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# MASONIC YOUTH MINUTES



## Masonic Eagle Scout Pin

For several years, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has had a working relationship with the Boy Scouts of America. This is in large part due to the number of Masons who were Boy Scouts as a youth. The Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation already has a few programs that coincide with this relationship; the Daniel Carter Beard Scouter Award and the Masonic Eagle Scout Recognition Letter. At the request of Right Worshipful Grand Master, S. Eugene Herritt, the Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation designed a Masonic Eagle Scout Lapel Pin, for Masons who earned the Eagle Scout Award during their time in the Boy Scouts.

The Eagle Scout Award is the highest achievement within the Boy Scouts of America. In order to obtain an Eagle Scout, it takes years of dedicated leadership and service. Numerous merit badges are required in areas including first-aid, camping, personal fitness, and personal management. A final project called the Eagle Scout Service Project is required to demonstrate the individuals leadership ability.



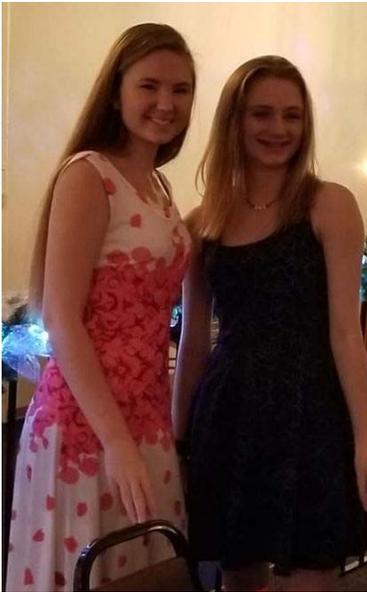
In order to receive the pin, there are a few requirements. There is an application that can be found at <https://pmyf.org/scouts/masonic-eagle-scout-lapel-pins/>. You will need to fill out this application and provide a copy of your current lodge dues card. You will also need one of the following; a copy of your Eagle Scout Certificate, Eagle Scout Wallet Card, National Eagle Scout Association Certificate or card, or anything from B.S.A. that documents that you have earned this achievement.

**Only one pin will be given out per person.**

There is a \$10 fee for the Masonic Eagle Scout Lapel Pin to cover the cost of designing, manufacturing, processing, packaging and shipping the pin. The check can be made payable to "PA Masonic Youth Foundation." For more information, visit the Masonic Eagle Scout page at the PMYF website, [pmyf.org](http://pmyf.org).

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

## Reading Assembly/Reading DeMolay Snow Ball Dance



On December 29th, 2018, Reading Assembly No. 33 and Reading DeMolay hosted the annual Snow Ball Dance, held at the Rajah Shrine Complex in Reading. This is an annual event that has been popularized for several years serving as a holiday tradition in the Reading area.

The dance was very successful, uniting several Rainbow Assemblies and DeMolay Chapters. Many of the guests traveled long distances to participate in this event, including Assemblies from the Pittsburgh area. Dance contests were held and prizes were given out. Games took place and there was even a “selfie station” to take fun photos. Prospects were welcomed to the dance to promote the activity within the organization.

In the end, many of the members of the Masonic Youth Groups had a great time and worked together to make this a successful event. Great job to Reading Assembly and Reading DeMolay for making this a holiday tradition.

## Miss Job's Daughter Pageant



Every year in April, a pageant is held to determine who will be Miss Job's Daughter, Miss Congeniality, and Miss Junior Jobie for the upcoming year. The 2019 Pageant will be held on April 6th at 7:00 PM, and will take place at the Deike Auditorium in the Masonic Village of Elizabethtown.

Although the pageant announces representatives for the organization, it also raises money for the scholarship fund. Scholarships are given out at the annual Job's Daughters Grand Session in June. The Pageant is open to everyone, so bring your family to see the great job that these young ladies do in representing themselves and Job's Daughters.

If you'd like to sponsor a young lady in the competition, you can do so by making a check payable to “Grand Guardian Council,” and mailing it in by March 1st, 2019. Checks can be sent to Deborah Ehrhardt, 160 Devers Street, Dallastown, PA 17313-2222. At time of publication, the

young ladies that will be competing for Miss Job's Daughters are: Alyssa Kline and Alex Collman of Bethel 15 in Elizabethtown, Brooke Dingel of Bethel 21 in Butler, and Lauren Wetzel of Bethel 16 in Chambersburg. Many other young ladies will be participating in the pageant to be named Miss Junior Jobie, as well.

### 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)

## Scholarship Guides and Applications Now Available

One of the major focuses of all within the fraternity is the future of our youth, who deserve to be given the chance to succeed in the world. The PMYF, several Grand Masonic Bodies, Lodges and organizations provide scholarships that can help our youth with the financial burden of attending college.

The Masonic Scholarship Resource Guide, sometimes simply known as the M.S.R.G., is a book that contains a variety of scholarships that our youth can apply for. Over 60 scholarships are available. An application should be filled out, and the scholarship guide will inform the student if there are other requirements in order to receive that scholarship. For a copy of the guide, you can request one from the Masonic Youth Foundation office, or download it from [pmyf.org/scholarships](http://pmyf.org/scholarships).



Do you have a child or grandchild who needs assistance with college tuition? Do you know a member of the Masonic Youth Groups that can benefit from this opportunity? If so, then please direct them to [pmyf.org/scholarships](http://pmyf.org/scholarships) for this great chance to earn scholarship money. The deadlines vary, with many of them due March 15, 2019, so check these dates in the guide carefully. Please send the application and all other requirements to the appropriate address before the deadline. No scholarship is guaranteed. Each program is competitive and rewards academic success and financial need.

## LifeSkills 2019



There are several programs and seminars that take place at the Masonic Conference Center—Patton Campus, but one of the most recognized programs is the LifeSkills Conference. This week-long conference challenges youth to develop leadership, respect, relational skills, and personal responsibility. LifeSkills is very active and high energy, providing several team building and brainstorming activities. The program will also include active discussions on every day struggles for teenagers, such as drugs and alcohol, and conflict resolution. A day trip to a high ropes course is included in this already fun and exciting week.

LifeSkills takes place from July 21 to 26, 2019, at the Masonic Conference Center in Elizabethtown. The cost is \$350 for a first time conference attendee, and \$500 for a second time attendee. The ages for LifeSkills attendees is from 12 to 16. If you are over this age limit, have no worries. The LifeChangers program is for ages 17 to 21, and provides more in-depth planning and discussion on essential topics. It also allows teenagers to create an action plan for them to help implement the lessons learned during the week.

Registration is now available and can be found at [www.pmyf.org](http://www.pmyf.org). The conference is first come first serve, so register early to reserve a spot for this top quality experience.

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

## The Daniel Carter Beard Scouter Award

In the late 1800's, Daniel Carter Beard, a Master Mason from New York, founded an organization known as the "Society of the Sons of Daniel Boone." In 1910, Daniel Beard merged this organization with another, forming the "Boy Scouts of America." To this day, Masons across the world still support the Boy Scouts.

The Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award is presented to a Master Mason who is a registered Scouter, active within his unit. This award, established in 2001 with the backing of the Boy Scouts of America, is presented by more than 50 Grand Lodges, including a few foreign jurisdictions. This award cannot be applied for. It is for a Mason whose service has caused growth in Scouting units and personal development in both youth and adults. A recipient must be nominated by a brother of the lodge, so if you know a Mason who is active with the Scouts, consider nominating him for this award. Get the full details about making a nomination at [www.pmyf.org/programs/scouting](http://www.pmyf.org/programs/scouting).



## A Brotherhood Awakens



At a Convention not so long ago, in a location in Gettysburg, PA, PA DeMolay State Master Councilor, Tyler Moyer, presented the 2018-2019 program called "A Brotherhood Awakens." The theme is based around the critically acclaimed motion picture franchise, Star Wars. This year's focus, although still primarily on bringing in new members, also takes a focus in improving the brotherhood within and helping improve the quality of DeMolay, rather than just the quantity. The Chapters in Pennsylvania are divided into two factions; the First Order and the Resistance. Teams can earn points for the various everyday things within DeMolay, such as

bringing in new members, visiting other Chapters, memorizing their obligations, and completing the Representative DeMolay Award and Leadership Correspondence Courses. As an added bonus, DeMolay International is celebrating 100 years of the Order, with the official 100th anniversary taking place on March 24th, 2019, so it's undeniably a year for a smile on Yoda's face.

## 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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