

DeMOLAY FLAG TALK

The field of white in the DeMolay flag symbolizes purity and the cleanness of thought, word, and deed. It reminds the DeMolay of the words of the psalmist who prayed, "Create in me a clean heart, oh God." The three diverging red stripes, which pierce the field of white, represent the basic tenants and foundation of DeMolay. Those being: Love of God, Love of Home, and Love of Country. They diverge through the white to symbolize that these tenants should be spread throughout ones lifetime.

The stripes converge into a field of red which takes the shape of an oblong square, or rectangle, which symbolizes DeMolay's ties to Freemasonry. The red is emblematic of courage, and reminds the DeMolay of the many sacrifices our nation's youth has made in defending the liberties we enjoy as citizens.

The official DeMolay emblem is centered around a crown which is symbolic of the Crown of Youth and constantly reminds a DeMolay of his obligations and the seven Precepts of his Order.

The ten precious stones of the crown honor founder Frank S. Land and the nine youths whose ties of friendship drew them together in the formation of the Order of DeMolay. The red rubies honor the founder and those of the original nine who have passed away and the pearls represent the living members of the original nine DeMolays. When, as comes to every man, the passing from this life to the next, a pearl in the crown is replaced with a ruby. The helmet is emblematic of chivalry, without which there can be no fineness of character. The crescent is a sign of secrecy and constantly reminds DeMolay's of their duty never to reveal the secrets or betray the confidence of a friend. The five-armed white cross symbolizes the purity of ones intentions to always remember the motto of the Order, "No DeMolay shall fail as a citizen, as a leader, or as a man." The crossed swords denote justice, fortitude, and mercy. They symbolize the unceasing warfare of DeMolay against arrogance, despotism, and intolerance. The stars surrounding the crescent are symbolic of hope and should always remind a DeMolay of those obligations and duties which one brother of the Order owes to another.