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Back to School and New Membership go hand in hand...

You are one of the key leaders in your Chapter! We need you to share the information here with the members and advisors of your Chapter. It is our desire to ensure frequent communications are taking place throughout the jurisdiction. Thank you for your effort in accomplishing this important mission. If you have feedback please share it with us at any of the options at the bottom of this email and we will endeavor to make it happen.



A member of DeMolay; a higher Expectation! *Chivalry matters*

We hear too many times in today's world that Chivalry has died. The movement of equality, the movement of rights to all, the movement of lives matter have taken away the heart and soul of mankind. Playing politics, sound bites, and grabbing headlines is the talk of today and the buzz on television.



But what does "chivalry" mean to our members in DeMolay? The Googled definition is: **the combination of qualities expected of an ideal knight, especially courage, honor, courtesy, justice, and a readiness to help the weak.** *Does this not sound like the Seven Precepts of DeMolay - virtues that are timeless.*

At your next Chapter meeting take 10 minutes to explore this question with the member. Have a Bro Break and talk about what our DeMolay feel is "Chivalry".

Here are 10 simple suggestions from "AskMen.com" to help bring chivalry back.

10. **Small gestures** like helping her/him with putting on a coat. Men, this can go a long way toward making a girl feel spoiled, well taken care of, and you are paying attention.
9. **Let the ladies go first.** First in line, first to order at a restaurant, and first through a door.
8. A modern lady doesn't like a guy suggesting they can't handle a physical task, like carrying something. But male or female be courteous and **ask to share the burden.** Say something like "it might be a little easier/quicker if we both share the load, can I help you..."
7. **Stand up!** This is what you absolutely should do is stand any time you're meeting or saying goodbye to a lady (or man). Punctuating your interaction in that way tells her it was important to you, however short it may have been.
6. Holding doors open? Yup. I know you know how to hold a door and I know that she can open a

door herself. But it is about the gesture and the intention. Male or female - **Chivalry is about being gracious to all folks**, not just the girl you're with.

5. In modern times, a big part of chivalry is avoiding awkwardness for your lady (or friend) if at all possible. We all want to make a good first impression so help facilitate that by making **proper introductions**. Younger people are introduced to older people OR introduce her to the group first and then the group to her.

4. **Walking a guest to the door**. It doesn't need to feel awkward, you are just being a gentleman with good intentions. Do not ever make it feel creepy, be polite and use the words "Thank you!"

3. This is tougher than it seems, but it is the **small things that make a difference**. Offering your umbrellas if its raining, if your making a trip to the refrigerator asking if anyone else wants something, or not making a fuss when something doesn't go quite right.

2. "Awkward Situations" - be aware of your surrounding and watch out for those around you whether you know them or not. If you can read the situation, **never be afraid to help a fellow human being**. Right or wrong not once has a lady or man not appreciated the right kind of interference or assistance.

1. **Value others**. Take people seriously, because they know when they are not. Value their opinion and respect what they bring to the table. You don't have to agree with them, but you do owe them the right to be heard and give their reasoning why they feel a certain way.

Masonic Youth Day at The Puyallup Fair

Will you be there to join in the fun...

This September 12th we will be joining the other two youth groups and attending the Puyallup Fair together for the **Masonic Youth Day**. We will be taking a group photo at the Coca-Cola Stage around 5:30pm that afternoon so be sure to wear your term t-shirt and join us for a day of fun at the fair. Everyone is welcome, including all of your family and friends.

Everyone will have to purchase their own tickets to get into the fair, so be sure to look for your discounted tickets wherever they may be sold.

That day is also "YOUTH" day at the fair and [free tickets are available from BECU](#) as one of the sponsors for kids 18 and under. Thanks to Mom Copeland for sharing those details. We will share more options as we learn of them. If you have any questions you can contact [SSC Forrest Llyr](#) the event chair.



Honor Recipients in Washington

Help us honor those whom honors are due...

Once again this year we are going to be putting on an investiture day for all of the individuals who were designated for honors during our recent ISC session. Just like last year we are going to be doing it in conjunction with the Hockey Night event that the State Officers are putting together. If you are a designee and would like to receive your honors here with the others from around WA, you can contact [Dad Gross](#) since he will be organizing the event. If you would prefer to hold your investiture at your Chapter locally that is perfectly fine as well. The date of this event will be **December 5th** and we are expecting to have a dinner before hand again. It will be held at **Pyramid Masonic Center in Federal Way**. More details will follow soon, but please put this event on your calendar so you can help us recognize those individuals who are so very deserving.



Washington DeMolay Academy (WADA)

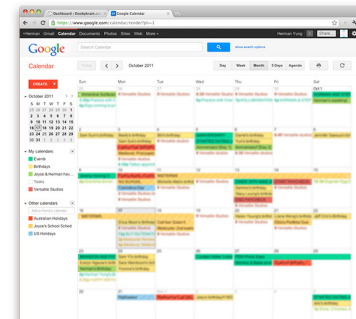
October 10th hosted by Olympia Chapter

The fall **WADA** is right around the corner on October 10th, and is going to be hosted by Olympia Chapter. **This is the required training session for all Chapter Councilors, Chapter Dads and Chairman.** We are going to be covering the new membership programs from your State Corps officers and the new **eScribe** database from **DeMolay International**. Please make sure you have this date set aside so you can learn about the new programs we will be sharing on this date. The cost will be \$10 and includes lunch during the day, [registration](#) is already available on the website for you to use. Also following this WADA session, **Olympia Chapter** is going to be offering an activity for anyone who wants to participate that involves **ZOMBIES!** More info to follow soon, but it will be an overnigher with dinner after WADA and breakfast in the morning will be provided for \$5 each meal. Housing will be available for anyone who needs it, please contact [Dad Gross](#) if you would like more info.



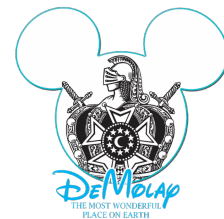
WA DeMolay Online Calendar - *The right spot to find a date...*

Is your Chapter or Region holding an event or activity that you want others to attend? **Well then, that requires advertising, right?** Let us help you promote your events. First, use the "[Calendar Event Submittal Form](#)" on the Website. This will get your date booked and posted on the WA DeMolay State Event Calendar. **Second, email us a flyer** (PDF or JPEG) of the event including the Who, What, Where, When, Why, and How much. We will post it on the State Website, Facebook and other social media outlets. Send it to - office@wademolay.org. Then check out your flyer in the new Chapter and Region sections of the Website! **Go to Calendar**



You asked for it.... Conclave 2016 Payment Schedule

Many people were asking at this Convention if we could post as soon as possible the schedule of payments for the 2016 Conclave. You can simply [click the link](#) for the schedule as posted on our website. We can start taking payments as soon as you want and even in different increments. Simply go to the State website and go to event registrations for [Conclave pre-payments](#). Contact our State Financial Director, [Dad Kevin Reid](#) if you have any questions. Any questions about the event can be directed to the Convention 2016 Director [Mom Lorie Brunson](#).



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