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May 5th,

**Happy May,
Ohio
DeMolay!!**



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State Master Councilor Coleman Leach & Deputy State Master

Councilor Quinn Brown

Remarks from the SMC

Happy May Ohio DeMolay!!!

We just came off of a great month of April packed with tons of great events. I want to give a shoutout and congratulations to all those who competed in the Heartland Tournament of Champions in Dayton, Ohio where Ohio DeMolay took home Ritual Supremacy for the first time in many years. As we move into these next few months, get excited for ODLE from June 4-7 at the Lancaster Campgrounds. Registration for ODLE has closed but there is still time to register for Conclave 2026 from July 16-19 at

As we are approaching the end of the term be sure to continue to push your chapter towards the threshold of a Chapter of Excellence and continue to submit your posts for the Excellence in Communication award. Let's continue to Be The Reason Ohio DeMolay strives for years to come.

Fraternally, Coleman Leach
98th State Master Councilor

Remarks from the DSMC

Finishing Strong

Hello again, Ohio DeMolay!

Last month, we talked about leadership—stepping up, taking ownership, and preparing the next generation of leaders within your chapter. Now, as we enter May, it's time to put that leadership into action and focus on finishing the term strong.

As the school year begins to wind down, it can be easy for chapters to lose momentum. Schedules get busy, attendance can slip, and meetings may start to feel repetitive. But this is exactly where strong leadership makes the biggest difference. The chapters that continue to grow are the ones that push through and stay consistent.

May is a great time to take advantage of everything you've built so far this year. Reconnect with prospects, or plan something fun that brings your members together before summer begins. The effort you put in now sets the tone for how your chapter enters the summer months.

It's also a time to recognize the work that's been done. Look at how far your chapter has come—new members, stronger bonds, and developing leaders. That progress doesn't happen by accident; it happens because members choose to step up and contribute.

Strong chapters don't slow down—they finish strong. Let's carry that momentum forward and continue building something great across Ohio DeMolay.

Fraternally,
Quinn Brown
Deputy State Master Councilor
Ohio DeMolay

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Twelve Terrific Traits

Happy May, Ohio DeMolay

This Month's Terrific Trait is Filial Love. This month it's important to talk about the love of family, specifically the love of our mother's! Anyone who has been exposed to DeMolay in any fashion most likely know about the reverse we reserve for our mothers through several ceremonies and most importantly our actions! When you're celebrating mother's day this year remind her about how important not only she is but your entire family!

Fraternally, Connor Thompson 85th State Scribe

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Remarks from the Executive Officer

Brethren and Advisors,

Heartland Ritual - DAYTON

Ohio DeMolay hosted the Heartland Ritual Competition in Dayton at the DMC (Dayton Masonic Center) with a high goal for 2026. It was determined last year in Chicago, IL., that Ohio was going to take the Ritual Supremacy Award in 2026. Competing for that title included Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, and Michigan. We missed our brethren from West Virginia. The competition started with the Competitors and Judges meeting and then the competitions began, both individually and team. The competition concluded at about 4:00 p.m. The Ohio Dinner was held and the brotherhood was enjoyed Saturday evening. Sunday, April 26, the breakfast / awards were held and Ohio was very well represented with several individuals and teams taking the title of CHAMPION! The conclusion was determined that scoring 123 points, OHIO DeMolay attained it's goal of HEARTLAND RITUAL SUPREMACY. WAY TO GO OHIO BRETHERN!

THANK YOU to the Moms and Dads / Advisors who took time from their schedules to help transport, serve as judge, brought Hospitality items and the many other ways that they helped. SPECIAL THANK YOU to Dad and Mom Willeke for the time and effort that they always display but even more so for this Heartland Ritual as Ohio was the host Jurisdiction.

Heartland 2027 will be held Friday, April 23 – Sunday, April 25 at the Covington Scottish Rite in Covington in the Commonwealth of Kentucky!

Parent's Day –

This is an Obligatory Day that can happen between now, May 1 to June 21. Look it up and see how you and your chapter can plan the observance in honoring parents.

Education –

As we continue into May, many of you will be transitioning from middle to high school and some will be moving on to further their education in a trade / vocational training, or entering, continuing, and even graduating. Ohio DeMolay Congratulates you on wherever your educational path takes you and we wish each of you the best in the next chapter of your life.

Brotherhood –

Very recently while walking through a grocery store shopping, I was focused on getting the items on my list. As I was moving through the aisles, I heard someone one call my first name. I turned to see a very close Sr, DeMolay. We both stopped and spent time (about 20 minutes) visiting and remembering how we met. It was through DeMolay and this Sr. DeMolay went on through college and was now in his 20th year of his career, (I was there with his parents, to view his “swearing in” as a law enforcement officer). We talked about his family (married with a son and daughter), how his career was going (9 years as a K 9 handler), and how we are not fond of the aging process (he’s recovering from shoulder surgery).

Had it not been for DeMolay, I’d never met him and although we’ve gone our separate ways, I would have missed knowing this fine brother who is a Past Master Councilor, Past State Scribe, recipient of the Degree of Chevalier and an Active member of the Legion of Honor. I am so thankful that he called my name in that grocery store. I have great memories of this BROTHER and have thought about him over the years. I send him a greeting on Instant Messenger when it’s his birthday and he has reciprocated the same for these many years! THAT IS BROTHERHOOD! I hope you can make those memories!

Conclave registration is now open and live and Conclave is getting closer. 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 –

- ODLE (Ohio DeMolay Leaders of Excellence) – June 4-7, Lancaster
- CONCLAVE – July 16– 18, Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware



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**

Greetings, Ohio DeMolay!

In April, we kicked off the Second District Travelers Program at Painesville Chapter with an Uno tournament. It was a great opportunity to come together with brethren from across the district.

Congratulations to Brother Logan Sylvester of Warren Chapter for winning the tournament, and to Denbrook Chapter for having the highest attendance and claiming the traveling gavel!

Our next stop on the program will be May 14, 2026, at Templar Chapter for their Parents Day Picnic at

Upcoming Events:

- May 14, 2026 at 6:30 PM – Templar Chapter: Parents Day Picnic (RSVP Required)
- June 7, 2026 at 6:00 PM – Medina Chapter: Parents Day Dinner (RSVP Required)

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 in the 3rd DeMolay District, Hamilton chapter is hosting a Parent Appreciation Dinner on May 16th @6 o'clock at the Hamilton Masonic Temple. The state of Ohio just hosted our Heartland Ritual Competition and Ohio got 1st place out of 5 states! Our boys did absolutely fantastic on their parts and represented Ohio DeMolay very well! Also on May 27th, Ralph H. McMillian is hosting a parents day bowling event. Details will be given shortly so be on the lookout for those! Thank you!

Sincerely, Mason Moore

4th District

Remarks from Malachi Mead, 4th District President

I would like to extend my congratulations to all the winners who attended Heartland, very proud to see all the trophies we brought home. I was very thankful for all the fellowship and brotherhood We got to experience over the weekend and all of the hospitality that was shown throughout. Keep up the traveling and keep up the good work. Looking forward to seeing you at more events all around the State.

5th District

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”

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

● CONCLAVE - JULY 16TH - 19TH - DELAWARE

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