

vention are just some of the ways that Sponsoring Bodies have provided help, if within their means.

The Grand Lodge has authorized the use of Lodge Funds to support the Order of DeMolay. In addition, DeMolay Chapters hold an IRS 501(c)(3) classification and may accept tax-deductible contributions.

7. Provide a good moral and fraternal example to the DeMolays.

The purpose of DeMolay is to take good boys and make them into good young men. You are, in essence, imparting Masonic principles to our youth. The Advisory Council and members of the Sponsoring Body must always act in a manner consistent with the principles of Freemasonry.

If you have any concerns or questions about your role in sponsoring a DeMolay Chapter, please contact:

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Sponsorship Checklist

- Do we provide a clean and safe meeting place for use by young people?*
- Do we provide a quality Advisory Council of 6 or more trained adult leaders, including at least three Master Masons?*
- Do we know what the DeMolays are doing? How well are they representing Freemasonry when they are in public?*
- Have we been actively involved in recommending new members for the Chapter?*
- When did we last visit the Chapter? For a Stated Meeting? Or an Installation? A new member Induction? A social activity?*
- Do we attend and support the Chapter's fund-raising efforts?*
- Do we sponsor their attendance to worthwhile educational programs?*
- Do we set proper examples for young men to follow by always living and acting as Masons should?*

Role of the Sponsoring Body



7 Steps to Successful Sponsorship of a DeMolay Chapter in Pennsylvania

1. Provide a proper place for the Chapter members to meet.

DeMolay Chapters should meet in a Lodge Room. If one is not always available, a social room may suffice for informal meetings, but a Lodge Room is almost essential for all ritualistic presentations such as Inductions and the semi-annual Installation of Officers. DeMolay Chapters should not be charged rent. They are not just tenants. They repre-



sent Freemasonry's outreach to the youth of the community. DeMolays should "earn their keep" by providing Masonic and community service, by training young men to be leaders, and by helping to introduce Freemasonry to previously unaffiliated families.

2. Maintain an active Advisory Council of 6 or more trained adult leaders,

3 of whom must be Master Masons, with one serving as Chairman of the Advisory Council. Others may be Senior DeMolays, parents, or others over age 21 selected to serve. The Presiding Officer of the Sponsoring Body is asked to review the nomination of

adults to serve on the Advisory Council. He signs an adult worker profile recommending the appointment of any adult leader to serve. The most successful Advisory Councils consist of 10 or more members, each with their own job, and none overloaded with responsibility. The Chapter Advisor is the key position, and may be expected to take on more responsibility than most other Advisors.



3. Supervise the Chapter, through the Advisory Council.

The Sponsoring Body should have some input into the program, activities, membership and funding of the Chapter. It is important however, to observe protocol by working through its representatives appointed to the Advisory Council. A Chapter is much more likely to enjoy success when its Sponsoring Body demonstrates interest in the programs the young men have developed.

4. Promote membership in DeMolay.

Take advantage of every opportunity to

spread the word about the great program of DeMolay among the children, grandchildren, relatives and neighbors of the members of the Sponsoring Body. Talk about DeMolay with fellow Masons, neighbors, co-workers, and people in your place of worship. Be familiar with the local Chapter's schedule so you can invite prospective members to appropriate events, or provide names of prospective members to the Chapter.



5. Visit DeMolay meetings or public functions.

It is important that the Sponsoring Body be officially represented by an officer at the open Installation of Officers held twice each year. Occasional visitations to a regular meeting or an activity by members or officers will show the young men that the Sponsoring Body is committed to the Chapter.

6. Financial assistance

is helpful, but not necessary. DeMolays are expected to raise their own funds for activities, charity and Masonic service. However, full or partial sponsorship of special activities, tuition for the Key Man Conference, and registration of delegates to the Annual Con-