

The Constitution at a Glance

Article I

- A. The name of this body is Massachusetts DeMolay.

Article II

- A. We will work together to make a Youth Organization.
- B. This Youth Organization will be governed by this Constitution.

Article III

- A. The State Advisory Council is the Executive Officer and his staff.
- B. The Chairman of the Advisory Council is the Executive Officer.
- C. The Chapter Advisor is the Director of State Officers.

Article IV

- A. This body consists of all the Chapters in Massachusetts.
- B. Each Chapter will have a maximum of 5 voting delegates at Congress and Conclave.
- C. Discussion at Congress and Conclave is open to all DeMolays.

Article V

- A. The Elected State Officers are State Master Councilor, Deputy State Master Councilor, State Senior Councilor, and State Junior Councilor.
- B. To be eligible for elected state office you must be an active DeMolay from Massachusetts. If you turn 21 during your term of office, you may complete your term.
- C. To run for elected state office you must be a Past Master Councilor or current Master Councilor. You must complete the Leadership Correspondence Courses, and either have the Past Master Councilor Meritorious Service Award or the Representative DeMolay. You must have a reliable means of transportation.

- D. To run for elected state office, you must submit a letter of intent, which includes the office, your signature, your parents/guardians signature, and the signatures of the Chapter Chairman and Chapter Advisor of the Chapter sponsoring you.
- E. To run for State Junior Councilor and State Senior Councilor you must be at least 17 years old and an active DeMolay of at least 2 years.
- F. To run for Deputy State Master Councilor you must be at least 18 years old, active DeMolay for at least 2 years, and served a term previously as an elected or appointed State Officer.
- G. To run for State Master Councilor you must be at least 18 years old, active DeMolay for at least 3 years, and served a term previously as an elected or appointed State Officer.
- H. The letter of intent to run for state office must be submitted within 30 days of the close of Congress. Interviews for state office will be held at least 120 days prior to Conclave.
- I. You may be nominated for only one elected state office, and must be sponsored the Chapter over which you served/serve as Master Councilor. Each Chapter may only sponsor 2 DeMolays for elected offices.
- J. Campaigning for state office is permitted.
- K. The rules of campaigning must be followed when campaigning.
- L. Elections for State Office take place at Conclave. It will be a secret ballot. To be on the ballot, a candidate must be at Conclave. To win the ballot, a candidate must receive a majority of the votes cast. Blank ballots and ballots for ineligible candidates are not counted. If no candidate receives a majority, a second ballot will be held with the only eligible candidates being the two candidates with the most votes. Only in the event of a tie is the State Master Councilor's vote counted.
- M. The term of office for an elected state officer is from his installation to the next Conclave, or until his successor is installed.
- N. Any elected state officer may be removed from office if they fail to complete their duties.
- O. If an elected office is vacant, a DeMolay may be appointed to that office.
- P. Any State Officer may resign.

- Q. The duties of the State Master Councilor are to preside at all meetings, assign duties to other State Officers, ensure this Constitution is followed, appoint committees, and other duties which may become his.
- R. The duties of the Deputy State Master Councilor are to preside in the absence of the Master Councilor and other duties which may become his.
- S. The duties of the State Senior Councilor are to preside in the absence of the State Master Councilor and Deputy State Master Councilor, and other duties which may become his.
- T. The duties of the State Junior Councilor are to preside in the absence of the State Master Councilor, Deputy State Master Councilor, and State Senior Councilor and other duties which may become his.

Article VI

- A. The State Master Councilor may appoint up to 5 State Officers.
- B. At most there may be only 2 appointed State Officers from the same chapter. If there are two appointed State Officers from the same chapter, there may be only 1 elected State Officer from that chapter.
- C. Each appointed officer must be at least 16 years old.
- D. The duties of the appointed officers are to obey the State Master Councilor, and perform any duties which are asked of them.
- E. Permission from the Executive Officer must be granted for an appointed state Officer to serve as Master Councilor during his term in state office.

Article VII

- A. This body will have at least two meetings a year.
 - a. One will be at Conclave.
 - b. One will be at Congress.
 - c. Other meetings may be held when designated.
- B. Special meetings of this body may be held if:
 - a. It is deemed necessary by the Executive Officer.
 - b. It is deemed necessary by the State Master Councilor.
 - c. It is deemed necessary by this body, and backed by a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote.

Article VIII

- A. Delegates will have voting privileges at Congress and Conclave:
 - a. Delegates must be an active DeMolay of that Chapter.
 - b. Each Councilor is a delegate.
 - c. Each candidate for an elected office is a delegate.
- B. Elected State Officers have their own votes, separate from their chapters.
- C. Appointed State Officers have their own votes, separate from their chapters.
- D. Past State Master Councilors have their own votes, if still active DeMolays, separate from their chapters.

Article IX

- A. The State Suite will act on behalf of this body.
- B. The State Master Councilor will appoint seven committees, their chairmen, and the members of the committees.
- C. The State Master Councilor may appoint Special Committees.
- D. Each committee is required to:
 - a. Meet at regular intervals throughout the year.
 - b. Review actions taken by the committee chairman.
 - c. Perform all duties assigned to them.
- E. Each committee will consist of at least members of the State Suite.
- F. Each committee will perform the tasks assigned to them by the State Master Councilor.

Article X

- A. This body can amend this constitution by a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority vote.
- B. Each amendment will be reviewed by the State Advisory Council.
- C. Each amendment will only take effect if approved by the Executive Officer.