



MASONIC YOUTH MINUTES

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

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Last Call for Scholarships

The Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation presented over \$170,000 in scholarships through its Educational Endowment Fund in 2019 for over 50 deserving students. The Foundation estimates that in 2020 nearly \$200,000 in funds will be available. The annual program runs through March 15, 2020, which is the final submission date for applications. Applicants **MUST PLAN AHEAD** to submit their application on time, as copies of school transcripts and current completed tax forms for themselves and their parents must accompany the application. The committee requires a minimum of 3.0 GPA and a strong financial need to make an award. Fraternal activities and community service also matter, when the other conditions have been satisfied. The program is competitive, and each year the applicants are measured against each other to determine the need and likelihood for success.



Do you have a child or grandchild that could benefit from scholarship funds? Do you know a member of the Masonic Youth Groups that needs some extra money to help pay for school? Then encourage them to check out all the scholarship opportunities at <https://pmyf.org/scholarships>, where there's information on nearly 70 scholarships, grants and loan opportunities for Masons, their siblings, children, and grandchildren; members of the Masonic-related youth groups; Acacia Fraternity members; and residents or graduates of the Pennsylvania Masonic Children's Home. Most of these additional scholarship opportunities require the submission of a separate application, and all of the requirements and application details are included in the guide.

The Masonic Scholarship Resource Guide for the 2020 program, and the 2020 application, is now available on the Internet at <http://www.pmyf.org> or by contacting the PA Masonic Youth Foundation at 800-266-8424 X2 or Assistant Executive Director Dave Berry at dwberry@pademolay.net.

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



New Rainbow Assembly in Mount Joy

A few years ago, the Buds Pledge Group started in Mount Joy for girls between the ages of 6 and 10. Since all the girls were under the Rainbow joining age, they created the pledge group. The girls would take part in crafts, learn valuable lessons, and enjoy snacks with their friends. With most of the girls turning 11, it's now time to graduate the older girls into Rainbow. What started as one mom opening a pledge group for her daughter and her friends, has quickly turned into a brand-new Assembly for the Rainbow Girls in Pennsylvania.



January 25, 2020, four girls were initiated into Rainbow to be part of the new Assembly that is forming in Central Pennsylvania. The Assembly will be known as Mount Joy Assembly No. 35 and will meet at the Donegal Masonic Center in Mount Joy, home of Ashara-Casiphia Lodge No. 551. The initiation marks the starting point of the journey for these girls. The initiation was performed by the Grand Officers of PA Rainbow, who welcomed the new members with open arms.

On February 23, 2020, Mount Joy Assembly No. 35 is scheduled to hold their first Installation of Officers. This event promises to be a special day for Mount Joy Assembly, its young ladies, families, friends, and the entire Masonic Family in the First Masonic District and all of South Central Pennsylvania.



Job's Daughters Volleyball

Article written by Miss Corrie Baker, Grand Bethel Honor Queen, PA Job's Daughters

On January 3-January 5, 2020, Pennsylvania Jobs Daughters held its annual Volleyball Weekend. The weekend had a huge turnout, with representatives from all six Pennsylvania Bethels, Pennsylvania Rainbow, and members from Virginia, Michigan, and Minnesota. Also in attendance was the Supreme Guardian, Associate Supreme Guardian, Associate Supreme Bethel Guardian, Vice Supreme Guardian, and Supreme Guide.



On Friday, we began the weekend by having a church service in the chapel. We then headed to the function room to enjoy some ice breakers so the girls could get to know things about each other. We played games called fruit salad, chiefs, and the human knot.

On Saturday morning, we began the volleyball tournament. All the daughters showed great sportsmanship and cheered on everyone. Virginia/Michigan ultimately won the championship, with Pennsylvania Rainbow being the runner up. The girls then cooled off and enjoyed some time in the pool. We ended the night with the annual talent show, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all daughters and adults. Overall, it was a fantastic weekend that was filled with fun, laughter, and great sportsmanship.

Visit the PA Rainbow Girls at www.parainbowgirls.org



Hodegos Recipients

Each year, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania recognizes up to two hard-working adult supervisors within each of the Masonic affiliated youth groups; Job's Daughters, Rainbow Girls, and DeMolay. This recognition, known as the Hodegos Award, means "A leader, a guide, and an instructor of the inexperienced." Up to two awards are available per year, per youth group. Applications must be submitted by the October 15 deadline, accompanied by letters of recommendation from an active member, an adult leader, and a state-wide leader. This year, here are the recipients of the Hodegos Award.



Jerry Richards: DeMolay
Michelle Shellenberger: Job's Daughters
Kristine Spence: Job's Daughters

If there is someone you think is deserving of this award, contact the local Chapter, Bethel, or Assembly to go about the process of submitting the nomination. If a nominee is not awarded the first year, please resubmit for the following year.



DeMolay Kickstart

In the late part of 2019, Pennsylvania DeMolay requested a grant from PMYF because they had an idea for a membership-based program. The program allows prospective members to join DeMolay free of the initial lifetime membership fee. Each new member will also receive a gift bag, known as the DeMolay "Kickstart" bag, which will give them a few items to get them excited about DeMolay. The bags consist of a "More than just a Fraternity" T-Shirt, a PA DeMolay lapel pin, a DeMolay ritual book, all of which are placed in a red drawstring bag.



The program started on December 7, 2019, at the annual Grand Master's Induction Class and will currently run through December 31, 2020. If the program proves to be successful, PA DeMolay has committed to continue the program. Do you know a young man who may be DeMolay age (12 to 21)? Then now is the time to get him to join DeMolay. To find a DeMolay Chapter near you, visit the PA Demolay website at pademolay.org or contact PA DeMolay Executive Secretary, Dave Berry, at dwberry@pademolay.net.

DeMolay is more than just a fraternity; it's an experience like no other.

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 allotted time for a youth report. Please take the time to utilize some of this information for that purpose. Here are some bullet points of important takeaways to make that report easier for the Lodge Youth Representative.

Share that...

- Scholarships are available. The deadline for most is March 15. Check the M.S.R.G. for more details
- Mount Joy Rainbow Assembly No. 35 has formed
- PA Job's Daughters had a successful Volleyball Weekend
- Three deserving adult volunteers are recognized with the Hodegos Award
- DeMolay Kickstart bags are here to welcome new members into DeMolay.

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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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