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**MASONIC
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Youth Groups on Display

Every fall, community members, Masonic Leaders, and their families gather together to spend time at the Masonic Villages to learn about what they have to offer, and to promote the programs of the Masonic family. Food and entertainment are available to ensure that everyone enjoys their visit.

On October 7th, at the Masonic Village in Sewickley, PA, the Community Day Festival will be held. This gathering helps introduce the Masonic Family to the Pittsburgh community. Entertainment, food, crafts and more will be available for a small fee. Members of the Masonic Youth Groups will be present to promote their programming.

Two weeks later, on October 21st, the Masonic Village in Elizabethtown will host a similar event called Autumn Day. Members from Masonic Organizations and Youth Groups gather to promote their programs as well. Tables are set up for promotional purposes as well as entertainment. Rainbow girls help young attendees create their own crown and provide them with face paint. Job's Daughters host a series of games geared to the youth attendees as well as coloring activities. All youth group members will get the chance to assist at the Health Care Center. DeMolay members will help in the efforts to clean up tables and chairs at the end of the program. A blood drive is also available for anyone to donate blood, something many members of the youth groups are known to do as well.



Both festivals are great opportunities to socialize within the Masonic Community and learn about programs you may not have known about. Everyone is invited to join in, so make sure you're there.

Visit the Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation at www.pmyf.org

Helping Rainbow Find Their Princess



Grand Assembly has come and gone, which means it's time to start a new term with a new youth leader. Miss Amanda Herzog from Beaver Valley Assembly No. 187, was elected and installed as the Grand Worthy Advisor for the 2017-2018 term. She was installed with several other officers dedicated to work just as hard as she will.

Miss Herzog's motto for the year is "Find Your Princess." Each member and adult worker possesses some of the qualities, skills and values that it takes to be a princess. This year's theme is to encourage the girls to embrace those qualities and skills, and use them to be the best version of themselves. The colors for the year are Royal Purple and Emerald Green with the symbols being heels and tiaras.



The charity for the year is the Animal Rescue League, based in Pittsburgh with shelters throughout Pennsylvania. This charity is both an animal shelter and wildlife rehabilitation center. Every assembly is encouraged to donate to their local shelters. This donation is more than just in the form of financial, as time and effort can go along way as well. Many local shelters need volunteers and supplies such as blankets and toys that can be crafted as a group project.

Job's Daughters Go Supreme



The end of July or the beginning of August always brings great excitement to the Job's Daughters worldwide as they gather together for Supreme Session. This year was no exception, especially since it was right here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at Valley Forge. Nearly 50 people from Pennsylvania joined the 1,100 plus registrants this year at Supreme Session. While this is a time to meet for legislation changes and other business items for the organization, Supreme Session gives the Daughters opportunities to compete, sign up for International positions, and meet lots of new friends from all over the Job's Daughters world. PA is proud to have 3 Supreme Bethel Representatives, as well as a Supreme Bethel officer. Andi Collman, Grand Bethel Honored Queen, represented the Commonwealth with poise and grace in

the International Miss Job's Daughter pageant. Daughters competed in ritual competitions resulting in two 1st places, one 2nd place, and two 3rd places for individual competitions. They also competed in music competitions where one young lady walked away with a first place, while another two received 3rd place in their category. All in all, Supreme Session was a hit for all attendees. Many of the Daughters could not attend these events without the support of fundraisers and sponsorships and PA Job's Daughters would like to thank all those who assisted our Daughters in providing the support needed for them to travel to their Supreme Session.

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.

Visit the PA Rainbow website at www.parainbowgirls.org

Masonic Youth Groups Provide Charity To Others

One of the many things that sets Freemasonry apart from other organizations is its charitable presence in our communities. Lodges donate thousands of dollars to charitable causes every year. That same enthusiasm for helping others has been embraced by the Masonic Youth Groups, as they all work hard to raise funds for various charities in Pennsylvania.

Rainbow Girls hold two charity programs per year. The Grand Worthy Advisor selects a charity during her term, which is mostly supported through the purchase of the Grand Worthy Advisor's pin. Last year this charity was the Special Olympics; this year it's the Animal Rescue League. The other charity, the state charity that stays consistent each year, is the My Stuff Bags program, which is designed to create bags for children going through tough times in their lives to make them feel comfortable and happy. The girl who serves as Grand Charity is responsible for providing programming to support this charity.



DeMolay supports various charities from chapter to chapter, but the state charity remains the Scottish Rite Children's Dyslexia Centers. The Dyslexia Centers are in various locations throughout Pennsylvania so chapters can support their local center. The State Sweetheart and a member of the Elected State Officers are responsible for seeing that all chapters participate in the State Charity. One of the most successful events is Elizabethtown Chapter's annual Dodgeball for Dyslexia tournament.

The Job's Daughters of Pennsylvania support the H.I.K.E program, which stands for the Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment Fund. This charity helps provide hearing devices for children with hearing impairments through the ages of newborn and twenty.

LifeSkills Conference 2018



The 2017 LifeSkills program wrapped up a little over a month ago, but it is never too early to start thinking about next year. Every July in Elizabethtown at the Masonic Conference Center—Patton Campus, the Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation sponsors the LifeSkills program. Youth from local communities, school districts and Masonic Youth Groups gather together to learn lifelong lessons that will help make them a better overall person and a leader in society. The program is about teaching an adolescent how to handle themselves as a person and how to contribute back to society in a positive way. It provides activities that help youth members become better in areas such as teamwork, problem solving, leadership, trust and respect.

The LifeSkills program is for youth from the age of 12 to 16. The LifeChangers program, a chance for older teens to look a little deeper into the LifeSkills concepts, is for young adults 17 to 21. Both programs provide activities that will challenge each individual mentally and, in some cases, physically.

Next year, the week long activities are scheduled for July 22-27, 2018. Has your lodge sponsored a participant of the LifeSkills program? If so, we thank you and hope you will again this year. If not, maybe it would like to now. To find out how you can contribute, contact us at [800-266-8424](tel:800-266-8424) or go onto our website at pmyf.org for more information about the LifeSkills program.

Visit the PA Job's Daughters website at www.paiojd.org

Make a Nomination for the HODEGOS



The HODEGOS Award is given by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to up to two deserving Adult Leaders of each of the Masonic Youth Organizations in Pennsylvania; Rainbow for Girls, Job's Daughters and DeMolay. The emblem of the honor is a solid gold lapel pin (or necklace for the ladies) molded with the Greek word HODEGOS, which translates to mean "the driver", but in today's context it means mentor and teacher. Created in 2005, the award is given for outstanding service to the respective youth group they represent, with nominations coming from both adult and youth members. The recipients must have served a minimum of 7 years as a volunteer for eligibility.

If you know a dedicated adult working with your local chapter, bethel or assembly who meets the requirements, consider suggesting that their organization nominate them. The deadline for nominations is set for October 15th, 2017. All nominations are to be kept secret, as we would like the recipient to be surprised and honored by the selection. The nomination form must be accompanied by three letters of recommendation. The nomination form can be found on the PMYF website at www.pmyf.org.

GO Lead, Grow, and Spread for PA DeMolay



At the annual PA DeMolay Convention, held July 14 to 16 in the Lehigh Valley area, newly elected State Master Councilor Jacob Beers presented his theme for the year, "GO." Incorporating Jacob's love for all things racing, he has challenged members to "GO Lead", "GO Grow", and "GO Spread" DeMolay in Pennsylvania. "GO Lead" rewards DeMolays with recognition and potential prizes for taking on greater leadership roles in their home Chapters and on the state-level. "GO Grow" encourages DeMolays to work harder to bring in new members by giving them the ability to move their way up on the PA DeMolay Race Team – from a simple Shop Mechanic, all the way to the Driver – with each new member they first-line sign. "GO Spread" recognizes those who have gone above and beyond to help spread DeMolay's message to those around them. Throughout the year, chapters will compete in the Chase for the DeMolay Membership Cup, with the winner receiving a plaque and recognition at Convention 2018.



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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