



December 9, 2025

TO ALL CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS OF THE TEXAS DEMOLAY ASSOCIATION & ASSEMBLIES OF THE GRAND ASSEMBLY OF TEXAS.

RE: 49th ANNUAL GOVERNMENT DAY – FEBRUARY 7 – 8, 2026

All of this information is subject to change!

It is time for our 49th Annual Government Day, one of the major highlights of the Texas DeMolay year! The information you need to register for this event is contained in this packet. If you have any questions, please see the contact info below.

Registration Guidelines:

All registration must be completed online. All participants must be officially registered as part of a Chapter or Assembly delegation. There will be no individual registrations accepted. A Medical Release Form for each participant (youth and adult) must be mailed to Chance Chapman, the event Registrar. Chapters and Assemblies should also have at least one copy of each form with them during Government Day.

The DEADLINE for registration is Friday, January 23, 2026.

***** NO LATE REGISTRATION *****

Finances: The registration fee will be \$35 for everyone attending. Each Chapter and Assembly must send a \$100 damage deposit check with your Medical Release Forms. There will be no exceptions. This is for all delegations no matter the size. A delegation will not be considered fully registered until the medical release forms and damage deposit are received. This is if the Texas DeMolay Association must pay for damages incurred in the Capitol or the location of the dance. The damage deposit must be its own separate check. It will be returned or shredded when it is determined no damages have occurred. Your damage deposit check should be accompanied by a self-addressed and stamped envelope if you would like the check returned instead of shredded. Checks will be returned between 90 and 120 days after the event. There will be no refunds provided after the registration period closes.

Advisor Coverage: The Executive Officer for Texas DeMolay requires at least two (2) registered Advisors for each Chapter. Three Advisors will be needed if more than 10 DeMolays are present from each delegation. The Grand Assembly of Texas may have different requirements. You will be responsible for knowing and abiding by those guidelines. If you do not have a registered adult in your group, you will not be allowed to participate.

Dance: The dance location will be announced before Government Day and will be semi-formal attire.

Lunch: Lunch will be provided. It is included in your registration cost.

Emergency Precautions: Each Chapter and Assembly will be assigned a specific location on the Capitol grounds to assemble in the case of an evacuation. A designated adult from each delegation will be responsible for accounting for all members of the delegation and reporting to the Executive Officer and/or Director of Government Day. This adult must be designated when credentials are picked up and must be present at Government Day at all times. The designated adult for your Chapter or Assembly will be notified of your designated location before Government Day.

2026 Unicameral Session: This year due to renovations of the State Capitol, this year's government day will be a **unicameral session** - meaning it will all be conducted in one chamber. **The entire event will be housed out of the House Chamber.** All registrants will be assigned seats in the House. Seat assignments will be printed on each participant's name tag.

Rules of the House:

- No food or beverages are permitted in the chamber, this includes chewing gum and water.
- Do not touch the telephones at the desks. They are direct lines to the Representative's office. They will ring in that office when picked up.
- Do not touch the voting machines or voting discs on the desks.
- Keep your feet on the floor.
- Facilities immediately behind the dais are off-limits. DO NOT remove ropes from doorways. The House members' lounge (at the left of the dais) is closed except for official business as prescribed by the Clerks.
- Do not move or rearrange seating.
- Please request that those in the gallery observe the posted gallery rules.
- Do not abuse the railing or woodwork in the Chamber.
- Personal telephone calls are made on public telephones outside the Chamber and throughout the Capitol.
- Only active participants, Chamber Officials, and Government Day Staff are allowed inside the brass railing of the chamber.
- Smoking or vaping on Capitol grounds is **PROHIBITED BY LAW.**
- Report any accidents immediately to the Sergeant at Arms Office in Room 235.
- No cell phones, portable electronic devices, listening devices, computers, or the like are allowed on the floor of the chamber.
- No items may be left on the desks (paper, notebooks, pens, pencils, etc.) when any session is adjourned.

****Violation of any of the above could result in being asked to leave for the remainder of the session.****

Qualifications to Run for Speaker of the House:

- You must be an active DeMolay or active Rainbow Girl, have a working knowledge of Robert's Rules of Order, and must be a past or present presiding officer. (Master Councilor or Worthy Advisor.) Sweetheart does not count.
- Any State-Elected DeMolay Officer or Rainbow Grand Line Officer may not run.
- You must have attended a Government Day before this year.
- Each Chapter and Assembly will only be allowed one candidate for office.
- You must receive permission from the Director of Government Day if you are interested in running for Speaker of the House. It is preferred, but not required, that you seek permission via email before Government Day. Dad Parks' email address is boydandrewparks@gmail.com.

Bill Books and Bills on the Floor: The Government Day Staff is not responsible for the production of bills, topic of bills, nor the lack of or repeated use of bills. The compiled Bill Book will be released before the event for preparation of the debate. **Bill Books will not be supplied.** Please print enough for your delegation before the event. Bills may be added to the Bill Book during the event upon approval of the Director of Government Day. Proposed Bills should be submitted to the Clerk, who will forward them to the Director prior to debate. Bills approved in this manner may be restricted for an announced period after distribution before they can be considered. Once they are "available," the same process for suspending the calendar would apply. The Chair will begin the Saturday morning session with BB1, or the proper label of the first bill within the Bill Book. Subsequent bills will be presented in the order in which they appear in the Bill Book. Each Body may choose to suspend the rules to consider a bill out of order. The motion would be "to suspend the rules and take up Bill number ____." Suspension of the rules shall require a two-thirds vote. If the motion passes, the bill specified must be considered before any other business. Once the bill is voted upon, business resumes in the regular order laid out in the Bill Book. If a motion to suspend the rules fails, another motion to suspend the rules to consider the same bill would be out of order until after an adjournment (i.e. after lunch).

Hotel / Housing: There is not a host hotel. Each Chapter and/or Assembly may stay wherever they would like for this event. Please remember that the City of Austin has a “hands-free” law regarding cell phone use while driving. This includes while using your cell phone or other mobile devices such as a GPS.

Behavior and Protocol: Courtesy will be the watchword for the session. Personal attacks in any form or any unbecoming conduct will cause the participant to be removed from the chamber and could affect continued participation in Government Day at the discretion of the Executive Officer.

Officials and Staff:

- **THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE** - will be elected at the start of session as the first order of business.
- **THE CLERK** - State Scribe
- **THE PARLIAMENTARIAN** - will be appointed by the Executive Officer and the Director of Government Day.
- **THE SERGEANT OF ARMS** - will be appointed by the Executive Officer and the Director of Government Day.
- **THE TIME KEEPER** – State Sweetheart

Miscellaneous Provisions and Information:

- Parliamentary procedures, rules of motions, etc will be posted on the Texas DeMolay website and are not included in this packet anymore.
- Included in this packet are your Medical Release Forms. They are required for all participants, attendees, and guests.
- Advisors - please consider joining the judging panels. Please see the judging information section on page 9.
- The Executive Officer will hold a meeting with the Chapter Chairmen and Chapter Advisors on Sunday morning. See the schedule for the time of the meeting.
- Please remember the following directives:
- Members of the Order of DeMolay and Order of Rainbow may be nominated for Speaker of the House.
- All Speakers must sign up to speak and will not line up at the microphones.
- Speakers will wait until the current speaker is talking and then approach the microphone for a presentation. Please refer to the section of the packet regarding House rules.

Please print or type all forms. Your cooperation in this matter will be appreciated. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Fraternally,

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Tentative Schedule of Events

February 7 - 8, 2026

*****Strict Dress Code*****

Coat, tie, and slacks for DeMolays and appropriate suits or dresses for Rainbows and Sweetheart Courts at the State Capitol are required. Pursuant to the Texas State Legislature, the wearing or display of tiaras, crowns, or any form of non-religious headgear within the chamber is strictly prohibited.

Saturday, February 7, 2026

9:00 – 9:30 A.M.

Registrations.....House Chamber

9:30 A.M.

Opening & Welcoming Remarks.....House Chamber

Following Opening & Welcoming Remarks

Legislative Session.....House Chamber

11:30 – 2 P.M.

Lunch.....House Chamber

2:00 P.M.

Legislative Sessions.....House Chamber

5:00 P.M.

Adjourn

8:00 P.M.

Dance.....TBA

NOTE: Coat, slacks, and tie required for DeMolays and dresses for Rainbows, Sweethearts, and Sweetheart Court Member.

Sunday, February 8, 2026

9:00 A.M.

Legislative Session.....House Chamber

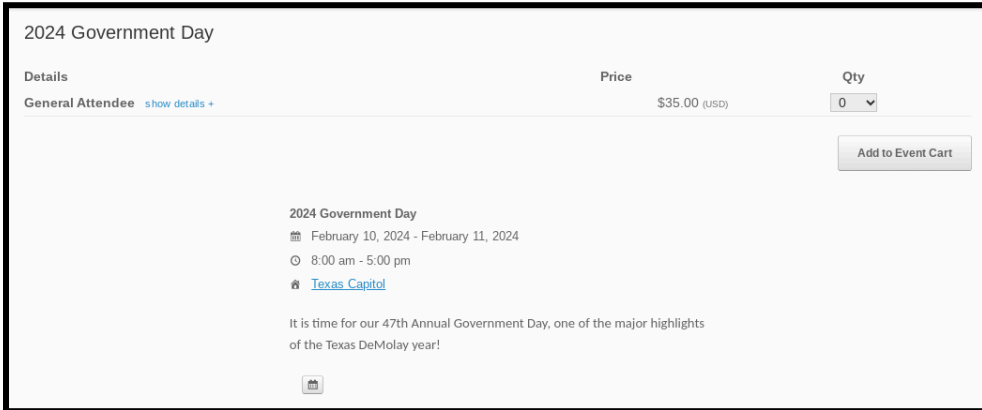
9:30 A.M.

Executive Officers meeting with all Chapter Advisors.....Speaker of the House Room

11:30 A.M.

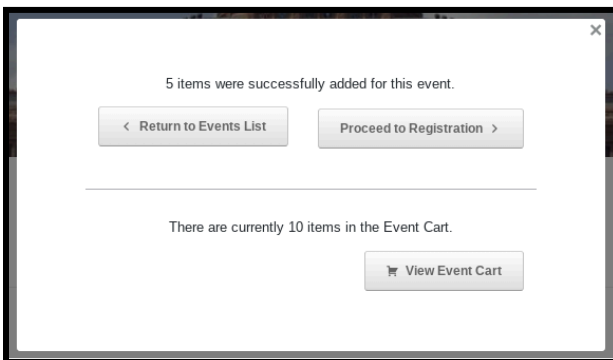
Closing Remarks & Awards.....House Chamber

Government Day 2026 Online Registration Walkthrough



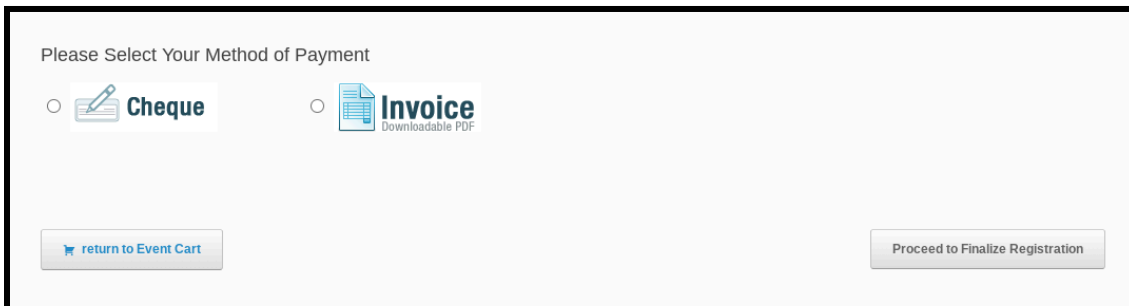
Through the Texas DeMolay website, scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on the picture of the Capitol.

Select the number of total participants from the “Qty” option, then click “Add to Event Cart.”

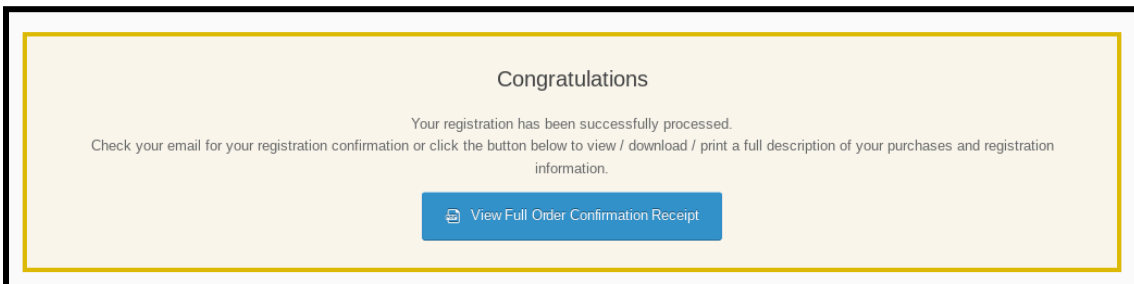


Select “Proceed to Registration” and fill out the information for all participants.

After the information is filled out, click “Proceed to Payment Options” at the bottom of the page.



Follow prompts as needed.



Done!

TEXAS DEMOLAY GOVERNMENT DAY 2026 ROOMING FORM

**NOTE: THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED WITH
GOVERNMENT DAY REGISTRATION PER**

THE DEADLINE: Friday, January 23, 2026.

I _____ (print name) the parent / guardian of
_____ (print active DeMolay's name) hereby
consent to his rooming with the following active DeMolays during the 2026 Government Day.

(Print up to three names)

1. _____ (print name)

2. _____ (print name)

3. _____ (print name)

**NOTE: NO ACTIVE DEMOLAY ATTENDING GOVERNMENT DAY 2026 WILL BE PERMITTED TO
ROOM WITH ANYONE NOT LISTED IN THIS FORM.**

Adult signature: _____

Signed this _____ day of _____ 202__.

TEXAS DEMOLAY GOVERNMENT DAY MEDICAL RELEASE FORM

YOUTH REGISTRATION FORM FOR EVERY PERSON **21 and Under** No refunds will be issued Date: _____

Name:	
Address:	
City:	Zip:
Name of Chapter / Assembly:	Location:
Do you presently hold a State Title this year? If yes, please designate:	Age:
E-mail address (please print):	

RELEASE AND CONSENT FORM

Jurisdiction of Texas

- I, the undersigned Parent or Legal Guardian of, _____ do hereby give my consent and permission from him/her to participate in the **Texas DeMolay Government Day**. They have not been expelled from any Masonic Youth Organization and are not under any penalty of suspension of their membership(s). I understand all activities and events of any duly chartered Chapter, Order of DeMolay, Assembly, or Order of Rainbow for Girls, including any activities or events conducted at the state or jurisdictional level, or by DeMolay International; WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS: (State on line below, if NONE, write NONE.):

- 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.
- The minor named above 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, write NONE):

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

Insurance Company Name

Policy Number(s)

Policy Holder's Name

- I, the undersigned Parent or Legal Guardian, AND the undersigned Youth (legal minor) do hereby agree that we will abide by the Statutes, rules regulations, and edicts of the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay, and Rainbow Girls and its duly authorized representatives. We agree that, if in the opinion of any DeMolay Advisor or Rainbow Board Member, 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.
- We hereby agree to release and hold harmless the DeMolay International, 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 claims or cause of action which the undersigned has or may have. This specifically includes any plans, which arise out of the attendance at **Texas DeMolay Government Day**, including transportation to and from said event.
- By signing this form, I give my child permission to fully participate and stay in a hotel room with their delegation. I will not hold Texas DeMolay, DeMolay International, the State Capitol, or any other entity associated with this event liable for medical harm including but not limited to COVID-19. I further agree that my child will follow all the guidelines in place to the fullest extent during the entirety of the event. I furthermore authorize the release of photographs and videos that may be used on platforms and publications to promote the activities and the orders thereof.
- IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY, AND THE UNDERSIGNED PARENT OR GUARDIAN CAN NOT BE REACHED; THE UNDERSIGNED PARENT OR GUARDIAN HEREBY AUTHORIZES THE FOLLOWING PERSON TO ACT ON THEIR BEHALF:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Relationship: _____

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

Your Full Name: _____

Street & Mailing Address: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

Telephone: (Home): _____ (Work): _____

Relationship to Youth: _____

- If the youth's address is different from the Parent or Legal Guardian, please state on the lines below, (If SAME, write SAME.) _____

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Signature of Youth (legal minor under 21)

Date

TEXAS DEMOLAY GOVERNMENT DAY MEDICAL RELEASE FORM

ADULT REGISTRATION FORM FOR EVERY PERSON OVER 21! No refunds will be issued Date: _____

<i>Name:</i>	
<i>Address:</i>	
<i>City:</i>	<i>Zip:</i>
<i>Name of Chapter / Assembly:</i>	<i>Location:</i>
<i>Do you presently hold a State Title this year? If yes, please designate:</i>	<i>Age:</i> ADULT
<i>E-mail address (please print):</i>	

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1. In the event of injury or illness, I, hereby authorize any adult 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 my spouse or family before medical treatment.

2. I have the following medical problems, and/or am receiving treatment under the supervision of proper medical authorities as follows: (State on the line below, if NONE state NONE):

3. Neither DeMolay International nor the jurisdiction of Texas, Order of DeMolay, nor Rainbow maintains any medical insurance for its members. I understand that I will be responsible for any costs of medical treatment incurred. My health insurance carrier and policy numbers are as follows:

<i>Insurance Company Name</i>	<i>Policy Number(s)</i>	<i>Policy Holder's Name</i>
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4. I, the undersigned do hereby agree that I will abide by the statutes, rules, regulations, and edicts of the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay, and Rainbow for Girls, and its duly authorized representatives. I agree that, if in the opinion of any DeMolay Advisor, or Rainbow Board Member, I will be asked to leave this activity.

5. I hereby agree to release and hold harmless the DeMolay International, 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 claims or cause of action which the undersigned has or may have. This specifically includes any plans that arise out of the attendance at **Texas DeMolay Government Day**, including transportation to and from said event. I furthermore authorize the release of photographs and videos that may be used on platforms and publications to promote the activities and the orders thereof.

6. By signing this form, I will not hold Texas DeMolay, DeMolay International, the State Capitol, or any other entity associated with this event liable for medical harm including but not limited to COVID-19. I further agree that I will follow all the guidelines in place to the fullest extent during the entirety of the event

7. IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY, AND I AM UNABLE TO ANSWER FOR MYSELF, CONTACT THE FOLLOWING PERSON TO ACT ON MY BEHALF:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Relationship: _____

Signature of Registrant

Date

JUDGING

We are seeking advisors who wish to volunteer to judge those who speak. This will allow you out of the gallery, and permit you to be on the floor of the house, along the side of the presiding dais. A panel of judges utilizing the attached form for each speaker and delegation will do the judging of the outstanding delegation and speaker. Courtesy, knowledge of parliamentary processes, delivery of presentations, poise, and knowledge are also considered and are at the judgment of the judge.

Each individual who speaks will be assigned one sheet, and that same sheet will be repeatedly used for that individual up to 10 times.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS:

Outstanding Male Junior (16 years of age and under) **Outstanding Male Senior** (17 years and above)

Outstanding Female Junior (16 years of age and under) **Outstanding Female Senior** (17 years and above)

(Note: Females Awards will include Rainbow Girls, Chapter Sweethearts, and Chapter Duchesses.)

Group Awards:

Outstanding Chapter Awards will include DeMolays, Chapter Sweetheart, and Duchesses – as registered by the Chapter.

Outstanding Assembly Award will include Rainbow Girls as registered by the Assembly.

(JUDGING SHEET IS ON THE NEXT PAGE)

Speaker: _____

JUNIOR / SENIOR

Chapter / Assembly: _____

(circle one)

(circle one)

PRESENTATION

1st

2nd

3rd

4th

5th

6th

7th

8th

9th

10th

Clear Speaking Voice

Proper Pacing

Proper Tone

Appropriate use of
Language

Total Presentation Points

BONUS PRESENTATIONS

Proper Procedure used

Identifies Topic

States Position

Uses Statistics

Uses References

Uses Summation

Total Bonus Points

PENALTY POINTS

Does Not State Name

Inappropriate Language

Inappropriate Dress

Total Penalty Points

TOTAL POINTS

JUDGE: _____