

# INDIANA ★ ★ ★ ★ DeMOLAY DIGEST



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## The Digest is Back

After several years of absence Indiana’s state newsletter, The DeMolay Digest, is back. We will be putting out a new publication every month from here on out.

This newsletter will talk about upcoming state events, detail membership numbers and share what is going on throughout our state. We will also include articles from both the State Master Councilor, Sunny Atwal, and the Executive Officer, Dad Greg Chiles, along with a monthly leadership article written by Dad Keith Klein.

## Happy Holidays!!!

It is that time of year again, the time for family, for giving, and for brotherhood. However you end up spending your holidays this year, we hope that all of our DeMolay brothers stay safe and enjoy spending time with family and friends!!!

## Honors and Awards Night

On Saturday, November 16th we had our annual state honors and awards night. We had several DeMolays receiving the degree of Chevalier. The recipients included several young men who have committed much of their time to the order during their years. This was also the first time that State Chevalier investiture was done by a cast made up entirely of active DeMolays.

### Chevalier Recipients

Sean Ross Baber.....	Englewood Chapter
John William Nelson.....	Evansville-Compton Chapter
Quintin Robert Bedwell.....	Franklin Chapter
Carney Joseph Gillin.....	West Newton Chapter
Randal Parker Ellington.....	William Hacker Chapter
Steven R. Braunlin.....	Joseph A. Batchelor Chapter
Eric Kyle Goff .....	Leo G. White Chapter
Joshua David Marsh .....	Leo G. White Chapter
William Daniel McCartney.....	West Newton Chapter
Andrew Patrick Riester.....	West Newton Chapter



Chevalier Investiture Team (from left to right) Jeremy Nelson PSMC, David Milligan SSC, Sunny Atwal SMC, Neil Spotts, Patrick Ogrentz.

## Honors Night (continued)

There were several other people designated to receive their Honorary or Active Legion of Honor. Among the list of non-senior DeMolays to be honored was Mark A. Genung, The Most Worshipful Master of Masons in the State of Indiana.

### Active Legion of Honor Recipients

Ryan Thomas Dunigan.....	Martinsville
William Dirk Rader.....	Columbus
William Bryan Rasner.....	Martinsville
Ryan M. Hendrix.....	Spencer
Joey R. Wyatt.....	Spencer

### Honorary Legion of Honor Recipients

Mark Alan Genung.....	Speedway
Jeffrey Michael Jordan.....	Noblesville
John Brian McNaughton.....	Fort Wayne
James Newton Priest.....	Indianapolis

To top off the night we had the presentation of a Past Master Councilor's Meritorious Service Award which was awarded to Brother Ryan Braunlin of Joseph A. Batchelor Chapter, and Dad Sassman of Steel City chapter was made an active member of the International Supreme Council.

Congratulations to all who were honored

## Day of Comfort

As the holiday season gets into full swing, it is time to get into the spirit of the holidays. As a chapter, you should be planning for the DeMolay Day of Comfort. Observance of this obligatory day is to be held sometime during the Thanksgiving- Christmas season, and it is a time for members of the chapter to visit the sick and less fortunate. Make sure not to only do things for friends, but for everyone - especially those who might not have friends.

If you're not sure what to do for this day take a look at these suggestions, out of the DeMolay Resource Guide: Preparing food baskets for the needy, adopting a family in need for Christmas and sponsoring their entire holiday celebration, singing carols at a home for the aged, or holding a canned food or clothing drive and donating these items to a local "families in need" type of agency.



## Words From the EO

As I begin to write this article, I realize that by the time everyone has a chance to read this, the holiday season will be coming in to full swing and I have to ask myself where this year has gone. In just around one month, we will begin a new year, not only in our everyday lives but in DeMolay as well.

As this year draws to a close, we have a great deal to be thankful for. Our great Order continues to grow and prosper. If we continue to increase our new members, we should end the year with another year of positive growth in membership. And we have been able to welcome several new chapters into our ranks. Overall it has been a very good year.

The State Officers and I are pleased to announce a membership contest for the last month of 2013. Details will be released soon.

I hope that everyone has a safe and joyous holiday season.

-Gregory A. Chiles, EO



Brother Joshua Beecher, from Speedway DeMolay, at the Sports and Games Fest

## Sports and Games Fest!

On November 23, we had nine chapters attend Indiana Demolay's Sports and Games Festival at Greenwood Christian Academy. The day started off with the state basketball tournament, where West Newton won the senior division tournament over Speedway who place second and J. McLean Moulder placed third; Evansville-Compton won the junior division followed by Farrell A. Patrick who placed second.

After the basketball tournament had finished, we moved on to the rest of the sports and games festival where the chapters participated in the various games that were put on, which included nitro ball, dodge ball, gator ball, and two video game tournaments. In the end, West Newton won the overall tournament, and Speedway and Steel city tied for second place. Overall everyone had a great time.



## Indiana DeMolay Website

Much of Indiana DeMolay is concerned about the late arrival of the new and improved Indiana DeMolay web site. This is especially true if you were in attendance at the Advisors Meeting held at Conclave when I made the bold promise that it would be up and running within 30-60 days. It is not and I take full responsibility. We are having issues redirecting the URL that has been held by the same hosting company since its inception; anyone remember indemolay.org? Rest assured it is ready to go live as soon as this task is accomplished.

The redux will have up to date chapter contact info which will include: Google Maps, Facebook and/or website links for each chapter. Also included will be an events page that will have event info for all up and coming state activities, contact info for The State Officers and Executive Staff along with archived electronic DeMolay Digests and much more. Eventually it will have electronic form versions of Form 10's and form 11's.

Thank you for your patience and stay tuned!

-Patrick Elmore  
Social Network Director

## Message from the East

DeMolay helps build the future leaders of tomorrow. The greatest part of my position this year is that is my job to give the chapter members the tools they need to become good leaders today so that they can be even better leaders for the future. The year is nearly halfway over, yet there is still much to get done before the next conclave. We have put a great deal of emphasis on the PMC-MSA this year, and so far every Master Councilor installed has applied.

For the next couple of months it is very important, as many terms are ending, to help your chapter get members. The PMC-MSA is an award that is earned by the chapter, but worn by Master Councilor. He cannot get this award without the help from all the chapter members. This is why I am stressing that you bring in your friends, not only so your chapter can earn the PMC-MSA, but help build your chapter to a stronger point. This is one, and perhaps the most important, step to become Indiana's chapter of the year. I will be visiting chapters to help you reach your goals for the term, so until then this is the Sun setting in the east!



Sunny Atwal SMC at Jobs Daughters Coronation Ball

-Sunny Atwal, SMC

## Are You a Leader?

It's a reasonable question that any DeMolay member may ask himself from time-to-time. Perhaps younger members of DeMolay, just getting started in a chapter don't see much of a leadership role to play. Sometimes, even older DeMolays - not one of the chapter elected officers - don't see themselves assuming leadership positions in their DeMolay chapter.

We've also seen evidence of elected chapter officers and even jurisdictional officers elected to leadership positions who do not even see themselves as leaders.

So, a reasonable question is, what is a leader? What are the characteristics of a leader? Right now, think of yourself using any of the terms you've heard that deal with leadership qualities - such as inspirational, dynamic, action oriented, consensus builder, or, even a person others will follow.

Whatever term or words you come up with - if you believe it describes leadership - apply it to yourself. See how you measure up. Have you ever thought about yourself as a leader? Will that leadership be now, or sometime in the future, or never?

Someone in the ranks of people your age, someone you know is a leader - by whatever is your definition of a leader. Look at the quality or qualities you believe this person possess.



Then hold a mirror up to yourself to determine whether or not you possess any of those same qualities...or, even if you ever see yourself possessing any of those qualities?

You need to know leaders are made, not born. You have, within you, the capability to be one of the most incredible leaders ever!

All you have to do is make up your mind that you want to assume a leadership role in your DeMolay chapter. Then, set out to earn the respect of the people you wish to lead.

No leader can ever be viable who does not have the trust and respect of the people he purports to lead.

In the long run you will be the best leader by the leading by example not by power or intimidation.

Here's a little test: how many ritual parts do you have memorized? Have you completed the LCC? Are you working on the RD? How many new members have you brought into your chapter?

How much do you want to see your chapter grow and thrive?

Your answers to those questions will, in a large part, determine not only your leadership potential and character but, also, whether you are willing to, as the saying goes, put your money where your mouth is.

There are all kinds of leaders, of all ages types and styles. All you have to do is make the decision to want to not only join their ranks but excel within those ranks.

Next time we'll look at some of the leadership qualities you may want to try to hone.

-Dad Keith Klein, PGM

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