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March 15, 2023

To the DeMolays and Adult Advisors of Texas:

Re: 93rd Annual Texas State DeMolay Conclave in Fort Worth, Texas, Thursday, July 13 - Sunday, July 16, 2023

The time for our Annual State Conclave is near. As your Executive Officer, I look forward to having all Chapters participate in this year's activities in Fort Worth. Please encourage your membership to attend their Texas State Conclave and to enter as many events as possible. This generates a great competitive spirit within our State and promotes DeMolay.

A State-Wide-Initiation is not scheduled at Conclave; however, all DeMolays who have not seen the actual degrees of the Order are encouraged to witness them during the exemplification that will be done by the State Officers and other members following the Ritual Competitions.

All registrations, ritual, and athletic competition materials should be mailed directly to Chance Chapman, the Conclave Registrar, at the address listed on all of the forms. All forms must be postmarked by Tuesday, June 1, 2023. Registrations postmarked after that date are subject to the late registration fee and availability on the schedule. All Conclave attendees MUST utilize the Host Hotel.

IMPORTANT: See the information regarding housing and how the Housing Chairman, Stephanie Jones, will handle all housing like last year. This is the same housing format for all Chapters as it was last year. PayPal is available for payments online for your convenience.

Should you have any questions concerning Conclave, contact H. Bart Henderson, Director of Conclave, at his number or email address shown above, or Chance Chapman, the Conclave Registrar, at his phone number and email is on the Registration Package. There will be no refunds for cancellations. **If someone is not going to be present that has already registered, this must be brought to the attention of the Registrar at the onset of the event.**

Declaration of Interest to run for any Elected Office in Texas DeMolay" and the required attachments must be submitted to me, postmarked no later than **June 15th** of the year you are wanting to run for office. (NOTE: some of the requirements have been changed so please read the requirement page carefully). All State Sweetheart Declaration Forms should be mailed directly to Angela Seymour, the Director of Sweethearts, at the address listed on the forms. The Declaration of Interest Form and requirements can be found on the Texas DeMolay Web page: <http://www.texasdemolay.com> No late "Declarations" will be considered.

The dress code for each Conclave event is shown on the Tentative Schedule. Please be sure that each DeMolay and Advisor is aware of the dress code for that event. Those attendees not meeting the required dress code may not be admitted into the activities. Be sure that each DeMolay brings along a minimum of a dress shirt, coat, and tie.

All Conclave attendees are subject to the **City of Fort Worth's curfew, which is 11 p.m. weekdays and 12 p.m. weekends.** The Fort Worth Police Department and the Tarrant County Sheriff's Department strictly enforce this. It applies to all youth under the age of 18 unless accompanied by an adult.

NOTE: If you are currently Suspended or Expelled, from any Masonic Youth Organization, you will not be allowed to attend this function. Only Registered Persons or Invited Guests of the Executive Officer may attend the functions of Conclave.

I look forward to seeing each of you at the State Conclave. Have a safe trip to Fort Worth.

Fraternally,

Tommy F. Chapman
Executive Officer in Texas

GENERAL INFORMATION

Please read all of this information carefully. Enclosed in this registration packet are the following:

- General Information Sheet
- Registration Information
 - Suggested Registration Procedure
 - Texas DeMolay State Conclave Registration Form (please make copies of this Form as required)
- Hotel Information
- Tentative Schedule
- Ritual Information
 - General Ritual Entry Form and Fee Schedule
 - Ritual Entry Form for Individual Ritual Parts
 - General Information Ritual Contests
- Athletic Information
 - General Athletic Entry Form and Fee Schedule
 - Entry Forms (Basketball, Softball, Volley Ball, Dodge Ball, and Tennis)
 - General Athletic Information
 - Athletic Rules and Regulations
 - Team Roster Form
- Candidate Information
 - See Texas DeMolay Website for details
- State Sweetheart Information Pages
 - Chairman or Chapter Letter
 - Chapter Sweetheart Letter
 - Requirements for Running for State Sweetheart
 - Declaration to Run for State Sweetheart
 - Chapter Sweetheart Information Form
 - Chapter Sweetheart Commonly Asked Questions Letter

REGISTRATION NOTES

Each person attending the Conclave must be registered. This includes those attending the installation and dance. Please plan accordingly.

All forms must be completed and sent to the Director of Registrations. There must be at least two Advisors for each Chapter, and if a Chapter has more than twenty DeMolays registered at the Conclave you must have an additional Advisor for each additional ten DeMolays or portion thereof.

There are different options for Registration packages this year. Each person attending must be pre-registered with a medical release form submitted before the deadline. This includes the dance and installation.

\$125.00 Full Package

- Host Hotel Stay (Three Nights - NOT included in the \$125.00 pricing)
- Official Opening
- Thursday Fun Night
- Athletic Competitions
- Ritual Competitions
- Friday Hamburger Party
- Ritualistic Opening (Those entitled to sit in a closed meeting only)
- Caucusing and balloting of State Officers (Active DeMolays ONLY)
- Saturday Lunch
- Grand Banquet
- Installation
- Dance
- Sunday Devotional and Awards

\$10.00 - Open Events Package

- Official Opening
- Athletic Competitions
- Public Ritual Competitions
- Installation
- Dance
- Sunday Devotional and Awards

Special Additions

- \$15.00 each – Full Package Chevalier Lunch (Honorees and Recipients Only)
- \$30.00 each – Open Events Package Chevalier Lunch (Honorees and Recipients Only)
- Pay at event - Legion of Honor Dinner (Honorees and Recipients Only)
- \$20.00 each - Fun Night Extra Ticket(s)
- \$15.00 each - Hamburger Party Extra Ticket(s)
- \$20.00 each - Saturday Lunch Extra Ticket(s)
- \$30.00 each - Grand Banquet Extra Ticket(s)

The Registration fee is to be paid before **Thursday, June 1, 2023. A Late Registration fee of \$75.00 per person will be added if paid on or after Friday, June 2 for the Full Package and Meal Package. There is no late registration allowed on hotel reservations.** The Open Ceremonies package will remain at \$10.00. The postmark will determine assessment of late registration fees. You will be able to make substitutions at the registration table without being charged the late registration fee. **The deadline for Late Registration will be June 17.**

Carefully read each form before filling it out. You may make photocopies of any forms if you need extra copies. All forms must be **typed or legibly printed**. Any form that is not legible **will be returned**.

There will be no refunds for cancellations.

All Conclave participants must utilize our Host Hotel, **Holiday Inn Express & Suites**, 1111 W. Lancaster Ave. Fort Worth, TX 76102. Phone: (817) 698-9595. Parents should be given the hotel's phone number for any emergency calls. Due to the success last year we had with Advisors helping with the after hours security detail, Chapter Advisors will be assigned times for

after hours security details. In addition, this year we will impose an "In-Room" curfew that will start 30 minutes after the last event of the day. Curfew will be strictly observed. Any personal needs which might require leaving your room after curfew must be arranged in advance with your advisor. You are not allowed to leave and get anything (food, ice, games, rituals ...). No food will be delivered after this time. Leaving your room for any reason after curfew and before it expires each morning is prohibited.

The dress code for each Conclave event is shown on the Tentative Schedule. Please be sure each DeMolay and Advisor is aware of the dress code. Those attendees who do not meet the dress code may not be admitted into the activities. Be sure that each DeMolay brings along a minimum of a coat and tie. **ALL ATTENDEES** must wear their ID BADGES **AT ALL TIMES**, except during athletic events; **THIS IS OUR SECURITY MEASURE**. We must assume that anyone not wearing an ID badge, is NOT registered with Texas DeMolay and is NOT part of our organization and will be asked to leave.

If you have been suspended or expelled from any Texas Masonic Youth Organization, you may not attend Texas DeMolay Conclave.

Chapters must fill out the Voter Certification forms at the end of this packet prior to receiving their registration packet at Conclave. Once submitted to the State Scribe, the certification is final and no changes or substitutions will be allowed. Ballots will be distributed in ample time before elections are conducted. Do not fill in the Ballot Number section of the form. You are allowed to send this in with your registration packet if you choose. The deadline to submit them will be Thursday, July 13, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

All additional Grand Banquet tickets must be ordered when registering for Conclave 2023. In the past, we were able to have tickets available at the Grand Banquet, but this is not the case this year.

There are no late fees on the rooms this year. However, please submit your housing information with your registration packet to ensure your reservations are made correctly. Rooms will not be considered reserved until money is received from your Chapter. Excel Spreadsheet must be emailed no later than June 1, 2023. Each Chapter will be required to stay at the Host Hotel Thursday night, Friday night, and Saturday night.

Following the Formal Opening, the Fun Night will be held at the Fort Worth Masonic Temple.

Those attending the Hamburger Party and are not registered will need to pay \$15.

All Chapters must have their registered delegations at the Opening Ceremony Thursday evening in order to be eligible for any awards they earn at Conclave 2023.

A complimentary breakfast will be provided at the hotel this year. It will be served 6:30 am-9:30 am on Friday and 7:00 am-10:00 am Saturday and Sunday.

REGISTERED GUESTS: For those who have paid the full registration price, the following events are included in the price: Thursday Fun Night, Hamburger Party on Friday, Saturday box lunch and the Grand Banquet.

LEGION OF HONOR DINNER: The LOH Dinner is open to those who have received or been elected to receive the Legion of Honor, or the Guests of the Executive Officer.

ADDITIONAL GRAND BANQUET TICKETS: For those that have not paid the Conclave registration fee. You must have a ticket to attend the Grand Banquet. Chapters need to order all extra Banquets tickets with their registration to ensure you are seated together. Chapters will be assigned to tables this year. Late additions will be assigned to higher numbered tables.

CHEVALIER LUNCHEON (NEW CHEVALIERS): List the names of the Chevaliers who were elected with the Honor at the 2023 Supreme Council Session and who will be attending the Chevalier Luncheon at no charge this year. **There is no charge to a new 2023 Chevalier for this luncheon, but you MUST have his name on this list in order for him to attend.** The Chevalier Luncheon is open to those who have received or been elected to receive the degree of Chevalier, or the Guests of the Executive Officer.

SUGGESTED REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

1. Divide the forms into four groups: Athletics, Ritual, Sweetheart, and General Information.
2. Have each member of your delegation complete the Conclave Registration Form. Each Registration Form must be completed in its entirety. Make sure that each form is properly signed and that parents or guardians have signed where necessary.
3. Decide the athletic events that you wish to enter and complete the appropriate entry form. Record the events entered on the "General Athletic Entry Form and Fee Schedule.
4. Follow the same procedure for ritual. There are two entry forms for the ritual events: individual, and team. They list the names of the competitors. They will be handed out at the Ritual Competitors Briefing held at the Conclave on Friday night.
5. Transfer all data to the Excel spreadsheet. Once completed, be sure to email the Excel file to both Chance Chapman and Stephanie Jones.
6. **Do not** contact the Host Hotels directly to make your reservations. Reservations will be made with:

Stephanie Jones
Director of Housing and Facilities
Cell: (972) 743-0068
texasdemolayhousing@gmail.com

7. All checks for the Hotel will be made out to: "Texas DeMolay Activities"

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1. Make sure that your Chapter Sweetheart receives the enclosed State Sweetheart information sheets and the appropriate forms are returned to the Director of Sweethearts:

Angela K. Seymour
Director of Sweethearts
20403 Weald Way
Spring, TX 77388
Phone: (281) 651-9631
Cell: (281) 782-2511
acmore1@aol.com

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1. Please give all Chevaliers, Chevalier designates, Legionnaires, Legionnaire designates, Parents, Sweethearts and your ladies an opportunity to order tickets to the various special events to be held during the Conclave. The list of events may be found on the Special Events Order Form.
 2. Return all Registration, Ritual and Athletic Competition entry forms to:

Chance Chapman
174 Hilldale Drive
Nederland, TX 77627
Cell: (409) 201-5340
texasdemolayregistrar@gmail.com

3. Registration will begin at 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm on Thursday, July 13th at the **Host Hotel!**

HOUSING INFORMATION

The Host Hotel is:

Holiday Inn Express and Suites

1111 W. Lancaster Avenue

Fort Worth, TX 76102

Phone: (817) 698-9595

The hotel is located across the street from the Fort Worth Scottish Rite Temple. Rooms will be reserved through the housing coordinator. **The rates are \$140.00 per night, inclusive of hotel tax.**

ELEVATOR RULES: Pay special attention to the load limits on the elevator. Every person attending Conclave is responsible for making sure the elevators are not overloaded. If the elevator is stuck due to overloading, those on board can be held responsible for the cost of the service call by the hotel. **That could be \$500.00.**

Download the Rooming List Excel Spreadsheet from the website with the following URL and fill it in completely.

<http://www.texasdemolay.com>

Email the completed spreadsheet to to make your rooming request. :

texasdemolayhousing@gmail.com and texasdemolayregistrar@gmail.com

Rooms will NOT be confirmed until payment is received. Once payment has been received, there will be **NO REFUNDS!!!** The spreadsheet must be sent in no later than June 1, 2023. Submitting after this date may result in not being able to reserve rooms.

ALL REGISTRANTS ARE REQUIRED TO LODGE AT THE HOST HOTEL.

Make checks payable to: “Texas DeMolay Activities” and send to:

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174 Hilldale Drive

Nederland, TX 77627

Cell: (409) 201-5340

texasdemolayregistrar@gmail.com

Hotel Registration Deadline is June 1, 2023
NO EXCEPTIONS OR LATE RESERVATIONS

DEMOLAY STATE CONCLAVE REGISTRATION FORM**RELEASE AND CONSENT FORM**

1. I, the undersigned Parent or Legal Guardian of _____, do hereby give my consent and permission for him/her to participate in the Texas DeMolay State Conclave. I understand all activities and events of any duly chartered Chapter, Order of DeMolay, of the Jurisdiction of Texas, including any activities or events conducted at the state or jurisdictional level, or by the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay; WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS: (State on line below, if NONE, write NONE.)

2. In the event of injury or illness to the above named minor, I, the undersigned Parent or Guardian, hereby authorize any adult DeMolay Advisor in attendance to secure, and any physician in attendance to provide, such emergency medical treatment as shall be deemed necessary by those present; including but not limited to hospitalization, injections, anesthesia, surgery, x-ray, blood, and medications. I understand that every reasonable effort shall be made to contact me prior to medical treatment.

3. The above named minor is subject to the following medical problems, and/or is receiving treatment under the supervision of proper medical authorities as follows: (State on the line below, if NONE state NONE):

4. Neither DeMolay International nor the jurisdiction of Texas, Order of DeMolay, maintains any medical insurance for its members. I understand that I will be responsible for any and all costs of medical treatment incurred by or on behalf of _____. My family health insurance carrier and policy numbers are as follows:

Primary Insurance Company Name	Policy Number(s)	Policy Holder's Name
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5. I, the undersigned Parent or Legal Guardian, AND the undersigned Youth (legal minor), do hereby agree that we will abide by the Statutes, regulations, and edicts of the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay, and its duly authorized representatives. We agree that, if in the opinion of any DeMolay Advisor, either of us should be removed or asked to leave any DeMolay activity for violation of the same, that the undersigned Parent or Legal Guardian will immediately take the necessary action to cause the transportation of violator from the activity site at the expense of the undersigned Parent or Legal Guardian.

6. We hereby agree to release and hold harmless the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay, the Grand Master of DeMolay International, and its members together with the Executive Officer, staff members, and Advisors of Texas, Order of DeMolay, from any and all claims or cause of action which the undersigned has or may have including but not limited to the COVID-19 Pandemic. This specifically includes any and all plans which arise out of the attendance at Texas DeMolay Conclave, including transportation to and from said event. IF I AM UNDER SUSPENSION OF MY MEMBERSHIP FOR ANY REASON, I UNDERSTAND I MAY NOT ATTEND THE EVENT.

7. IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY, AND THE UNDERSIGNED PARENT OR GUARDIAN CANNOT BE REACHED; THE UNDERSIGNED PARENT OR GUARDIAN HEREBY AUTHORIZES THE FOLLOWING PERSON TO ACT ON THEIR BEHALF:

Name: _____	Phone: _____
Address: _____	Relationship: _____

8. Parent or Legal Guardian. Please provide the following information about yourself:

Your Full Name: _____
Street & Mailing Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Telephone: _____ Home: _____ Cell: _____ Work: _____
Relationship to Youth: _____

9. If youth's address is different than Parent or Legal Guardian, please state on lines below (if same, write SAME.)

Your Full Name: _____
Street & Mailing Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardia

Signature of Youth (Legal Minor)

93rd ANNUAL TEXAS DeMOLAY CONCLAVE TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

THURSDAY - JULY 15, 2023			
Registration Opens	10:00am - 12:00pm	Holiday Inn Express	(Casual)
Softball Competition	2:00pm - 4:00pm	1111 W. Lancaster Ave., Fort Worth, TX	(Casual)
Volleyball/Flag Football Competitions	10:00am - 6:00pm	Benbrook Middle-High School	(Casual)
CONCLAVE Official Opening	11:00am - 6:00pm	201 Overcrest Dr, Benbrook, TX	(Coat & Tie)
Fun Night	7:00pm - 9:00pm	Benbrook Middle-High School	(Casual)
	9:30pm - Midnight	Fort Worth Masonic Temple	(Coat & Tie)
		1100 Henderson St., Fort Worth, TX	(Casual)
		Fort Worth Masonic Temple	
FRIDAY - JULY 16, 2023			
Basketball Competition	8:30am - 1:00pm	Benbrook Middle-High School	(Casual)
Tennis Competition	8:30am - 1:00pm	Benbrook Middle-High School	(Casual)
Dodgeball Competition	1:00pm - 5:00pm	Benbrook Middle-High School	(Casual)
State Preceptory LOH Board Meeting	2:00pm	Fort Worth Masonic Temple	(Coat & Tie)
Hamburger Social	6:30pm	Fort Worth Masonic Temple	(Casual)
Legion of Honor - Dinner	7:30p.	TBD	(Coat & Tie)
Ritualistic Opening, Session, and State Officer Candiudate Caucusing	9:00pm - Midnight	Fort Worth Masonic Temple	(Coat & Tie)
Balloting for State Officers	Midnight	Fort Worth Masonic Temple	(Coat & Tie)
SATURDAY - JULY 17, 2023			
Ritual Competition	8:00am - 5:00pm	Fort Worth Masonic Temple	(Coat & Tie)
Sweetheart Interviews	9:00am	Fort Worth Masonic Temple	(Casual)
Conclave Lunch	11:00am - 1:30pm	Fort Worth Masonic Temple	(Coat & Tie)
Chevalier Luncheon	12:00pm - 1:30pm	Fort Worth Masonic Temple	(Coat & Tie)
Grand Banquet, Installation, & Dance	6:30pm	Fort Worth Masonic Temple	(Black Tie Optional) *
	(Doors Open at 6:00pm)		
SUNDAY - JULY 18, 2023			
Devotional / Awards / Majority Service / Comments	9:00am	Fort Worth Masonic Temple	(Casual)
State Officer Briefing	Immediately Following	Fort Worth Masonic Temple	(State Officers - Coat & Tie)
			(Coat & Tie)

Any additions or corrections will be noted on the bulletin board, located at Registration Area.

*Black Tie Optional means that tuxedos and formal dress is suggested but a dark suit for men and semi-formal dress for women is still appropriate. It is **not** a requirement to buy a tuxedo or formal dress if you do not have one already.

DEADLINE MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JUNE 15, 2023

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May 1, 2023

Dear Chairman or Chapter Advisor:

Please provide your Chapter Sweetheart with the enclosed material as soon as possible. It contains information they need to prepare for the State Sweetheart competition, including recommendations on appropriate attire for the various Conclave events/activities. It is my desire that no Sweetheart or Sweetheart Court member be embarrassed by showing up unprepared for the State Sweetheart competition or inappropriately dressed for an event. **Please note that dress code guidelines established are for Chapter Sweethearts, Sweetheart Court members and the State Sweetheart; these are detailed in the "Requirements for Running for State Sweetheart".**

All candidates for State Sweetheart must be the current elected sweetheart of a Chapter and be between the ages of 14 and 20. A sweetheart can, however, be elected if she will turn 21 years of age **during** her term as State Sweetheart. If your elected Chapter Sweetheart is *unable to attend Conclave*, your Chapter may elect a representative to attend and compete for State Sweetheart in her absence.

Chapter Sweethearts and members of the Sweetheart Court must be chaperoned at Conclave by an adult 21 years of age or older and required to stay at the Conclave Host Hotel. Their chaperone should be female, unless her father serves in this capacity. In keeping with DeMolay guidelines, no Sweetheart or Sweetheart Court member will room with an Advisor, unless they are related. Please share this important information with each Sweetheart and Sweetheart Court member who plans to attend State Conclave, along with her parent or guardian.

I am very excited to announce a change regarding athletics and the participation of Sweethearts and Sweetheart Court members! Your Chapter Sweetheart is encouraged to compete in the athletic competition at Conclave, along with one additional Sweetheart Court member. The Sweetheart may play in any team sport and will always have first right of refusal to participate. There can be no more than two Sweetheart Court members on the athletic court or field at a time; except for 3 on 3 basketball, where the team will consist of one Sweetheart Court member and two DeMolays.

All Sweethearts desiring to run for State Sweetheart **MUST** complete the enclosed "Declaration to Run for State Sweetheart" and "Chapter Sweetheart Information Form". The Chapter Dad or Advisory Board Chairman, the Sweetheart, and her parents **MUST** sign the "Declaration to Run for State Sweetheart" form. **Both forms MUST be returned to me by mail by JUNE 15, 2023.** Packages requiring signature upon delivery will not be accepted. The postmark on the envelope will determine compliance with this deadline. Your Sweetheart will NOT be allowed to run for State Sweetheart if these forms are not received by the deadline. **There will be NO exceptions and NO forms will be accepted at Conclave.**

I appreciate your cooperation in passing on this material as soon as possible. If you have any questions regarding the Sweetheart competition, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Angela K. Seymour
Director of Sweethearts

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May 1, 2023

Dear Chapter Sweetheart:

Congratulations on your election as DeMolay Chapter Sweetheart. I look forward to meeting you at the DeMolay State Conclave. Please read the enclosed "Requirements for Running for State Sweetheart." This will provide you information needed to prepare for Conclave and the State Sweetheart competition.

All Sweethearts desiring to run for State Sweetheart **MUST** complete the enclosed "Declaration to Run for State Sweetheart" form and "Chapter Sweetheart Information Form." You, your Chapter Dad or Advisory Board Chairman, and your parents **MUST** sign the "Declaration to Run for State Sweetheart" form. **Both of these forms MUST be returned to me no later than a postmark of June 15, 2023.** The Post Mark will determine compliance with deadline. Please note that **I will not** accept hand-delivered forms from any Chapter or sweetheart to assure deadlines have been observed by everyone. I also will not accept forms that require a signature upon delivery. **You will NOT be allowed to run for State Sweetheart if these forms are not received by the deadline. There will be NO exceptions** and NO forms will be accepted at Conclave. So that you may be certain that I have received your forms in a timely manner, I will send you an email indicating the receipt your completed paperwork. Please read the paperwork thoroughly as failure to follow directions will also result in disqualification. If you do not receive an email from me July 1st, you will not be considered a candidate for the 2023 Texas DeMolay State Sweetheart.

Your first presentation and introduction will be during the Official Opening of Conclave. The appropriate attire for this is Sunday dress, along with your sash and crown; no pants may be worn. You should arrange for the Master Councilor of your Chapter to be available to escort you to the podium for this presentation.

There will be a short Sweetheart briefing at 6:45 p.m., just prior to the Official Opening. Since you attend Conclave to support the members of your Chapter, on Thursday and Friday you should show your support by attending their open ritual and athletic competitions. There will be no official Sweetheart Competition until the Official Opening. Interviews will take place on Saturday morning and the specific location and time will be announced at the briefing prior to the Opening.

If you have any questions regarding the information provided, please let me know.

See you at DeMolay State Conclave!

Sincerely,

Angela K. Seymour
Director of Sweethearts

REQUIREMENTS FOR RUNNING FOR STATE SWEETHEART

To have a better understanding of what is expected of a State Sweetheart, the following are guidelines of behavior, along with specific requirements. All regulations assume that the candidate is a single female who has had no children and is between the ages of 14 and 20 at the time of her election.

1. All candidates must be the current elected sweetheart of their Chapter. If the elected Chapter Sweetheart is unable to attend Conclave, the Chapter may elect a representative to compete in her absence.
2. As a Sweetheart, you are a representative of the Order of DeMolay. As such, you should do nothing that could cause discredit to be brought upon the Order. Conduct yourself at all times in a manner which upholds the virtues and precepts of DeMolay. Failure to do so may result in your being asked to resign.
3. You must reside in Texas for the duration of your term. You may not cohabitate with your boyfriend/girlfriend/significant other, get married or become pregnant during your term.
4. **Appropriate attire is at the complete discretion of Dad Chapman and Mom Seymour.** You will be asked to change clothes if either one of them feels your attire is inappropriate in any way. If you are unwilling to change, you will not be allowed to attend the event. **In general, wear nothing that is too short, too tight or too revealing.**
Please refer to guidelines below:
Skirt lengths should not be shorter than 2" above the knee when standing. Very low or revealing necklines are not permitted. Pants of any kind are not acceptable at formal or semi-formal events; this includes Installations, Honor events and Conclave Ritual Competitions. Pants are not allowed in the Capitol for Government Day. Short shorts are not permitted. Proper swimming attire is a swimsuit that covers you sufficiently. A cover up should always be worn going to and from the pool.
If you would be embarrassed to wear it in front of Dad Chapman, Mom Seymour, or your grandpa or minister, don't wear it! If you have to ask yourself whether something is appropriate or not, it likely is not.
5. When attending DeMolay functions, you should be chaperoned by an adult 21 years of age or older. This should be a female unless your father serves in this capacity. This may not be an Advisor unless they are related to you.
6. When attending DeMolay functions (Conclave, Government Day, Masonic Youth Weekend, State Master Councilor's Retreat, Dances, Installations, etc.), NEVER be alone in a room with a DeMolay with the door closed. Socialize instead in public areas such as lobbies, hospitality rooms, or your Advisors' hotel rooms. Also remember that you should never be alone with a male Advisor in their hotel room.
7. NEVER consume alcoholic beverages going to, while attending, or going home from any DeMolay function or at any function where you are representing the Order in any way. If you are under 21, you should not be consuming alcohol at all. Failure to abide by this law will result in you being removed from office.
8. Do not attend a function (i.e. Installations, Dances, Rush Parties, etc.) and expect that courtesies will be extended to you if the hosts were not aware that you planned to attend. Please RSVP to all invitations. When you receive invitations, notify Mom Seymour or Dad Chapman so that one of them is aware that you are planning to attend, who your chaperone will be and your means of transportation. Again, this is to protect you.
9. You will abide by all event curfews. Failure to do so will result in immediate removal from office.
10. You are not required to do anything! If you choose to (i.e., travel, visit, and attend specific events), **ALL** expenses are your responsibility. Any plans or projects that you have **MUST** be approved by Dad Chapman **FIRST**. The only requirement is that you attend next year's State Conclave to crown the new State Sweetheart.
11. The State Sweetheart's Crown, Sash and Pin are yours to keep when your term is complete. If removed from office during your term, the crown, sash and pin will be immediately returned to the Director of Sweethearts.
12. This should be something that you want to do because you BELIEVE in the Order and its members, not as a means of obtaining a TITLE. It is imperative that you truly desire to be a representative of the Order of DeMolay.
13. When wear your sash and crown, you should wear a dress. The only exception is a themed function where Dad Chapman and Mom Seymour have approved the wearing of a crown with themed attire. The crown should never be worn with pants, jeans or shorts.
15. By allowing yourself to be considered for State Sweetheart, you agree to uphold each of the requirements detailed above. You also agree to vacate your position, if requested by Dad Chapman or Mom Seymour.
16. **You, your parents and your Chapter Dad or Board Chairman MUST sign the "Declaration to Run for State Sweetheart."**

DECLARATION TO RUN FOR STATE SWEETHEART

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Texas Zip: _____

Phone (area code): _____ (number): _____ Date of Birth: _____

Chapter: _____ School Grade: _____ Shirt Size: _____

Email: **(REQUIRED)** _____

Required Attachment:

Chapter Sweetheart Information Form

I have read the "REQUIREMENTS FOR RUNNING FOR STATE SWEETHEART" and completed the above Declaration of Interest, and agree to the requirements stated therein. I furthermore agree that I will not be guilty of any act that will bring discredit upon the Order of DeMolay or me. I agree to conduct myself at all times according to the precepts of the Order of DeMolay, especially at DeMolay or any affiliated Masonic functions, and should I violate this agreement, I understand I may be removed from my position. I further agree to abide by the Bylaws of the Texas DeMolay Association, the Bylaws of the Texas State Priory, the Bylaws of the Texas State Court of Chevaliers, and the Statutes of the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay. In addition, I agree to replace the State Sweetheart's crown, sash and pin at my expense, should it be lost or stolen. I agree to inform the Executive Officer or Director of Sweethearts of any Official visitation to DeMolay, Rainbow, Masonic, Eastern Star, or any other Fraternal function. Failure to abide by the above terms can result in my removal.

Signature of Sweetheart Date

Parent / Guardian Approval:

I have read the "Requirements for Running for State Sweetheart" and support my daughter in her decision, and will assist her in her efforts. I further understand that all expenses related to her attending any function will be at her own expense, unless otherwise indicated.

Parent / Guardian Signature Date

Parent / Guardian Signature Date

The Chapter and its' Advisory Board Members support the above named candidate to run for the office indicated above.

Chairman or Chapter Dad Date

Return this signed form, with all attachments to:

**Angela K. Seymour
Director of Sweethearts
20403 Weald Way Street
Spring, TX 77388**

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CHAPTER SWEETHEART INFORMATION FORM

Please do not type form; please hand write legibly.

A wallet size or a 3" x 5" photo must be included.

Name: _____ Age at Conclave: _____

Name of Chapter: _____ Date of Election: _____

DeMolay Achievements: (LCC, Degree Judge, Duchess or Queen previously for either Chapter or Priory.)

Classification in School: (Grade in High School or College, or degree from either. Employment if not in school.)

Major and / or Chosen Profession:

School Activities: (Athletics, Band, Choir, Cheerleader, Drama, Drill Team, Clubs, etc.)

Extracurricular Activities: (Church, Rainbow, Girl Scouts, etc.)

On the back of this form, **hand write** an essay (minimum 200 words) on the following:

You are **required** to eliminate one of DeMolay's 7 Precepts or Cardinal Virtues. Which one would you eliminate and why?

Return to:

Angela K. Seymour
Director of Sweethearts
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May 1, 2023

Dear Chapter Sweetheart:

Congratulations on your election as DeMolay Chapter Sweetheart, and welcome to the State Sweetheart Competition of the Texas DeMolay Association. It is my pleasure to answer the most commonly asked questions about Conclave activities.

WHAT DO I WEAR?

In general, you should bring several nice dresses that you would wear to work or school. Include a dressy Sunday dress for your presentation at the Official Opening on Thursday evening. Bring casual clothing appropriate for outdoor/athletic activities (no shorts that are too tight or too short, etc.). You will need a formal for the Sweetheart presentation and crowning at Saturday's Banquet. Wear your sash and your crown with dresses only, unless Dad Chapman or Mom Seymour approves other attire. In general, DO NOT wear your crown and sash with shorts or pants. I also advise you to wear comfortable shoes! **Please refer to #4 in the "Requirements to Run for State Sweetheart" regarding guidelines for appropriate attire at all DeMolay events.**

Here are some general suggestions for appropriate attire:

- Thursday/Friday Athletic Events: shorts or pants with DeMolay shirt (**no** crown or sash)
- Friday/Saturday Open Ritual Competitions: modest Sunday dress or skirt & blouse (crown & sash)
- Thursday Official Opening: dressy but modest Sunday dress (crown & sash) – no pants permitted
- Saturday Interviews: modest Sunday dress or skirt & blouse (crown & sash)
- Saturday Evening Banquet/Dance: formal dress (crown & sash) – no pants permitted

WHAT ABOUT THE INTERVIEW?

The interview is conducted in a very casual manner. It is designed to give the judges the opportunity to get to know you. Areas of inquiry will include your hobbies and interests, other organizations you belong to, what interested you in becoming a DeMolay Chapter Sweetheart, your goals in life, etc. You **will** be judged on your knowledge of DeMolay; however, this is done separately from the interview. I encourage you to study the Resource Guide and learn about DeMolay, past and present. This is typically done on Friday evening and you will be advised of the time and place.

FORMAL PRESENTATION/STAGE APPEARANCE

During this phase of the judging, your appearance, manner, poise and composure will be judged. Just be yourself!

THE COMPETITION BEGINS WHEN CONCLAVE BEGINS

Be friendly to everyone; all DeMolays, Advisors and Sweethearts. As State Sweetheart, you will represent all Texas DeMolays; begin to meet them now. Because the interviews will not take place until Saturday, you will not know who the judges are until that time. Be aware that any adult you meet could be a judge.

You have come to DeMolay State Conclave to make new friends and renew old ones, and to compete. Act like a lady at all times, remembering that you represent your Chapter, and they chose you as their ideal candidate. Please fill out the attached forms, exactly as specified, and return them to me by June 15, 2023. I look forward to seeing you at Conclave!

Fraternally,

Angela K. Seymour
Director of Sweethearts

GENERAL INFORMATION RITUAL CONTESTS

The Conclave will use a modified set of rules from the **Frank Marshall Championship Tournament (v122312)** that are unique to Texas DeMolay Association. Following is a link to the latest judging sheets:

<http://tinyurl.com/cggc9o6>

Questions and concerns should be directed to:

Douglas Van Griner, PSMC
(210) 274-8491 (cell) Email: dvangriner@gmail.com

In addition to these sheets, there is one primary source, which may be utilized for preparing for competition at the Conclave. The primary source is the Ritual of Secret Work of the Order of DeMolay, Corrected 15th Edition, 2013.

A list of required and optional equipment is included in this mailing.

All required equipment for each contest will **NOT** be furnished by the Conclave. You must bring your own equipment. Optional equipment may be furnished or designated by the competitor.

Competitors will be judged on APPEARANCE – the aptness and correct interpretation of the part's grooming appearance, clothing and costume for the ceremony.

A First or Second Place Trophy requires that the competitors MUST have a positive score. (Minimum proficiency score is not set for any competition. However, a positive score must be earned for First and Second Place Trophy)

Please review the Summary of Required Parts, which lists the required parts for each contest. In some of these contests, they have been decreased and/or word changes have been made in the ceremony. It is the competitors' responsibility to know what these changes are. Also, please note that, "NO PERSON WHO HAS REACHED HIS 21st BIRTHDAY MAY COMPETE IN ANY CONTEST AT ANY COMPETITION."

1. There are two divisions for competition in the Ceremony of Light, Flower Talk, and Fourth Section contests. These two divisions are novice and standard.
 - a. Novice division is restricted to those DeMolays who are entered in their first or second year of ritual competition. Any participation in a prior competition counts toward this experience. For example, suppose a contestant decides to enter "Ceremony of Light" for the first time at this Conclave. Last year he competed in Flower Talk for the first time and for the last two years, competed in the Individual Competition as Master Inquisitor. He cannot enter the novice division at this Conclave in any contest, even the "Ceremony of Light," in which he is competing for the first time.
 - b. Standard division is open to all DeMolays, regardless of experience. DeMolays who would qualify for the novice division but decide to enter the standard division are welcome to do so.
 - c. No individual may enter the novice and standard divisions of any contest. However, an individual who qualifies for the novice division may enter one or two contests as a novice but compete in the standard division in a third contest.
2. Contestants may only enter Individual Competition in parts in which they did not compete with their chapters as a team entry. For example, if a contestant performed the part of Master Inquisitor in his chapter's entry in the DeMolay Degree competition, he may not enter Individual Competition in Master Inquisitor. However, he may enter Individual Competition as Junior Inquisitor, Jacques DeMolay, or Orator. Similarly, if a contestant performed the part of Sixth Preceptor in his chapter's entry in the Initiatory Degree competition, he may not enter Individual Competition as Sixth Preceptor. However, he may enter as any other Preceptor, Master Councilor, Senior Deacon or Marshal.
3. Slots for Individual Competition will be assigned at the registration deadline. Once a time slot is taken, contestants who own them may trade slots with other contestants by coordinating the trade with the Ritual Director.
4. In order to more accurately reflect the obligation of the competitor to prepare all aspects of the contest, the wording on most of the instructions for the specifics sheets has been altered to include "must be" rather than "is" or "are." We have had some confusion in the past about whether a certain requirement for a contest is a "given" for the competitor. These changes in wording should clarify the point that the competitor is responsible for handling all directions, instructions, and preparations for a contest.

Questions concerning scheduling should be reserved for the Competitor's Briefing, when all concerned may address these problems at one time.

SUMMARY OF REQUIRED PARTS

Chapter Proficiency (7):* Master, Senior and Junior Councilor; Senior and Junior Deacons; Marshal, Chaplain and Sentinel.

**The Senior Councilor will assume Senior Steward; Junior Councilor will assume Junior Steward; and Senior Deacon will assume Standard Bearer. Another officer can assume Marshal as needed.*

Initiatory Degree (8):* Master, Senior, and Junior Councilors: Marshal, Senior and Junior Deacons, and Senior and Junior Stewards.

**The Preceptors' and Scribe's Ritual may be delivered by any of the required parts.*

DeMolay Degree (8):* Master, Senior and Junior Inquisitors; Jacques DeMolay; Guy of Auvergne; Senior Guard; Marshal of the Commission and Lord Constable.

**The Orator's Ritual may be delivered by any of the required parts.*

Fourth Section (3): Master Councilor; Senior and Junior Deacons.

Ceremony of Light Team: minimum of 3 Speakers, maximum of 7 Speakers.

Ceremony of Light (1): Speaker.

Flower Talk (1): Speaker.

Shield Talk (1): Speaker.

Father's Talk (1): Speaker.

Individual Ritual Initiatory Degree: Master Councilor; Senior Deacon; Marshal; Seven Preceptors.

Individual Ritual DeMolay Degree: Master Inquisitor, Junior Inquisitor; Jacques DeMolay, Orator.

Magnificent Seven (1): Speaker.

SPECIFICS SHEETS

RULES

1. Prepare the room, complete, and clear the room within the time limit.
2. Prevent interruptions while competing.
3. Fully & correctly follow all SOURCE and SPECIFICS instructions.
4. Comply fully & correctly with all rules, specifics, procedures & Judges' rulings.
5. Fill in the required parts and other optional parts with qualified people.
6. Clothe all parts appropriately.
7. Present the complete, correct, required work.
8. Correctly and audibly say the words and make the sounds of the ceremony from memory; prompts are not allowed; cues are permissible only as set forth in the SPECIFICS of the contest.
9. Deliver the words with expressions appropriate to the ceremony and to the part.
10. Interpret and present the ceremony to achieve maximum good impression.

FAILURE TO DO SO WILL BE SUBJECT TO PENALTY

QUALIFIED PERSONS

DeMolays eligible to participate in competition are those who hold a current membership card in the Order of DeMolay, issued by the one chapter he may represent at the Conclave, and in the contest. No person may fill more than one required part in a contest, except where specifically allowed in these sheets. No person may fill more than one speaking part in a contest, except where specifically allowed in these sheets. All parts in the contest must be qualified persons; any part not filled with a qualified person will disqualify the chapter. Singers, accompanists, musical directors, or technical personnel need not be qualified persons. No person who has reached his 21st birthday may compete in any contest.

CONTEST PROCEDURE

1. Rituals, Monitors of Public Ceremonies or judging sheets other than those provided to the judging panels are not allowed in the competition room.
2. Observers from other chapters during competitions are encouraged. Delegations may witness all competitions they desire, recalling that any misconduct or harassment of a competitor will subject their group to severe penalty and possible disqualification.
3. A Spokesperson should check the time and place of competitor's briefing which the spokesperson or representative thereof should attend. At this briefing:
 - a. The judging panels will be introduced.
 - b. Announcements and schedule adjustments will be made.
 - c. Questions of the judges may be asked.
 - d. Entry forms for each contest may be obtained. These entry forms should be completed legibly & accurately.
4. Parts, crew and doorkeepers should arrive at the place of competition at least 15 minutes early.
5. Disturbances and interruptions will be penalized.
6. Parts should arrive dressed appropriately for competition.
7. Near their scheduled time, the competitor(s) will be called to the door. Competitive room doors should never be opened from the outside. The judging panel will open the competitive area from the inside when they are prepared for the next competitor. The spokesperson will reply at once to the judge who called and inform the judge that the competitor(s) are present and ready.
8. Judge and spokesperson enter the room, followed by the crew with equipment. Doorkeepers may take their places.
9. Spokesperson will hand the Panel Chairman the entry form on entry whereby he certifies that all parts are filled with qualified persons. Any errors thereon which would affect the eligibility of any part will disqualify the competitor(s) in this contest. The Panel Chairman will inform the panel of the competitors name, chapter and category of competition. The Panel Chairman will call the room to order and proceed with the Panel Ritual. After "TIME ON" is called by the Panel Chairman, the spokesperson may ask any questions they may have.
10. Once "TIME ON" has been called, other than natural disaster, instructions from police, fire or building officials, no person may stop or delay the contest performance other than the competitor or Panel Chairman.
11. Parts and crew arrange the competitive area. When preparations are complete and the competitor(s) are ready to start, the spokesperson or designate will say "BEGIN" at which time judging commences.

12. Competitor(s) presents the required work for the ceremony from memory. Prompts and interruptions, unless specified, will be penalized. When the ceremony has been completed, the spokesperson or designate says "STOP" at which time the judging ceases.
13. Parts and crew clear the area of competitive equipment. When the area is clear, the Panel Chairman says "TIME OFF", ending the official timing period.
14. After the results are announced, the spokesperson may obtain their judging sheets and may discuss them with the Judges. The spokesperson may ask the judges about their comments, suggestions, and penalty assessments.
15. Chapter may appeal the results of a contest by filing a verbal protest with Director of Ritual in Texas, within 24 hours of the release of the judging sheets. A full written statement detailing the nature of the protest must be mailed to the Director of Ritual in Texas within three days of the competition. The chapter will be notified of the ruling by the Ritual Director, within 30 days.

CHAPTER PROFICIENCY

A. REQUIRED WORK:

- 1) Initiatory Degree Opening Ceremony, the DeMolay Degree Opening Ceremony, Nine O'clock Ceremony and the Closing Ceremony appear in the SOURCE except as noted below.
- 2) Room to be set as in Diagram One.
- 3) The eleven required ritual parts may be filled with a minimum of 8 competitors with:
 - a. the Senior Councilor assuming the part of the Senior Steward.
 - b. the Junior Councilor assuming the part of the Junior Steward;
 - c. and the Senior Deacon assuming the part of the Standard Bearer.
 - d. Stations of assumed parts are considered those of the person assuming the part.
- 4) Parts are seated in respective stations at beginning of ceremony which **starts with the Master Councilor's gavel rap and first line, "Brother Marshal, you will see that all present are members of the order of DeMolay or visitors"**.
- 5) Omit actions & lines raising, vouching for and/or welcoming Master Masons or Senior DeMolays; omit actions & lines concerning lost words; and omit the Opening Ode.
- 6) The "Word of the Day" is "RITUAL".
- 7) Words & grips are collected from the Chaplain, Marshal, Standard Bearer, Senior Steward & Junior Steward, only.
- 8) The salute to the flag is that as set forth in the SOURCE.
- 9) The official Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States is spoken by all parts except the Standard bearer.
- 10) Insert competing Chapter's name & sponsoring body in the appropriate blanks.
- 11) For the Nine O'clock Interpolation, the ringing of the gong is mandatory.
- 12) Closing Ceremony:
 - a. The Nine O'clock Interpolation prayer may not be used instead of the closing prayer.
 - b. **After the Junior Deacon advises the Sentinel that the Chapter is closed and then advises the Master Councilor that the Sentinel is informed, the Master Councilor raps once, ending the ceremony.**

B. REQUIRED PARTS:

Master Councilor, Senior Councilor, Junior Councilor, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Marshal, Chaplain and Sentinel.

Additional required **ritual & direction** are the parts of the Senior Steward, Junior Steward and Standard Bearer.

C. TIME LIMIT: 40 minutes

INITIATORY DEGREE

A. REQUIRED WORK.

- 1) The Initiatory Degree as it appears in the SOURCE except as noted below:
- 2) Room to be set as in Diagram One.
- 3) Omit instructions for handling large classes.
- 4) Senior Steward for each Candidate, if used, makes all the verbal responses for Candidates, including "I" and speaking name(s). The obligation is not repeated and the Master Councilor may omit the pauses.
- 5) After the Master Councilor says, "Brother Senior Deacon, you will conduct the new brothers to seats", the Senior Deacon and the Stewards do so, then go to their respective stations. The Master Councilor raps once and all sits down ending the ceremony.
- 6) Instructions for the Chaplain, Marshal, Preceptors and Standard Bearer will not be judged in the formation & execution of the shield position. The Marshal may take the Chaplain's place in the shield at the competitor's option.
- 7) The ritual of the Scribe & Preceptors is required, but may be given by any qualified person at the competitor's option.
- 8) All **Direction** instructions for conducting Candidates on the symbolic journey, for Preceptors and for placing the jewels in the Crown of Youth are **omitted** from judging. Competitors are to devise their own presentation of the Preceptors' parts using qualified persons. Only the ritual & performance of the presentations will be judged.

B. REQUIRED PARTS:

Master Councilor, Senior Councilor, Junior Councilor, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Senior Steward, Junior Steward and Marshal. Additional required **ritual** are the parts of the Scribe & all 7 Preceptors. Candidates may be imaginary or real. If real, they must be qualified people. If imaginary, required parts must pantomime Candidates' existence whenever they are escorted, conducted, addressed, presented, or otherwise acknowledged.

C. TIME LIMIT: 60 minutes

DEMOLAY DEGREE

A. REQUIRED WORK:

- 1) The DeMolay Degree, First Section & Orator's lines only of the Third Section, as they appear in the SOURCE.
- 2) **Spokesperson will inform the Panel Chairman whether the Chapter will follow a stage or lodge arrangement.** Instructions not peculiar to one arrangement apply, regardless of where they appear.
- 3) The First & Third Sections' speeches for the Orator may be given by one of the required parts or by another qualified person.
- 4) Stage directions in parentheses in the text are suggestions only and are not included on judging sheets.

B. REQUIRED PARTS:

Master Inquisitor, Senior Inquisitor, Junior Inquisitor, Senior Guard, Lord Constable, Marshal of the Commission, Jacques DeMolay & Guy of Auvergne. Additional required **ritual** is the part of the Orator. Non-speaking parts are at the competitor's discretion.

C. TIME LIMIT: 60 minutes**FOURTH SECTION****A. REQUIRED WORK:**

- 1) The Fourth Section of the DeMolay Degree, with only the actions & lines of the Master Councilor, Senior Deacon & Junior Deacon required.
- 2) Room to be set as in Diagram One.
- 3) Just prior to Obligation, Master Councilor goes to head candle on East side of altar & faces West. Junior deacon joins Senior Deacon on West side of Altar.
- 4) Senior Deacon makes all verbal responses for Candidates, including "I" and speaking name. The obligation is not repeated & the Master Councilor may omit the pauses.

B. REQUIRED PARTS:

Master Councilor, Senior Deacon & Junior Deacon.

Candidates may be imaginary or real. If real, they must be qualified persons. If imaginary, required parts must pantomime Candidates' existence whenever they are escorted, conducted, addressed, presented or otherwise acknowledged.

C. TIME LIMIT: 20 minutes**CEREMONY OF LIGHT (Team)**

JUDGING CATEGORIES: Ritual, Direction and Performance

A. REQUIRED WORK:

- 1) The Ceremony of Light, as it appears in the SOURCE without additions or changes.
- 2) Room to be set as in Diagram One except for stations.
- 3) The following are the required items:
 - a. **Holy Bible** lying open near the center of the Altar.
 - b. **School Books** are lying on the Northeast corner of the Altar.
 - c. **Seven Candles** lit.
 - d. **National Flag** in appropriate place.
- 4) The Speakers begin and end from the same seated positions. (Source reference 9418).
- 5) The Speakers talk to the room at large.

B. REQUIRED PARTS: Minimum of 3 Speakers, each of whom must present a minimum of **two** of the stations. A station is defined as the portion of the ceremony where there is a logical break and/or the speaker is required to move from one point to another. If 4 or more Speakers are used, each speaker must represent at least **1** station. There are no Candidates.

C. TIME LIMIT: 20 minutes.**CEREMONY OF LIGHT****A. REQUIRED WORK:**

- 1) The Ceremony of Light, as it appears in the SOURCE without additions or changes.
- 2) Room to be set as in Diagram One except for stations.
- 3) The following are the required items:
 - a. **Seven Candles** lit.
- 4) The Speaker talks to the room at large.
- 5) The speaker will indicate to Judging Panel the motion(s) the Competitor will use to indicate lighting and extinguishing candles.
- 6) The Speaker will indicate to Judging Panel where the East side of room is. It is not required that the East side of room is the side where Judging Panel is seated.
- 7)

B. REQUIRED PART:

The Speaker. (There are no Candidates.)

C. TIME LIMIT: 20 minutes**FLOWER TALK****A. REQUIRED WORK:**

- 1) The Flower Talk, as it appears in the SOURCE without additions or changes.
 - a. The fifth word "just" of the first sentence should be used indicating that the ceremony is being presented to a new initiate.
- 2) Room to be set as in Diagram One except for stations.
- 3) The Speaker talks to the room at large.
- 4) The speaker may start anywhere in the room. How he gets to "Point O" is not judged.
- 5) The Speaker will indicate to Judging Panel where the East side of room is. It is not required that the East side of room is the side where Judging Panel is seated.

B. REQUIRED PART:

The Speaker. There are no Candidates.

C. TIME LIMIT: 20 minutes

FATHER'S TALK

A. REQUIRED WORK:

- 1) The Father's Talk, as it appears in the SOURCE without additions or changes.
- 2) Room to be set as in Diagram One except for stations.
- 3) The Speaker talks to the room at large.
- 4) The Speaker will indicate to Judging Panel where East side of room is. It is not required that the East side of room be the side where Judging Panel is seated.

B. REQUIRED PART:

The Speaker. There are no Candidates.

C. TIME LIMIT: 10 minutes

SHIELD TALK

A. REQUIRED WORK:

- 1) The Shield Talk, as it appears in the SOURCE, without additions or changes.
- 2) Room to be set as in Diagram One except for stations.
- 3) The Speaker talks to the room at large.
- 4) The Speaker will indicate to Judging Panel where East side of room is. It is not required that the East side of room be the side where Judging Panel is seated.

B. REQUIRED PART:

The Speaker. There are no Candidates.

C. TIME LIMIT: 10 minutes

MAGNIFICENT SEVEN

A. REQUIRED WORK:

- 1) Seven Preceptor ritual parts, in order as they appear in the SOURCE.
- 2) No room set-up required. Competitor will stand at a location within the room as designated by the Panel Chairman.
- 3) Competitor will be judged on ritual & performance only. There is no direction judging.

B. REQUIRED PART:

The Speaker. There are no Candidates.

C. TIME LIMIT: 15 minutes

INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION

A. REQUIRED WORK:

- 1) One complete part as it appears in the SOURCE or as Specified on judging sheet.
- 2) Competitor is judged on the ritual (words spoken & sounds made) of the part as shown in the SOURCE and as excepted in Contest Specifics for Best Part Competitions.
- 3) RITUAL ASSISTANT (RA):
 - a. The RA may be used only for those Best Parts contests identified below.
 - b. The RA must be qualified to attend a tiled DeMolay meeting if the ceremony indicates the requirement.
 - c. The purpose of the RA is to provide language from other parts within the degree so the competitor may act and react according to the degree requirements.
 - d. The competitor that opts to use a RA must provide the RA for their performance for those Best Part contests listed in these SPECIFICS.
 - e. RA sheets will be provided by Panel Chairman.
 - f. The RA should be seated on the sideline out of eyesight of the competitor and not in the immediate area of the competitor, but should be seated at a place designated by the Panel Chairman.
 - g. The RA may ONLY cue the last full sentence of the Ritual prior to each of the competitor's speeches.
 - h. The RA is not judged nor will the competitor's score be impacted by the actions of the RA so long as that person adheres to the rules. However, if the competitor makes a mistake due to the RA not providing the appropriate words, the competitor will be penalized.
- 4) Appearance & costuming will be judged based on the degree's normal requirements.
- 5) No room set-up is required; competitor will compete at a location within the room as designated by the Panel Chairman.
- 6) Initiatory Degree
 - a. No individual contest for Senior Councilor and Junior Councilor
- 7) DeMolay Degree
 - b. No individual contest for Geoffrey de Charney

B. REQUIRED PART:

- 1) Initiatory Degree
 - a. Master Councilor 15 minutes
 - b. Marshal 10 minutes
 - c. Senior Deacon 10 minutes
 - d. First Preceptor 5 minutes
 - e. Second Preceptor 5 minutes
 - f. Third Preceptor 5 minutes
 - g. Fourth Preceptor 5 minutes
 - h. Fifth Preceptor 5 minutes
 - i. Sixth Preceptor 5 minutes
 - j. Seventh Preceptor 5 minutes
- 2) DeMolay Degree

a.	Jacques DeMolay	15 minutes	(Ritual Assistant allowed)
b.	Master Inquisitor	10 minutes	(Ritual Assistant allowed)
c.	Junior Inquisitor	10 minutes	(Ritual Assistant allowed)
d.	Orator	10 minutes	

RITUAL PARAPHERNALIA

REQUIRED

INITIATORY DEGREE

Crown of Youth
2 Gavel
Altar (*)
Chairs for required parts.
Gong
Candlesticks

DEMOLAY DEGREE

Chairs for required parts.
Parts

FOURTH SECTION

1 Gavel
Altar (*)
Chairs for required parts

CHAPTER PROFICIENCY

Gavels
Chairs for required parts
Candlesticks
Gong
Altar (*)

FLOWER TALK

Altar (*)

CEREMONY OF LIGHT

Altar (*)
National Flag

OPTIONAL

Councilors' Podium
U.S. Flag
Chapter Banner

U.S. Flag
Candlesticks
Chapter Banner

Councilors' Podium
Chapter Banner

1 Red Flower
1 White Flower

Candlesticks

* Altar shall include a Bible and schoolbooks. If an altar cloth is used it shall be artfully arranged. If the cloth has a DeMolay emblem, it will face the West.

>>> PLEASE NOTE: Clarification of candle use during Ritual Competition will be made at Ritual Advisors Meeting.<<<.



Conclave – Ritual Competition

(DO NOT mail with registration – to be used on the day of event only)

Individual Event

Contest: _____

Individual Name: _____

Chapter: _____

Note: Contest = Degree; Parts = Required Parts + Additional Required Parts.

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I certify on my honor that all PARTS participating in this ceremony are qualified persons.

Advisor (Coach): _____

Sign and Print Name

_____ I affirm that the individual listed on this form is a Qualified Person

_____ Because this person is not a Qualified Person, he has been disqualified



Conclave – Ritual Competition

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Team Event

Contest: _____

Participant Name	Part

Note: Contest = Degree; Parts = Required Parts + Additional Required Parts.

QUALIFIED PERSONS: DeMolays eligible to participate in competition are those who hold a current membership card in the Order of DeMolay, issued by the one chapter he may represent in the contest. No person may fill more than one required part in a contest, except where specifically allowed in the specifics. All parts in the contest must be qualified persons; singers, accompanists, musical directors, technical personnel, spokesmen or ritual assistants need not be qualified persons. NO person who has received his 21st birthday may compete in any contest.

I certify on my honor that all PARTS participating in this ceremony are qualified persons.

Advisor (Coach): _____
Sign and Print Name

_____ I affirm that the individual listed on this form is a Qualified Person

_____ Because this person is not a Qualified Person, he has been disqualified

ALL TEAMS MUST HAVE SHIRTS WITH NUMBERS ON THEM TO COMPETE IN ANY COMPETITION.

UPDATE for 2023: The Sweetheart may play in any team sport and will always have first right of refusal to participate. There can be no more than two Sweetheart Court members on the athletic court or field at a time; except for 3 on 3 basketball, where the team will consist of one Sweetheart Court member and two DeMolays.

1. **Unsportsmanlike Conduct:** Any player or advisor evicted from an athletic competition for unsportsmanlike conduct is automatically suspended from further competition in that sport. The DeMolay and his advisor must meet with the State Athletic Director before he can compete in any further athletic events. The decision of the State Athletic Director may be appealed to the State Executive Officer.
2. A Chapter Advisor or an adult with written approval from the Executive Officer must be present for a Chapter to compete in any athletic event.
3. Late registration for athletic events: Due to scheduling of facilities and referees. Late registration will be at the sole discretion of the Director of Athletics. The decision of the Director of Athletics may be appealed to the Executive Officer.

REGISTRATION FORMS: In case of an emergency, it is the responsibility of the Chapter Advisor or designated adult to have a copy of the individual Registration form AT ALL ATHLETIC EVENTS.

SOFTBALL

1. All games will be played under the rules as stated in the current Amateur Softball Rule Book. (Slow-Pitch).
2. Games will be seven (7) innings or the time limit. No inning will start after the expiration of fifty (50) minutes. Ties will be played off.
3. Steel cleats will not be permitted in Softball competition.
4. Teams will not be allowed infield for batting practice prior to game time.
5. A ten (10) run rule will be in effect after five (5) innings. (4) innings if the home team is ahead. There will be 7 run limit per inning.
6. Team representatives will flip for home team no later than five (5) minutes before the start of the game.
7. In the absence of an official scorekeeper, the home team shall keep score.
8. The Conclave will provide an official softball that meets the requirements of the A. S. A. The umpire-in-chief will be the sole judge as to the playability of game bats and equipment.
9. GAME TIME IS FORFEIT TIME. NO EXCEPTIONS.
10. THERE WILL BE NO PROTESTS. THE UMPIRE'S DECISION WILL BE FINAL.
11. Teams must have ten (10) players who are registered at the Conclave to begin play and ten (10) players to continue play.
12. Each pitcher will be granted five (5) warm-up pitches in the first inning. No warm-ups will be allowed after the first inning except in the event a new pitcher is put into the game.
13. Catchers are required to have a helmet with a face mask on during play. Catchers are required to have a helmet with a face mask on during play.
14. NOTE: Each team playing softball at the State Conclave will be expected to know the rules. All bats will be inspected by the Umpires as to their legality before the start of the game.

BASKETBALL 3 on 3

15. All games will be played under the rules as stated in the current rule book of the National Federation of High School Athletic Associations.
16. Games will consist of two (2) 20-minute running halves, with the clock stopped only for time outs. Game balls will be furnished.
 - a. Each team will have three (3) time outs per game.
 - b. Clock stops only in the last minute of the half for foul shots.
17. Jump Ball
 - a. Only Jump Ball is at Game Start
 - b. Possession rotated on tied up balls.
 - c. Team in line for the next possession gets the ball in the second half.
18. Foul Shooting (to speed up game)
 - a. If basket made if fouled while shooting add the basket plus point for the foul
 - b. If basket missed when fouled while shooting
 - c. If shot was 3-point attempt shoot one free throw if made counts as 3 points
 - d. If shot was 2-point attempt shoot one free throw if made counts as 2 points
19. On missed free throw, the ball is live, if the ball hit the rim
20. Turnovers – it is not necessary for referee to manage ball on turnover. Team gaining possession after a turnover can inbound and advance the ball without referee handing the ball to them.
21. Rosters will be limited to ten (10) players who are registered at Conclave and may include your Sweetheart. Failure to field five (3) eligible players at game time will result in a forfeit. All players must wear jerseys with the legal numbers. There are no exceptions to this rule.
22. GAME TIME IS FORFEIT TIME. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS.
23. THERE WILL BE NO PROTESTS. THE DECISIONS OF THE OFFICIALS WILL BE FINAL.
24. The age divisions for the basketball competition are as follows:

- a. Junior Division - age 12 through age 16.
 - b. Senior Division - age 17 through age 20
 - c. Ages are determined as of the date of the last day of the Conclave.
25. Juniors may play on senior teams, but they then become ineligible for play on junior teams.
26. Chapters cannot enter both a "3 on 3" team and a "5 on 5" team in the same age division.
27. It is strongly recommended that all players wear mouthpieces to protect their dental work.

BASKETBALL 5 on 5

28. All games will be played under the rules as stated in the current rule book of the National Federation of High School Athletic Associations.
29. Games will consist of two (2) 20-minute running halves, with the clock stopped only for time outs. Game balls will be furnished.
- a. Each team will have three (3) time outs per game
 - b. Clock stops only in the last minute of the half for foul shots.
30. Jump Ball
- a. Only Jump Ball is at Game Start
 - b. Possession rotated on tied up balls
 - c. Team in line for next possession gets ball in second half
31. Foul Shooting (to speed up game)
- a. If basket made if fouled while shooting add the basket plus point for the foul
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 - ii. If shot was 2-point attempt shoot one free throw if made counts as 2 points
 - c. On missed free throw, the ball is live, if the ball hit the rim
32. Turnovers – it is not necessary for the referee to manage the ball on turnover. Teams gaining possession after a turnover can inbound and advance the ball without the referee handing the ball to them.
33. Rosters will be limited to ten (10) players who are registered at Conclave and may include your Sweetheart. Failure to field five (5) eligible players at game time will result in a forfeit. All players must wear jerseys with the legal numbers. There are no exceptions to this rule.
34. GAME TIME IS FORFEIT TIME. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS.
35. THERE WILL BE NO PROTESTS. THE DECISIONS OF THE OFFICIALS WILL BE FINAL.
36. The age divisions for the basketball competition are as follows:
- a. Juniors - ages 12 through 16
 - b. Seniors - ages 17 through 20
 - c. Ages are determined as of the date of the last day of the Conclave.
37. Juniors may play on senior teams, but they then become ineligible for play on junior teams.
38. Chapters cannot enter both a "5 on 5" team and a "3 on 3" team in the same age division.
39. It is strongly recommended that all players wear mouthpieces to protect their dental work.

TENNIS - SINGLES AND DOUBLES

40. The current rules of the U.S. Tennis Association will be in effect.
41. Players must be registered at Conclave and have an entry form on file. Players must furnish game balls. Champions will be determined by a single elimination tournament.
42. One set match in preliminaries. Two out of three sets in championship match. The first player to win six (6) games wins the set. No ad scoring will be in use.
43. GAME TIME IS FORFEIT TIME. NO EXCEPTIONS.
44. The age divisions for Tennis are as follows:
- a. Juniors - ages 12 through 16
 - b. Seniors - ages 17 through 20
 - c. Ages are determined as of the date of the last day of the Conclave.
45. Chapters may enter 1 doubles team per division.
46. Competitors will be responsible for calling lines during their match.

VOLLEYBALL

47. All games will be played under the rules in the current rulebook of the National Federation of High School Athletic Associations.
48. Games will consist of rally scoring to 15 points. A team must win by a margin of at least two points. All matches, including championship match, will be best two out of three games.

49. Rosters will be limited to 12 players and may include your Sweetheart. All players must be registered at the Conclave and the Chapter must have an entry form on file.
50. GAME TIME IS FORFEIT TIME. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS.
51. NO PROTESTS WILL BE ALLOWED. THE OFFICIAL'S DECISION WILL BE FINAL.
52. Age divisions for volleyball are as follows:
 - a. Juniors - ages 12 through 16
 - b. Seniors - ages 17 through 20
 - c. Ages are determined as of the date of the last day of the Conclave.

DODGEBALL

OVERVIEW

1. The decision of the sport official and supervisor on rule interpretations, policies, and procedures are final.

TEAM COMPOSITION

53. Games are 6 on 6.
54. Roster size is unlimited, but only six (6) will be active players on the court at a time.
55. All teams must have at least four (4) players to start a match and continue playing a match in the event of injury, disqualification, or ejection.
56. Having only three (3) players at game time will result in a default; having only two (2) or less will result in a forfeit.
57. Substitutes may elect to be active or inactive for a game. Active substitutes shall line up along the sideline at the team's return cone.
58. They will be permitted to enter the game on a catch-and-return.
59. Inactive substitutes shall remain away from the return area and will not be permitted to join the catch-and-return line for that game.

UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT

1. Appropriate gym footwear must be worn. Cleats, boots, sandals, and flip-flops are not permitted.
2. Hats and any other headwear that has a hard bill or creates a knot-like protrusion are not permitted.
3. Jewelry will NOT be worn by any participant during dodge ball. This jewelry consists of any visible rings, watches, necklaces, earrings, studs, bracelets, and any other such similar jewelry. Taping of jewelry is not permitted. Only medical alert bracelets are permitted.
4. Following a team warning, any player from a warned team in the game found to be wearing prohibited equipment (jewelry, etc.) will be ruled out for the game. They may not re-enter for a subsequent game until the jewelry is removed.
5. Dodge balls will be provided at the game site.
6. Each court will have its own color of dodge balls.
7. Only the designated color of dodge ball, may be used on that court in the event of dodge balls ending up on other courts.

GAME RULES

1. The playing area shall be the normal volleyball court. Court lines are out-of-play. Out-of-play areas include anything outside the volleyball court including walls, curtains, and the ceiling. Basketball goals & supports are out-of-play except during a regeneration attempt (see below). Spectators and substitutes are out-of-play.
2. Dodge balls that hit out-of-play areas are immediately dead.
3. Active players shall try to always remain inside the volleyball court unless leaving the court to actively retrieve a dodge ball. Players cannot be put out while out retrieving a dodge ball. However, a player can be ruled out by an official if he/she intentionally positions him/herself out-of-bounds or does not return to the court when directed by an official.
4. The object of the game is to put out all members of the opposing team.
5. To start a game, three (3) dodge balls will be placed on the 3-meter line of the volleyball.
6. Court on each team's side of the court. The six (6) active players for each team will start with a foot on the end line of the volleyball court (inside or outside of the court). At the referee's signal, players can run and retrieve the dodge balls from their respective 3-meter line and begin play. Balls may be thrown immediately after retrieval.
7. A player is out when:
 - a. a player is hit anywhere at or below the shoulders (including clothing) by a dodge ball that is thrown by an active opposing player and that has not touched the floor or an out-of-play area / structure and that is not subsequently caught by an active member of the player's team, unless the player is out-of-bounds actively retrieving a ball.
 - b. a player throws a ball that is legally caught (before any deflections) by an active member of the opposing team.
 - c. a player intentionally ducks or positions his/her head to contact a ball.
 - d. a player commits an illegal throw.
 - e. a player jumps or moves out of bounds (outside the volleyball court boundary lines) while attempting to dodge a ball.
 - f. a player touches any part of the opposing team's side of the court during ball retrieval.
 - g. When a player is put out, he/she shall line up in the team's catch-and-return line along the designated sideline in the order in which they were put out. If in possession of a dodge ball, he/she may toss or roll it to a teammate or place it on the court.
8. An illegal throw occurs when:
 - a. the thrower throws a ball which intentionally or unintentionally hits an opponent in the head (before any deflections).
 - b. the thrower steps out-of-bounds during a throw.
 - c. the thrower releases the ball after crossing the mid-court line; a player may follow through after a throw and cross the

- mid-court line.
 - d. the thrower kicks, strikes, or spikes a dodge ball toward an opponent.
 - e. For each illegal throw, the thrower is ruled out, the ball is immediately dead (cannot be caught or put anyone out).
9. A deflection occurs when a thrown ball hits off an opposing player or airborne ball and remains in the air.
 10. All dodge balls are live and can put people out until they touch the ground or any other object that is out of play and become dead. A thrown dodge ball may deflect off multiple players, effectively putting out multiple opponents with a single throw.
 11. A player may grasp a dodge ball and use it to deflect a thrown dodge ball away. If the ball is dropped during the deflection, the player who was holding the dodge ball is out. If held, the deflector is not out and remains active.
 12. A thrown dodge ball that is legally caught by a member of the opposing team while they are still in play and before it has struck an out-of-play area, the floor, or a player will result in the thrower being declared out AND the return of the first teammate in the catch-and-return line for the team. If that team has less than six (6) active players on the court, there are no stored catch-and-return credits.
 13. A ball that deflects off another airborne ball can be caught to put out the thrower. A ball that deflects off a player and is subsequently caught by that player, (before deflecting off a different player or object), the thrower is also put out. Catch-and-return applies in each case.
 14. A legally caught ball that has deflected off a teammate(s) and is caught by another teammate, saves the originally hit player(s) from being out. In this case, the thrower is NOT out, and there is NO catch-and-return for the catching team.
 15. The retrieval of dodge balls that leave the in-play area is limited to those players who are active in the game and have not yet been put out.
 16. Active players may leave the court at any time to retrieve balls for their team without penalty.
 17. Once out-of-play and actively retrieving a ball, the player is not eligible to be put out.
 18. Players shall return to the court immediately once they have retrieved the ball. Any delay deemed excessive by the official can result in the player being called out.
 19. Players may not go across the mid-court line (and the mid-court line extended out from the court) for any reason.
 20. A player may reach across the mid-court line and grasp a ball, but may not touch the opposing team's side of the court with any part of their body during retrieval.
 21. Team members in the catch-and-return line shall not interfere with game play. Team members in the catch-and-return line may deflect balls back into play but shall not move around the court to assist with ball retrieval. Spectators and inactive participants shall not help retrieve balls for their team and must allow easy access to the active players to retrieve dodge balls.
 22. The team in the lead Or behind cannot hold all of the live balls for more than five seconds. In the event of stalling, the game official may stop the game and have the dodge balls redistributed evenly among each team before play is resumed.
 23. Teams at any time can regenerate their squad to the allowable number of six (6) players on the court by making a basket with a dodge ball in the hoop located at the back of the opponent's zone. Balls may hit any part of the basketball hoop or supports and still go through the basket to count. Any ball (thrown or deflected) that hits any part of the basket or support and/or goes through hoop, becomes dead, and cannot be caught for an out or hit a player for an out. Air ball shots may be caught for an out.

GAME TIME & SCORING

1. Each match will consist of the best of 2 out of 3 games, tournament style, single elimination.

AGE DIVISIONS FOR DODGE BALL ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Juniors - ages 12 through 16
2. Seniors – ages 17 through 20.
3. Ages are determined as of the date of last day of Conclave of the present year.

5 ON 5 PASSING FLAG FOOTBALL RULES

FIELD DIMENSIONS

1. Field Length--45 yards long
2. Field Width--160 feet (60 feet to hash mark, 40 feet between)
3. End Zone--10 yards deep

STARTING OF THE GAME

1. A central timekeeper will be designated. All games will begin and end on this person's instructions. He will also announce the time remaining at the 10, 5, and 2-minute mark.
2. First Chapter listed in Tournament Bracket will be Visiting Team.
3. Visitors will have first possession. The home team will have first possession the 2nd half.
4. NO PLAYER WILL BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE WITHOUT SHIRTS OR MOUTHPIECES.
5. All teams will have jerseys (white/dark jersey, t-shirt, etc.) with player's number on the front and back. The number on the front must be a minimum of 2" and the number on the back must be a minimum of 4".
6. No football jerseys of any type shall be worn. T-shirts, Under Armor, or basketball type sleeveless shirts are the only choices of acceptable jerseys.
7. Visitors will always align their team on the right side of mid field. Home will always align their team on the left side of mid field.
8. Ball is always placed on the right hash mark when at the 45-yard line.
9. Referee will announce/post score before each offensive possession begins.

MOVING THE BALL

1. Offensive Plays Must All Be Passes! (No Run plays or Kicking/Punting)
2. Field is marked at 15-yard intervals with cones. (3 first downs without a penalty would result in a touchdown)

3. Possession always begins at the 45-yard line at the right hash mark. Hash mark placement of the ball must be enforced by officials, in accordance with NCAA rules, once the ball has been advanced.
4. No penalty will be assessed more than the 45-yard line. On an unsuccessful or successful offensive play from the 45-yard line resulting in an offensive penalty: The ball will be returned to the 45-yard line and THE NEXT SUCCEEDING PLAY WILL BE FORFEITED. I.e., 1st down will become 2nd down; 2nd down will become 3rd down; and 3rd down will result in a turnover.
5. Offenses always move in the same direction.
6. No "Double Passes" are allowed.
7. Once a forward pass has been thrown, a backward pass (lateral) is allowed.
8. Should a swing pass not cross the LOS and a defensive player tags the ball carrier behind the 45-yard line, it is a safety.
9. Snapper will position the ball within 3 seconds at the next scrimmage spot. (Delay of game if not set)

SPECIAL RULES

1. No blocking.
2. Receiver/Ball carrier is legally down when touched with one or both hands. (Excessive force by shoving, pushing, or striking a blow will be penalized by automatic first down and 5 yards. Expulsion of a player(s) if ruled unsportsmanlike & flagrant).
3. Fumbles are dead balls at the spot with the last team retaining possession. A muffed snap is not a fumble/dead ball. The 4.0 second count remains in effect on snaps.
4. Two delay of game penalties in the same possession results in a turnover.
5. Any offensive penalty on the extra point tries results in a turnover.
6. The QB is allowed 4.0 seconds to throw the ball. The Official timekeeper starts a stopwatch on the snap of the ball from center and stops the watch as soon as the QB releases the ball.
7. If release is under 4.0 seconds, the play goes on.
8. If the timekeeper sees that the clock has exceeded 4.0 seconds, he waits until the play is over (the play is not blown dead), then brings the ball back to the original line of scrimmage with loss of down. (The timekeeper will be an official or coach from a team that is not playing)
9. All penalties will be marked off on a 4 second count EXCEPT for pass interference.
10. Defensive Pass Interference is the same as NCAA rules. (Automatic 1st down & spot foul up to 15 yards)
11. Responsibility to avoid contact is with the defense. There will be NO chucking, deliberate bumping, or grabbing. These actions will result in a spot foul and 5 yd. penalty "tacked on" at the end of the play.
12. Offensive pass interference is the same as NCAA rules. (15-yard penalty)
13. Interceptions may be returned ("no blocking" rule applies). If an interception is returned beyond the 45-yard line (the offensive origination point) it is a touchdown and point after attempt should ensue. The teammates of the person who intercepted the ball may trail the runner to be in position to take a backwards pass. They may not block for or screen for the runner.
14. Offensive team is responsible for retrieving and returning the ball to the previous spot or the new scrimmage spot in a timely fashion. Failure to do so can result in a delay of game penalty.
15. The offensive center is not an eligible receiver (teams must have a center). The ball must be snapped from the ground between the snapper's legs. (Mirror the game of football)
16. The center will be responsible for setting or re-positioning the Referee's bean bag at the line of scrimmage. On change of possession, the team moving to offense will ensure the bean bag gets to the new scrimmage line. (Centers on both teams responsible).
17. No taunting or "trash talking". (5-yard penalty & expulsion if flagrant).
18. The offense must gain at least 15 yards in the first 3 or less plays or the defense takes over. (There is no kicking). Four down territory occurs only after offense proceeds to or inside the 15-yard line cone (third quadrant).
19. Fighting: the player(s) involved will be ejected from the game and tournament. If a team fight occurs, the teams involved will be ejected from the Tournament! Throwing a punch will be disqualification for that Chapter.
20. Any dead ball foul on a play that results in the defense getting the ball and it is unable to be penalized back to the 50-yard line will result in a loss of down penalty. The defense, now the offense, would be starting play with 2nd down.
21. There will be an area referred to as the tackle box that extends 3 yards on both sides of the center and extending 3 yards deep into the backfield. No eligible receiver may align within the tackle box.

SCORING

1. 6 points for TD
2. 1 point for PAT from 3-yard line, 2-point PAT from 10-yard line.
3. 2 points if a defending team returns a PAT back across the 45.
4. Field referee and game manager keep official score.

TIE BREAKER

1. After coin flip to determine first possession, teams will alternate 4 down series from the 15-yard line.
2. A winner is determined when one team scores during its possession and the other does not. (Federation rules).
3. If a second overtime period is necessary, each team must then go for two points on the conversion attempts.

TIME

8. 20-minute halves (continuous clock for each half--see: "starting the game").
9. No time outs. (Exception: Injuries. Both games on the Field will halt until player(s) can be removed as soon as safety dictates).

10. 10-minute half-time/10 minutes between games.
11. 5 on 5 tournaments require that all games start/end at the same time.
12. Teams must be on site and ready to play when scheduled.
13. If a team(s) are late and cannot start when the tournament officially starts, they will begin play with whatever time is left on the tournament clock – not to exceed 10 minutes of 1st half.
14. Forfeit will occur after 10 minutes of the 1st half.
15. Injury time outs may reduce the amount of time between halves and/or between games to maintain the game schedules.

SECONDARY COVERAGES

1. Coverage will be the choice of each participating team.

SQUAD MEMBERS

1. Maximum of Fifteen (15) players per team
2. Squad members must be from same Chapter (No Composite Teams without approval of Athletic Director)
3. All Squad Members must Active DeMolays and/or members of the Chapter Sweetheart Court.

OFFICIALS

1. 3 - Referee; Field Judge; Back Judge
2. Timekeeper: A designated official will keep the 4 second clock.
3. May use 2 officials if necessary.

COACHES

1. No high school coach may serve as a coach or stand with the team on the sideline.
2. Each team must have a coach/Advisor accompany it to any/all events to serve as a chapter administrator on duty for their Chapter. This individual is responsible for the action of those representing his Chapter.
3. All team coaches will wear an identifying tag for clarification purposes. A team may not have more than four (4) coaches on the sideline.

TEAM AREA

1. No team shall have additional athletes on the sideline or in the team tent partially dressed in a team uniform. (Exceeding the maximum of 15 that are listed on the roster)
2. The Team Zone will be an area on the sideline where only team members may be during game play. This will be the area from the 15-yard line to the 30-yard line. Players and coaches may not be out of the Team Zone during game time.

FAN SEATING

1. Fans MUST sit behind their team when they are playing. However, after the contest, they must relinquish their position to the fans of the team scheduled to play.
2. Fans may not sit behind someone else's team during a contest

ATHLETIC EVENTS TEAM ROSTER

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*****TEAM ROSTER MUST BE FILLED OUT FOR EACH EVENT AND
PRESENTED TO DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS BEFORE THE COMPETITION
BEGINS*****