

Maine DeMolay Conclave

General Information

Dates: Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, July 31-August 2, 2026

Location: Husson University, Bangor, Maine

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Registration Process

For those that are unable to complete registration online, you can mail or e-mail your completed registration forms for DeMolays and Advisors to Dad James Havu by 7/11/2026. PAYMENT FOR ALL REGISTRANTS can be paid with a check or cash at Conclave registration.

Maine DeMolays, visiting DeMolays and Advisors:

The cost for registration is \$125.00. The fee includes DeMolay Conclave shirts, use of facilities, and six meals including the banquet, each explained in further detail below.

A DeMolay/Advisor registration form is attached. Please submit your registration form to your Chapter Advisor. Your Chapter Advisor will then register you online. Visiting DeMolays and Advisors can register online or may complete registration and mail or e-mail directly to Dad James at the email address shown above.

Guests:

DeMolays and Advisors are encouraged to invite their families to attend the Saturday night banquet and installation. Overnight accommodations will be available, on a limited basis, for guests on Saturday night only. Housing will be segregated between genders. Visiting minors, including Rainbow, must be accompanied by a responsible adult. We ask that all guests register online or by emailing Dad James at jehavu@gmail.com using the Guest Registration form.

Individual/Parental Consent Forms

ALL DEMOLAYS AND ADVISORS MUST HAVE A COMPLETED MEDICAL FORM UPON CHECK-IN. Medical Consent forms maintained by an individual chapter for its members will be accepted, subject to approval by the Conclave Director. A consent form is attached to the registration guide, if needed. No DeMolay under the age of 18 will be allowed to check in without a valid consent form.

Conclave Policy

Conduct: All DeMolays and Advisors are expected to conduct themselves according to the **7 Cardinal Virtues**. Doing otherwise would be detrimental to both yourself and the Order as a whole. No bullying will be accepted. If there is such, the bully will lose all points at the minimum. Expulsion from Conclave is a possibility, and the decision will be made by the Conclave Director and the Executive Officer.

Advisors: At least two DeMolay must be present from each chapter. For groups of greater than 10, one additional advisor is required for every 10 additional youth. This policy will be strictly enforced. To avoid registration problems, contact the Executive Officer if you anticipate not being able to satisfy this requirement. All Advisors, but especially Chapter Advisors, will be responsible for always monitoring the DeMolays from their chapter.

- Alcohol/
Tobacco/
Drugs/Knives:** The zero-tolerance policy will apply at Conclave, as it does at all DeMolay events. DeMolays caught with any drugs or alcohol will be immediately sent home. No weapons of any kind are allowed on the Husson University campus.
- Leaving
Conclave:** After arriving at Conclave, all DeMolays and Advisors are to remain on campus throughout the entire weekend, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF AUTHORIZED TRAVEL TO ANAH SHRINE. Requests for emergency leave must be made through the Chapter Advisor, who will clear it with the Executive Officer. ALL DEMOLAYS COMING IN PERSONAL VEHICLES WILL TURN THEIR KEYS IN TO THE CHAPTER ADVISOR FOR THE DURATION OF CONCLAVE. ANYONE LEAVING THE CAMPUS UNAUTHORIZED WILL BE SENT HOME PERMANENTLY.
- Pets:** Pets are not permitted at Conclave. Service animals are allowed with documentation.
- Telephones:** As most DeMolays and Advisors have cellular phones, Husson University phones are off limits.
- Smoking:** No smoking or vaping is allowed at Husson University.
- Emergencies:** In case of an emergency, Conclave attendees can be contacted by calling Executive Officer Godon Kimball at 207-415-6828 or Conclave Director James Havu at 207-756-5179.

Conclave Equipment Checklist

The following is a partial list of items you should plan to bring to Conclave. Always be sure to lock any valuables that are brought in an advisor's car. Also, remember to always lock your dorm room door when you are not in it.

- Linens:** **No** linens will be provided. Please bring a sleeping bag or sheets/blanket, pillow/pillowcases, and towels. The size of the beds are twin XL.
- Clothing:** Formal outfit (slacks, colored socks, shirt, tie, jacket, shoes) for Saturday night banquet and Installation, polo for opening ceremony and ritual competition; athletic clothes, including shorts, sweats, sneakers; swim trunks.
- Toiletries:** Soap, razors, toothbrush, toothpaste, **DEODORANT**, etc.
- Cash:** Cash for the DeMolay & More Store, etc.
- Other:** Rituals, umbrellas, chapter banners, etc. **PLEASE LEAVE YOUR GAMING SYSTEMS AT HOME.**

Conclave Check-In

Check-in for DeMolays and Advisors will be held between 9:00AM and 11:30 am on Friday, July 31, 2026 at Bell Hall, Husson University. Please make every attempt to arrive within this timeframe so that the rest of the afternoon and evening can remain on schedule. **If you know in advance that you will be late**, please contact Dad James at 207-756-5179 or email jehavu@gmail.com. There will be signs to direct you to registration once you arrive on campus. Since all registrations will have been submitted online in advance, we ask that **ONLY ONE ADVISOR AND ONE DEMOLAY** check-in to pick up the packets of materials for the weekend. The packets will consist of a Conclave schedule, meal ticket, badge, and Conclave shirts.

Overnight guests on Saturday will register at Anah Shrine. Check-in time will be between 4:30 and 5:30PM on Saturday, August 1, 2026. Lodging assignments will be distributed upon check-in.

Competitions

Ritual: ALL DEMOLAYS NEED TO KNOW THEIR RITUAL PARTS BEFORE ARRIVING!

NOTE: In Recent years, DeMolays have signed up in advance to do two or three ritual parts. At the time of the Ritual Competition, many have not shown up to compete in a selected part or have changed their minds and gone to do a completely different part. This puts the judges in an exceedingly difficult position and makes the competition go longer into the night than is necessary. WE URGE ADVISORS TO WORK WITH THEIR MEMBERS CAREFULLY TO SELECT THE PARTS IN WHICH EACH DEMOLAY WILL COMPETE. NO ONE is allowed to go to the social in the Webber Campus Center until their Ritual Competition has been completed.

Ritual is the backbone of our Order, and every effort should be made to achieve the best possible delivery of each Ritual part. Judging will be strict and no less will be required than in open chapter. A satisfactory performance will be required for a trophy in Ritual.

More rules and things to think about!

1. Learn your ritual now. Do not wait until the last minute to learn it.
2. Advisors need to consult with each Chapter member to be sure they are doing the part they are capable of doing.
3. Advisors are instructed to judge your performance on ritual you have learned. They are instructed to write Does Not Qualify on any member that goes into a ritual room unprepared. If you know the ritual and struggle that is a lot better than walking in saying "I don't know any of it". You will not be allowed to read any part for the sake of reading it.
4. Plan your evening out. Look at the list of ritual parts and consider the number of competitors in each part. All lists will be available at the beginning of ritual competition.
5. All advisors will have the list of competitors. Please respect them as they sit and wait for each DeMolay to complete his part. Please do not wait until the end to do your parts.

Guidelines: Points will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place toward Best Chapter Award.

Scoring: Delivery will be judged on verbal accuracy and effectiveness. Judges will select the first, second, and third place finishers. Remember, **only satisfactory performances will qualify**. Conclave polo shirts will be required attire for the Ritual events.

If you joined DeMolay after January 1, you are required to participate in the Ritual Training unless you are competing in ritual competition.

If you joined before January 1, you are required to attempt at least 1 part. You are eligible to attempt up to three (3) parts.

Preceptors will be judged in age categories of 12-15 and 16-20, and **preceptors may be combined for scoring and placement if there is lack of participation.**

Points for events will be credited as follows:

Preceptors: 1st Place = 6 pts. / 2nd Place = 5 pts. / 3rd Place = 4 pts.

Ceremonies: 1st Place = 8 pts. / 2nd Place = 7 pts. / 3rd Place = 6 pts.

Chapter Opening and Closing: 1st Place = 12 pts. / 2nd Place = 10 pts. / 3rd Place = 8 pts.

Events: **Preceptors (1st-7th)** – Initiatory Degree, each station individually.
Obligations – Initiatory and DeMolay Degree obligations, **not including queries.**
Flower Talk - Current Ritual
Ceremony of Light - Current Ritual
Father's Talk – Public Ceremony download
Chapter Opening and Closing

Athletics:

The most important aspect of athletic events at Conclave is to HAVE A GOOD TIME. Please practice good sportsmanship at all times.

Guidelines: Points and trophies for some individual & team events will be awarded in two age categories: I. 12-15, and II. 16-20, all other events are open competition. Each DeMolay (Maine & visiting) is permitted to participate in all of the Chapter events.

Scoring: Points will be credited as follows: 1st Place = 3 pts./2nd Place = 2 pts./3rd Place = 1 pt.

Check Out

NO AWARDS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED ON SUNDAY UNTIL CONCLAVE STAFF HAS INSPECTED ALL DORM ROOMS.

Best Chapter at Conclave:

The traditional "Best Chapter at Conclave" trophy will be awarded to the Chapter scoring the highest in combined ritual and athletics.

Spirit Award:

Spirit Award will be awarded to the Chapter that best displays the **7 Cardinal Virtues of DeMolay** in their stay at Conclave.