

**Petersburg Chapter, Order of DeMolay
2017 Chapter of the Year Submission**

**Zechariah Tilton, Master Councilor
Thomas L. Varner Jr., Chapter Advisor**

	Points for Each	Maximum Points Allowed	Points Claimed
GRAND TOTAL			1872
A. ADMINISTRATION			150
1. Financial Report to Kansas City by deadline.	----	50	50
2. Advisor's Registration to Kansas City by deadline.	----	50	50
3. All Form 10s to Kansas City within ten (10) days.	----	50	50
B. NEW MEMBER GROWTH			400
1. 100% of previous year's goal	----	100	300
200% of previous year's goal	----	200	
300% of previous year's goal	----	300	
2. Grand Master's Award	50	100	00
3. Advisor's Honor Key	----	25	00
4. Blue Honor Key	----	25	00
5. Buddy Night for prospective members	25	100	100
C. LEADERSHIP (See Below)			72
1. Proficiency in Obligations recited and passed on all Obligations.	----	40	45 00
2. Leadership Correspondence Course completed and received notice of satisfactory completion.	----	40	
3. Leadership Conference.	----	50	00
4. PMC Meritorious Service.	----	30	15
5. Representative DeMolay	----	30	12
D. RITUAL WORK			210
1. Open and close chapter (full year).	----	100	100
2. Initiatory Degree (your chapter or before a Masonic group).	20	100	60
3. DeMolay Degree (your chapter or before a Masonic group).	20	100	00
4. Public Installation (for your chapter).	10	20	20
5. Majority Service (your chapter).	10	20	00
6. RD Presentation (your chapter, list each).	10	20	10
7. Other Public ceremonies (your chapter, list each).	10	20	20
E. SPECIAL ACTIVITIES, ETC			185

1. Public observance of Obligatory Days (7, list each).	25	175	175
2. Active participation in Safe Driving program.	-----	50	00
3. Publishing a chapter publication (10 points each issue).	-----	120	00
A. At least four (4) issues of the chapter publication must be made a part of the submission for a chapter to be eligible.			
B. All publications will be considered regardless of type (printed, ditto, etc.).			
C. Categories to be considered are as follows:			
i. Overall appearance			
ii. Legibility			
iii. Photographs and drawings			
iv. Balanced contents			
v. Reader interest			
vi. Grammar and rhetoric			
D. If a chapter submits more than four (4) issues, it should identify those it desires to be judged on the above categories.			
4. Each visitation to another chapter (minimum of five DeMolays per visit).			
5. Mothers', Fathers' and/or Parents' or Senior DeMolays' Club	10	120	10
	25	50	00
F. CHAPTER ACTIVITIES			855
1. General			
a. Home talent show, play old timers' night, sponsors' night, comedy (must list).	25	100	00
b. Family dinners and meals.	25	50	00
c. Annual Sweetheart competitions.	-----	25	00
d. An Awards Night.	50	100	50
e. Any hobby clubs like radio, stamps, etc (list).	25	100	00
f. Special Chapter Anniversary observance.	-----	50	00
g. DeMolay of the Month selected for each month with appropriate recognition.	05	60	10

h. DeMolay of the Year selected with appropriate recognition.	-----	25	00
i. Any other activities like hikes, trips, etc. (list)	10	1000	390
2. Civic Service <i>Collect clothing for needy, aid in civil defense program or disaster relief, giving food baskets, hospital aid, children's home aid, pet parades for kids, any separate charity drive, other similar civic activities. (These are other than Obligatory Day activities, list each).</i>	25	150	75
3. Fund Raising <i>Car washes, sales, service, special fund raising efforts (list each).</i>	25	150	150
4. Publicity			
a. Newspaper stories (attach clippings).	25	150	100
b. Photos (clippings attached).	05	50	30
c. Each radio-TV show by Chapter.	25	50	0
d. Special DeMolay Week program (attach copy of week's program).	-----	50	50
Instructions for determination of point values For LEADERSHIP categories (Item C):			
1. Proficiency in obligations			45
Number of members not proficient at start of award year (Wittig, Colletti, Morris)	_____3_____		
New members (not proficient during year) (Griffin, Peters, Barlow, Tilton, T. Haden, B. Haden, Nannery, Waugh)	_____8_____		
Number of members becoming proficient during the year divided by total = percentage point. Allow one (1) competitions point for each percentage point, rounded. (Tilton, Colletti, Griffin, T. Haden, Wittig)	_____5_____		
Example: .50 = 50 points; .01 = 1 point; .316 = 32 points			
2. Leadership Correspondence Course			0
Number of members who have completed the course during the award year. Use same method as (1) above except include Advisors in members count. (Members must have received notice or certificate of satisfactory completion of course to be considered.	_____0_____		

3. Leadership Conference			0
1 DeMolay to Conference 2 DeMolays to Conference 3 DeMolays to Conference 4 DeMolays to Conference 5 or more DeMolays to Conference	10 points 20 points 30 points 40 points 50 points	_____0_____	
4. PMC Meritorious Service Award			15
1 PMC qualifying during award year (Griffin) 2 PMCs qualifying during award year	15 points 30 points	_____15_____	
5. Representative DeMolay			12
Number of new RDs awarded during the award year divided by number of young men eligible on Chapter roll. (Annual Report plus new members to July 1, less RDs on report made prior to start of award year.) (Griffin) Ineligible members due to not receiving DeMolay Degree or not having been in DeMolay six months: Barlow, B. Haden, Nannery, Waugh)		_____1/8_____	

Administration

1. Westhampton Chapter filed a financial report that included Petersburg Chapter. Petersburg Chapter established its own bank account in April 2017.
2. Petersburg Chapter submitted its 2016 Advisor Registration on August 10, 2016 and all Advisors registered for 2017 by November 30, 2016.
3. Petersburg Chapter worked closely with Westhampton Chapter to make sure all Form 10s were submitted within 10 days.

New member Growth

1. Petersburg initiated eight members between Conclave 2016 and Conclave 2017: Liam Griffin, Thomas Peters, and Ryan Barlow on August 10, 2016; Zechariah Tilton on September 11, 2016; Trey Haden on December 21, 2016; Bret Haden and Robert Nannery on March 17, 2017; and Tony Waugh on April 22, 2017. There were no majorities, so the maximum of 300 points was claimed.
5. Petersburg held prospect parties at Swaders Park on August 7 with 5 prospects; a paintball outing at Splat Brothers on March 5 with 7 prospects; went to "Guardians of the Galaxy" at SouthPark Mall on May 31 with 3 prospects; and went to Swaders Park on June 24 with 3 prospects.

Leadership

See detail in the Section above.

Ritual

1. Petersburg Chapter opened using the ritual at all of its meetings except for two meetings combined with Masonic Service Projects like serving dinner.
2. Initiatory Degrees were held in Petersburg on August 10, December 21, and March 17. Chapter members provided the majority of the parts and received some assistance from other Chapters. Master Councilor Liam Griffin conferred the Initiatory Degree twice and the DeMolay Degree 4th Section from memory.
4. Public installations were held on November 13 and April 30 in Petersburg.
6. A Representative DeMolay ceremony was held for Liam Griffin on April 30.
7. The Flower Talk was presented twice on November 13 and April 30.

Special Activities

1. Obligatory Days: Frank S. Land Day was held at the stated meeting on November 9, where Billy Erner read the biography of Dad Land. Day of Comfort was held on November 23 by assisting Petersburg Lodge #15 in serving Thanksgiving Day Dinner to 100 Fort Lee Soldiers. Patriot's Day was held on February 11 with a visit to Blandford Church and Confederate Cemetery with a veteran of the Persian Gulf, Iraq, and Afghanistan Wars. My Government Day was held on March 7 with a visit to the Petersburg City Council meeting and a visit by Virginia Delegate Riley Ingram on March 17. Devotional Day was held on March 12 with a visit to Ivey Methodist Church. Parent's Day was held on March 13 with a Parents' Dinner at Petersburg Masonic Temple. Education Day was held at the June 14 stated meeting with a speech by a teacher at Colonial Heights High School.
4. Six members attended the stated meeting of Westhampton Chapter on March 14.

Chapter Activities

1. d. The Chapter held an Awards Night on April 30 with many merit bars handed to members.
g. Zach Wittig and Billy Erner were selected Members of the Month in June and July 2017, respectively.

i. Other activities:

07/21/16 Conclave – 2 members
09/04/16 Games night at Petersburg Temple – 6 members
09/11/16 Central Region Initiation – 6 members
09/13/16 Blandford Lodge #3 dinner – 5 members
09/17/16 Bowling at Uptown Alley – 3 members
09/30/16 Storks Movie night and pizza party – 3 members
10/22/16 Central Region Fall Fest – 3 members
10/29/16 Wittig Bonfire – 4 members
11/08/16 Westhampton Chapter meeting – 1 member
11/12/16 Central Region Competitions – 1 member
11/26/16 Fantastic Beasts movie at Southpark Mall – 4 members
12/10/16 DeMolay portrait unveiling in Washington DC – 1 member
12/11/16 Bethel 24 Installation of Officers – 3 members
12/28/16 Rogue One movie at Southpark Mall – 6 members
12/31/16 Westhampton Chapter Lock-in – 4 members
01/14/17 Brotherhood Weekend – 4 members
01/22/17 New Kent Chapter Installation – 4 members
02/04/17 Trampoline social activity – 6 members
02/11/17 Laser Tag with Westhampton Chapter – 3 members
02/16/17 DeMolay program at Knights Templar meeting – 8 members
03/17/17 Lock-in – 8 members
03/18/17 Serving breakfast to Petersburg Lodge #15 – 8 members
04/01/17 Central Region Competitions – 1 member
04/02/17 Westhampton Chapter Installation – 3 members
04/09/17 New Kent Chapter Meeting – 4 members
04/14/17 Petersburg Masonic Building Spaghetti Dinner – 6 members
04/22/17 Central Region Initiation – 4 members
05/20/17 Masonic picnic – 5 members
05/20/17 Laser tag – 5 members
05/21/17 Westhampton initiation – 4 members
06/03/17 Luray Caverns Spring Quarterly – 5 members
06/04/17 Bethel 24 Installation of Officers – 1 member
06/16/17 Lock-in – 7 members
06/17/17 Serving breakfast to Petersburg Lodge #15 – 7 members
06/25/17 New Kent meeting – 4 members
06/25/17 Regional meeting/competitions – 4 members
07/08/17 Regional billiards competition – 2 members
07/15/17 Central Region Honors – 5 members
07/16/17 New Kent Chapter Installation – 1 member

2. Civic Service: On January 20-21, two members helped an Eagle Scout for eight manhours in building a Flag Retirement Pit at the VFW in Colonial Heights. On February 11, three members cleaned up Fort Davis in Petersburg for one hour. On April 1, four members worked 8 manhours in washing cars to raise money for the Children's Cancer Fund and member of New Kent Chapter who had lost his home in a fire.
3. Fundraising: On December 3, four members raked leaves for four hours for \$200. On December 12, five members sold hot chocolate for \$100 at the Colonial Heights Christmas Parade. On May 27, five members cleaned up a Mason's garage for \$200. On June 10, four members raked pinestraw for four hours for \$200. On June 21, five members washed cars for \$86. On July 13, four members served dinner to Chester Lodge #94 for \$137.
4. Publicity:

Newspaper clipping in the Petersburg Progress-Index and a Masonic Herald Article about the November 23 Fort Lee Soldier Dinner. The Advisory Council Chairman and the Junior Councilor planned the activity; a long March 19 article about DeMolay Week; and an April 29 article about the April 30 installation of officers. Total of four articles.

One picture each in the Petersburg Progress-Index and the Masonic Herald about the November 23 Fort Lee Soldier Dinner; four pictures in the March 19 DeMolay Week article. Total of six pictures.

Special DeMolay Week program:

- Received Petersburg City Council and Virginia House of Delegates Proclamations
- Publicity – Petersburg Progress-Index provided a full third-page article.
- Sunday, March 12 – Ivey Memorial United Methodist Church.
- Monday, March 13 – Parents' Dinner.
- Tuesday, March 14 – Visit Westhampton Chapter meeting.
- Friday, March 17 – Initiation, overnight lock-in and games night
- Saturday, March 18 - Serve breakfast to Petersburg Lodge #15 at 8 am



Petersburg Masonic Lodge No. 15 Worshipful Master Thomas J. Colletti, left, shows off some prepared cranberry sauce as Colletti's son, Thomas, looks on at the lodge in Petersburg on Wednesday. Some 90 Fort Lee soldiers will have a Thanksgiving meal there later that evening. SCOTT P. YATES/PROGRESS-INDEX.COM PHOTOS

Masons bring soldiers to the Thanksgiving table

Growing tradition offers a table to those far from home

By Sarah Vogelsong
Staff Writer

PETERSBURG — Freemasons and the military have long had a special relationship. According to legend, political enemies in times of war more than once laid down their weapons to enter Masonic lodges together, and in present times, many chapters take a particular interest in veterans and the families they may have left behind.

That bond was upheld in the Petersburg area this Wednesday when, for the second year running, Petersburg Masonic Lodge No. 15 hosted a Thanksgiving dinner



Thomas Colletti, 16, left, and his sister, Heather, 12, prepare place settings for some 90 Fort Lee soldiers who will have a Thanksgiving meal there later Wednesday evening at the Petersburg Masonic Lodge No. 15 in Petersburg on Wednesday.

holiday.

"We have everything to thank them for the liberties we have," said Thomas Colletti, the lodge's "Worshipful Master," or top leader.

made last-minute jaunts to the grocery store, Colletti and two of his children started preparations to serve about 90 soldiers on Wednesday evening.

Veteran Appreciation

Right Worshipful F. Edward Pearson, II

November 23, 2016, Petersburg Lodge No. 15 prepared a Thanksgiving Dinner for our soldiers training at Ft. Lee. For many of these soldiers, this was the first time they had been away from home on the Thanksgiving holiday. The ninety-plus soldiers enjoyed a traditional dinner of turkey with all the trimmings. Much of the food was donated by the local Martin's Supermarket and Sam's Club. The dinner was prepared by Masons from Petersburg Lodge No. 15 assisted by Masons from every Lodge in Masonic District 29 and their families. Also, assisting with the meal were members of Alpha Chapter No. 1 OES, DeMolay, and Job's Daughters. Worshipful Tom Colletti said,



"This was our second Thanksgiving for our Troops, and it is a small thing to offer our military, who give so much to our country."

COMMUNITY

BRIEFLY

Wine and History Tour

CHESTERFIELD — The Chesterfield Historical Society of Virginia (CHSV) will present "A Wine & History Tour" on Sunday, April 6, from noon to 4 p.m. at the Historic Magnolia Grange Museum House, 1822 Iron Bridge Road.

This event is part of a series of programs to further provide historical, educational and entertaining programming to increase awareness of the historic site.

The public is invited to join Chesterfield Historical Society of Virginia on a fun-filled day of History & Wine with tours beginning at 12 p.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m. & 3 p.m.

Start with a tour of Magnolia Grange, a beautiful Federal style home built in 1822 by William Winfree.

Once your tour of the home is complete you will be transported by time to Spring Run Vineyards where you will enjoy three complimentary tastings and receive your own souvenir Spring Run Vineyards wineglass.

The time will then transport you back to Magnolia Grange where you will have the opportunity to browse the gift shop.

Tickets are \$60 per person or \$180 for families. Space is limited therefore reservations are required. We must be 21 years or older to attend this event.

Rsvp received by March 31.

Tickets can be purchased at www.chesterfieldhistory.com or in person at the research library located at Historic Trinity Church, 1811 Iron Bridge Road.

For more information, contact Megan Kishner at 804-796-7226.

Disability Resource Fair

COLONIAL HEIGHTS — The Art South of the James will sponsor a Disability Resource Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, March 23, at Colonial Heights High School gymnasium, 3488 Condit Road.

This event is for children, adults, families

PETERSBURG

Local chapter observes annual DeMolay Week



LEFT: The Petersburg DeMolay Chapter's Master Counselor since November 2013 is Liam Griffin of Thomas Dale High School; Senior Counselor is Frederick Tillon of James River High School; and Junior Counselor is Tommy Collett of Colonial Heights High School. Since the Chapter reorganized in 2013, it has initiated 18 new members, has two individuals waiting to be initiated, and the more applications waiting to be initiated. (JON KURTZ/PI-CH2)

RIGHT: Members of the Petersburg DeMolay Chapter receive a proclamation from Petersburg City Council on March 7. (JON KURTZ/PI-CH2)

Several activities celebrate 98th anniversary of DeMolay's founding

By Jon Kurtz/PI-CH2

PETERSBURG — The Petersburg DeMolay Chapter celebrated the 98th anniversary of DeMolay's founding with a number of events during March 12-18. Members and advisers attended the Petersburg City Council meeting on March 7, where Mayor Scott Pearson recognized and presented them with a signed DeMolay Week Proclamation.

To celebrate the week, the Chapter planned to attend Deep United Methodist Church on Sunday, hold a parent dinner on Monday, visit Westhampton Chapter in Richmond on Tuesday, hold an overnight initiation and lock-in on Friday, and were breakfast to Petersburg Lodge #75 on Saturday morning.

In addition, Virginia Delegate Riley Ingram was scheduled to visit the Chapter during his Friday night meeting to present a DeMolay Month Proclamation passed recently by the Virginia House of Delegates.

The Petersburg DeMolay Chapter was originally founded in 1916 and counted former Petersburg Police



Billy Gray, left, a member of the Petersburg DeMolay Chapter, recently was both the Oratorical and Essay competitors during the Virginia DeMolay July Coeders, Local Chapter members have attended all Virginia DeMolay events and have been involved in community service activities. Chapter adviser is Tom Vernez. (JON KURTZ/PI-CH2)

Chief William Taylor among its advisers. The Chapter met until 1946, and was then restarted in October 1945. Since that time, it has initiated 39 new members, has two who was scheduled to join on March 27, and has five more applications waiting to be returned.

The Chapter's Master



Members of the Petersburg DeMolay Chapter recently enjoyed the activities as a group, such as softball at Spital Street. Members have also been involved with fundraising and community service activities. The Chapter is currently seeking new members. The Order of DeMolay is a monthly-sponsored youth group for young men between the ages of 12 and 21. While DeMolay is sponsored by local Masons, a family relationship is a Mason is not a membership requirement. (JON KURTZ/PI-CH2)

Counselor since November 2013 is Liam Griffin of Thomas Dale High School; Senior Counselor is Zachariah Tillon of James River High School, and Junior Counselor is Tommy Collett of Colonial Heights High School.

Recently, the Chapter has held many wide-ranging fee

activities, including paintball, game nights, laser tag and miniature golf at Sweetens, transportation, movies at the Mall, a bonfire party with the Hopewell Job's Daughters, and fundraising at the Colonial Heights Christmas parade.

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BUDGET

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currently working on preparing the budget full-time.

"There is no real house right now looking at budget analysis," Birch said.

The city will be looking to hire a budget analyst in the upcoming months.

Birch added that the city is looking to avoid out-of-pocket expenses, saying that there "can't be going to be a waterfall in the next year."

"Government must be restructured to provide the services the citizens need, but not to count on the revenues coming in," she said. "At the end of the day, it's revenues and expenditures, and they have to balance."

Because of mismanagement, city financial records are somewhat inadequate. When Birch and the Bobb Group were preparing amendments to the FY07 budget in January, they had to prepare it using only excel spreadsheets. Though this time around, they had more manageable ways to put together the budget.

In addition to the budget, the city is working on restructuring its extensive debt. Deverport and Company has prepared a plan for the city to restructure its debt, in part to make it more manageable.

"It's basically taking the \$5.5 million dollar annual debt service obligation that would start total all very steeply in about three years, and instead of doing that, it spreads that far for longer," said Interim City Manager Tim Tyrell.

Deverport's restructuring turns the debt service payments into a "house mortgage style repayment." The current debt service plan would have the city paying \$1.6 million a year for several years. The revised plan

makes the timeline longer, with the city paying around \$1.3 million a year.

"It frees up about \$1.3 million a year in cash," said Tyrell.

In total, approximately \$5.9 million will be freed up in the next 5 years, which the city can use to repay its remaining unpaid obligations. The extra cash will also provide flexibility when preparing budgets for future years.

By spreading out the debt payments, the city also hopes to buy more time to get its bond rating back up to investment grade. Currently, Standard and Poor's has the city rating at "BB" with a Negative Outlook. The rating is below investment grade, and is the lowest of any local government in the commonwealth.

In its most recent report, S&P stated that "the current long-term rating is controlled by our view of the city's very weak liquidity based on distributed market access, and very weak management conditions that resulted in an ongoing structural imbalance."

aising the S&P rating will make it easier for the city to access capital markets without raising its overall debt service.

The plan will also allow the city to rebuild its fund balance more quickly, which is a key consideration for the credit rating agencies. The fund balance, which officials describe as a "rainy day fund" is currently at negative \$6 million. Based on the city's financial policies adopted in 2004, the fund balance goal is approximately 10 percent of operation revenues. With the negative \$6 million, the city currently does not meet that goal.

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24 HOUR LOCAL FORECAST



THREE DAY LOCAL FORECAST



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Temperature	Today's high/low	54°/37°
	Record high/low	81°/20°
	Record high/low	87°/13°
	Record high/low	87°/13°

Precipitation

24-hr. ending 4 P.M. today	0.00"
Month to date	1.34"
Normal month to date	2.25"
Year to date	0.82"
Normal year to date	3.92"
Record year	1.60" (1965)

SKI CONDITIONS

Ski Area	Base	Top	Trail	Open	Notes
Blue Ridge (VA)	2-10	400	10	1	
Roanoke (VA)	21-22	400	11	1	
Shenandoah (VA)	11-40	400	11	1	
North Hill (NC)	12-48	400	1	1	
Northwest (NC)	10-20	400	1	1	
Sugar Hill (NC)	10-20	400	1	1	
Chimney Rock (NC)	44-44	400	1	1	

0-10 cm above ski level; 0-100 cm above ski level; 0-100 cm above ski level; 0-100 cm above ski level.

WEATHER TRIVIA

Q: In addition to heavy rain, what else often is only being forecast?
 A: Heavy snow

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DEMOLAY

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The Chapter's community service activities have included serving Thanksgiving dinners to Fort Lee soldiers, cleaning around Fort Davis in Petersburg National Battlefield Park, and visiting with a local veteran of the Persian Gulf, Iraq, and Afghanistan wars. Chapter members have also attended all Virginia Demolay events, including the 107th Biennial,

where Billy Erner won both the Oratorical and Essay competitions.

The Order of Demolay is a Masonic-sponsored youth group for young men between the ages of 15 and 21. It is dedicated to preparing them to be successful, happy, and productive lives.

Having its approach on timeless principles and practical, hands-on experience, Demolay opens doors for young men by developing the skills, character, and

and leadership skills so vitally needed in society today. Demolay combines this serious mission with a fun approach that builds important bonds of friendship among members in more than 1,000 chapters worldwide. In addition to the Petersburg Chapter, currently there are local Demolay chapters in Richmond, Middleburg Heights, and New East County. Tom Varner of District 107, Petersburg

Chapter, and the Chapter is actively seeking new members. While Demolay is sponsored by local Masons, a family relationship to a Mason is not a membership requirement. Local Masons and senior members of Demolay are also encouraged to invite their eligible relatives to join.

Anyone interested in joining Demolay or wishing more information are encouraged to call Varner at 813-210-8717.

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DeMolay installation of officers



The Progress-Index Weekend 29 Apr 2017

PETERSBURG — Petersburg DeMolay will hold its next public installation of officers on Sunday, 2 p.m., at the Petersburg Masonic Temple, located at 115 S. Sycamore St. The public is invited to attend.