



## HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

MARK O. HATFIELD  
FORMER GOVERNOR and US SENATOR  
Chemeketa Chapter

For many DeMolays our Senior Senator from the State of Oregon loomed large in our lives. Realizing that such a prominent leader in our nation's government actually knelt at the DeMolay altar and learned the precepts and teachings of our Order just as we had years later was an inspiration.

Many DeMolays over the years had the opportunity to meet Senator Hatfield who was very proud of his DeMolay experiences that truly inspired him to pursue a life of public service. One could not meet him without getting a sense of his appreciation for having been a DeMolay as a young man.

Whether serving as Chapter Master Councilor, leading the City Council Meeting as acting Salem Mayor during the DeMolay Government Day Observance, quickly becoming State Master Councilor of Oregon, Mark Hatfield loved the opportunity to lead and to make a difference in the lives of others.

His DeMolay friend Loren Hicks remembered Mark Hatfield's natural leadership skills, his ability to motivate his DeMolay brethren, and his early goal to become Governor of Oregon one day. Senator Hatfield rose to the statewide office of State Master Councilor, after which he joined the Navy serving our country in World War II.

Upon his return after the war, Mark Hatfield continued his lifetime journey of public service first being elected as State Senator after which he served his state as Secretary of State, Governor of Oregon, and eventually United States Senator. Throughout his adult life he led with grace, dignity, and conviction. Senator Hatfield represented the finest qualities of a leader, and as a Statesmen, being able to work across the political divide, a quality much needed today.

As a Republican Senator Hatfield was unique being able to combine his strong conservative and spiritual values with his belief that his constituents desired liberal solutions on the issues he cared most about; civil rights, the environment, and the ending of war and the preservation of peace.



Thinking of Mark Hatfield's first encounter with DeMolay when his Mother took him down to the Salem Masonic Temple, it is hard to imagine what must have eventually gone through his Brother Loren Hicks mind along the way. As a teenager that rose through the ranks quickly, was well liked and respected, memorized his ritual, loved to speak in front of everyone, became State Master Councilor, set his sights on the Governorship, and eventually served several terms in the US Senate paving the way for legislation and decisions that changed the lives of not only fellow Oregonians but all of America.

Oregon DeMolay is proud of Our Brother Hatfield and pay tribute to his example of leadership, service to others, and inspiring thousands of DeMolays over years as he is inducted into the Oregon DeMolay Hall of Fame.