

DeMolay Chapter Programme Template

Chapter Meetings

DeMolay Chapters meet twice a month – a practice meeting followed by a formal meeting a fortnight later. Social and other events can be held at any time as organised by the boys under the guidance of the Advisory Council.

Dress for the practice meeting is minimum smart casual.

Dress for the formal meeting is minimum dark trousers, white shirt, tie, black shoes and socks.

The formal part of the meeting is detailed in the Ritual. In addition, the following items are dealt with

- minutes of the previous meeting;
- correspondence
- treasurer's report including accounts for payment
- reports of activities outside the Chapter
- organise social / fun events (see following)
- DeMolay education – research and discuss:
 - Honours and Awards (especially Merit Bars);
 - DeMolay Seven Cardinal Virtues;
 - Jacques DeMolay;
 - Knights Templar;
 - Crusades;
 - King Philip IV of France;
 - Pope Clement V;
 - Rosslyn Chapel;
 - Holy Grail; and
 - so on

Obligatory Observances

DeMolays celebrate the following observances:

- Government Day - Australia Day - January 26 yearly
- DeMolay Day of Comfort (hospital visits, etc) - Easter or Christmas yearly
- Devotional Day - Anzac Day - April 25 yearly
- Parent's Day - Mother's Day or Father's Day yearly
- Educational Day - during November yearly



Culturally Significant Events

Racism has no place in DeMolay Australia. We are an organisation which provides a safe and supportive environment and which welcomes the diverse and unique identities and experiences of all cultures and especially those of Aboriginal children and young people.

Should a Youth Member or Adult Youth Member wish to celebrate an event that is culturally significant to them, and it is appropriate within the precepts and ideals of the Order of DeMolay, it is to be welcomed, encouraged and allowed.

Social and Fun Event examples

It is important that the boys choose what they want to do. Naturally, Advisory Council and normal parental oversight and guidance is required.

Here are some suggestions (limited only by the imagination and parental prudence) of the events you can be taught to plan, execute and manage:

- Culturally significant events;
- Bowling;
- Movies;
- Concert / show / play;
- Indoor rock climbing;
- Movie night / computer games night;
- Family BBQ;
- Day out at the local swimming pool / beach;
- Ice skating;
- Park soccer / cricket / sport;
- Visit museum / art gallery / theme park / zoo / historical sites / etc;
- Country picnic;
- Bush-walking;
- Board / card games;
- Cooking lessons from one of the parents;
- Art / drawing;
- Basic car maintenance from one of the parents / local mechanic;
- Participate in Clean Up Australia Day
- Attend ANZAC Dawn Service;
- Overnight camp; and
- so on

On the more formal (but just as important) side:

- Visit another Chapter meeting or Installation;
- Visit a Job's Daughters or Rainbows public meeting or Installation; and
- Visit your local Masonic Lodge.