



November 7, 2017

Winterfest 2018

January 26, 27, and 28th 2018



Registration is due no later than Saturday, December 31, 2017, don't delay. All registrations should be submitted to Dad Cody Cornelius, Winterfest Registrar via wsregistration@okdemolay.com

NEW MEMBER INCENTIVE: Candidates who become new members at Winterfest can attend at a reduced registration fee (\$80). Reduced registration fee does not include Form 10 initiation fee to be remitted to DeMolay International (\$35). See registration specifics for details.

Winterfest on Friday night at 8PM (after registration) will be a time for Fun, Food, & Fraternity with all kinds of great events going on all over the convention center.

Our Sweethearts and State Officers led by Matthew Gerow, our State Master Councilor will be host to a **HEROIC EXPERIENCE** with Oklahoma DeMolay. Which Hero will you be: Hulk, Thor, Iron Man, or Captain America?? You will need to show up to find out. **YOU WILL BE CHOSEN!!!**

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Winterfest will be the host for The Avengers Ball Saturday night for the after party where everyone dances the night away! Don't miss the opportunity for the scholarship seminar for high school seniors and juniors.

Winterfest will have two DAD programs and the Frank Marshall Competitive and Honors Degree Judging seminars. Our Moms will convene for the annual state Mother's Club meeting. Scholarship Seminars will be offered too.

Our induction ceremony will be Saturday morning, so be sure to have parents attend at 8am on Saturday. There is certainly something for everyone at WINTERFEST, so bring the whole family!

Winterfest 2018: Are you ready to meet the challenge? Don't forget to invite your friends as they will THANK YOU for a weekend of memories and the opportunity to become a member of the greatest youth organization in the WORLD!!

See you at Winterfest,

Dad Dayton Lange
ODA Winterfest Director

Pay Attention: Some Things Have
Changed



A York Rite DeMolay Leadership Event

The Tower Hotel
3233 NW Expressway
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73112

REGISTRATION
PACKET

Oklahoma DeMolay Association

WINTERFEST 2018

Registration Specifics

WHEN: January 26th, 27th, and 28th, 2018

WHERE: The Tower Hotel at 3233 NW Expressway Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73112

(NEW VENUE!)

WHO: *DeMolay is a family!* We expect advisors and members to ensure that the parents and families of our new members and DeMolays are invited and made to feel welcome. Please note that this is a scheduled overnight Oklahoma DeMolay event.

DeMolays who are not registered for the event will not be allowed to participate.

COST: **\$160 per person**

Number in room: DeMolays will be housed 4 to a room where possible. Advisors and moms will be housed at 2 or 3 to a room as necessary.

One to a room **\$220**

New Member (initiated at Winterfest only) **\$80** Does not include Form 10 **\$35 initiation fee to DeMolay International**

Previous Vow **(since December 1, 2017) \$80** A copy of initial and 2nd Form 10 must be provided at registration

Cancelation fee after December 31st, 2017 **\$20 each person**

Late Fee after December 31st, 2017 **\$20 each person**
(Candidates may be added at any time with NO late fee)

Saturday Registration (1 night, 3 meals) **\$135.00**
(Active DeMolays must register for entire weekend, unless approved by director.)

Unregistered DeMolays at Dance **\$10**

Judging Seminars (pay seminar Director) **\$15**

Meals will be served by meal ticket only; we are charged by the number of meals served.

All attendees from your Chapter should be encouraged to register and stay at our facilities. This shows a positive image of unity and helps defray the cost of the event.

We offer “best” rates (at cost) for Job’s Daughters, Rainbow Girls and their adult sponsors who wish to stay over at the Hotel on Saturday night. Please contact the Bethels and Assemblies in your area and ensure they are aware of this service. The earlier notice is given of this requirement the higher probability that the reservations can be guaranteed. Contact the Director early!

REGISTRATION DEADLINE is midnight, Saturday, December 31, 2017.

Registration forms should be submitted before deadline to avoid late penalties. Registration forms are available for download at www.okdemolay.com and should be submitted by email to wsregistration@okdemolay.com or dayton401@gmail.com. Simply enter all information required on the form in an email to the addresses listed above. On time registration is required to insure lock in of blocked room rates with the hotel and to make room assignments for the event. Please be prompt. Fees must be paid at Winterfest registration desk on arrival.

RELEASE and CONSENT: All attendees under 21 years of age **MUST** have the Release and Consent form as part of their registration. Sample forms are available online at okdemolay.com and will be required as part of the registration process. Do not mail the Consent forms. Bring them with you for review during registration on site. The forms will be returned to you after review.

Sleeping room reservations are made by registration receipt date and time.

Advisors DAD Training will be offered on Saturday beginning at 8:30 a.m. Help DeMolay grow in Oklahoma and grow your Chapter, bring a new advisor to Winterfest!

DAD PROGRAMS: The Executive Officer strongly suggests that all advisors not attending the initial DAD training participate in the Advanced DAD program after the induction ceremony. The discussion items for the advanced program changes each year and this is a most important opportunity for the more seasoned veterans to share and learn. There are multitudes of changes to DeMolay that need your attention and will be discussed at the seminar this year.

It is important that we know how many advisors to plan for. Please annotate the registration form for DAD program intentions by placing an “T” for the initial DAD program or “A” for the Advanced Dad program.

JUDGING SEMINARS: The Competitive Degree Judge (CDJ) & Honor Degree Judge (HDJ) seminars of the Frank Marshall Championship Tournament System will be offered at Winterfest. Please annotate the appropriate block on the registration with a “C” or “H” as indicated.

An Action Packed Weekend! The Sweethearts & State Officers are bringing an Avengers Adventure to Winterfest on Saturday evening.

SCHOLARSHIP SEMINAR: A seminar will be offered to the high school seniors and juniors of all of the Masonic Youth groups (DeMolay, Rainbow Girls and Jobs Daughters). The program is from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. and will feature important scholarship information general in nature as well as specific to the scholarships offered by the Masonic organizations.

Please encourage your Rainbow Girls and Jobs Daughters organization counterparts to contact their seniors/juniors and take advantage of this opportunity.

RITUAL QUALIFICATIONS: Ritual qualifications will be held at Winterfest. Continue the tradition, win a medal and grow your chapter. Develop the brotherhood that comes from performing the DeMolay ritual. Qualifications will be held during the dance. Qualification medals will be presented to those brothers that qualify a part.

Awards:

Winterfest award trophies are truly unique. They have become some of the most sought after trophies in Oklahoma DeMolay. Show off your Chapter pride and accomplishment by earnestly working toward earning one or more of these gems for your trophy case.

1. Winterfest Attendance Award: For the Chapter with the greatest overall attendance at Winterfest. Awards given in Small Class and Large Class.
2. Oklahoma DeMolay Traveling Gavel Award: For mileage traveled by a Chapter during the calendar year 2017. Mileage will be calculated from Chapter of the Year Forms. Awards given in Small Class and Large Class.
3. Executive Officer Award: Award for SUPER participation at Winterfest to be given to Chapter members of less than one year who exemplify DeMolay and show exceptional attitude and spirit.

4. Winterfest Membership Award: For the newest members at Winterfest (all initiates included, new vs. previous initiates is tie breaker). Awards given in Small Class and Large Class.
5. Exemplary Chapter Award: For the Chapter achieving outstanding progress.
6. Most Spirited Chapter Award: For the Chapter exhibiting the most spirit, best attitude and the greatest brotherhood.
7. York Rite Outstanding DeMolay Award: A DeMolay, who in addition to being an excellent ritualist, exemplifies in every aspect of his life; the quintessence of “DeMolay”.
8. Chapter of the Year: The BEST in Oklahoma DeMolay.

An award nomination form will be provided in your registration packet at Winterfest. Chapter Advisors are to provide nominations in the following categories: Exemplary Chapter, Most Spirited Chapter, and the Executive Officers award. Please return these forms to the Winterfest Staff office no later than 7:00 p.m., Saturday night. These awards are important motivational awards. Please assist the ODA staff with making the most appropriate selections.

Schedule of Events:

Friday January 26, 2018

6:00 – 7:45pm	Registration Maximum 2 Advisors Outside the Ballrooms
6:00 – 7:00pm	Check-in Sweetheart with Mom Bench at Registration
8:00 – 11:00pm	DeMolay FUN (Winterfest T-Shirt) - Attendance is Mandatory!
12:00am	Curfew

Saturday January 27, 2018

6:30 – 8:00am	Continental Breakfast Buffet
8:15am	Saturday morning opening (EVERYBODY!!!)
8:30 – 10:45am	Induction Ceremony (Mandatory all DeMolays/Coat & Tie)
8:30 – 11:25am	Initial Dad Program
9:00 am	State Mothers’ Club Meeting
10:45 – 11:25am	First Session (Casual)
11:30am – 12:45pm	Lunch
1:00pm – 3:00pm	Advanced DAD Program
1:00pm – 3:00pm	Featured Speakers (Mandatory all DeMolays)
3:00pm – 4:00pm	Potential State Officer meeting with Dad Northcutt
4:00pm – 5:00pm	Scholarship Seminar (Seniors & Juniors – All youth orders invited)
3:00pm – 5:00pm	FREE TIME
5:00pm – 6:00pm	Dinner (coat & tie)
7:00pm – 9:00pm	Super Awesome Adventure Time!!!
9:00pm– 11:00pm	The Avenger Ball (Dance)
1:00am	Curfew

Sunday January 28, 2018

7:15 – 8:15 am Continental Breakfast Hotel Lobby
8:00am Advisors Association Meeting
8:30am All Councilors Meeting
10:00am Awards Ceremony (coat & tie)

Winterfest Registration:

Registration will begin at 6:00 p.m. and ending at 7:45 p.m. outside the ballrooms. To reduce congestion and noise levels please send no more than **TWO** representatives to the registration area.

Chapter Dads are to check in Sweethearts with Director of Sweethearts, Mom Bench, on arrival. **Advisors sleeping room assignments are for security purposes. Do not change the assignments without prior approval by Director.** The registration packet will contain two copies of the room/name worksheet. This worksheet will have names reconciled to actual registration and blanks for room numbers. Advisor must fill in room numbers and return the form to Winterfest Staff office before 11:00 p.m. Friday night. **Failure to complete and return this form may cause delays for your Chapter at mealtime on Saturday and award considerations.**

Ceremonies and Seminars:

Opening ceremonies will start promptly after breakfast Saturday morning at 8:00am. Please turn all Form 10s at registration. Attendance at the opening ceremonies and induction ceremonies as well as all seminars on Saturday is **mandatory** for all DeMolays. Chapter Dads: There is no sleeping in, you must insure attendance by the young men.

Induction Ceremonies - ARE FOR CANDIDATES, DEMOLAYS, MASTER MASONS AND PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF CANDIDATES ONLY. Please avoid embarrassing newcomers to the Order. See the Director before ceremonies begin. Those who are not qualified to observe the initiation ceremonies will be asked to leave the room prior to starting the ceremonies.

Saturday Sessions:

Saturday sessions will begin at 8:15 a.m. for the opening ceremonies. Shirt & Tie (coat if possible) will need to be worn by all active DeMolays and Inductees. After the ceremonies have concluded we will allow them to change into casual clothes.

Dress Code:

Dress for Friday Night DeMolay Fun is Casual, but must be Winterfest T-shirt.

Dress for Saturday morning induction ceremony – Shirt and Tie, Coat preferred.

Dress for the majority of Winterfest is casual (shorts or jeans, it will be cold) “Winterfest T’s!”

The young ladies of Job’s Daughters and Rainbow are our guests for the dance Saturday evening.

The dress code for the dinner & dance is “SEMI-FORMAL”, **DEMOLAYS WILL NOT DRESS DOWN TO CASUAL! THIS ALSO MEANS NO HATS OR CAPS!!** So there is no misunderstanding let us restate this policy.

Sunday’s awards ceremony dress code is simply shirt & tie, dress coat preferred, but optional.

There are 3 major semi-formal dances during the DeMolay year: Conclave (Sweetheart Ball), All Youth Christmas Dance and Winterfest. Many opportunities are provided at installations and other functions to dress down.

CONDUCT:

First rule of Winterfest is to have fun!

We are all ambassadors of DeMolay. Three simple rules apply:

1. Don’t embarrass yourself.
2. Don’t embarrass your Chapter.
3. Don’t embarrass the Order of DeMolay

Many non-DeMolay “civilians” will be forming their first and maybe only impression of our organization through our conduct at Winterfest. Let us earnestly endeavor to give them the impression that they would want their son, grandson, nephew, friend or next door neighbor to be a part of this great fraternity.

We are to conduct ourselves as gentlemen at all times. Consider the precept of courtesy.

MISC: Pay attention, some things have changed!

DeMolay strictly adheres to a **no alcohol/no drug policy** for members and advisors. Anyone found in contradiction to this policy will be expelled from Winterfest.

Housing of Adults with Youths is Not Our Practice.

Any requests for such must be approved with Director prior to registration deadline.

Chapter Dad: At check-in, inspect your Chapter’s **rooms for condition** and report defects to Director before occupying.

Chapter Dad: DeMolays are not to be left unattended or unsupervised. Once you arrive at the hotel with your DeMolays, you must not leave the facility without first making

sure your young men are supervised. Arrange to eat before coming to the hotel or eat at the hotel.
Do not leave your young men unattended!

If you are providing a **team for the ceremonies Saturday morning**, please arrive in sufficient time to insure appropriate set-up/dry run time. See Winterfest Staff Ceremonies Director (Mom Northcutt or Dad Leyba) on arrival for instructions.

Room Telephones are disabled for rooms registered to DeMolays only.

Phones should be operational in Advisors rooms (if they are not, contact the staff). Long distance service requires Director Approval and charges to be paid before leaving Winterfest. Changes to this policy require coordination between the Chapter Dad and Director.

Please encourage your DeMolays to sleep Friday night, as Saturday is a workday.

Considerable effort has been made to provide seminar speakers with subjects that are relevant to our DeMolays and the speakers have worked hard in preparation. DeMolays should make every effort to remain awake during the seminars.

Curfews Friday is at Midnight and Saturday night at 1:00 a.m. will be strictly enforced.

Admission to meals and the dance will be by Name Badge!

Charges for meals/services taken in the hotel restaurant (not through the standard Winterfest process) are not included with registration, cannot be charged to the room and must be paid at time of sale. Should a name badge be lost, contact the Director in the Winterfest office for replacement. The hotel has a pool and hot tub available for our use during free times. Bring your suit. When departing the hotel, inspect Chapter's rooms for condition. Keys should be left in the room on departing.

Bring Your Chapter Banner: Show your Chapters pride.

Your Chapter banner should be displayed in the hotel convention center during Winterfest! Please arrange to secure it and re-post each evening and morning.