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Masonic Youth Groups Unite During Unity Weekend 2017

The term unity means “the state of being one.” During the Autumn Day Weekend, the members of all five Masonic Youth Organizations; DeMolay, Rainbow, Job’s Daughters, Knights of Pythagoras, and Ruth Mitchell Tucker Girls, came together at the Masonic Conference Center—Patton Campus for the annual Unity Weekend. This program is designed to bring all of the Masonic Youth Groups together to work as one and get to know each other better.

During the weekend, participants were divided into groups, each group consisting of members of all five youth groups. On Friday, each group was tasked with educating each other on the Youth Group that they are a part of. After sharing information about each Youth Group, they were then tasked with sharing what all five Youth Groups had in common. Some of the popular answers included donating to various charities, being part of the Masonic Family, and performing community service projects.

At the Autumn Day Festival, each participant represented their respective Masonic Youth Group by helping out at their display tables. They were also tasked with participating in the LifeSkills program initiatives, in an effort to help display the program for other community members passing by. After Autumn Day, participants took part in several team building activities, including Communications Building, Family Feud, and an Escape Room.



The weekend was a success, allowing each group the opportunity to make friendships outside of their respective groups. We look forward to holding this event for years to come.

Photo depicts the five youth leaders of the Masonic Youth Groups in Pennsylvania. From left to right; Jacob Beers, State Master Councilor for PA DeMolay, Amanda Herzog, Grand Worthy Advisor for PA Rainbow, Ashley Plater, State President for PA Ruth Mitchell Tucker Girls, Aliana Landry, Miss Job’s Daughters for PA, and Jared Ferguson, Grand Master Knight for PA Knights of Pythagoras.

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

Recipients of the Grand Cross of Color



The Grand Cross of Color is the highest honor that the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls can give to its members and Advisors with Masonic Affiliation. Each year, the Supreme Assembly approves designates to receive this honor, based on the membership brought into its Assemblies. For every 3 members initiated, the Assembly can recommend one active Rainbow Girl and one Advisor to receive the Grand Cross of Color. The Supreme Inspector, Helen Snedden, is also given the chance to present 3 people with the Grand Cross of Color.



This November, several young ladies and Advisors will be given the opportunity to become a Master of the Cross of Color, the name given to recipients of this honor. Ceremonies are performed in 4 different regions on 3 different dates. November 4th will be Region D in Carlisle, November 11th will be Region C in Easton, and November 18th will be both Region A and B in a joint ceremony in Butler. Congratulations to all of the recipients of this honor.

What's the Buzz in Job's Daughters?



If you recently attended the Autumn Day event held at the Masonic Villages, you may have noticed a rather large bee buzzing around the Job's Daughters stand. Wonder why?

Job's Daughters members must be 10-20 years of age; however, in an attempt to try to reach out and get younger girls active – Job's Daughters created the Jobie to Bee program. Just like the Girl Scouts have the Brownies – Job's Daughters have their Bees.

This program is geared to young ladies ages 8 and 9 who can attend Job's Daughters activities to get to know about the organization and create interest. Each individual Bethel has a "bee hive" that has various activities geared towards the Jobie to Bees. The girls have learned that getting them busy, and creating a connection, encourages them to join the

Order at the age of 10. This also provides an opportunity to have a constant membership influx ready and able to join.

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 Scholarship Resource Guide

The Masonic Scholarship Resource Guide, otherwise known as the M.S.R.G, is a booklet that outlines all of the scholarships available through the Pennsylvania Masonic Community. This opportunity is open to all youth of the PA Masonic fraternity, whether a part of the Masonic Youth Groups, or through Masonic Affiliation. With over 70 different scholarships available, there is certainly one that applies to you. The 2018 Resource Guide is now available.

Do you have a son, daughter or grandchild who will be starting or continuing their college education this upcoming year? Do you know a member of the Masonic Youth Organizations who may need some money for school? If so, you may want to check out this booklet.

The booklet is available online for instant access at pmyf.org. The application can be found on the website as well, so find the scholarship that applies to you, make note of the deadline, and send in the application. To request a printed copy of the Masonic Scholarship Resource Guide, or for more information, please call the Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation office at 800-266-8424, or contact us at pmyf@pagrandlodge.org.

2018 MASONIC SCHOLARSHIP RESOURCE GUIDE



Scholarship and grant opportunities primarily for Masons, their siblings, children, grandchildren and members of the Masonic-related youth groups.

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The complete text of this booklet, and the application for the
PMYF Scholarship, can be found on the internet at
www.pmyf.org

Make the Call With Call-Em-All



In the days of modern technology, young people tend to rely mostly on text messaging and social media to find out what is going on in the world. Although this may be the case, parents, Advisors and youth without cell phones rely on verbal messages; plus it's still nice to receive a good old fashioned phone call. Call-Em-All makes this process a lot easier and it is offered at no cost to all of our youth groups, thanks to the Masons of PA.

The Call-Em-All system allows you to record a single message and send it to the entire group. The Call-Em-All website walks you through the process step by step. You can choose whether the message goes to everyone or a select group of people. It also allows you to choose when the message is sent. Rather than being on the phone all day making phone calls, this program makes it a 5 to 10 minute process. Text messages are available through the Call-Em-All setup as well.

An application must be filled out and sent back to the PMYF office in order to set up Call-Em-All for your group. The application is on our website at pmyf.org. Fill out this application and we will provide you with the details to set up Call-Em-All for your Masonic youth group.

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

Masonic Youth Aprons Still Available

A few years ago, the then Right Worshipful Grand Master Jay W. Smith, created a Blue Lodge Masonic Apron that is exclusive for adult leaders who actively work within the Masonic Youth Groups. This Masonic Youth Leader Apron is distributed through the PMYF office and is available to any active advisor for Rainbow, Job's Daughters and DeMolay.

The aprons are loaned out to the Master Masons who are currently registered and trained adult leaders. Recipients of the aprons are authorized to wear them to any Blue Lodge function where a regular Masonic Apron would be worn. When service as an adult leader is finished, the apron is returned to the youth group adult chairman.



Are you both a Mason and an adult volunteer? Then this apron is for you. Contact the chairman of your adult leader team and request a Masonic Youth Leader Apron. It's a great way to proudly promote both Freemasonry and our Masonic Youth!

PA DeMolay Celebrates the Supreme Tall Cedar



Every December, the members of PA DeMolay pay tribute to a Masonic Sponsor who contributes to the DeMolay program. This year, the December Membership Class will be in honor of the Supreme Tall Cedar, Mark Brumaghim. The Tall Cedars are a continuous sponsor of the PMC-MSA program, an award given to a Master Councilor who meets various requirements throughout his term in office, such as membership, ritual work, and event planning. Brother Brumaghim is also a new member of the DeMolay Legion of Honor, having received this honor last month in Reading.

The Supreme Tall Cedar's Class will be held from December 1st to 3rd, 2017 at the Masonic Conference Center—Patton Campus in Elizabethtown, PA. The degrees will be performed by an All-Star cast of

DeMolays throughout the Commonwealth to bring in several new members to the Order of DeMolay. Please join us for this special occasion, as we honor a true supporter of DeMolay and all of PA Masonic Youth.

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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Visit the PA DeMolay website at www.pademolay.org