

PA DeMolay Policy on Honors Nominations

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Nominations for DeMolay International Honors (Chevalier, Cross of Honor, and Legion of Honor) may only be submitted to DeMolay International by the Executive Officer. DeMolay Chapter Advisory Councils, Chevalier Courts, Legion of Honor Preceptories, and previous Legion of Honor recipients are given the privilege of making recommendations to the Executive Officer for his consideration. The individual under consideration is NOT to know about the recommendation, and **absolute secrecy** regarding the submission of recommendations to the Executive Officer must be maintained, or the recommendations will be rejected, and nominations to DeMolay International will be withdrawn. In order to preserve the integrity of these honors, the following guidelines have been established.

These basic requirements must be met in order to submit a recommendation for any DeMolay International Honor, include:

- * Chapter/Court/Preceptory Officer report is current.
- * Previous fiscal year's Chapter/Court/Preceptory financial report is filed by deadline.
- * Youth Protection Video was shown at Chapter meeting and certified by deadline.
- * Chapter Advisory Council Registrations filed by deadline.
- * Chapter Insurance/Endowment Fees paid by deadline.
- * A Legion of Honor Preceptory or Chevalier Court must document its services to the Order of DeMolay as performed by the group, e.g.; sponsored pages in Convention yearbook, conferred Chevalier Degrees, hosted Chapter members at annual observances, contributed to DeMolays attending Convention or Key Man Conference, visited local Chapters as a group, sponsored initiation fees for needy new members, etc.

If you have complied with all of the above requirements, your Chapter or Court is eligible to recommend one Chevalier, and your Preceptory is eligible to recommend one Active OR Honorary Legion of Honor. DeMolay Chapters may earn the privilege of recommending additional honors based on membership recruitment record and other levels of performance excellence. A worksheet to establish the number of honors available to a Chapter is provided in January of each year, and a sample is posted in the Resources section of www.pademolay.org. Additional nominations are NOT available to Courts or Preceptories.

Members of the Legion of Honor residing in Pennsylvania, who wish to recommend a Senior DeMolay or a Master Mason to receive the Legion of Honor, must make one, and only one recommendation by submitting a complete Honor Nomination Form, Pennsylvania Addendum, check for full payment, and letters of recommendation from at least two other individuals (who do NOT need to be Legionnaires or Masons) attesting to the character and worthiness of the nominee, based on the criteria for each honor described on the nomination form. Recommendations will only be received from those who actively support their Preceptory or local DeMolay Chapter(s). If there is any indication that a nominee is aware of, or has requested or contributed to the recommendation, it will not be accepted.

The absolute deadline for ALL submissions is February 15th of each year. Recommendations received after that deadline will be held for consideration the following year. Other requirements may be established by the Executive Officer from time to time.