

# DeMolay FAQs

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**Q: *What is DeMolay?***

A: DeMolay is FUN! It is a great organization that teaches leadership skills and teamwork by allowing the members to decide what they want to do and how they want to do it. By being involved with DeMolay, members learn about teamwork, camaraderie, sportsmanship, civic service, event planning, time management, public speaking, etiquette, scholarships and a whole lot more.

**Q: *What do DeMolays do?/What types of activities are available?***

A: Although each DeMolay Chapter sets its own schedule of events, there are some events that many chapters like, such as: Athletics (Bowling, Basketball, Softball, Volleyball), Movie nights, Dances, Civic Service (clean up parts of the town or designated areas in parks), Masonic Service (help out at the local Shriner's Circus or Rodeo), Pancake Breakfast, Spaghetti Suppers, Parades, Fairs, car washes, and a whole lot more!

**Q: *What are the membership requirements?***

A: To qualify for membership in DeMolay you must be a young man between the ages of 12 and 21 years, you must be of good moral character, and you must have a belief in a Supreme Being. DeMolay is an educational and fraternal organization, not a religious one. However, as an organization that teaches strong leadership skills, DeMolay does believe that to be a good leader one part of your personal value system needs to be supported by your own religion beliefs, whichever religion that may be.

**Q: *How do I join DeMolay and how much does it cost?***

A: You can find out more about DeMolay and how to join by contacting Massachusetts DeMolay State Headquarters via e-mail at [massdemolay@gis.net](mailto:massdemolay@gis.net), by phone at (617) 423-7040 or by letter at: Massachusetts DeMolay, 186 Tremont Street, Boston, MA 02111 Attention: Mr. Paul Weston. You can also contact us through our website at <http://www.massdemolay.org/>.

The local chapters set their own membership fees, but the minimum is \$25.00 lifetime membership fee. Once you are a member, there are no annual dues. However, you will be required to pay for yourself at any events for which an admission fee is being charged, such as a chapter dance, chapter trip to an amusement park, chapter jackets, etc.

**Q: *Are there regular meetings?***

A: Yes. Each chapter meets twice a month, except for July and August. Most chapters in Massachusetts meet either at 7:00pm or 7:30pm. If you become an officer of the chapter, there may also be two additional informal practices where the officers learn to work together during special presentations.

**Q: *Where are the local chapters in Massachusetts?***

A: Currently Massachusetts DeMolay has 16 active chapters in the following cities/towns: Agawam, Brockton, Gardner, Haverhill, Lexington, Lowell, Lynn, Middleboro, Natick, New Bedford, Plymouth, Quincy, Saugus, Taunton, Weymouth, and Worcester. We also have new chapters just starting in Dedham, Tewksbury and Greenfield.

## Parent FAQs

**Q: *How long has DeMolay been in existence?***

A: DeMolay has been in existence for over 80 years. It was started in 1919 by a Shriner/Mason named Frank S. Land who started the organization for young men who had lost their fathers during World War I. Frank Land started DeMolay to allow these young men an opportunity to have positive adult male role models to help guide their development. This is the reason that each DeMolay advisor is addressed by the members with the title of “Dad” and why so many DeMolay advisors consider it an honor to be so.

**Q: *Is there adult supervision?***

A: Yes. DeMolay is supervised by adults, otherwise known as DeMolay Advisors or Adult Workers. Additionally, parents assist and support different activities of a chapter.

**Q: *Is there a screening process for the adults that work with DeMolay?***

A: Yes. Each Advisor or Adult Worker with DeMolay is required to submit to a mandatory Criminal Background Check, Sex Offender Registry Check, Driver History Check and Personal Reference Check.

**Q: *Can parents get involved? If so, how?***

A: Yes. Each chapter may have a Parent’s Club where parental support is always welcome. Additionally, parents may choose to get involved in other areas of a chapter and should contact the local Advisory Council Chairman or Chapter Advisor for opportunities to serve.

**Q: *Who sponsors DeMolay Chapters?***

A: DeMolay is sponsored by the Masons. Each DeMolay chapter has a local Masonic sponsor that has pledged support to the chapter. Masonry is one of the oldest fraternal organizations in the world... and since DeMolay was founded by a Mason, there is a close relationship between the two organizations.

Masonry is dedicated to building better men through association with their Masonic peers who are business and community leaders from around the world. Many of the founding fathers of our country were Masons, including George Washington and Paul Revere. The goal of Freemasonry is to enhance and strengthen the character of the individual man by providing opportunities for fellowship, charity, education, and leadership. You can learn more about the Masons of Massachusetts at their website [www.glmasons-mass.org](http://www.glmasons-mass.org).

**Q: *How is DeMolay organized?***

A: On the local level, each DeMolay chapter is run by its members, the elected leaders of which are Master Councilor, Senior Councilor, and Junior Councilor. There are numerous other offices and committees that are appointed by the Master Councilor.

These officers and members are supervised by the local Advisory Council, composed of adults that volunteer their time to work with DeMolay. The leader of the Advisory Council is the Chairman. The advisor who supervises the youth on a day-to-day basis and who acts as the liaison between the chapter members and the Council is the Chapter Advisor. The Council may have other officers like a Secretary and Treasurer. The remaining advisors are there to serve the chapter and provide support and transportation when needed.

The Advisory Councils are supervised by the Executive Officer and his staff. The EO Staff is responsible for implementing the State DeMolay Program in cooperation with the elected State Officers each year.

Each Executive Officer is supervised by DeMolay International, which is located in Kansas City, Missouri.

**Q: *What opportunities are there for a young man in DeMolay?***

**A:** In a word...numerous. DeMolay provides the opportunity for life-long friendships and a positive environment in which to develop. It also provides for organized athletic events, scholarships to post-secondary schools, leadership training, public speaking skills, memorization techniques, opportunities to interact with business and community leaders that are Masons, and opportunities to handle increasing levels of responsibility and interact with people on the basis of mutual respect. DeMolay is what you make of it.

**Q: *Can parents attend the meetings?***

**A:** Yes. Although the meetings are closed, parents, step-parents and/or legal guardians of DeMolays are allowed to attend the meetings of the chapter, subject to the Rules & Regulations of DeMolay International and the Executive Officer.