my Masonic Sponsor.

It began on May 21, 1970 in Canton Chapter where I was initiated into, at that time, the largest Chapter in Ohio with 250 members on the books. It was not unusual to have 30 or 40 DeMolay members at a stated meeting and running for office was as competitive as running for an elective office on the state level. During my first Government Day visit to Canton City Hall in 1970, I met the newly installed State Master Councilor, Timothy B. Strawn. That friendship continues to this day. I must add at this point that Brother Strawn's Conclave at the Statler Hilton in Cleveland was my first Ohio DeMolay Conclave, and I too have also heard of the rumors that his SMC's banquet has still not ended.

Moving ahead to 1974-1975, I had the honor of serving Ohio DeMolay as their State Scribe, aka, the SMC's right hand man. That year Ohio DeMolay excelled under the leadership of SMC Mark Loose. We had 20 Ohio DeMolay Districts and 159 Chapters. The events of that year included the State Officers Retreat (with Dad Youngs roster of baked beans), Cedar Point Day, Kings Island Day, Cincinnati Reds Day, Dad Joe Shirley Day at the Cincinnati Zoo and Scottish Rite DeMolay Membership Classes around the State of Ohio. There were two State Workshops held in Sydney, Ohio, cost, \$20.00 for the weekend, where many programs were taught to the DeMolays and Advisors present to improve their Chapters in the areas of Membership, Master Councilor Duties, Scribes Duties, Mom's Clubs, Sweetheart Programs, Activities, Fundraisers, Masonic and Community Service as well as a friendly game of Buck-Buck. Oh yes, and many of us will never forget the blizzard of 1977 when we became stranded for 3 days trying to get home from Fall Workshop in Sydney. It was at this workshop that the very first edition of the State Master Councilor and State Scribes Handbooks were written and distributed to assist Chapters with their local program development and Chapter operations.

Ohio was also honored when our State Master Councilor, Mark Loose, was elected as the International Master Councilor in Orlando, Florida at the Annual Congress Session. I once again was honored by being asked to serve as his aid that year as he represented Ohio and DeMolay International throughout his travels. Ohio was always one of the largest represented Jurisdictions at the Annual Session and this was no exception, especially with Mickey Mouse and friends in the neighborhood. Ohio, I believe was number one in Membership growth that year and received this award from our Grand Master at the Honors Banquet. Our Jurisdiction has always been the pace setter for DeMolay and respected for that and I am pleased to see this continuing today.

The year ended with Conclave at The University of Akron after thousands of miles traveled, an equal number of memories established, more pizzas consumed than could ever be counted and most importantly, Ohio DeMolay having a very successful year thanks to the over 50 state officers and their hard work. Long live the stories of Conclave Charlie, Mr. Enthusiasm, the Great White Hope, the Italian Camel Jockey, Hang Loose, Chesterina, (you know who you are) and many other DeMolay Brothers from Ohio, so that their stories may continue in the years to come. God Bless Ohio DeMolay and its member.

~Dad Tony Charley Jr.

Past State Scribe Ohio DeMolay 1974-1975, Past Active Member International Supreme Council



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