

# *DeMolay Honor Nominations*

Please note that the deadline is **March 29<sup>st</sup>** for Honor Nominations to be submitted to the Executive Officer of Washington for his consideration and approval. Late nominations will roll over to the following year. All Nominations are to be completed, submitted, and paid through **eScribe** (under the “Registration” tab and then “Honor Nomination”). No paper or hardcopy nomination forms will be accepted.

Advisory Councils should discuss the various Honors at their monthly Advisory Council meetings. Each Advisory Council must have a clear understanding of their responsibility in making the proper selections so that the Honors maintain their true meaning in the Order of DeMolay. **An Honor** is a recognition of achievement based upon nomination to the International Supreme Council by someone within DeMolay, without the nominee’s knowledge of consideration.

Below are some suggested guidelines and comments regarding the Chevalier, the Cross of Honor, and the Legion of Honor.

## *Chevalier*

The Degree of Chevalier is based on the need to recognize those DeMolay who have given service to their organization in an outstanding and consistent manner that is/was “above and beyond the call of duty.” To simply award the Chevalier to a Past Master Councilor who did a good job while in office or to the member who has hung around the longest is contrary to this Honor’s intent and defeats the purpose of the Degree. This is an honor earned by being a DeMolay in every step of their life as a member and not an Award someone strives to get.

*Here are some guidelines to consider when making a recommendation for the Degree of Chevalier:*

Has the nominee been active in all phases of DeMolay and his Chapter?

Has he worked in the best interest of your Chapter and promoted DeMolay by his actions and efforts throughout his career as a member?

Has he earned other DeMolay awards? Merit Bars, Founders Award, BHK, PMC-MSA, RD, etc...

If he has served as an Officer, did he fulfill the duties and responsibilities of his office in an outstanding manner and go beyond what would generally be expected?

If he is a PMC, has he continued his efforts on behalf of his Chapter and DeMolay after leaving office? If an MC has been out of office for at least one year before being recommended?

Is he barely old enough to be eligible for the Honor, or does he need to continue earning the right of being called the “best of the best”?

Has the nominee set an excellent example for the younger members to follow?

Has he contributed to the Chapter’s growth by continuing to bring in new members, and have those new members remained active to sustain the Chapter?

If the nominee has a relative on the Advisory Council, have you ensured that the relatives are NOT aware of your recommendation or involved with the process?

The Chevalier is known as the top one half of one percent of the active DeMolays. Do you consider the nominee to be that person?

## *Cross of Honor*

An Advisor who wears the DeMolay Cross of Honor has received a distinctive honor that DeMolay International can only grant to a member of an Advisory Council or Executive Officer Staff. It denotes three or more years of conspicuous and meritorious service to a Chapter or Jurisdiction.

This is the highest Honor that can be given for Outstanding Service as an Advisor for DeMolay. This is not an award for tenured service, but rather active and consistent participation in helping the Members and a Chapter to thrive.

## *Legion of Honor*

The Active Legion of Honor is presented to a Senior DeMolay who has attained the age of at least 25 years who has become successful in some chosen field or profession, including fraternal life and adult service to the Order of DeMolay. It is not necessarily for being active with a Chapter but always practicing the ideals, principles, and virtues of the Order of DeMolay. The Legion of Honor is for service to humanity.

The Honorary Legion of Honor may be granted to a Master Mason who is at least 30 years old and who has performed unusual and meritorious service on behalf of the Order of DeMolay or has evidenced a spirit of cooperation and appreciation for DeMolay. It shall not be given only for assistance on an Advisory Council.

**Please be sure to give each recommendation your careful consideration so that all nominations may be only the “best of the best”! These are all the highest Honor that can be given by the Order of DeMolay. Please be sure to review the information on the reverse side of the Nomination Form.**

**Note that all nominations of Confidential. Too often, a nomination is not approved because either the nominee or a relative was aware that the nomination was being submitted. Also, rejections come from incomplete forms, lack of a signature, or not sent before the deadline with the correct fees.**

**We look forward to recognizing individuals who give Honor to DeMolay and represent what the organization truly stands for.**