

## Iowa DeMolay Treasure Hunt

The Iowa DeMolay Treasure hunt begins on November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2004 and ends December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2004. You and your chapter members will travel through different Iowa cities and towns in search of the resting place of the Iowa DeMolay Treasure and what the treasure is. This treasure is yours for the keeping, if you can find it. However it will take all of your wits, skill, and DeMolay knowledge to discover where we have hidden it.

Our contest begins in a similar manner as our friend Ben Gates. You need a map and a starting place. You will need a map of the state of Iowa (The one you can get for free from the DOT). The Iowa DeMolay treasure is hidden somewhere in the state of Iowa. It could be in a small town or a big city, but by bringing in new members you will receive clues to discover where the treasure is and where it is not. Your starting place is in your DeMolay chapter. Now you need your first clue. This clue is free, after this one you will have to earn your clues.

Your first clue is given by the Orator. In his speech the Orator celebrates the loyalty and toleration, our Grand Master exhibited while a prisoner of the King of France. But as we all know from the DeMolay degree, Jacques DeMolay was eventually burned at the stake with his comrade in arms, Guy of Auvergne. The first step on your journey to find the Iowa DeMolay treasure will be to discover a town in Iowa with the same name as the city in which our Grand Master met his end. Take a marker and mark it on the map, also write down the name of this town in your notebook. You will need it later. If you find yourself struggling with which town is correct, use make sure the main highway to the east is the same as the century in which DeMolay was burned.

From here you will need to initiate a new member to be given another major clue. Major clues will help you discover where the treasure is located. In addition, the first line signer will receive a prize when the new DeMolay is reported to Iowa DeMolay. Minor clues will point you in the right direction, eliminate possibilities, and build to major clues. You will receive minor clues for bringing prospects to fun events and petitions being read in your chapter meetings. Your chapter advisor will need to report these to Iowa DeMolay.

To find the Iowa DeMolay treasure you will have to compile a list of towns where the treasure might be located. There are many possible locations for the treasure in Iowa but we will help you eliminate some of them with your clues.

### Prizes: Individual Prizes

1<sup>st</sup> Line Signer on 1<sup>st</sup> Petition: A gold key chain laser engraved

1<sup>st</sup> Line Signer on 4<sup>th</sup> Petition: 50 gold dollar coins (\$50)



### Chapter Prizes:

The chapter that brings in the most new members (minimum 4) will receive 100 gold dollars (\$100) for your chapter to spend how you see fit.

After all, a treasure should have lots of gold coins.

