

Washington State DeMolay By-Laws

ARTICLE XVI - Dress Code

(Effective April 20, 2022)

The Dress Code for all DeMolay Washington Member Chapters, Regions, State Chapter, and guests will be defined as follows and enforced by all Members and Advisors.

Section 1. Formal

Definition: Formal Attire is reserved for social functions and evening events. It is good to look sharp, feel sharp, and dress sharp. Think Hollywood events, red carpets, award shows, and a bit of pizzazz to stand out in a crowd.

Events: Formal Installations, Honor Investitures, Formal Chapter/Region/Jurisdictional Designated Functions, Formal Dinners, and Balls (Leaders Ball).

- A. Tuxedo or dark suit (dress jacket is required)
- B. Dark dress slacks
- C. Banded collar tux shirt or dress shirt (white, turn-down or wing collar, french or standard cuffs)
- D. Tie (straight or bow, black, solid, or coordinating color)
- E. Leather belt (matching shoes) or dress suspenders (solid or coordinating color)
- F. Polished dress shoes and dress socks (dark or coordinating color)
- G. Honors/Awards as desired and appropriate for the occasion

Optional items: shirt studs, cufflinks, cummerbund, vest, or pocket square (solid or coordinating color)

Section 2. Professional Business with Tie

Definition: This is the look gentlemen wear in professional environments. It is the uniform of an organization where etiquette and professionalism are woven into the culture and fabric of the membership. There is a high level of respect that comes with it.

Events: Installations, Inductions, Special Chapter Meetings, Dinners, Region and Jurisdictional Special Events, and Masonic Family Group Activities as Designated.

- A. Suit
- B. Dress slacks (no khakis or cotton pants)
- C. Dress jacket, coat, sweater, or vest
- D. Dress shirt (white, light colors, pinstripes, or inconspicuous designs)
- E. Tie (straight or bow – solid standard business colors, inconspicuous designs, stripes, dots, or paisley)
- F. Dress socks (coordinating color)
- G. Dress shoes (leather – oxford or court) and dress belt to match shoes
- H. Honors/Awards as desired and appropriate for the occasion

Section 3. Smart Business – open collar without Tie

Definition: Smart Business is precisely as implied. It is an upscale-casual look made for today's business, school, church, and social environments. The traditional daily business look has evolved into "no suit and no tie required." Even though this is more comfortable, it is still supposed to illustrate your seriousness in business conduct. Pre-think the intent of the event being attended so your version of business casual is in line with the culture of the activity you are participating in.

Events: Chapter Business Meeting, Events, Dinners, Dances, and Social Activities. Region and Jurisdictional Events, and Masonic Family Group Activities as Designated.

- A. Solid color dress slacks / pants, cotton pants, khakis, or nice jeans (dark colors, no holes, tears, or patches), and appropriate for the environment
- B. Collared (button-down or turn-down) button-up shirt or polo style shirt (colored, stripes, plaids, inconspicuous designs), and acceptable for the function
- C. Open collar, NO neckwear (tie)
- D. Belt
- E. Dress or casual shoes (leather, canvas, loafers, oxford, court, slip-on, monk, dock, or boat shoes) in appropriate colors for the environment
- F. No athletic shoes, tennis shoes, running, open-toe, sandals, slippers, or crocs
- G. Socks or without socks as acceptable and if the culture supports
- H. Honors/Awards as desired and appropriate for the occasion

Optional items: dress coat or jacket with a colorful or patterned pocket square, casual sweater, or vest

Section 4. Casual

Casual Definition: As men of style, times and fashions continuously change, and the lines blur as to what is fitting the activity. There are ways to be casual and sporty while still stylish and worthy of representing DeMolay. Casual doesn't mean your most favorite shirt; you know the one with all the holes you wore out many years ago. Be conscious of the activity you're attending and know that not everything in your closet (or on the floor) is appropriate to wear in public, let alone DeMolay. If you are unsure what to wear, ask your Master Councilor or Chapter Advisor.

Part A. DeMolay Washington Casual

Events: General Chapter Activities, Casual Dinners, Fundraisers, Game Nights, Potential Member Events, Travel, Public Events, Work Parties, and Casual Fun Activities. The go-to dress code.

More stylish and upscale than Sporting.

- A. Casual pants, nice jeans, or appropriate casual shorts (no athletic shorts or joggers)
- B. DeMolay shirt (appropriate shirt that has "DeMolay" or a DeMolay logo, emblem, or design on it)
- C. Casual shoes, sneakers, athletic shoes (no sandals or open-toe)
- D. Socks as appropriate for the shoe or activity

Part B. Sporting / Ultra Casual

Events: Athletic Events, Travel, Picnics, Spring-Summer-Fall Social Events, Overnighters, Game Nights, Chapter Events Matching the Dress Code, or Activities as Designated. Always ask before attending.

- A. Jeans, shorts (casual or athletic), joggers or sweats – as appropriate for the occasion
- B. T-shirts, sweatshirts, jerseys, tank-tops (avoid revealing, torn or stained items with offensive messages or images)
- C. Athletic shoes, slides, sandals, crocs – functional for the activity
- D. Socks as appropriate for the activity

Remember that you represent one of the finest youth organizations in the world. You are always our "Public Relations" ambassador and a role model to the newer/younger members. Appropriate attire expects appropriate respect.