

## DeMolay Must Go On

My name is Landen Jaden Malabanan and I'm running for the office of Deputy State Master Councilor. I have served two terms as the Master Councilor of Norfolk Chapter. I am currently the Deputy Eastern Region Master Councilor.. I'm also the 2019 champion for the Open Ceremony of Light category at the Mid Atlantic Tournament of Champions. Together we shall carry DeMolay into the future.

Dad Frank S. Land once said "My work must go on. DeMolay must go on" and so my own journey and path through DeMolay must continue. Ever since the day I was initiated into The Order of DeMolay it felt as if I had joined one body, one fraternity, one family joined together through the sacred brotherly bond we all share. They say that "You get out of DeMolay what you put into it" and well in my eyes that statement should be "You get more out of DeMolay than you put into it" because I've always felt welcome amongst my brethren, I've made friends for life, and some of my most memorable moments in life have been through DeMolay. By running for the office of Deputy State Master Councilor I hope to repay the debt that I can never repay by continuing Dad Frank S. Land's work through spreading awareness, brotherhood, and the lessons and teachings of our Order.



The goal of spreading awareness of the Order of DeMolay is to be able to inform the public about what our organization is all about. For starters, I combined my work for DeMolay with my Personal Project for my school which was to spread awareness of the Order of DeMolay. By doing so, it began with reaching out to various Masonic Lodges because most members of our organization have a connection to a family member who is a Freemason. The visits were; Owens Lodge No. 164, Ocean View Lodge No. 335, Naomi Lodge No.87, Ruth Lodge No.89, Norview Lodge No.113, and Norfolk No. 1 where the Freemasons were informed about what the youth organization is all about which included some of our events and ritual. I also created an Instagram Page for Norfolk Chapter and produced fliers.

Brotherhood being that sacred bond we all share amongst each other. The Order of DeMolay connects us all together into one family. Even though we all live different lives and come from different backgrounds, in DeMolay we are all joined together by the welcoming spirit and brotherly love. To be able to increase that amongst members as well as to be able to use this brotherhood as a force for positive change for the future. In order to grow our organization and our family as well as to send off those members with the qualities to serve as young model citizens in the future.

The lessons our Order teaches is outlined by the seven bulwarks of our organization. They serve as the model and guide for which a DeMolay should base one's life upon. To respect one's parents, to always lend a helping hand to a brother in times of help or need, to risk our lives for the defense of our beloved nation. As DeMolays we are a force of positive change for the future. Together if we all spread and include the teachings and lessons of DeMolay in our own daily lives, we are serving as a role model to inspire a change in our own communities.

DeMolay is a part of who I am, without DeMolay I wouldn't be the same person. By running for the office of Deputy State Master Councilor I hope to spread the Order of DeMolay as we live in a constantly changing world. Through the lessons, through the brotherhood, and through any mediums which will get the word out about our organization because DeMolay must go on and therefore DeMolay will go on to the future and beyond.