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**Happy April,
Ohio
DeMolay!!**



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State Master Councilor Coleman Leach & Deputy State Master

Councilor Quinn Brown

Remarks from the SMC

Happy March Ohio DeMolay,

Hello Ohio DeMolay!!!

Welcome to April! As we head into this month, remember that DeMolay International is providing free membership, so please try and get new brothers into our order. In connection to free membership, the

in ritual, I cannot wait to see you do great things!!! Let's get ritual supremacy!!! As we go into this month Be The Reason we grow our brotherhood, Be The Reason we are there for a brother, and Be The Reason we make the world a better place!!!

Fraternally, Coleman Leach
98th State Master Councilor

Remarks from the DSMC

Leadership Starts Here

Hello again, Ohio DeMolay!

After celebrating DeMolay Month in March and sharing our pride with others, April is the perfect time to focus inward and ask an important question: Who's leading your chapter—and who's next?

Leadership in DeMolay isn't just about holding an office or wearing a jewel. It's about taking initiative, setting an example, and being someone others can count on. Every strong chapter is built on members who step up, take ownership, and contribute to something bigger than themselves.

One of the best ways to develop leadership is simple: get involved. Encourage members—especially newer ones—to take on responsibilities. Whether it's helping plan an event, leading a portion of a meeting, or assisting with ritual, every small role builds confidence and experience.

As current leaders, it's also our responsibility to mentor those around us. Take time to guide younger members, answer their questions, and show them what leadership looks like in action. The future of your chapter depends on how well you prepare the next group to step up.

Strong chapters don't just happen—they're built by members who take ownership. Let's continue building leaders across Ohio DeMolay.

Fraternally,
Quinn Brown
Deputy State Master Councilor
Ohio DeMolay



Twelve Terrific Traits

Happy March, Ohio DeMolay

This Month's Terrific Trait is mentorship. Whether being an active DeMolay, Senior DeMolay or being involved in any Masonic Youth organization, chances are you have been mentored or have mentored someone else on one thing or another! That's a great aspect of DeMolay, simply having the guidance to help you on something you've never done before, something you have little experience with or just lending a simple helping hand!

Fraternally, Connor Thompson 85th State Scribe



Remarks from the Executive Officer

Brethren and Advisors,

FREE to JOIN DeMOLAY APRIL!

As April has begun, in honoring the Congress Officers, comes the opportunity to bring in new members minus the fee to join. This will continue through the month of April concluding April 30th and the new members must be in eScribe no later than May 9. Plan to host initiations without paying the fee to DeMolay International. The goal is to bring in 10% of the total members registered with DeMolay International which isn't good enough for Ohio. The Goal for Ohio is 50. This can be done with everyone taking part in the effort.

Education –

In this edition of The Star, you find links to several educational opportunities in the form of scholarships. These can help significantly in reducing the cost of post high school education. Check the qualifications for each. Some offer not only College or University financial assistance, but there are those that are specific in a certain field. Please make sure when researching the scholarships that you know what the process is and the deadline. As an example, the Grand Lodge Scholarship showed the deadline of March 1. Here is the link to the spreadsheet! [Scholarships.xlsx - Google Sheets](#)

Region 4 Conference –

The last weekend of March, the State Master Councilor, State Scribe and I traveled to Indianapolis in the Hoosier State of Indiana for the Region 4 Conference. This has not happened as a Region since 2019 when we met in Charleston, WV. The jurisdictions that make up Region 4 are Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, and West Virginia. The COVID pandemic kept us from meeting in person in 2020 and 2021. There were Super Regionals held in Nashville, TN, and Chicago, IL most recently when Region 4 and Region 3 (GA., AR., TN., FL, LA., MS.) met. We were quite excited that Br. Adam DeFronzo, International Congress Secretary was able to attend.

There was brotherhood, idea exchanging, and being able to see what the other jurisdictions are doing. Membership wise, Region 4 is doing well. Indiana stands firm with 19, Illinois shows 18 and Ohio had 9 until Saturday, March 28 when the Tri Youth Day was held at the Canton Scottish Rite and Ohio gained 10 new members also putting us at 19.

It's rumored that Ohio will be hosting 2027 Region 4 Conference. More information will follow after the Annual Session in Chicago in June.

2nd District Initiation / Tri Youth Day – Canton

Saturday, March 28th many DeMolays met at the Canton Scottish Rite and welcomed several new members who joined the Fraternity. Later the Second District Council saw the District Chairman, Br. Q. Brown conclude his term as Chairman and Br. Q. Hewitt took over as the new District Chairman and new District Officers were installed.



Conclave registration is now open and live and Conclave is getting close. There are going to be some changes to the schedule this year which should help make Conclave at OWOOO “Ohio Wesleyan University” in Delaware be a little more fun. More information to come next edition, but make sure you have it on your calendar, July 16-18.

State Events 2026 –

- **Heartland Ritual Competition – April 24-25, Dayton**
- **ODLE (Ohio DeMolay Leaders of Excellence) – June 4-7, Lancaster**
- **CONCLAVE – July 16– 18, Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware**

Take care and BE THE REASON April will be a GREAT MONTH with 50 new members!

Dad Jeff Rannebarger

Executive Officer





State Of The Districts



1st District

ETR on the 1st and 3rd Thursday at the Tiffin Masonic Lodge and Ottawa is currently meeting at the Genoa Masonic Lodge, however, please reach out to the 1st District Governor, Dad Hill, for more information.

2nd District

Remarks from Quintion Hewitt, **2nd District Chairmen**

This past weekend, we hosted the Northeast Ohio Tri-Youth Day in Canton, where we proudly welcomed 10 new Brothers into our amazing Order. It was an incredible experience, highlighted by the reintroduction of a long-lost section of the DeMolay Degree, made possible with the support of the Valley of Canton.

The day was filled with excitement as we concluded Bro. Quinn Brown's term as District Chairman for 2025–2026. During the event, he recognized numerous Brothers and Chapters for their outstanding contributions throughout his term.

Following the awards, the 2026–2027 Second District Council was officially installed. I am truly honored to serve as Chairman for the upcoming term. Additionally, I had the privilege of installing the first corps of officers for Canton Chapter—an exciting milestone. I look forward to the continued growth of our Chapters, our Order, and each individual member across the Second District.

To close out the day, we joined our sisters from Ohio Job's Daughters and Ohio Rainbow for dinner and a dance. It was a fantastic way to celebrate and kick off the new term together.

Looking ahead, the Second District will continue the Travelers Program with an exciting update. Each Chapter has been assigned a month to host an event they already have planned and invite members from across the District to attend and support.

- April 16, 2026 at 7:30 PM – Painesville Chapter: Uno Competition
- May 14, 2026 at 6:30 PM – Templar Chapter: Parents Day Picnic (RSVP Required)

RSVP details will be shared on the Second District Facebook page and through Ohio DeMolay "Flyer Friday." Additional travel dates will be posted on Bands as they are finalized.

Let's keep up the great work in our Chapters and continue building something strong together.

Fraternally,
Quinton Hewitt
Chairman, Second District Council

3rd District

Remarks from **Mason Moore, 3rd District Chancellor**

Good evening, this is Mason Moore, the 3rd District Chancellor. Coming up in the Thundering 3rd district, on April 8th Ralph H. McMillian is having a teacher appreciation dinner starting at 6:30/7 at the Xenia Masonic Center. On April 21st Ralph H. McMillian is going to a Dayton Dragons game starting at 7:05. The boys who won at our State Ritual Competition are excited and motivated for the annual Heartland Ritual Competition at the Dayton Masonic Center. They are

Sincerely, Mason Moore

4th District

Remarks from Malachi Mead, 4th District President

I hope everyone is looking forward to state ritual competition coming up next month and I wish you all good luck. I see everybody traveling and I want to say I'm very proud everybody getting to see new lodges and having fun represented in the fourth district continue to do good and be great!

5th District

Mohican Chapter meets on the first and third Sundays of the month at 7:30pm. At the Bellville Masonic Lodge # 376, 107 Main St, Bellville, OH 44813, USA, Upper Sandusky Chapter holds regular stated meetings every 2nd and 4th Sunday at 3:00pm. At the at Upper Sandusky Masonic Temple

(118 W Johnson St, 43351), Simon Kenton Chapter holds regular stated meetings every 1st and 3rd Saturday at 6:00pm. At 202 N Main St Kenton, OH 43326 United States. and Van Wert chapter meets the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 3pm at the Van Wert masonic temple, S Market St, Van Wert, OH 45891(the Blue Door)



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Chapter Of Excellence

Program Guidelines

- 1. State officers do not count towards Point Totals**
- 2. Points to be Submitted by Chapters to the Google Form**
Within 30 days of the event
- 3. Final Point Standings to be submitted**
by July 1st, 2026 @ 11:59 PM
- 4. Points must be submitted with a Picture proof**
Ex. Group Picture at event, Screenshot of form 10, etc.
- 5. State Officers will verify all point submissions**
as they are received.
All submissions are subject to Audit.
- 6. Questions?**
Contact Brother Connor Thompson
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Chapter Of Excellence How to Earn Points

100 POINTS

- Chapter Represented at Conclave (plus at least one advisor)
- Annual Chapter Report Filed on Time (by 1/30/26)
- Host an Open House or Prospect Party (one per term)
- Chapter Member Receives PMC-MSA
- Chapter Member Receives BHK
- Start a Squire Program
- First place winner of quarterly DeMolay Excellence in Communication Award
- Chapter participates in a Mental Health event (guest speaker, community event in support of Mental Health, participate in NAMI walk, have a Fundraiser and Donate funds to NAMI) [once per term]



50 POINTS

- Chapter Represented at Winterfest (plus at least one advisor)
- Submit PMC-MSA Letter of Intent (one per term)
- Chapter Member Earns FMA
- Chapter Reaches Positive Growth
- Establish or Continue the Merit Bar Program (must include presentation pictures for points)
- Hold a Chapter Fundraiser (one per term)
- Participate at State Ritual competition (Points per Chapter)
- Chapter Member Earns the RD
- Second place winner of quarterly DeMolay Excellence in Communication Award

25 POINTS

- Attend ODLE (25 pts for 1st member, 10 for each add'l)
- Chapter Member Earns Lamp of Knowledge
- New Member (within 6 months of Initiation) Gives Obligation (per degree)
- Chapter Complete a Masonic or Civil Service project
- New Member Initiated (each new member 25 pts)
- Third place winner of quarterly DeMolay Excellence in Communication Award
- Continue an existing squire program
- Participate at Heartland Ritual Competition (per Chapter)
- Perform a Degree/Ceremony for another masonic body - 25 points per ceremony
- Attend a State Function (25 pts per Chapter)

Miscellaneous POINTS

- Make a Visitation to DeMolay Chapter, Rainbow, Jobs, Lodge, etc (10 pts for each Chapter visit)
- Form 10 Submitted Within 1 Week of Initiation (5 pts)
- Chapter Member participates at District Ritual Competition (5 pts per Chapter member)
- The Chapter Participates in "DeMolay Day" (5 pts. for each member and advisor in attendance)

STATE TERM PLAN

“BE THE REASON”

- HEARTLAND RITUAL COMPETITION -
APRIL 24TH - 25TH - DAYTON

- ODLE - JUNE 4TH - JUNE 7TH - LANCASTER

- CONCLAVE - JULY 16TH - 19TH - DELAWARE

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