

# New York State Chapter, Order of DeMolay Constitution

## **PREAMBLE**

The New York State Chapter is formed for the purpose of coordinating the efforts of all DeMolay Chapters in New York State and in promoting the interest of DeMolay in the jurisdiction through inter-chapter relations. It will function under the authority and supervision of the Executive Officer of the Jurisdiction of the State of New York of DeMolay International (DI).

## **ARTICLE I – Name**

The name of this Chapter shall be “The New York State Chapter, Order of DeMolay.” It may be referred to as the “State Chapter.”

## **ARTICLE II – Purposes**

### **Section 1**

To organize as one State Chapter the chapters of the Order of DeMolay in New York State.

### **Section 2**

To provide the means by which the members of New York DeMolay can exchange ideas and experiences, which would result in greater fraternalism among the DeMolays and related fraternal organizations.

To Provide an opportunity for improving leadership ability through leadership training sessions, the practical application of such training at any level of the hierarchal system of the Order of DeMolay, or any other means which could prove useful in achieving such an goal.

To provide an opportunity for relaxation and entertainment which is in the best interests of New York DeMolay at large.

### **Section 3**

To unify and encourage the efforts of local chapters and divisional events in ritual, sports, and other activities which will tend to strengthen the order in the jurisdiction.

## **ARTICLE III – Meetings**

### **Section 1: Annual Meeting**

The Annual Meeting of the New York State Chapter shall be held at the annual New York State DeMolay Convention. The Executive Committee with the approval of the State Chapter Dad will set the meeting time and place. The New York DeMolay Office shall give due notice to all chapters at least sixty days prior to the date of such convention.

## **Section 2: Special Meetings**

The Executive Committee, with the approval of the State Chapter Dad, may call special meetings of the State Chapter. They may be called to confer degrees, to institute new chapters and for such other purposes as the State Chapter Dad may approve.

## **ARTICLE IV – Membership**

### **Section 1: Good Standing**

- a) The membership of the State Chapter shall be all chapters located in the jurisdiction of New York. A chapter must be in good standing with DeMolay International and with the State Chapter in order for its delegates to vote or its members to hold a State Chapter Office.
- b) All chapters are considered to be in good standing with the State Chapter unless they are delinquent in
  - 1) Filing of an Annual Advisory Council Registration
  - 2) Filing of Form 9s
  - 3) Filing of Officer Address Reports
  - 4) Paying their annual Insurance premium
  - 5) Holding of an Annual Meeting of the Chapter Advisory Council
  - 6) Filing of an annual Financial Statement
  - 7) Meet all other requirements of a chapter in good stand as set forth by the By-laws, Rules and Regulations of DeMolay International
  - 8) Viewing of the Youth protection video and the completion of the appropriate forms within six months
  - 9) In any other manner determined by the Executive Officer
- c) The State Executive Committee shall notify each chapter at least 60 days before the annual meeting if they are delinquent in some fashion.

### **Section 2: State Chapter Delegates and Chapter Votes**

Each Chapter which is a duly and officially recognized Chapter chartered or under Letters Temporary by DeMolay International shall in the Jurisdiction of the State of New York have three votes on all matters which may come before a meeting of the New York State Chapter

provided that the Chapter has at least one DeMolay and one Advisor present at the meeting of the State Chapter, and have completed a New York DeMolay Voter Registration Form with the State Executive Committee by the deadline.

- 1) Each of the three votes will be independent of the other such that the individual delegates may vote in a manner which is consistent with the opinions of the chapter members which they represent.
  - 2) Delegates will elect Division Councilors for their Division only.
- c) Delegates desiring to vote in the Annual State Meeting must:
- 1) Have recited from memory both Obligations.
  - 2) Be in good standing in their chapters.
  - 3) Be a councilor or duly designated proxy. If no councilor is present an active DeMolay may be a proxy for the chapter votes

### **Section 3: Tie Vote**

In the event of three tie votes, on the fourth ballot the State Master Councilor shall be entitled to vote.

## **ARTICLE V – Officers**

### **Section 1: Elective Officers**

The Elected Officers of the State Chapter shall be:

- 1) State Master Councilor
- 2) Deputy State Master Councilor
- 3) State Senior Councilor
- 4) State Junior Councilor and one
- 5) One Division Councilor from each division

### **Section 2: Eligibility**

Refer to the NY State Bylaws For Eligibility

### **Section 3: Vote of Intercession**

A Vote of Intercession may be called no later than 60 days before the election by:

- 1) A petition signed by no less than 20 active DeMolays, in good standing, with a minimum of 2 from each division.
- 2) 3/4ths vote of the State Executive Committee
- 3) 3/4ths vote of the State Advisory Council

All subject to the consent of the Executive Officer.

### **Section 4: Tenure of Office**

The elective officers shall be elected at the annual meeting and serve until his successor is installed.

### **Section 5: Removal from State**

If any State Officer removes from this State, the office, which he holds, shall there by become vacant.

## **ARTICLE VI – Allegiance**

The State Chapter acknowledges its allegiance to the DeMolay International and the Executive Officer. The State Chapter also acknowledges the power of the Executive Officer to dissolve the State Chapter at his pleasure by virtue of the fact that the Executive Officer has all authority over DeMolay in the jurisdiction of New York.

## **ARTICLE VII – Administration**

### **Section 1: State Executive Committee**

The members of the State Executive Committee shall be:

- 1) State Master Councilor
- 2) Deputy State Master Councilor
- 3) State Senior Councilor
- 4) State Junior Councilor
- 5) Division Councilors
- 6) All appointed State Officers

The State Executive Committee shall decide all matters of policy, oversee the work of all committees and take care of all other matters not otherwise provided for in the Constitution or the By-laws and shall, between meetings of the State Chapter, transact all business for the State Chapter.

### **Section 2: State Chapter Dad**

The Executive Officer shall appoint a State Chapter Dad who shall act as the Executive Officer's Representative for all purposes stated in this Constitution and By-laws unless the Executive Officer shall otherwise direct. The Executive Officer may from time to time appoint other advisors to assist the State Chapter Dad, from the recommendations of the State Chapter Dad.

### **Section 3: Vote and Approval**

Each member of the State Executive Committee shall be entitled to cast one vote on every question that comes before the State Executive Committee. In the event of a tie vote, voting shall be repeated until a majority is achieved.

## **ARTICLE VIII – Amendments**

### **Section 1: Proposals**

Those amendments being found favorable by a simple majority vote of the State Executive Committee, and by the Executive Officer shall be mailed to each chapter such that each chapter will have a minimum of 60 days to pose questions or ask for clarification on any and/or all proposed amendments which shall come before the State Chapter at its annual meeting.

## **Section 2: Vote and Approval**

Amendments to this Constitution may be made by a two-thirds affirmative vote of those present and voting on the question at the annual meeting, subject to the approval of the Executive Officer.

*This is a true and correct copy of the New York State Chapter, Order of DeMolay Constitution as drafted and adopted on December 1, 2001 by the Division Councilors of New York, as per Convention resolution 34-01, revised January 13, 2002 and further revised on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009.*