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# MASONIC YOUTH MINUTES



## Social Emotional Learning



While teaching the youth of today, sometimes it's important to reinvent the wheel in order to fit the needs of every student. New teaching methods and philosophies are discovered everyday, so why not put them to use? Thom Stecher and Associates, the same people who bring to you the LifeSkills Conference, have put together a program to help administrators and educators understand effective ways to reach students of all ages. The program is called "Comprehensive Behavioral Health, Prevention & Intervention Training." The first seminar was held on November 29th, 30th, and December 1st, 2016, at the Masonic Conference Center—Patton Campus in Elizabethtown, PA.

One of the major focuses during this seminar was the importance of social and emotional learning, the process through which children and adults acquire and apply the skills necessary to understand and manage emotions, achieve positive goals, feel and show

empathy, establish and maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions. Some of the goals throughout this training are to develop a list of action strategies that can be introduced to their respective schools, identify current research of prevention and intervention strategies, and to develop a "tools for the toolbox" that can be taken to implement with their students and staff.

The first training seminar was well attended by several schools throughout the Eastern and Central Pennsylvania School Districts. A total of 53 administrators and educators attended in an effort to take back vital information to their schools. Thom Stecher and Associates, in partnership with the Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation, plan to hold more seminars in the near future. With dates still to be scheduled, more information will be available on the PMYF website at [pmyf.org](http://pmyf.org).



Visit the Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation at [www.pmyf.org](http://www.pmyf.org)

## PA Rainbow Celebrates 75 Years of Grand Assembly



In July of every year, the girls and adult leaders of Rainbow in Pennsylvania gather together for Grand Assembly. Grand Assembly is the annual session in which awards are given, ritual is performed, and new officers are appointed and elected. This year is a special year for PA Rainbow, as it's the 75th Anniversary of Grand Assembly in Pennsylvania. It will be held on July 11th to the 16th, 2017, at the Jaffa Shrine Building in Altoona.

Since this year is a special anniversary, there are many events and surprises to come. With that comes some changes as well. The talent show has been replaced with a special surprise entertainment. For years the softball tournament has been held at Grand Assembly. This year it will be held at Patton Campus during the June Weekend on June 3rd. Grand Assembly is always a time to remember, so this year join us and help celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Grand Assembly.

## Job's Daughters Grows in 2016!



Job's Daughters International changed their requirements of membership a year ago and allowed young ladies between the ages of 10-20 who are not related to Master Masons to join as long as they can find a Masonic sponsor to join a Bethel. While this was received as a positive with reservations of losing the direct relationship connection, it appears that this change was one that benefitted Pennsylvania Job's Daughters. The Bethels were able to initiate a total of 33 girls in 2016. Of those, 5 of them joined under Masonic Sponsorship. Masons stepping up and sponsoring the young ladies to join, allowed them opportunities to benefit from membership in a fraternal organization. By instituting the sponsorship concept, Pennsylvania Job's Daughters netted a positive growth of 10 new members for 2016. It just goes to show that even without that direct family relationship, a Masonic sponsor can help build the youth groups for tomorrow, and extend our "Masonic family."



Mark your calendars for the Miss Job's Daughter Scholarship pageant to be held on Saturday, April 8 in the Deike Auditorium at the Masonic Village of Elizabethtown at 7:00 PM. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$7. All proceeds benefit PA Job's Daughters in the form of scholarships.

### How To Use This Publication

The Masonic Youth Minutes is published by the PA Masonic Youth Foundation to share ideas and to inspire Masonic leaders to creatively support the Masonic Youth Groups. It is mailed to all Worshipful Masters, Lodge Secretaries, Lodge Youth Chairmen, and Masonic Youth Group Leaders. All Lodge Youth Chairmen are asked to make a 1-minute report at each Lodge meeting, sharing at least one article of interest with the members. Permission is granted to make copies of this publication and to freely distribute them to all who have an interest in the youth of Pennsylvania. The Masonic Youth Minutes is also available online at [www.pmyf.org](http://www.pmyf.org).

Visit the PA Rainbow website at [www.parainbowgirls.org](http://www.parainbowgirls.org)

## Recognize an Eagle Scout



When a young man joins the Boy Scouts of America, the ultimate goal is for him to one day receive the Eagle Scout Award. The Eagle Scout is given for outstanding leadership and personal achievement. He must receive merit badges in multiple areas of interest, including first aid, personal management, cooking, camping and communications. He must also perform a service project which demonstrates leadership of others for the benefit of any religious institution, school or community. All of the requirements must be completed before the young man's 18th birthday.

The Boy Scouts of America and the Masonic Lodges have always worked well together. The Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in Pennsylvania established the Daniel Carter Beard Award to honor Masons serving as scout leaders. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has also authorized the distribution of a certificate signed by the Grand Master to be presented to a recipient of the Eagle Scout Award. Certificates can be requested through the Pennsylvania Masonic Youth

Foundation. If you know someone receiving the Eagle Scout Award, contact the PMYF office at [pmyf@grandlodge.org](mailto:pmyf@grandlodge.org) to receive a certificate from the Grand Lodge.

## 2017 HODEGOS Recipients Revealed

The HODEGOS Award is given by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to adult leaders who have worked with the Masonic Youth Groups for a minimum of 7 years. This award honors the outstanding hard work and dedication of our finest leaders to make our youth groups better. It is given to no more than 2 people per youth group, based on nominations submitted by adult and youth leaders.



This year we have 5 well-deserving recipients of this award:

**Bro. Raymond W. Gottschall, III—PA DeMolay**

**Dr. Deanna Quay—PA Rainbow**

**Mrs. Thelma Antis—PA Rainbow**

**Mrs. Lana Karl—PA Job's Daughters**

**Mrs. Sarah Stains—PA Job's Daughters**

HODEGOS is a Greek word that translates to mean "the driver" in modern Greek, but in context it means mentor and teacher, a term that describes all of the recipients. The award will be given at the annual convention for the group that nominated them. Congratulations to all of this year's recipients.

Visit the PA Job's Daughters website at [www.paiojd.org](http://www.paiojd.org)

## Are You Eligible to Wear a Masonic Youth Apron?



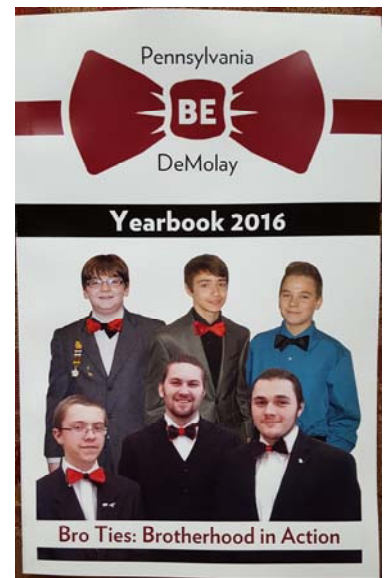
During his term as Grand Master, Bro. Jay W. Smith, RWPGM, created and authorized the wearing of a special apron at all Masonic Lodges in Pennsylvania. This apron sets apart those Brothers who devote time and energy to our Masonic Youth Groups in Pennsylvania, and recognizes their service to DeMolay, Rainbow and Job's Daughters.

To receive an apron on loan from the Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation, a Master Mason must be a registered adult leader with a local Rainbow Assembly, Job's Daughters Bethel or DeMolay Chapter. The Foundation will distribute the apron upon the request of the Chairman of the local youth group. The Chairman will also sign for the

apron to verify the receipt of the apron. If a Master Mason is no longer involved with the youth group, the apron is to be returned to the local youth group or the Youth Foundation for reassignment. For any questions or more information about the Masonic Youth Aprons, contact the PMYF office at 717-367-1536.

## Help DeMolay Celebrate the Year that Was

During the annual Convention, members of Pennsylvania DeMolay are provided with their very own copy of the PA DeMolay Yearbook. This full color book includes photos from events that took place throughout the year, best wishes from family members and friends, and advertisements from businesses and Sponsoring Bodies. In order to make an annual book like this possible, it takes plenty sponsorships. Members and advisors are asked to sell ads to local businesses and Masonic bodies. The deadline to buy ads for the yearbook is April 15th, so there is still time if you'd like to support PA DeMolay or your local DeMolay Chapter. The prices for ads are as follows: \$125 for a full page, \$65 for a half page, \$35 for a quarter page or a business card size ad, \$15 for a classified and \$5 for a booster ad. To submit an ad for the yearbook, contact Dave Berry at [dwberry@pademolay.net](mailto:dwberry@pademolay.net) or at 717-367-1536 x 4. Checks should be made payable to Pennsylvania DeMolay.



## About PMYF and this Publication

**The Mission of the Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation is to lead the Masonic Fraternity in providing services on behalf of young people, and training for adults who work for the betterment of youth.**

To accomplish this Mission, the Foundation will enhance the programs of the Masonic Youth Groups, support initiatives to keep children safe from violence, abuse and exploitation, and provide specialized education for adults who offer leadership to youth in the Commonwealth.

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