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**Straight Facts
About
The Iowa Order
of DeMolay**

A STUDY IN POSITIVE PRIDE

Dear Friend;

This booklet will take you about **six and one-half minutes** to read. These minutes may possibly be the best investment you will ever make. In that short time, you will be told:

1. What the Order stands for.
2. What the Order can do for you.
3. What the Order will not do for you.
4. Whether you qualify for membership.
5. Who to contact for further information.

If you do not have six and one-half minutes to invest, are not of a searching, inquiring nature, then the Order of DeMolay would not be right for you anyway. Please give this booklet to a good friend. But if you do have a few minutes, please read on.

WHAT IS DEMOLAY?

The Iowa Order of DeMolay is an organization for young men between 13 and 21. It has been active in Iowa for more than fifty years and boasts thousands of members.

WHO WAS DEMOLAY?

Jacques DeMolay was a Crusader in the Fourteenth Century. He was burned at the stake because he would not betray his followers. From his example we learn the importance of honesty, loyalty, and brotherly love. We revere his memory and try to live lives based on these principles. Ideals that any good man finds easy to live with.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE ORDER?

The purposes are many—social, character-building. Activities are varied with something for everyone. Dances, all sports, rap sessions, parties, fund-raising activities.



PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

In DeMolay, the member is encouraged to express himself; to make his opinions known; to talk with other members about mutual problems and interests.

In Iowa DeMolay, you will hear the expression "young men on the go." This is not an empty saying . . . we are genuinely proud of our actions. We are doing things, whether it's winning a ball game, collecting for charity, or just being a sharp individual.

We concentrate on being the best in competition, in actions, but most of all, in the game of life. Why not? We do everything possible to make ourselves Number One. Who wants to belong to a second-rate outfit?

We're number one . . . and we still try harder . . . we're proud of our lives; we're proud of our Order; but most of all, we're proud to be worthy of being DeMolays.



CONFIDENCE

A member, because of encouragement to speak out and feel at ease around others, becomes confident in talking before groups, learns how to treat people, and how to expect to be treated as well.

ENTHUSIASM

Everything we do is laced with enthusiasm. Excitement and action are ways of life in DeMolay. Who wants to belong to a dull lack-luster organization? We're excited about DeMolay and we're excited about life. Sure, we boast a lot but we've got plenty to brag about.

BROTHERHOOD

We mention the word brother several times. Every DeMolay is truly considered a brother by every other member. We stress brotherly love; that it's not wrong to love a brother; respect and feel close to another person. DeMolay is a personal business. . . we're interested in your problems; we communicate with each other; we're concerned; we deeply care about each other; and, in this spirit we are truly brothers in every sense of the word.

Just think what a great place this world would be if brotherly love were placed before hatred, bigotry and the struggle for selfish power.

DON'T CALL US BOYS!

All members of Iowa DeMolay are young men. With the pressures on young people, the demands placed on us, we have a right to be called young men . . . and the world has a right to expect us to conduct our lives accordingly,



Well, we've used up our 6.5 minutes but if you have a few more minutes, and think you are a cut above average (or would like to become so) invest a few more minutes and find out how you can be considered for membership.

Qualifications

1. Believe in God.
2. Be between 13 and 21 years of age.
3. Be of good moral character.
4. Have a Masonic sponsor.

WHAT YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO EXPECT AS A MEMBER:

BELONGING

Membership in a organization that will help you become the type of person that will be a credit to society and you'll become that person not because it is forced upon you, but because you'll want to, because it is the right thing to do as a man and as a DeMolay.

BROTHERHOOD

Brotherhood—think of it—it's that magic feeling knowing you have someone who really cares, cares about you as a person. . . as a brother. Someone to talk with, to share good times and bad. A young man like yourself who has pledged to lay down his life for you, if necessary. . . like a brother, like a DeMolay.

GUIDANCE

The adult advisor of your chapter is a dedicated member of the Masonic fraternity. He has been thoroughly trained in dealing with DeMolay and knows how to work with young people. He's an unpaid volunteer. Dedicated to working with youth. He's there because **he wants to be**. He's a man you can talk with. . . **about anything**.



ACTIVITIES

We'll keep you as busy as you choose with activities **you choose**, planned by an organization that **you run**. We'll do things worthwhile and things just for the fun of it. Where else could you collect for Shriner's Hospitals in the morning help clean up a park in the afternoon, and have a camp-out at night?

THE GLOW

That special feeling of knowing that you are one of the finest. Knowing how proud you can feel being associated with an organization that has, for over fifty years, produced people like Walter Cronkite, John Wayne and Walt Disney.

INITIATION

Many organizations have initiations that are designed as jokes on the initiates, things to embarrass the new member, to make him uncomfortable. These initiations, like the organizations, are meaningless.

DeMolay initiations are serious matters. During the ceremonies, the candidate is asked to commit himself to certain ideals of clean and manly living.

Then the Ideals of the Order are more thoroughly presented by a play depicting the tragic death of our namesake, Jacques DeMolay.

No rough stuff, no harassment. Just a dignified, informative ceremony typical of the organization. The candidate is the most important person present. The presentation is put on by the members themselves. They strive to do their best so **YOU** will get the most out of **YOUR** initiation.

They're proud to be able to show you what they can do, **HOW THEY FEEL**. Great care is taken to make **YOUR** ceremony as impressive and meaningful to **YOU** as possible.

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WHAT YOU WON'T GET:

1. A free ride. With membership comes responsibility, dedication.
2. A substitute for religion. DeMolay requires only that you believe in God. Your religious convictions are your own.

In 1914 Frank Sherman Land founded The Order of DeMolay for Boys. Since then millions of "Young Men" have become members. . . have allowed DeMolay to touch their lives.

THE NEXT STEP

1. Ask any DeMolay or Advisor for more information. He will set up a time to meet with you.
2. Sign an application and submit it with the initiation fee. If you cannot afford the small, one time charge, talk with the chapter Advisor. No deserving young man will ever be turned away because of money.
3. When you are admitted, give DeMolay a real chance, get involved, ask questions, become a member of the Chapter family.
4. If you are unhappy with something, talk about it with your brothers and chapter Dad. **DON'T JUST QUIT!** After all, you wouldn't walk away from your own family just because you disagreed with a member.

IT'S UP TO YOU

We don't beg "boys" to join, we ask young men to apply. The next move is yours. If you are a cut above average or would like to become so. . . let DeMolay touch your life. We can use one more brother.



IF YOU LIKE LIFE, YOU'LL LOVE DEMOLAY

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