



THE STANDARD

June 2026

The Monthly Newsletter for Pilgrim Chapter - DeMolay



FROM THE EAST



Hello everyone!

I'd like to talk to you all for a moment about what we're doing in the last couple of months of my term as we move into the summer. But first, I'd like to remind everyone that PA DeMolay will pay the membership cost for new members! If you have any friends who are interested in joining, please let them know about this special offer.

In June, Pilgrim Chapter will be holding many types of events: Service, Obligatory Day, Fundraising, and, of course, a fun event. On June 6th, we will hold a service event and an Obligatory Day observation. We will start out the day by helping the Bethesda Mission Men's Shelter. Later that day, as our Parents' Day observation, we will attend Shakespeare in the Park's performance of "As You Like It" at 7:30. In the middle of the month, we will hold a fundraising event as we will have a stall at Jubilee Day. This event is on the 18th in Mechanicsburg. To finish out the month, on the 27th, we will be playing paintball at Wanna-Play Paintball. We plan to meet at the consistory at 9:00 AM and return by 12:30 PM.

To finish off the term, we'll be heading to DC on July 11th. We plan to drive to Shady Grove station in Maryland, where the chapter will provide DC Metro cards for a trip into the city. We will then tour either the White House or the US Capitol. After the tour, we will head to the Smithsonian National Air & Space Museum, then return home.

Finally, I'd be remiss if I didn't recognize the end of my term at Installation the next day, when we'll be installing a brand new set of officers for the chapter!

Thank you all for this amazing term so far!

PILGRIM CHAPTER
MORE THAN

100
YEARS
Of DeMolay in Harrisburg, PA

Pilgrim Chapter is sponsored by:

- Pilgrim Commandery No. 11
- Perseverance Lodge No. 21



Dad's Corner

Over the past several weeks, our Chapter has continued making strong progress through service, leadership development, and quality Chapter programming. Members recently assisted with the Scottish Rite Consistory Cleanup and participated in two outstanding Stated Meetings that demonstrated excellent ritual retention and preparation by our officers and members. We have also seen renewed energy within our Internal Communications Committee, helping strengthen organization, increase member involvement, and improve overall Chapter engagement.

As we approach the end of June and prepare to go dark for the summer season, our calendar remains full of meaningful opportunities designed to help our members grow both as leaders and as brothers. One of our upcoming service initiatives includes partnering with the Bethesda Mission to help serve meals to those experiencing homelessness in our community, reinforcing the importance of charity, compassion, and service within DeMolay.

We will also celebrate Parents Day to recognize the families and support systems that help make our Chapter successful, while continuing to build fellowship through a paintball outing later this month. Beyond June, members are looking forward to our trip to Washington, D.C., Convention, and Keyman University in August, all of which provide valuable opportunities for leadership training, networking, personal growth, and lifelong friendship.

Additionally, our Camp Nawakwa Retreat will give members the opportunity to strengthen friendships, develop leadership skills, and continue building the brotherhood that defines our Chapter. Through strong programming, meaningful service, ritual excellence, and fellowship, our Chapter continues to create opportunities that help every member grow, succeed, and become a better leader within DeMolay and their community.

SCOTTISH RITE CATHEDRAL
MASONIC TEMPLE
CLEANUP DAY



BEFORE

On April 9th, six members of Pilgrim Chapter braved the rain to help pull weeds in the front of the Harrisburg Consistory Building to help prepare the building for the upcoming Scottish Rite Reunion weekend. While the rain did not help, we were able to pull enough weeds to fill 14 bags.

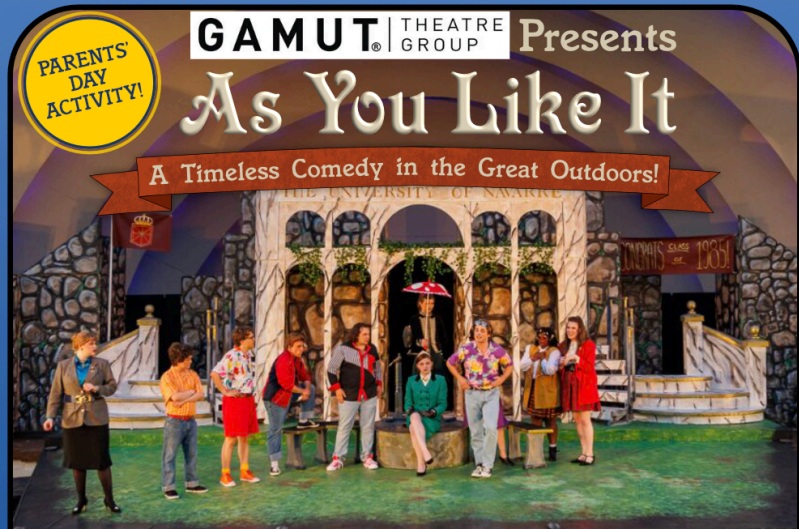


AFTER

Join us on June 6th for an afternoon of service and an evening of entertainment!



- 1 Arrive at 11:30 to serve lunch
- 📍 Bethesda Mission Men's Shelter
- 👕 DeMolay Polo Shirt



1 Show Starts At 7:30 PM

📍 Reservoir Park, Harrisburg
Bring Your Lawn Chairs & Blankets!

ADMISSION IS FREE!



Concessions Provided By The Chapter

Canned Goods Will Be Accepted At The Show For Donation To Benefit Bethesda Mission



Merit Bars may be awarded to DeMolays to recognize their achievements in various phases of Chapter activity with additional bars available for outside activities.

There are 22 categories of Merit Bars that members can earn, with each category having five colors designating the number of times a DeMolay has received an award in that category.

The color designation for the number of times a merit bar is earned is as follows:



This month we will look at the following Merit Bars: **Civic Service, Conclave, Ritual and Technology.**



The **Civic Service Merit Bar** is awarded for contributing ten (10) hours of service on behalf of the Chapter without financial remuneration to the individual or Chapter in three different civic projects of the Chapter.



The **Conclave Merit Bar** is awarded for attending three (3) state, jurisdiction, or provincial Conclaves/Conventions as a participant or visitor.



The **Ritual Merit Bar** is awarded for sustained and UNUSUALLY HIGH-GRADE WORK in either or both degrees with a minimum of 125 points earned according to the ISC point scale. Points are awarded for a part each time that part is given.



The **Technology Merit Bar** is awarded for utilizing technology that is beneficial to the Chapter in an area not covered by another merit bar.

Scan the QR code below or click on [THIS LINK](#) to be taken to the Merit Bar Record form. Print out this form, and during the term keep track of which Merit Bars you have earned. Turn this form into the Chapter Advisor **NO LATER THAN December 1st** so that the Merit Bars can be ordered in time for the January installation.



UPCOMING EVENTS

JUN 6

Bethesda Mission Service Project

Bethesda Mission
611 Reily Street
Harrisburg, PA 17102

Event Information:



Event Information:



Parents' Day - Shakespeare In The Park

Reservoir Park
100 Concert Dr.
Harrisburg, PA 17103

JUN 6

JUN 14

Stated Meeting

Consistory
2701 N 3rd St
Harrisburg, PA 17110

Event Information:



4PM: Practice
5PM: Dinner
6PM: Meeting

Please RSVP in BAND so we can get an accurate count for dinner.

Event Information:

Ask Dad Winters

Jubilee Day

Immanuel Church Mechanicsburg HS
800 S Market St 500 S Broad St.
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JUN 18

Locations are for the shuttle

JUN 27

Paintball

Wanna-Play Paintball
10 Capitol Hill Rd.
Dillsburg, PA 17019

Event Information:



RSVP BY:
6/13/2026

KEEP ON YOUR RADAR

JUL 11

My Government Day

Washington DC Trip
White House/Capitol Tour
National Air & Space Museum

Event Information:



Event Information:

Ask Dad Winters

Installation

Consistory
2701 N 3rd St
Harrisburg, PA 17110

JUL 12

JUL 17-19

PA DeMolay Convention

DoubleTree By Hilton Reading
701 Penn St.
Reading, PA 19601

Event Information:

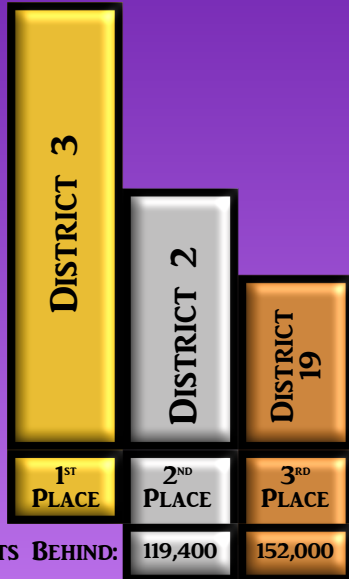
RSVP BY:
6/06/2026

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STANDINGS AS OF 5/29/2026



The "Masonic Penny Wars" FUNdraiser officially kicked off on January 11th at our Installation of Officers. This contest between the 2nd, 3rd and 19th Masonic Districts of Pennsylvania will run until May 31st.



Points are earned based on the donation amount converted into pennies (three quarters is 75 pennies [75 points], a \$10.00 bill is 1000 pennies [1000 points], etc.)



Pilgrim Commandery No. 11 Visitation

On March 17th, Bryan Hoover, Eminent Commander, and Ken McCann, Senior Warden, of Pilgrim Commandery No. 11 visited Pilgrim Chapter. Eminent Commander Hoover was recently installed, and one of his top priorities is to strengthen the bond between the two organizations. Thank you to the members of Pilgrim Commandery No. 11 for attending. We look forward to seeing you again soon!



LEAVE YOUR MARK ON THE PAINTBALL FIELD ON JUNE 27TH!

RSVP BY JUNE 13th

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