

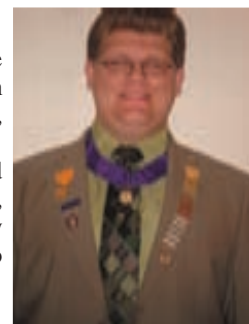
Honors & AWARDS

Newsletter

A Message from the State Chaplain

Well, Missouri DeMolay, here it is: the culmination of all my work as State Chaplain and knowledge about the various awards and honors of DeMolay. This idea has been brewing inside my head for quite some time now. In fact, some out there have known about it since last Conclave. I do sincerely apologize for this blatant tardiness but, alas, some things cannot be easily helped.

This newsletter you have before you is all about the awards and honors of our great Order. In side it, you will find background information on these emblems of DeMolay as well as the information needed to earn them. Of course, pictures are also provided. As an addition, included with this newsletter was a copy of the Representative DeMolay form so that members of your Chapter can get started on this splendid award and a Merit Bar record sheet which also has all the qualifications for each merit bar. These are provided for your convenience. Please enjoy!



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<h3 style="text-align: center;">Extinct Awards</h3> <p>As DeMolay has grown larger, some awards have become "extinct" because of honorary or practical reasons. An award that falls into this first category is the Founder's Cross, the highest award ever in the existence of DeMolay that was given by Dad Land personally to those connected with the DeMolay movement. The award was discontinued with Dad Land's death and only 133 were ever given out.</p> <p>Another extinct award is the White Honor Key, which was given to any Freemason in good standing who sponsored or obtained 10 new DeMolays. This award was discontinued in 1971. Numerous extinctions occur in both the colors and categories of merit bars. Colors no longer used include Black, Green, and Orange and categories no longer awarded are Bowling, Cordon, Dramatics, Music Band, Orchestra, Patrol, and Rifle club.</p>	<h3 style="text-align: center;">Contact Information</h3> <p>In case you have any questions, feel free to contact myself or Dad Willis. To submit forms or nominations, send them to either Dad Willis or Dad Cockerham—whichever the form requires.</p> <p>Gabe Eggers—State Chaplain E-Mail: gabe@modemolay.org</p> <p>Dad Grant Willis—State Director of Honors and Awards E-Mail: willis.grant@sbcglobal.net</p> <p>Dad Bob Cockerham—Executive Officer E-Mail: eo@modemolay.org</p> <h3 style="text-align: center;">Thank You</h3> <p>Dads Bob Cockerham, Jeff Kitsmiller, Sr., Matt Marrone, and Rodney Pensel—For providing valuable information on different awards and honors</p> <p>Bro. Andrew Scholl—For editing and proofreading</p> <p>Bros. T.J. Bodenstein and Dustin Sanders—For typing articles</p> <p>Ms. Kara Cracraft—For aiding in the design and creation of this newsletter</p>																																												

REPRESENTATIVE DeMOLAY AWARD

Information

The RD program and its award is a test to see how well-rounded of a DeMolay you are and is the highest award you can earn. It is designed so that a DeMolay can see where he is now and what areas to build on to become the “ideal” DeMolay. The overarching concepts to the program explores is your mental, physical, social, economic, and spiritual development. The neatness, spelling, and grammar with which the form is completed is also judged alongside content. All in all, it is an intensive, daunting program but one that is within the reach of any DeMolay.

Quote

“I want each of our members to be a true representative of the Order both now and in the years to come.” - Dad Land

Tips

If you have a good memory, then filling out the RD form should be a cinch. However, if you don't, this will work too: Once you get the form, read through it until you have a good grasp of what it's asking about. Then, monitor and record your activities for approximately 6 months. Newly armed with your record, filling out the RD form will be even easier than a cinch.

Stats

Designation: Award

Eligible: Active or Senior DeMolay

Requirements: Member for at least 6 months, Passed both obligations

Earn

To earn this prestigious award, you only need to follow a few steps. First, go to the Missouri DeMolay website and click “Forms” on the left hand navigation bar. Find the Representative DeMolay form and print it off. Then complete the form (that's the hard part) and mail it to the SDHA. After you have done this you can only wait. If your form is passed through, your Chapter Dad will be informed and the Representative DeMolay ceremony will soon be conferred upon you.

Fact

In medieval times, before a young man entered into Knighthood, he had to spend the night beforehand alone in a secluded place to reexamine his training, ambitions, and worth as he contemplated a life of service, humility, and devotion. This was inspiration for the Representative DeMolay award.

PAST MASTER COUNCILOR'S MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

Stats

Designation: Award

Eligible: Active DeMolay

Requirements: Be an incoming Master Councilor

Earn

Before the Term:

1. Memorize and show proficiency in his portion of the ritual.
2. Present and distribute a printed term plan to all advisors and Chapter members.
3. Within 10 days after installation, the MC must send a letter to the SDHA, which: states his intent to qualify for the award, states his plans for a successful term, states that the Ritual work has been memorized, includes a copy of his printed term plan, includes any other information that may be important, and is countersigned by the Chapter Advisor.

After the Term

1. Send a letter written within 10 days of the end of his term to the S&LC that: summarizes his term and explains the items listed under "During the Term", explains the results of each activity and any changes that were made, and contains a statement of confirmation from the Chapter Advisor.

Quote

"Qualifying for the PMC-MSA is an exercise in good program planning."-LRG

Info

The Past Master Councilor Meritorious Service Award is one of the most prestigious awards in DeMolay and it was developed in 1925 by Dad Land personally. The requirements to gain the PMC-MSA are numerous and intense but if you can gain it, the award signifies that you ran a very good term. Not only that but it means that during your term your Chapter itself did very well because without the Chapter you could do nothing.

Fact

The requirements to gain the PMC-MSA have remained relatively unchanged since its inception. This means that you can rightfully compare yourself to the MC's of the past.

During the Term:

1. Exemplify the both Degrees from memory at least once.
2. Initiate his pro-rata share of members.
3. Hold at least one social, civic, Masonic service, athletic, and fundraising activity.
4. Observe the necessary Obligatory Days.
5. Increase or maintain a high level of meeting attendance.
6. Submit all Form 10's to the S&LC with full payment within 10 days following initiation.
7. See that all the Chapter's required reports reach the S&LC before the delinquent date.

Tips

Keep track of everything you do as Master Councilor.

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

Information

The membership awards were created in the early 1930's to further promotion and growth of DeMolay by recognizing members who brought new people into the Order. There are four membership awards possible for DeMolays:

1. #1 Lapel Pin: Having your first first line sign is exciting and this pin recognizes that.



2. Merit Bar: The membership merit bar is obtained by having 3 first line signs. You'll be eligible for a merit bar at 3, 6, 9, 12, and 15 first line signs. The first bar will be sent automatically but the other 4 must be applied for.



3. Founder's Membership Award: This nifty looking award is awarded for 5 first line signs.

Stats

Designation: Award

Eligible: Active or Senior DeMolay

Requirements: N/A

4. Blue Honor Key: This award is given for 10 first line signs. BHK's with stars to denote each multiple of 10 first line signs are also awarded. If an Act. DeMolay has less than 10 first line signs when he majorities out, he may gain the rest and receive the BHK as a Sr. DeMolay.



Fact

All membership awards are granted automatically by the International Supreme Council. You don't have to apply for them.

MERIT BARS

Stats

Designation: Award

Eligible: Active DeMolay

Requirements: N/A

Information

Styled after the Boy Scouts' "Patch" program, the merit bar system came into being in 1926 and recognizes DeMolays for certain achievements. There are 18 categories of Merit Bars-each with their own separate requirements-and each has five levels-White, Red, Blue, Purple, and Gold-that denote the level of accomplishment. When a higher color is gained it replaces the lower color on the Merit Bar head.



Earn

To earn a merit bar, you must complete whatever the requirement is. Requirements can be found on the Merit Bar sheet sent with this newsletter. After fulfilling a requirement, notify your Chapter's Merit Bar Advisor and follow Chapter policies from there.

Tips

The best way to gain merit bars is to become thoroughly familiar with the categories and then keep track of what you do in these categories. For a smooth running Merit Bar program, an advisor to run the program and a Merit Bar bank, where merit bars Chapter members no longer need can be put and given to others who need them, are essential.

LAMP OF KNOWLEDGE

History

In the 1980's, when DeMolay involvement in summer camps declined, the Leadership Correspondence Course program was developed. To reward those who completed all five LCC's, the Lamp of Knowledge pin was developed.

Fact

The LCC's are one of the best and easiest ways to learn about the history of DeMolay and how the Order works.



Stats

Designation: Award

Eligible: Everyone

Requirements: N/A

Earn

To take the LCC's, go to www.modemolay.org. At the bottom of the screen is a link to the LCC's. Click it and you can choose to take them online or by US mail.

Tip

Skimming or even reading the LRG, HD, and ISC Statutes before taking the course will help.

Information

The LCC's are tests to teach you about DeMolay. To gain the Lamp of Knowledge pin, all five LCC's must be completed. Here's a breakdown of each course:

Course	Subject	Needed Materials*	Results
1	Basic DeMolay Knowledge	LRG	Everyone receives a certificate. Act. DeMolays apply for a White LCC merit bar
2	DeMolay Administration	LRG	Act. DeMolays apply for a Red LCC merit bar
2	DeMolay History and Heritage	LRG, <i>Hi, Dad!</i>	Act. DeMolays apply for a Blue LCC merit bar
4	DeMolay Advanced Knowledge	LRG, <i>Hi, Dad!</i>	Act. DeMolays apply for a Purple LCC merit bar
5	DeMolay Administration	LRG	Everyone can purchase† a Lamp of Knowledge pin. Act. DeMolays apply for a Gold LCC merit bar
		*A copy of the ISC statutes would also be helpful.	†From the DeMolay & More Store

OTHER AWARDS

Green Honor Key

Stats

Designation: Award

Eligible: Knighthood members

Requirements: N/A

The Green Honor Key is the Knighthood equivalent of the BHK and it was created shortly after Knighthood's institution in 1947. It is granted for being the first line signer on Knighthood petitions. For more information, contact the SDK.

Pink Honor Key

Stats

Designation: Award

Eligible: Young Women

Requirements: N/A

The Pink Honor Key is the BHK equivalent for young women who bring members into DeMolay. To be granted the Key, a young woman must bring three young men into DeMolay.

PIKC-MSA

Stats

Designation: Award

Eligible: Knighthood members

Requirements: Be an incoming Illustrious Knight Commander

This award is the Knighthood equivalent of the PMC-MSA and was begun to promote greater efficiency in the Knighthood program. For more information, contact the SDK. ⁵

OTHER AWARDS

Advisor's Honor Key

Stats
Designation: Award
Eligible: Advisors
Requirements: N/A

This award is granted to a member of an Advisory Council of a Chapter that meets these requirements:

1. Form 10s, Advisory Council Registrations, the Annual Financial Report, and other required reports turned in on time.
2. Net membership exceeds the previous year's net membership.
3. New initiates exceed majorities.



If these requirements are met after yearly reports have been processed, the S&LC will send a nomination form to the Advisory Council Chairman, who will complete it and send it back. If an advisor receives this award multiple times, stars are added to the background of the award.

Hats Off Award

Stats
Designation: Award
Eligible: Everybody
Requirements: N/A

The Hat's Off Award is available to be presented to anyone who has rendered extraordinary service to DeMolay. A Chapter may give out as many as they wish and who receives the award is completely left up to the Chapter. The pins are available from the D&MS.



Distinguished Service Award

Stats
Designation: Award
Eligible: Active DeMolays
Requirements: N/A

Established by the ISC in 1959 to recognize one DeMolay in each jurisdiction for outstanding service, to others, in his home, school, church, Chapter, community, and country, attaining the Distinguished Service Award is basically out of the hands of a DeMolay. A Chapter's Advisory Council will select a single Chapter member as its nominee and send the nomination to the EO, who will then select one DeMolay. In the Jurisdiction of Missouri, we have two awardings per year of this award: Once at Conclave and once at State Installation.

Certificates

Stats
Designation: Award
Eligibility: Everyone
Requirements: Varied

Many certificates are available from the D&MS and the Chapter is the sole body that decides who earns the certificates. If a Chapter purchases a certificate, the D&MS will complete it, affix a seal to it, and mail it to the Chapter for presentation.

The eleven certificates available at the D&MS are the Certificate of Appreciation, Certificate of Merit, Honorary Member (male or female), In Appreciation Certificate, Officer Service Certificate, Outstanding Citizen, Outstanding Committee Chairman, Outstanding DeMolay, Outstanding New Member, Outstanding Officer, and Proficiency Certificate.

Guild of the Leather Apron

Stats
Designation: Award
Eligible: Advisor
Requirements: N/A

The Guild of the Leather Apron, also known as the Advisor of the Year, gives due recognition to a single advisor who, in the past year, has made outstanding contributions to DeMolay and who has exemplified the ideals of DeMolay in his life. The selection of the individual to receive this award is at the discretion of the EO.



Zerubbabel Key

Stats
Designation: Award
Eligible: Senior DeMolay
Requirements: N/A



Receiving its name from the Jewish leader who rebuilt Solomon's Temple after it was destroyed by the Babylonians, the Zerubbabel Key is meant to promote the building of new Chapters or the reinstating of forfeited ones and only one is given per new/reinstated Chapter.

The recommendation for this award should be made to the EO within one year of Chapter's institution and should be given to the person most instrumental in beginning the Chapter.

Tenure Pins

Stats
Designation: Award
Eligible: Senior DeMolay
Requirements: N/A

Tenure pins are available for purchase at the D&MS and are to be given based on the number of years someone is a Senior DeMolay. The pins available are: 10, 25, 50, 60, 65, 70, and 75 years.



OTHER AWARDS, CONT.

Medal for Saving a Human Life

Stats

Designation: Award

Eligibility: Active DeMolay

Requirements: N/A



The Medal for Saving a Human Life, approved at the 1969 ISC session, may be granted to a DeMolay who has saved a human life. If this occurs, the Advisory Council is to make a recommendation and forward it to the Executive Officer.

The International Supreme Council or its Board of Directors will then act on the recommendation.

Medal of Heroism

Stats

Designation: Award

Eligible: Active DeMolay

Requirements: N/A

This medal was revealed in 1925 and fewer than 150 have been awarded. An Advisory Council may nominate for this award a DeMolay who has gone above and beyond the call of duty in answering to a high risk situation by performing an act of heroism. The ISCI defines an act of heroism as one in which the nominee was at risk of losing his own life. Nominations, with evidence like newspaper clippings, are to be made through the EO. Forms are available from the EO or the S&LC.

DeMolay Medal of Appreciation

Stats

Designation: Award

Eligible: Everyone over 21

Requirements: N/A

For any man or woman over the age of 21 who has rendered outstanding service to DeMolay, a Chapter may recommend them for the DeMolay Medal of Appreciation. The nomination form – available from the S&LC – may be forwarded to the EO at any time who will, if he approves of it, forwarded the form to the Grand Secretary. The Chapter covers the cost of the medal.



Degree of Chevalier

History

Soon after the Legion of Honor was created, some worried that the age requirements for Legionnaires would prevent too many worthy people from reaching it. Therefore the Degree of Chevalier was created to recognize Active and Senior DeMolays who had made great contributions to the Order.

“

...the highest award for distinguished DeMolay

Service...Only one other award, the Legion of Honor...outranks this distinction.”

--Dad Land



Stats

Designation: Honor

Eligible: Active and Sr. DeMolays

Requirements: 17 years old and a DeMolay for at least 2 years

Info

The Degree of Chevalier is an honor and cannot be “earned” or “worked towards. Advisory Councils make nominations with the fee established by the Grand Secretary to the Executive Officer who then forwards the nominations to ISC. The nomination must be made without the DeMolay to be honored’s knowledge. A unanimous vote of the ISC is required for the honor to be granted. The distribution of regalia is done by the Executive Officer and the investiture ceremony must take place within one year of the vote.

Fact

The Degree of Chevalier was the first ritual not written by Frank Marshall.

Legion of Honor

Stats

Designation: Honor

Eligible: Sr. DeMolays or Master Masons

Requirements: Be a Sr. DeMolay at least 25 years old or a Master Mason at least 30 years old

History

Dad Land wanted a method to both recognize individuals who had provided outstanding leadership to DeMolay and to rededicate those individuals to the Order. Frank Marshall was consulted and soon after the ritual for the Ceremony of Investiture was created. The first public Investiture was held on May 28, 1926 in Kansas City.

Cross of Honor

Info

The Cross of Honor is an honor and is granted—not earned. It can be granted to an Advisor or a personal representative of the Executive Officer, and it denotes three or more years of conspicuous service to a Chapter or jurisdiction and DeMolay as a whole.

Advisory Councils make nominations with the fee established by the Grand Secretary to the Executive Officer who then forwards the nominations to ISC. The nomination must be made without the nominee's knowledge. A unanimous vote of the ISC is required for the honor to be granted. The distribution of regalia is done by the Executive Officer and the investiture ceremony must take place within one year of the vote.



Info

The name Legion of Honor was derived from the story of Julius Caesar's Immortal Tenth Legion in Plutarch's *Lives of Illustrious Men*. The LOH is the highest honor that the Order of DeMolay can grant. Advisory Councils make nominations with the fee established by the Grand Secretary to the Executive Officer who then forwards the nominations to ISC. The nomination must be made without the DeMolay to be honored's knowledge. A unanimous vote of the ISC is required for the honor to be granted. The distribution of regalia is done by the Executive Officer and the investiture ceremony must take place within one.



There are two distinct divisions of the Legion of Honor: the Active Legion of Honor and Honorary Legion of Honor. The Active Legion is for Sr. DeMolays and those nominated must be at least 25. The Honorary Legion is for Master Masons who were never DeMolays and those nominated must be at least 30.

Stats

Designation: Honor

Eligible: Advisors or personal representatives of the Executive Officer

Requirements: At least 3 years of service to a Chapter or jurisdiction

Fact

The Cross of Honor is the only DeMolay honor that can be granted to a woman.