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May 1, 2024

To the DeMolays and Advisors of Texas:

Re: 94th Annual Texas State DeMolay Conclave in Fort Worth, Texas, Thursday, July 11 - Sunday, July 14, 2024

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 Monday, June 3, 2024. 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 Tom Crow, Director of Conclave, at his number or email address shown above, or Chance Chapman, the Conclave Registrar, at his phone number and email on the Registration Page. There will be no refunds for cancellations. **If someone is not going to be present who 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 want to run for office. (NOTE: some of the requirements have been changed so please read the requirement page carefully). All State Sweetheart Forms should be sent directly to Reagan Bryant, 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 knows the dress code for that event. Those attendees need to meet the required dress code to 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. on weekdays and 12 p.m. on 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tommy F. Chapman".

Tommy F. Chapman
Executive Officer in Texas

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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.** 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.

There are new packages this year. It is based on **WHO YOU ARE.**

(FULL REGISTRATION) Active DeMolay: \$125

- **Host Hotel Stay Required (Three Nights - NOT included in the \$125 pricing)**
- Thursday Official Opening
- Thursday Movie Night
- Friday Athletic Participation and Spectating
- Friday Samuel P. Cochran Quarterly Meeting
- Friday Hamburger Dinner
- Friday Ritualistic Opening
- Friday Caucusing and balloting of State Officers
- Saturday Ritual Competitions
- Saturday Exemplification of Degrees
- Saturday Conclave Lunch
- Saturday Texas State Priory event (For Priory Members Only)
- Saturday Grand Banquet & Dance
- Sunday Donuts with Dad
- Sunday Open Events

(FULL REGISTRATION) DeMolay Advisor or Adult: \$125

- **Host Hotel Stay Required (Three Nights - NOT included in the \$125 pricing)**
- Thursday Official Opening
- Thursday Movie Night
- Friday Athletic Spectating
- Friday Samuel P. Cochran Quarterly Meeting
- Friday Hamburger Dinner
- Friday Ritualistic Opening Spectating
- Saturday Ritual Competition Spectating
- Saturday Exemplification of Degrees Spectating
- Saturday Conclave Lunch
- Saturday Texas State Priory event spectating
- Saturday Grand Banquet
- Saturday Dance
- Sunday Open Events

(FULL REGISTRATION) Sweetheart Court Members: \$125

- **Host Hotel Stay Required (Three Nights - NOT included in the \$125 pricing)**
- Thursday Official Opening
- Thursday Movie Night
- Friday Athletic Participation and Spectating
- Friday Hamburger Dinner
- Friday State Sweetheart Event
- Saturday Sweetheart Workshop
- Saturday Open Ritual Competitions
- Saturday Conclave Lunch
- Saturday Grand Banquet
- Saturday Dance
- Sunday Donuts with Dad
- Sunday Open Events

Non-Advisor Senior DeMolays / Honorary Members / Guest Master Masons: \$25

- Thursday Official Opening
- Friday Athletic Spectating
- Friday Samuel P. Cochran Quarterly Meeting
- Friday Ritualistic Opening
- Saturday Ritual Competition Spectating
- Saturday Exemplification of Degrees Spectating
- Saturday Texas State Priory event Spectating
- Sunday Open Events

General Guest (Rainbow Girl, Rainbow Advisor, Non-Affiliated Parents & Chaperones): \$10

- Thursday Official Opening
- Saturday Dance
- Sunday Open Events

Special Additions

- Pay at the event - Legion of Honor Dinner (Honorees and Recipients Only)
- \$15.00 each - Chevalier Lunch (Prior Recipients Only)
- \$15.00 each - Hamburger Dinner 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 **Monday, June 3, 2024**. **There is no late registration for Conclave.** There will be no refunds for cancellations.

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**.

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 day's last event. The curfew will be strictly observed. Any personal needs that 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, etc). No food or "dashing" related drop-offs are permitted by active participants. 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 before 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 of Conclave, ahead of the opening ceremonies.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

All additional Grand Banquet tickets **must** be ordered when registering for Conclave 2024.

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 3, 2024. Each Chapter will be required to stay at the Host Hotel Thursday night, Friday night, and Saturday night.

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

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

All Chapters must have their registered delegations at the Opening Ceremony to be eligible for any awards they earn at Conclave 2024. Chapters are encouraged to bring their chapter banner for the official entrance of delegations

A complimentary breakfast will be provided at the hotel. 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 who 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 Chevaliers elected with the Honor at the 2024 Supreme Council Session and who will be attending the Chevalier Luncheon at no charge this year. **There is no charge to a new 2024 Chevalier for this luncheon, but you MUST have his name on this list 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 the 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 Venues
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:

Reagan Bryant
Director of Sweethearts
Cell: (817) 913-3659
momreaganbryant@yahoo.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 be only at 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm on Thursday, July 11th 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 Director. **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.

Email the completed spreadsheet 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 3, 2024. Submitting after this date may result in not being able to reserve rooms.

ALL FULL REGISTRANTS ARE REQUIRED TO LODGE AT THE HOST HOTEL.

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

Chance Chapman

174 Hilldale Drive

Nederland, TX 77627

Cell: (409) 201-5340

texasdemolayregistrar@gmail.com

Hotel Registration Deadline is June 3, 2024
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 the 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 before 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
Secondary Insurance Company Name	Policy Number(s)	Policy Holder's Name

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

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

Signature of Adult Participant, Parent, **OR** Legal Guardian _____ Signature of Youth (Legal Minor) _____

94th ANNUAL TEXAS DEMOLAY CONCLAVE TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

<p><u>Thursday</u> Registration Opens TDAA Board Meeting Official Opening Movie Night w/ Pizza (Cornhole Games)</p>	<p>2pm-4pm 5pm 6pm Following</p>	<p>Hotel Lobby FWMT Basement Conference Room FWMT 4th Floor Asylum Room FWMT 1st Floor Ballroom</p>	<p>Casual Casual Coat and Tie Casual</p>
<p><u>Friday</u> Flag Football Tennis Sand Volleyball Dodgeball Basketball State Preceptory Annual Meeting Samuel P. Cochran Chapter Stated Meeting & Installation of Officers Hamburger Dinner Legionnaire Dinner State Sweetheart's Event (Court Ladies Only) Ritualistic Opening, State Degree Exemplification, Business Session, Caucusing, and Balloting on State Officers Advisors Meeting</p>	<p>During Morning During Morning During Morning During Day (indoors) During Day (indoors) 1pm-2pm 4:00pm 6:00pm 6:30pm 7:30pm 7:30pm During Caucus</p>	<p>Benbrook Middle-High Field Benbrook Dutch Branch Park Benbrook Dutch Branch Park Benbrook Middle-High Benbrook Middle-High FWMT Basement Conference Room FWMT 3rd Floor South Lodge Room FWMT Basement Dining Hall FWMT 3M FWMT 2M Joe Lowe Suite FWMT 3rd Floor South Lodge Room FWMT 3rd Floor Red Room</p>	<p>Casual Casual Casual Casual Casual Coat and Tie Coat and Tie Coat and Tie LOH Regalia Ladies Attire Coat and Tie Casual</p>
<p><u>Saturday</u> Ritual Competitions Sweetheart Interviews Sweetheart Workshop Conclave Lunch Chevalier Luncheon & Annual Meeting Sweetheart Social Texas State Priory Meeting & Investiture Grand Banquet, Scholarship, HOF Induction Dance (w/ "DJ All Day") & Cornhole</p>	<p>8am - 3pm 8:30am 9:30am 12pm - 1:30pm 12pm - 1:30pm Following Lunch 3:30pm 6:30pm Following</p>	<p>FWMT 3rd & 4th Floor FWMT 2M Joe Lowe Suite FWMT 2M Joe Lowe Suite FWMT 1st Floor Ballroom FWMT 3M FWMT 2M Joe Lowe Suite FWMT 3rd Floor South Lodge Room FWMT 1st Floor Ballroom FWMT 1st Floor Ballroom</p>	<p>Coat and Tie Ladies Attire Ladies Attire Coat and Tie Chevalier Regalia Ladies Attire Priory Regalia** Black Tie Optional*</p>
<p><u>Sunday</u> Donuts with State Dad Conclave Awards Installation of Officers Majority Service Devotional & Memorial Service Concluding Remarks New State Officer Briefing</p>	<p>8am 8:30am Following Following Following Following Following</p>	<p>FWMT Basement Dining Room FWMT 4th Floor Asylum Room FWMT 4th Floor Asylum Room FWMT 4th Floor Asylum Room FWMT 4th Floor Asylum Room FWMT 4th Floor Asylum Room FWMT 4th Floor Asylum Room</p>	<p>Casual (SOs Coat and Tie)</p>

- All athletic times will follow brackets prepared by the Director of Athletics
- No ritual competitions will be published in advance of Conclave, just like in previous years. This prevents unfair advantages.
- "SOs" Means "State Officers"
- * Black Tie Optional means that tuxedos, black bow ties or neckties, and formal dresses are **suggested**, but a black suit for men and a semi-formal dress for women is still appropriate. It is NOT a requirement to buy one if you do not already have one.
- ** Priory Regalia = coat and tie. Only Knighthood related officers shall wear collars and jewels. Cordons and balrics are encouraged. Swords optional.

NEW EVENTS!

Movie Night

- Join us for a movie, snacks, and pizza Thursday night, with a cornhole tournament happening in the back! At this event, come as you are, dress comfortably, and enjoy. **This event is ONLY for those who fully registered.**

One-Day Athletics

- All athletics have been moved to Friday! We hope this will allow you to enjoy your travel time on Thursday, use it as a rest day, and not be split over two days!
- Volleyball will be outside on the sand courts in Benbrook Dutch Branch Park (same as the tennis location, near YMCA, across the highway from the school.)

Friday - State Sweetheart Event

- While the DeMolays are in their tiled meeting electing State Officers, all Sweetheart Court ladies will join the State Sweetheart for a fun social.

Saturday - Sweetheart Events

- During the morning after any Sweetheart interviews, a workshop will be held by the director to help teach the young ladies of Texas DeMolay how to best serve their chapters! After lunch, there will be a social for the young ladies to have a meet and greet and hang out with each other.

Sweetheart Workshop

- While the DeMolays are competing in their Ritual Competitions, the Director of Sweethearts will be hosting an informative workshop for all the Sweetheart ladies.

Donuts with the State Dad

- The State Dad will be hosting a morning gathering before the events on Sunday. Come enjoy some donuts and talk with your State Dad!

Installation of Officers

- Moved back to Sunday to allow for a longer dance on Saturday night!

Cornhole

- Various spots in the scheduled events also include cornhole games happening off to the side!

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May 1, 2024

Re: RITUAL INFORMATION

The ritual guidelines and rule book are posted on the Texas DeMolay website for your viewing and are omitted from this packet.

The Conclave will use a modified set of rules from the **Frank Marshall Championship Tournament (v122312)** that are unique to the Texas DeMolay Association. In addition to these sheets, one primary source 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. 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 the competitors to 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. **The 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 the "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. **The 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 Competitions 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 the 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 the 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. 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 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.

Respectfully,

Douglas J. Van Griner

Doug Van Griner
Director of Ritual



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.

QUALIFIED PERSONS: DeMolays eligible to participate in the 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 reached 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): _____
Print Name Signature

_____	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.

Panel Chairman / Judge: _____



Conclave – Ritual Competition

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

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): _____
Print Name Signature

_____ 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.

Panel Chairman / Judge: _____

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May 1, 2024

Re: ATHLETIC INFORMATION

Dear Chapter Advisors, DeMolay Active Members, Sweethearts, and Parents,

I look forward to seeing you all at the 2024 Texas DeMolay Association Conclave in Fort Worth Texas. It is my pleasure to answer the most asked questions about Conclave sporting activities.

WHAT CHANGES HAVE TAKEN PLACE WITH SPORTS?

We made the decision to end softball due to a lack of interest in previous years. All other sports will be available time permitting and each chapter meeting minimum participants for the sport.

The rulebook is not in the Conclave Packet. It is posted on www.texasdemolay.com as well as the files tab on the State Facebook Group.

COMMON POINTS FOR CHAPTERS TO REVIEW PRIOR TO ARRIVING AT CONCLAVE?

- 1) Team sport participants must have a jersey with a number on it. Please plan accordingly for this.
- 2) Each team must fill out the roster of their players and submit it to the referee or DeMolay Leader on the court.
- 3) **NO BLACK SOLED SHOES** for indoor activities. We do not want to scuff the floor with any shoe that is not appropriate for use in a gym.
- 4) **NO CHEWING GUM** in the **GYM** area.
- 5) Water is okay and must be in bottles with lids and/or closed-lid containers like Yeti are acceptable. (**NO ALUMINUM CANS**)
- 6) All sports participants must wear mouthguards during sporting events that require them. It is for participant safety. They are **NOT** provided.
- 7) Chapters, as a team, should expect to be ready to play one hour prior to the scheduled start time.
- 8) The schedule of sporting events will be published post-event registration. If a group event does not meet the minimum requirement for a division, notification will be made to the Chapter Advisor and/or the Chapter Representative registered for Conclave.

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.

Team Advisor/Adult Coverage: 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. Remember the requirement of the two-advisor rule applies.

Late arrivals for athletic events: Late arrivals to event sporting event times will be allowed to play at the sole discretion of the Director of Athletics. The decision of the Director of Athletics may be appealed to the State Executive Officer

I look forward to seeing you at Conclave!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carl M. Russell".

Carl M. Russell
Director of Athletics

ATHLETIC EVENTS TEAM ROSTER

EVENT: _____

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____
- 7. _____
- 8. _____
- 9. _____
- 10. _____
- 11. _____
- 12. _____
- 13. _____
- 14. _____
- 15. _____

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

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May 1, 2024

Re: SWEETHEART INFORMATION

Dear Chapter Sweethearts and Priory Queens,

Congratulations on your election. The young men of your chapter/priory have selected *you* to represent them and that is an honor that you should be very proud of. I look forward to getting to know each of you and seeing in you what they see!

This letter is to provide you with the information that you will need to prepare for Conclave. It is my hope that each eligible young lady will choose to run for State Sweetheart/State Priory Queen. Should you choose not to, I would still like to invite you to participate in all Sweetheart events.

In order to be eligible to run for State Sweetheart or State Priory Queen, you must meet the following requirements:

- 1) **You must be a single female with no children.**
- 2) **You must reside in Texas during the term of office.**
- 3) **Candidates for State Sweetheart must be between the ages of 14 and 20 as of the first day of the Conclave. Candidates for State Priory Queen must be between the ages of 17 and 20, as of the first day of Conclave.**
- 4) **All girls must be the elected Sweetheart or Priory Queen of their chapter/priory.**

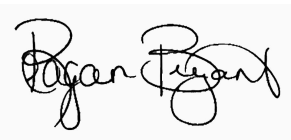
All girls desiring the opportunity to compete must fill out the “Declaration of Intent to Run” form and sign it along with her parent/guardian, and either her Chapter Dad or Chapter Chairman. In addition, she must complete the “Sweetheart Information Form” and send both forms, along with her completed essay and a 3x5 photo of herself, to me *by mail*. All forms **MUST** be postmarked no later than **June 3, 2024**. The postmark will be the determinant of timeliness. Verification of receipt will be in the form of an email from me that will include the dress code for Conclave and the expectations of the State Sweetheart/State Priory Queen. You will need to review these documents and follow the instructions for acknowledgment provided in the email. No hand-delivered forms will be accepted. If you have not received the email within 7-10 days of having sent your completed packet in, please contact me by phone/text or email. **You will NOT be allowed to run for State Sweetheart if these forms, with all required signatures, are not received by the deadline. There will be NO exceptions.**

ALL Chapter Sweethearts and Priory Queens will be presented during the formal opening. You should wear a “Sunday dress” with your crown and sash. Pants are not appropriate for this presentation. I will meet with you and your Master Councilor or Illustrious Knight Commander 30 minutes prior to the opening in the northwest corner of the Commandry Asylum on the 4th floor. At this time, we will go over the instructions for presentation as well as the schedule for interviews and the “Sweetheart Social” both of which will be scheduled for Saturday.

If you have ANY questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. I am here to support you all in any way possible.

I can’t wait to see you all at Conclave!

Respectfully,



M. Reagan Bryant
Director of Sweethearts

SWEETHEART INFORMATION FORM

Responses may be typed or handwritten

A wallet size or a 3x5 photo must be included with your paperwork

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Position you wish to run for (Please Circle):

State Sweetheart

State Priory Queen

Name of Chapter or Priory: _____

Date of Election: _____

DeMolay Achievements: (LCC, Pink Honor Key, chapter or priory court positions previously held, etc.)

Are you in high school? If so, what is your current grade? _____

Are you in college? If so, what is your classification and major? _____

What activities are you involved in on your campus? _____

Are you employed? If so, where do you work and how many hours per week do you work?

What are your interests or hobbies outside of school? _____

What else should I know about you? What makes you uniquely you? _____

***Required - Please respond to the following prompt (200 words minimum): If you were to add an eighth virtue to DeMolay, what would that virtue be and why?

Responses may be hand-written or typed. Please mail your "Declaration of Intent to Run" (when published), your "Sweetheart Information Form", your essay, and your photo to:

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DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES: MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JUNE 3, 2024

Texas DeMolay Association

2024 Conclave Voter Certification

Please list the voting delegates of your Chapter:

Name:

Ballot Number:

Master Councilor:

Senior Councilor:

Junior Councilor:

Treasurer:

Scribe:

Past Master Councilors:

Certified By:

Chapter Chairman / Advisor: _____

State Scribe: _____

Texas State Priory

2024 Convocation Voter Certification

Please list the voting delegates of your Priory:

Name:

Ballot Number:

Illustrious Knight Commander:

Squire Commander:

Page Commander:

Registrar:

Scribe:

Past Illustrious Knight Commanders:

Certified By:

Priory Chairman / Advisor: _____

State Registrar: _____

APPOINTED STATE OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDED MEMBER: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

RECOMMENDED MEMBER'S ID NUMBER: _____

CHAPTER OF RECOMMENDED MEMBER: _____

Basis for your nomination (such as but not limited to receiving the PMC, RD, LCCs, FMA, BHK, Previous State Officer, etc.) shall be in writing.

Has the member ever served as Master Councilor? Yes No (Please circle) If so, when?: _____

Highest Chapter Officer Held: _____

Previous State Officer positions Held, if any: _____

Does the member have the Representative DeMolay Award? _____

Has the member completed any or all of the Leadership Correspondence Courses? _____

Has the member been the top-line signer of a petition? Yes No (Please circle) How many: _____

Submitted by: _____ Date: _____
(Printed Name)

Signature: _____

Submit by **June 3rd** to: Dad Tommy Chapman, Executive Officer, via email to tomkat6265@aol.com.

Recommendations should be made only from the nominees own Chapter's Advisory Council.

Recommendations from an individual advisor will not be accepted. If selected for a State Officer position, the DeMolay member and his parents/guardians will be required to fill out forms at the discretion of the Executive Officer. Failure to provide any forms before the installation at Conclave 2024 will result in him not being installed as any State Officer. A state pocket jewel will also be issued to the state officer. It is expected that the state officer be proficient in his opening/closing part, as well as degree work.

Please note these are only recommendation forms for consideration. Submitting any name(s) does not guarantee an office. They will be supplied to the State Master Councilor for his consideration.

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Requirements for Appointed State Offices

- Recommended member must be a current Active DeMolay in good standing
- Recommended member must be a Past Master Councilor for the following State Officer positions:
 - State Senior Deacon
 - State Junior Deacon
 - State Senior Steward
 - State Junior Steward
 - State Orator
 - *Duty: May be expected to present a speech during State Conclave.*
 - State Sentinel
 - *Duty: Will be issued the state sword to possess during State Conclave.*
 - State Chaplain
 - *Duty: May be expected to present a devotional during State Conclave.*
 - State Marshal
 - *Duty: Will be issued the state baton to possess during State Conclave.*
- Recommended member does not need to be a Past Master Councilor for the following State Officer positions:
 - State Standard Bearer
 - *Duty: May be expected to present a flag tribute during State Conclave.*
 - State Almoner
 - State 1st Preceptor
 - State 2nd Preceptor
 - State 3rd Preceptor
 - State 4th Preceptor
 - State 5th Preceptor
 - State 6th Preceptor
 - State 7th Preceptor

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR AWARD NOMINATION FORM

NOMINEE: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

ID NUMBER: _____ CHAPTER OF THE NOMINEE: _____

CIVIC HONORS, MEMBERSHIPS, COMMUNITY SERVICES:

SCHOOL INFORMATION (Highest level completed, location, dates, degree study, etc.) :

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP & ACTIVITIES:

Basis for your nomination (such as but not limited to receiving the RD, LCCs, FMA, BHK, etc.) shall be in writing. Use additional sheets, if necessary, and attach to this form.

Submitted by: _____ Date: _____, 20____
(Printed Name)

Signature: _____

Submit by **June 3rd** to: Dad Tommy Chapman, Executive Officer, via email to tomkat6265@aol.com.

Requirements:

- The nominee must be a current Active DeMolay
- The nominee must have been initiated between July 1, 2023, and June 1, 2024.

Nominations *must* be placed by a collective consensus of an Advisory Council.

The purpose of the Rookie of the Year Award is to recognize DeMolays who have made valuable contributions to DeMolay during their first year of membership. This outstanding award was established in 2022. The Council's nomination are to be forwarded to the Executive Officer. After receiving the nominations from the chapters in the jurisdiction, the Executive Officer will select a recipient to be presented the award at State Conclave.