



MASONIC YOUTH MINUTES

*“Take the time to present a good report on the
Masonic Youth at your lodge meeting.”*

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Educational Institute

For more than 15 years the Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation, through the support of the Masons of Pennsylvania, have provided professional development workshops and seminars for educators, human service professionals and school administrators throughout the Commonwealth. These high-quality training seminars have given schools and communities the tools to empower youth, enhance safe school environment, prevent drug and alcohol use in children, and build long-lasting assistance programs.



The focus of most of those workshops has been the awareness of all forms of bullying in our schools, and teaching administrators ways to recognize and react to such behavior. These programs are taught by a trained professional in the field, Mrs. Deborah McCoy. The most powerful growth of the program in recent years has been the addition of direct student and youth programs, bringing the voice of young people to bear as they confront the issues facing our world and their future.

The Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation is always looking to find new ways to influence more youth and make a positive impact on society. In 2020, the Educational Institute of the Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation is proud to introduce a new perspective to this incredibly valuable program, Parent Forum. The focus will be on creating an environment where parents can hear from experts, connect with other parents and find support. The conversations will place attention on what is right with kids and practical strategies that parents can use to help their children continue to grow and thrive.



If your lodge or masonic body is interested in hosting a Parent Forum, please contact Amy Nace at 1-800-266-8424 ext. 2 or ALNace@PADeMolay.net. For more information on the Education Institute of the Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation, or for a guide to the educational courses and opportunities currently offered, please visit www.pmyf.org.

Upcoming Professional Programs

January 6 @ BHTEN in Philadelphia: Digital Health for Youth
January 22 @ MCIU in Montgomery County: Having the Talk
February 13 @ MCC in Elizabethtown: A Blue Zones School

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



Grand Cross of Color

*Written by Calista Cavanaugh,
Grand Worthy Advisor for PA Rainbow Girls*

The last couple of months of the year are always an exciting time for Pennsylvania Rainbow. November is our Grand Cross Season. The Grand Cross of Color is the highest honor in Rainbow. It is a recognition for great service and very difficult to obtain.

To earn Grand Cross of Color nominations, an assembly must have three petitions. For every three petitions, the assembly can recommend one active girl and one advisor. The individuals recommended to receive this honor are girls and adults who give their time and talents to support Rainbow. They consistently show their dedication and work tirelessly to better the program. From the assembly, the recommendations are then passed to the Supreme Inspector, Mrs. Snedden, who approves them and sends them to be voted on in the House of Gold, the International governing body of Rainbow. Once the nominees receive knowledge of the honor, they will attend an investiture in November, or at Grand Assembly, to receive their medallion and their honor.



This year, we had three regions of Grand Cross Investitures. We were lucky to have our first Investiture of the season in the Grand Lodge's Masonic Temple in Philadelphia, which was absolutely beautiful. We also had amazing investitures in Bethlehem and in Irwin. Our Grand Cross teams and advisors put together fantastic, organized meetings followed by luncheons. Pennsylvania Rainbow truly shined this year during our Grand Cross Season and we thank everyone who participated and supported us!



A Visit From the Philippines

*Written by Corrie Baker, Grand Bethel
Honored Queen for PA Job's Daughters*



During the weekend of November 15-17, 2019, Job's Daughters of Pennsylvania held their annual fall Grand Bethel Weekend. The theme was "Travel Around the World." Friday night started out by having Jobie Congress to discuss the new bylaws proposed for the Grand Bethel. There was also a movie that was shown for daughters who didn't want to be a part of the meeting. We then had practice for the Grand Bethel Meeting. The next morning, we had our fall Grand Bethel meeting which went smoothly. In the afternoon we had an International Fair that consisted of the daughters trying foods and playing games from the countries of Canada, Brazil, Australia, France, Russia, and the Philippines. After dinner, we had a HIKE themed pool party to help raise money for our international charity, the Hearing Improved Kids Endowment. Sunday morning, we had a church service and then the girls headed home.

That weekend we also had the privilege of being joined by the Miss International Job's Daughters, Maia Garcia from the Philippines, and the Supreme Bethel Honored Queen, Gabbi Dimatteo from Minnesota. On Sunday, Alyssa Kline, Miss Job's Daughter of Pennsylvania, and I took them to Hershey and rode the trolley. We also went to Hershey's Chocolate World and the amusement park. The next day we went to Sturgis Pretzel Factory and took a tour. We then headed to Wilbur Chocolate and bought some delicious candy. Lastly, we showed them Tanger Outlets and got some shopping in. We ended the day by hanging out, telling funny stories from our respective jurisdictions. Overall, it was a wonderful weekend filled with fun, excitement, and sisterhood. Our next weekend will be our annual Volleyball Weekend held at Patton Campus from January 3-5, 2020 and we are eagerly looking forward to it.

Visit the PA Rainbow Girls at www.parainbowgirls.org



Youth Unity Weekend

*Written by Alyssa Kline
Miss Job's Daughters for PA Job's Daughters*



Unity Weekend is designed to bring the Masonic Youth of Pennsylvania together and give them a stronger idea of what each organization does. The youth programs that are part of Unity Weekend program are DeMolay, Job's Daughters, Rainbow, Knights of Pythagoras and Ruth Mitchell Tucker Girls Youth Department. The youth leader from each group assists in coordinating this program by establishing the schedule, creating the various activities and workshops, and establishing the individuals invited to participate.

The key word that represents the weekend is Unity. Over the weekend, the youth will learn about each other's organization, allowing them to see the similarities and differences in how they operate. They will engage and work together during activities, such as community service, problem solving, and social interaction. This event will take place on March 6-8, 2020 at the Masonic Conference Center in Elizabethtown. This weekend serves as a chance to connect and serves as proof that we are all part of the same Masonic family.



Grand Master's Class Induction

During the weekend of December 6-8, 2019, Pennsylvania DeMolay hosted the annual Winter Induction Class, this year in honor of the Right Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Bro. S. Eugene Herritt. The degree class was held on Saturday, December 7, 2019, at the Masonic Conference Center in Elizabethtown. Nine candidates were inducted into DeMolay, with the degrees performed by an all-star cast of members from throughout the Commonwealth. The Grand Master had the opportunity to meet the new initiates, present them with patents representing the class, and leave them with some words of wisdom to help influence their path forward.



In addition to the Right Worshipful Grant Master attending the class, PA DeMolay was privileged to have a few other guests. International Master Councilor and PA Past State Master Councilor, B. Tyler Moyer, attended and spoke to the class. The Sovereign Grand Commander of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, David A. Glattly also attended and spoke during the program. Another great program organized by some great members and Advisors of Pennsylvania DeMolay.

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



Bullet Points for Use of this Publication

Each issue of the PMYF Youth Minutes has material that can be shared with the lodge during the youth report. Here are some bullet points of important takeaways from this issue to make that report easier for the Lodge Youth Representative.

Share that...

- The Parent Forum has been added to the Educational Institute of the PMYF
- The Grand Cross of Color was given to many deserving Rainbow Youth and Adult leaders
- PA Job's Daughters had a visit from the International Miss Job's Daughters from the Philippines at their October Weekend
- DeMolay honored the R.W. Grand Master with an Induction Class
- The youth from all 5 Masonic youth groups are hard at work putting together the 2020 Unity Weekend

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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.



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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