

comradery is important

Junior Logan Curry's journey through DeMolay in Illinois

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I got involved in DeMolay because of my family. My dad was involved initially, and as such, I grew an interest in it. I joined at 12 which is the youngest in which you can join.

DeMolay is an organization for boys from ages 12 to 21, meant to teach the journey from childhood to manhood, mainly based on Jacque DeMolay, a French guy who was very heroic for his brethren. We learn about comradeship, cleanliness, love for our parents and families, common courtesy, fidelity, and respect for our country. Everything we do helps us become better people when we age out of DeMolay.

My favorite memory in DeMolay is after I joined, the first event I ever went to, we did laser tag. Even though I was new to some of these events and people, being able to hang out with them for the first time was great given that I have never really done something like this before.

Master Counselor is the highest position in a chapter room. Chapters are like regional groups. There is no chapter in Huntley, so I meet in Barrington. A chapter would have its own distinct members and own distinct group. A Master Counselor basically leads the chapter meetings and the chapter itself. They are in charge of planning events and helping the chapter succeed.

I liked my Master Counselor installation because it came after some pretty dark times, so I was glad to have a positive event to counteract all of that.

We also go to several fun events, and we typically go to these meetings which can take a while, but there are fun events that may appeal to some certain people. Sometimes we can have a cookout, sometimes we can go do laser tag, we do sports, we have video game nights. Just because it is an organization that has serious business does not mean we cannot have fun and meet new people as well. You get to work with some people who you may have never met, or if you have met them,

when they join the organization.

Being a DeMolay has helped me in thinking rationally. A lot of people out there really want to be irrational about certain things or ideas. This organization teaches that it is best to hear someone out before making a judgment. It has helped me reach a group of people that I have not been able to before.

What I want people to understand about DeMolay is that even though there's memorization parts that can be super hard, sometimes, it can be a bit interesting. It's worth it in the end because that stuff shows you there's a lot more fun events than meetings.

If you have time in your day, or if you have time in general, you can just hang out with people and not have to worry about anything. And that's the beauty of it. Sometimes it's fun to just be able to relax after a long stressful day. I know that I've personally had some pretty rough times that got so much much better by being in this organization.

Although we do worship a god, we are not super religious. It can apply to basically any religion; there are plenty of other reasons to join regardless. As long as you respect others and all religions, you should be able to join.

The people who I have met in DeMolay are some of the coolest people I have ever met, and they all have this group comradeship that I seek. Before DeMolay, I hardly had any close friends, but now I have friends that even if I do not see them very often, I can still talk to them from time-to-time and get to hang out with them. I am glad the friends I have made in this organization have been worthwhile.

If I could have the whole world listen to me, I would say please treat others with respect. Regardless of who you are, who you like, who you identify with, what you identify as or what side of the political aisle you're on, you should just treat others the way you want to be treated.

Don't put others down due to actions they cannot control or if it's something that they can control. You don't have to mock them for it. So many people have lost their childhoods due to bullying and it's this issue that needs to stop.



Logan Curry
kneeling at the altar
during devotional
service.