



DEMOLAY
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Obligatory Days, DeMolay Month & You: An Online Primer

New York DeMolay



What is an Obligation?

“You have an obligation young man!”

– Every Parent, every time you try to get out of something

“I wish I could go to the movies, but I have another obligation”



What is an Obligation?

Noun: an act or course of action to which a person is morally or legally bound; a duty or commitment.

An obligatory day is a day where your chapter has a duty to do something special.

An obligatory day helps to instill the lessons and values of DeMolay into your chapter programming.



Obligatory Days Can Vary

- One chapter hosts an essay contest for local middle school kids
- One chapter hosts a dinner for their favorite teachers
- One chapter has an officer research and share a presentation
- One made cards for their parents



Seven Days

Patriots' Day
Devotional Day
Parents' Day
My Government Day
Educational Day
Frank S. Land Memorial Day
Day of Comfort



Patriots' Day

- Held in February
- Honors those who served and shaped our country
- It's in February because of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
 - What type of activities could you do?
 - Bring in a Speaker
 - Visit a historical Site
- Have A chapter officer research a person



Devotional Day

- Held on the weekend closest to March 18th.
- This is the day that Jacques DeMolay was martyred and DeMolay was founded
- Some chapters attend a worship service together, host an interfaith service or do some other activity



Parents' Day

- Held between May and June to include Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day
 - Host a special event for parents.
 - Do thank you cards for parents
 - Host the flower talk
- Do a Father and Son Game to the ball park



My Government Day

- Held in the Month of July in honor of Independence Day.
- Read the declaration of Independence, or the constitution
- Tour your city hall, our majestic state Capitol, or US Capitol
 - Host a local, state or federal leader



Educational Day

- Held in September in New York
- Host an essay contest
- Host a teacher appreciation dinner
- Do thank you cards for the teachers



Frank S. Land Day

- Held on or near November 8th.
- A chance to honor “Dad” Frank Sherman Land
 - Host a thank you for the local masons
 - Donate “Hi Dad!” to the local library
 - Raise money for a Masonic charity



Day of Comfort

- Held between November and December between Thanksgiving and Christmas
 - A day to help others
- Volunteer at the Festival of Trees or other community events
 - Collect food, toys, hats, gloves
 - Visit those in care communities



DeMolay Month

- DeMolay Month is in March
- DeMolay week contains March 18
- Generally hosting an event with a Cardinal virtue in the week or during the month.

