



Why Are You Here?

Your personal reason for joining DeMolay could be one of several - - maybe your best friends were already members; maybe you were attracted by the Chapter's athletic, social and civic activities; maybe you were interested in the secret ritual ceremonies - - these are only a few possibilities. But, the important thing is that you **are** a member and now have a whole new world of activity and interest laid out before you.

It has been said that the Order of DeMolay has taken all the virtues and other best values from ancient chivalry and translated them into modern concepts and uses with the express purpose and intention of making you a better son today and a better leader, father and citizen tomorrow.

Specifically, DeMolay is designed to give you:

- 1) a wholesome occupation for your spare time;
- 2) worthwhile associates;
- 3) the best of environments and influences; and
- 4) an interesting and complete program for your all-around development.

How well the organization meets these goals is up to you. **You will get out of DeMolay only what you put into it, nothing more and nothing less.** If you enter wholeheartedly into the activities of the Chapter, attend its meetings faithfully, work in the degrees, and most of all, enjoy it for yourself, your membership will pay you rewarding dividends. Your membership might also give you the inspiration that will create within yourself a great sense of high ideals, morals, and the best of spiritual values.

Through the teachings of the seven cardinal virtues of love of parents, reverence, courtesy, comradeship, fidelity, cleanness and patriotism, you will find worthy guidelines, not only for your life today, but for your life in all the days ahead. One of DeMolay's biggest mottoes is: **"No DeMolay shall fail as a citizen, as a leader, or as a man,"** with special emphasis on love of God, love of home, and love of country. DeMolay, by no means attempts to take the place of the home, the church or the public school, but rather to supplement them. It is still up to you to receive the full benefits of all the teachings DeMolay has to offer.

Besides the spiritual values, your DeMolay membership will also bring material returns. While every Chapter varies in details of its activities, they **all** have enjoyable social, athletic, civic and other similar activities that every young man enjoys. Your DeMolay membership will also bring a new prestige and meaning to your own personality and character. Your membership can be used as **evidence of good associates and training** when you apply for a job or for credit. Many firms are partial to hiring DeMolays, for with all the DeMolays who have knelt at the altar before you, there are many Senior DeMolays anxious to look out for you and see that you make good when they know of your DeMolay affiliation. Your record as a DeMolay will mean much in a lot of places as you journey through life.

DeMolays have found *immediate* friends and assistance wherever they travel, since there are more than 2,000 DeMolay Chapters located in the United States, Canada, and several other countries and territories. DeMolay membership is a constant bond among these tens of thousands of young men found everywhere in the world. You now share this common bond of fellowship.

May you ever remain true to your obligations.