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## DeMolay of the Year 2026

Dear Advisory Councils,

Enclosed is the form for nominating **TWO** DeMolay's from your Chapter to be considered for Illinois DeMolay of the Year (Distinguished Service Award).

This program honors a DeMolay for outstanding DeMolay service. This does not necessarily mean the DeMolay who earned the most merit bars, brought in the most new members or is proficient in the ritual although these are factors that should be considered. You also need to consider what the DeMolay has done outside the Chapter as well. Does he exemplify what the ideal DeMolay is? As in previous years, the State Master Councilor and Deputy State Master Councilor are not eligible to earn DeMolay of the Year.

The nomination process requires the Advisory Council to consider all the young men in your Chapter for their service as a member. Who stands out? Who works for the betterment of the Chapter? Who has taken the initiative to earn their obs card and Representative DeMolay? Who is the beacon of DeMolay outside the Chapter?

**This is not a popularity contest** as we truly look for the recipient to be the ideal of what it means to be an Illinois DeMolay.

After a candidate is selected, the nomination form must be completed. You will then advise the DeMolay they are being nominated and the Chairman or Chapter Advisor and the DeMolay will sign the form. The DeMolay will complete page two. Forms must be **received** by me on or before July 3, 2026 to be considered.

Prior to conclave, nominated DeMolays will go through an interview process via Zoom on July 7, 2026 from a committee to make the final determination of who will be the 2026 DeMolay of the Year.

If you have any questions, please call me at 309-236-6181 or email [EO@ILDeMolay.org](mailto:EO@ILDeMolay.org).

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "V. Dale Goodpaster". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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