
Guide to the Hollenbeck DeMolay Mother's Club Collection, 1928-1977

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Overview of the Collection

Collection Title: Hollenbeck DeMolay Mother's Club Collection

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Creator: Hollenbeck DeMolay Mother's Club

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Repository: Urban Archives

Abstract: The Hollenbeck DeMolay Mother's Club and all DeMolay Mother's Club Circles have their roots in the Masonic Temple Order. Largely philanthropic in nature, the Hollenbeck DeMolay Mother's Club raised funds in a variety of ways, most notably through donations, endowments, baked cake/gift raffles, and 'bunko' parties throughout the year. Within the Masonic Order, donations were made for families in need, as well as for happier occasions such as weddings and births. The collection consists primarily of administrative records, minutes of meetings, correspondence and donation records.

Note:

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Historical Note:

The Hollenbeck DeMolay Mother's Club and all DeMolay Mother's Club Circles have their roots in the Masonic Temple Order. Mothers of sons who become DeMolay members are "automatically" members of any Masonic Mother's chapter. The Hollenbeck DeMolay Mother's Club by-laws of 1928 assert that, "the object of this club shall be to raise funds to help the DeMolay boys purchase paraphernalia and equipment used in their order." Each temple had a Mother's club, and the Mother's clubs were organized into larger "circles."

Los Angeles and its environs had approximately thirty-seven Mother's clubs within its Grand Council of Mothers Circles. Officers were elected every four months and could serve once in any one position. The Hollenbeck area of Los Angeles is near Evergreen and Chicago avenues in the Boyle Heights district just east of downtown. Many of the earliest members had addresses on these very streets. Today, the Mother's Clubs have become Parents Clubs and combine the dual energies of parents to "cooperate with and assist the Advisory Council of the Chapter in promoting the growth of the Chapter and its members, and to serve the Chapter and strengthen the interest of each member in DeMolay." In addition, the responsibilities have grown as members now take on transportation roles for members who do not have cars or are unable to drive to meetings. While the Hollenbeck DeMolay Mother's Club disbanded around 1977, DeMolay Parent's Clubs still flourish in Southern California and other parts of the United States.

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Access Terms

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Corporate Name:

DeMolay (Organization)

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Paper records

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Scope and Contents

The records of the Hollenbeck DeMolay Mother's Club consists primarily of administrative records, minutes of meetings, correspondence and donation records. Much of the material is in handwritten form, including the amendments to the by-laws, which is unusual, even for an organization with limited funding, such as this one. The correspondence and Treasurer's Records give an idea of the type of philanthropy the Mother's Club pursued during its tenure from 1928-1977. The collection is comprised of a single series containing loose papers and ledger books with hand written credits and debits which outline the revenues and philanthropic/social expenditures. Administrative Records contain member lists, minutes, and the workings of the DeMolay Mother's Club meetings. In addition, this series holds the letters written on behalf of DeMolay and the letters received in return.

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