

## PENNSYLVANIA DEMOLAY

### **Priories of the Order of Knighthood (Issued 1-16-02)**

The Order of Knighthood was created at a time in DeMolay history when large Chapter size made it difficult to provide enough leadership opportunities for all the members who were looking for them. DeMolay in Pennsylvania needs members to be active in supporting the programs of their home DeMolay Chapter. Creating sub-groups and special organizations for "older" members will not contribute to the success of the DeMolay program in Pennsylvania, and in fact, can have the reverse effect of causing dissention and division among the Chapters and membership. Priories of the Order of Knighthood are barely surviving in just a few jurisdictions, and did not survive in Pennsylvania after a few years of effort in the 1980's. Therefore, the establishment of new Knighthood Priories in Pennsylvania will not be authorized. Further, members of DeMolay in Pennsylvania will not be permitted to seek membership in a Priory outside the jurisdiction, unless they reside where a Priory actively works. In addition, use of the title, "SK" for Sir Knight, and "KT" for Knighthood, will not be recognized in Pennsylvania DeMolay, reserving the use of those titles by the Masonic Knights Templar organization, which has been a long-time friend and supporter of Pennsylvania DeMolay.