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DeMolay University

This March, we invite everyone for a day filled with information that will help you as you progress through your DeMolay career.

The afternoon will be spent learning ways to make your chapter thrive through a series of sessions led by your state officers. The sessions at DeMolay University are meant to teach you how to more efficiently run your chapter in order to be improve upon and add to what you are already doing. The session topics will include Membership, PMC-MSA, Ritual and Fundraising/Event Planning.

Later in the evening you will have the opportunity to observe DeMolay Devotional Day in a unique way by taking a trip to the Tibetan Cultural Center in Bloomington where you will be able to learn about the Buddhist religion.

To top off the night we will be opening up the DeMolay Chateau for everyone to come out and enjoy an evening of fun and brotherhood. There will be a flier coming out with more information.

-David Milligan, SSC

Kurt Faulkner Class

On January 18th Indiana DeMolay honored “Dad” Kurt Faulkner by holding a state initiation class in his name. There was a wonderful turnout for this event with a large crowd in attendance. In addition, a total of 13 new members initiated into our order.

The degrees were performed flawlessly thanks to the several active DeMolays who participated in the Initiatory degree and the 4th section of the DeMolay Degree, and the team made up entirely of Senior DeMolays “Old Timers” to perform the 1st and 3rd sections. It was a great day honoring a great man.

Congratulations to all who were initiated and especially to the new brothers initiated.



Candidates taking their obligations at the Kurt Faulkner Memorial Class



Message From Your State Sweetheart

Greetings everyone! I hope you all are staying dry and warm! This is some crazy Indiana weather that we are having, and I would like for there to be more sunshine and warmer temperatures so that the snow can melt! Due to the harsh weather we have been having, I have not been able to visit many chapters so far this year. However, I am pleased to say that there are many chapters who are still having meetings and just trying to make it past the tough winter that we are having!



I want to take the time to thank everyone for braving the snow and coming to Indianapolis for the State Ritual competition. Congratulate to all those who metaled and thank you for everyone who participated! It truly was a fun day getting to talk to and hang out with everyone when possible. I think we really had a great representation of the different chapters of the state and I look forward to Heartland Ritual Competition. I know that all those who are competing there will hold Indiana DeMolay's name high and represent us well. I also want to take the time to thank the three beautiful young ladies who helped me with score sheets and other various tasks at the State Ritual Tournament.

Later that evening was the Sweetheart Dance at the Scottish Rite Cathedral of Indianapolis. I saw lots of great masks out on the packed dance floor. But what was even better was that I saw a lot of DeMolay's out on the dance floor having a blast! It always is nice to see everyone having a good time.

It is my continuous hope for me as State Sweetheart to grow, groom, and expand the Sweetheart programs in all the chapters during my term of office. I am pleased to say that we are heading in the right direction with some chapters getting ready to institute a program and others growing and grooming their program. I would like to welcome all these Sweethearts who are helping chapters to promote the great teachings of DeMolay and aiding the shaping of future great men.

I hope to be seeing a lot of you soon. Please feel free to invite me and the other state officers to any event that your chapter is holding. I would love to come visit you and see how your chapter is growing!

-Jacquelyn Baber, SSH

Time Management

As you get older, time management becomes more and more important to having a successful and stress-free life.

In one episode of Spongebob, he is assigned to write an essay on what not to do while driving a boat. He puts it off and puts it off to the point where he ends up writing it five minutes before it is due. This is a classic example of how lack of time management can make life difficult at times.

The tips provided in this article come from a similar experience of my own, writing this article. Distractions make up for the large majority of time wasted. Little things like social media or a TV on in the background can do a lot of harm if you have work to do. Focusing on the tasks at hand will make the work go by faster and ultimately leave more time for leisure. How can you know you have time for that leisure? You can be sure of it by keeping a schedule of events and having a to-do list, so you can be sure of when it's time to relax and when it's time to do Spanish homework.

Eliminating just three habits present in people with bad time management can significantly improve your time management: procrastination, not focusing, and not planning ahead.

-Tyler Horoho, SO



Conclave

Conclave 2014 is quickly approaching and the Conclave staff and your State Officers are hard at work coming up with all of the events and activities that will make this Conclave one that you will not want to miss. With the change of venue to Huntington University, comes the opportunity to add new activities to our schedule. Open the calendar app on your phone and mark July 17-20 down now so you can request time off from your summer job and make sure your parents don't have anything planned for you. The attendance at Conclave has been growing for a number of years now and we expect even more DeMolays, Sweethearts, and Advisors there this year.

The cost has not been set yet, but it will be lower than last year! And, you can start now to offset the price of Conclave for you by selling advertisements in the souvenir program book. You get to keep 25% of the price of each advertisement that you sell. If you sell three or four advertisements, the cost for your Conclave drops to almost nothing! This is a great way to save you and your parents money by helping offset the costs of Conclave for everyone involved. Even though Conclave does not happen until July, the money will be due to your Chapter by the end of May or in June. If you start working now, you can attend for free!

- Jeff Koleszar, Executive Director

Grand Master's Class

Grand Masters Class is a state wide initiation class that is held every year in honor of the Grand Master of Masons in the state of Indiana. This year we are honoring the current Grand Master, Mark A. Genung who is also an Honorary Legion of Honor recipient. This class will be held at the Grand Lodge building on March 1st 2014 at 1 PM.

This event will mark the end of the membership challenge that has been set forth by the state officers, so make sure you get all of the potential members you can there. The goal is to have at least twenty new initiates.



Sunny Atwal, SMC, with Mark Genung, Grand Master of Masons in Indiana

Goals

With a good chunk of the DeMolay year behind us, and only five months remaining till Conclave we are ready to sprint to the finish line. In order to help us do that, your state officers have made a list of goals for the state to accomplish between now and conclave.

1. Hold 1-2 northern events, sponsored by the northern chapters.
2. Have 25 people complete the RD between now and conclave.
3. Have 15 people complete all of their LCC's between now and Conclave.
4. Have twenty new members initiated at Grand Master's Class
5. Win Heartland Ritual Tournament as a state.
6. Have each chapter participate in at least one community service event between now and conclave.
7. Have at least 2 members in each chapter pass their proficiency.
8. Get every chapter to have an average of 8 members present at each meeting.
9. Get chapters to stop using rituals during opening and closing.

We can do this Indiana !



Words from the EO

What a great way to start off the new year! I want to thank everyone who planned, participated in and/or attended the Kurt Faulkner degree class on the 18th of January. It was a great day as we welcomed 13 new members into DeMolay. With the other members who have been initiated in January, we are close to TWENTY new members in 2014.



The day began with State Master Councilor, Sunny Atwal and me making a presentation to all the Indiana Lodges at the annual Founder's Day program. Our presentation was well received and we had a number of lodge representatives make inquiries about starting new chapters. This was the first time, that I am aware of, that all of the Masonic Youth groups were invited to make presentations at Founder's Day.

After Founder's Day concluded, we then moved into our degrees. I want to thank Speedway and J. McLean Moulder chapters for performing the Initiatory and DeMolay Degrees (4th Section), respectively. Both chapters did a fantastic job with their portions of our work. The DeMolay Degree 1st & 3rd Sections were performed by an "All-Star" cast of Senior DeMolays. I heard a number of positive comments about their performance. It brought back fond memories for a lot of people.

The best part of the day, as I mentioned earlier, was the addition of 13 new members, including 5 from our newest chapter – Carmel. Congratulations to all of you.

Let's not stop here. We are off to a great start on membership. If we can average 15 – 20 new members each month, we can hit positive growth by the time we get to Conclave. Now, that would be something fantastic to celebrate. Let's just do it!

- Greg Chiles, EO

If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.

- John Quincy Adams

Words from the SMC

January has been a great month for Indiana DeMolay! As many of you know we launched the first incentive program of the year, and as a result we are currently the #1 jurisdiction for Membership Growth in 2014 having started the year off by initiating 13 new brothers in our Kurt Faulkner Class. A special thanks goes to "Dad" Jay Price for putting so much effort into the planning for this event, without him it could not have been the success that it was. We have, coming up soon, the Grand Masters Class and want to have the most amount of candidates to be initiated there. So, bring in those members!

In addition the Kurt Faulkner Class, we were able to have the initial Knighthood investiture. It has been over 20 years since a Priory has been active in the great state of Indiana and we were able to invest 9 new members. If you were unaware of the investiture and are still interested in joining, we will be having another investiture at the Grand Master's Class. A Special Thanks to Jeremy Nelson, PSMC, for helping set up this Priory in Indiana.

That's all I have for this month, let's aim to get at least 20 new members in the month of February and retain our rank on Membership growth for 2014!

- Sunny Atwal, SMC



State Ritual Tournament

The Wayne M. Reid, Indiana DeMolay State Ritual Tourney was held February 8, 2014 with Speedway Chapter three-peating as Overall State Champions.

J. McLean Moulder Chapter of Kokomo demonstrated once again that they are a force to be reckoned with in the future with their second place showing which includes a team slot at Heartland for DeMolay Degree 4th Section.

West Newton rounded out the top three finishers showing that their strong finish at Conclave was not a fluke but an expectation of future dominance to match their athletic supremacy. West Newton also garnered a team berth in Preceptor Corps which had the six different teams competing representing five different chapters.

Open Individual Champions include: Joshua Beecher (SPD) 1st Preceptor, Nate Singer (JMM) 2nd Preceptor, Sunny Atwal (SPD) 3rd Preceptor, Alan Condre (SPD) 4th Preceptor, Michael Wheatley (SPD) 5th Preceptor, Tyler Horoho (JMM) 6th Preceptor, Jake Vermeule (SPD) 7th Preceptor. Other Open Champions include: Nathan Sevenish (WN) Initiatory Obligations, Tyler Horoho (JMM) DeMolay Obligations, Sunny Atwal (SPD) Magnificent 3, Tyler Horoho (JMM) Magnificent 7, Sunny Atwal (SPD) Orator, Sunny Atwal (SPD) Geoffrey DeCharney, T.J. Crouch (JAB) Flower Talk and Michael Wheatley (SPD) Ceremony Of Light.

Junior Division Champions: Tyler Hendrix (LEH) 1st Preceptor, Chason Underhill (WN) 2nd Preceptor, Alan Condre (SPD) 3rd Preceptor, Alan Condre (SPD) 4th Preceptor, Dax Horoho (JMM) 5th Preceptor, Leviticus Witten (SPD) 6th Preceptor and Jake Vermeulen (SPD) 7th Preceptor.

Congratulations to everyone who participated and thank you to all of the judges, runners and support staff who helped facilitate this tournament.

Leadership

If you have ever been to the DeMolay Chateau in Bloomington, you have seen this saying by Abraham Lincoln engraved in the mantel over the fireplace

“I will study and get ready and them maybe the chance will come.”

This time our leadership article is about preparing for that leadership.

Enthusiasm for leadership should be the goal of every DeMolay. After all, DeMolay is a character building and leadership organization. Leadership goes beyond enthusiasm for the idea of being a leader. Instead it helps develop a sense of confidence. Leadership is not the goal in and of itself, but instead it is a vehicle to greater accomplishment in one's life, a tool for personal empowerment, and a springboard to provide service to one's community.

This time, in our leadership series, we want test your knowledge of DeMolay as part of your leadership development.

This is a general knowledge DeMolay quiz. Answer as many of the questions as you can. At the end you will have a better idea of your leadership potential.

The first part tests your general DeMolay knowledge. Good luck.

What organization was Jacques DeMolay Grand Master of?



Leadership (cont.)

When is The Day of Comfort held?

The Religion Merit Bar is awarded for not missing a regular weekly religious service for how long?

What is the training program provides formal training to give Advisors the basics about DeMolay and prepares them, as Advisors, to work with DeMolay members?

How many young men were in the original group of DeMolays?

Part two of our quiz deals with YOU.

What Chapter offices you have held?

How many petitions have you first line signed?

Do you belong to/attend any church, synagogue or other house of religion?

Are you always in control of your temper, and in what ways do you think you can improve?

How would you rate your cleanness of speech (freedom from profanity) and how could you improve the quality of your spoken words?

Have you completed or are you enrolled in the Leadership Correspondence Course?

Have you actively participated in a sport involving team play, such as football, softball, soccer, etc.?

How well do you treat your mother and other females?

Have you passed both obligations?

Do you belong to organizations other than DeMolay e.g. Boy Scouts, Junior Achievement, FFA, 4-H, etc.)?

Do you keep a record of your expenditures?

Are you currently employed?

What individual sports have you participated in competitively during the previous two years such as golf, track and field, tennis, bowling, etc.?

What was your grade point average in school – most recently?

What honors or awards have you received as a result of your scholastic achievement?

What person in your city, state, or nation do you most admire, and what has s/he done for you to consider her/him a good citizen?

Who is the Governor of Indiana?

That’s our Leadership Quiz. How did you do?

These leadership articles are about being a smart leader and leading by example. The best leaders are leaders who take advantage of all of their opportunities within DeMolay.

So, presuming you were serious in answering the questions in the two quizzes, perhaps you found out a little bit more about your general DeMolay knowledge and how you measure up as a representative of all DeMolays.

In fact, if you haven’t already figured it out, the first part of the quiz was questions from the Leadership Correspondence Course. The second part of the quiz was questions from the Representative DeMolay application.

So, that leaves you with a question. If you are serious about wanting to be an active participant, read that leader, in your

chapter have you already completed the Leadership Correspondence Course and are you a Representative DeMolay?

If you are both, congratulations you have made an important and significant leadership commitment. If you are neither or, only one of the two - now is the time to change that.

Remember the LCC and the RD are only two ways to show your leadership commitment. Your next quiz question is - what are other ways to show your leadership commitment in your chapter?

“It is a curious thing, Harry, but perhaps those who are best suited to power are those who have never sought it. Those who, like you, have leadership thrust upon them, and take up the mantle because they must, and find to their own surprise that they wear it well.”

-J.K. Rowling, Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows



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