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Brotherhood, Leadership, Tradition

Brandon Cockerham

The greatest reward a young man can gain in DeMolay is becoming a better leader every day. We are blessed in Missouri to have the tools and resources available to offer our members endless opportunities to grow as men, but more importantly, as leaders. At this year's Leadership Training Conference (LTC), 84 young men, including 7 from Louisiana, participated in the greatest experience of all. Our hearts and minds are with Dad Earl Walker who has given us significant resources and inspiration over the past several years. We are also grateful for the Scottish Rite Foundation of Missouri and St. Louis Preceptory Legion of Honor for sponsoring the conference year after year.

As always in Missouri DeMolay, the underlying theme at this conference in particular was **Brotherhood, Leadership and Tradition**. It's a true inspiration and blessing to see the great things that our members are doing in DeMolay and in their communities, especially those whose motivation derives from attending LTC. With inspiration in mind when planning this conference, the greatest inspiration of all comes from the DeMolay's who have left home to share their experiences and knowledge with one another.

Some may say that they have learned everything there is to know about being a leader. I believe that one does not *become* the best they can be, but continues to improve not only through knowledge, but more importantly, experience. Just as leadership has no limits, the DeMolay experience has no end. As this was my 6th and final LTC as an active DeMolay, my experience as a leader has yet to flourish. DeMolay is full of opportunities and experiences to become a leader and I urge the members of our jurisdiction never to stop being the best leader possible and continuously strive for improvement.

Brandon Cockerham - State Master Councilor



Brandon Cockerham State Master Councilor

Senoir DeMolays

Dustin Sanders

With any venture comes the eventual end; for many members of the Excelsior Chapter, their time in DeMolay came to an end, and was marked with a chapter majority service. This ceremony allows DeMolays who have reached their majority to be officially received into this new group. But with the end of their time in DeMolay comes new opportunities to advance the organization, as well as Masonry.

These five new majority members share many traits, including that they are all Master Masons and leaders among their communities. Each one has made it a priority to give back to the fraternity that provided them the opportunity to join DeMolay. The entire group joined the Lodge at the earliest age and spent time in both organizations. Their familiarity with the ritual work in DeMolay allowed all of them to easily assimilate themselves to the Masonic Lodge. One in the group is even serving as Senior Warden of his lodge and will later this month be moving into the presiding role of Master Warden. DeMolay has helped him achieve the knowledge to quickly move up the line and serve as the leader of the Lodge. This is true of active DeMolays across the State as many sponsoring lodges are seeing the young men join their Lodge and immediately contribute. As well, every one of them has been extremely active and has served the chapter as Master Councilor, with many even serving as Jurisdictional Officers for Missouri DeMolay. These members have also welcomed and assisted the new wave of members in their journey into DeMolay; serving as mentors to young members and now having the opportunity to become advisors.

This majority class and others from across the Jurisdiction prove the positive effects of DeMolay, as well as their willingness to give back. This organization is clearly having a profound effect upon the membership and creating the future leaders of our communities. However, the obvious key for any member to truly reach their majority is their involvement in the Chapter. This is attained by many factors but in particular with adult involvement, and especially that of Master Masons. Lodges that have sponsored and embraced DeMolay have surged, and every Lodge should strive to have active Masonic Youth Organizations. The majority members of Missouri have shown their willingness to continue the development of our organization, as members of the lodge and advisors for local Chapters. DeMolay provides not only a viable future for the sponsoring lodges, but more importantly gives the young men involved a foundation for the rest of their life.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Dustin Sanders
Deputy State Master Councilor



Summer News

Christian Dinisoae

As the summer is coming to an end, we all must return to school and in our endeavors. On July 7th, Kirkwood Chapter had its Installation of Officers where Ryan Weber went in as Master Councilor. During the summer, the majority of District 1 Chapters traveled to many state events. The first main event was the Six Flags Degree in which District 1 had the honor of hosting, where Missouri DeMolay initiated four new members into our great order. Not only did we show that DeMolay is a lot fun, but also our strong bond of brotherhood. Another event that was widely attended by District 1 Chapters was the Leadership Training Conference. Each Chapter sent a few young men to this conference to gain knowledge and experience of becoming better leaders. The young men took home with them an incredible experience of inspiration to be true leaders in their home chapters.

The most recent state event was the Masonic Softball Tournament, followed by St. Charles Installation of Officers where Thomas Vanhorn went in as Master Councilor for the



ensuing term. All of these events were loads of fun for everybody, but the fun is not over! District 1 has the opportunity of hosting another state event called The DeMolympics. Check out the informational letter on the Missouri DeMolay homepage and RSVP to communication@modemolay.org.

I can't wait to see you all there; stay healthy my friends!

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Christian Dinisoae
District 1 Deputy Master Councilor

District 2 News

Michael Braun

District 2 had a prospect pool party on July 31st where we had around six prospects show up. It was very fun with a lot of brotherhood. It's always good to see new faces around. Having prospect parties is very important to chapters because it shows the prospect what we are about and that we do have a lot of fun. If you ever need help planning a prospect party you can always ask any State Officer or an advisor from your chapter.

October 20th is the date for the 10th annual Outdoor Degree. We are thankful for Mineral Area Chapter and especially Dad Mike Voyles, who has dedicated his time, effort, and land to make this amazing degree possible for the past 9 years. If you are able to attend, please come and support the chapter with enthusiasm. We have a lot of fun there and are able to enjoy the company of Masonic Youth and advisors. This is a very special opportunity that you won't want to miss. After the degrees, there is even more brotherhood and company to enjoy. Remember to bring your initiates! More information should be coming out on it very soon.

Missouri DeMolay is the best jurisdiction because of its outstanding leadership and tradition. While the state leaders are here to help, it is up to each individual chapter and their members to keep our jurisdiction at the top. While it is important to keep bringing in members, it is of the utmost importance to ensure quality of those members.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Michael Braun
District 2 Deputy Master Councilor

Feeling Old?

Brandon Rarey

It has been two years since I have held the highest office a DeMolay can hold in their chapter. For me, that seems like a life time ago! Most of the boys in my home chapter, Waynesville, were too young to join DeMolay when I was Master Councilor, and although this is very good for any chapter to have, I still feel old when I'm able to attend meetings. And I know I am probably not the only one that feels this way, so I thought I could list some ideas to help the older DeMolays out.

I am the oldest by a couple of years of who all attend Waynesville's meetings; the first thing I would try is to become a mentor to one of the youngest members in your chapter. This could help you with two things: with member retention and possibly, the younger member you are helping out can get on the fast track to ritual and offices in your chapter.

Being in DeMolay for as long as I have, I have heard and seen the opening and closing ceremony at least a hundred times, so I thought I would put that to some good use. Don't get me wrong, I am not even close to being a master of ritual, but I do know when it's time for the chaplain to pray or when an officer is supposed to say a part. So why not become your chapter's "Ritual Ambassador". Come up with fun memory games or cheap prizes to give out to the person with the best ritual work for that month. Ritual can get boring if there is nothing fun to go along with it!

In Waynesville, we are very lucky to have several of our Past Master Councilors still here. Another great idea would be to form a Past Master Councilors' Club. The club would be there for the current and future Master Councilors who can bounce ideas, (good and bad), so the Master Councilor would have help with any problems that they might face. They could also help with the planning of the term and the behind the scenes work that most of the boys don't see!

Remember, just because you are an older DeMolay doesn't mean that you have nothing more to do. Your experience can and will help your chapter succeed in the future!

Sincerely and fraternally,

Brandon Rarey
District 3 Deputy Master Councilor



Elevator Speech

Quentin Cockerham

In every young man's life as a DeMolay, they will at least once, have to explain what our Order is and what we stand for. Usually, this conversation happens in-passing, without much time to explain every detail about DeMolay. In all of my experiences, I had been wearing a DeMolay shirt when asked what it was. This is a perfect tool to use for explaining what our Order is, because usually the shirt will have an emblem on it, our virtues, or simply an inspirational quote. If you are to bring it up to someone though, there are many different techniques or topics that you can talk about. I'm going to share some common, usable, "elevator speeches."

The first one I will explain is if someone approaches you and asks you what DeMolay is. This could be because they see you wearing a DeMolay shirt. So read the following explanation and decide what you like:

Stranger: "What's that on your shirt mean? DeMolay; what's that?"

You: "Oh, DeMolay, it's this guys youth organization that I'm a part of. We do a very wide range of activities, such as dances, we play a lot of sports, we do public ceremonies; the list is endless because we, as the guys, have the chance to plan everything that we want to do. We have meetings to discuss upcoming events and plan our own events, and we usually even go out and eat or hang out somewhere afterwards. Basically, we get to do what we want to do, and it's great, it's been the best part of my life. If you'd like to know a whole lot more, find me again or you can contact me by e-mail, here you go. By the way, I'm Quentin Cockerham, State Communications Ambassador; I take care of communications around the state and I get to put together the newsletter that gets sent out to everyone involved with Missouri DeMolay, you should check us out at www.modemolay.org and on Facebook. Thank you so much for asking what DeMolay was, have a great day."

That was a very general "elevator speech" that you can have with anyone. Of course, what you say does vary based on who you talk to. You get to decide what you want to tell people, but the more time and opportunities you get, the better you'll get at explaining what DeMolay is.

Also, as an end note to any conversation you have with someone about DeMolay, always include your name, title if you wish and what you do within your chapter or state, and contact information; either e-mail, phone number, home address, whatever you prefer; and also mention our state website, because there is a ton of awesome things that people can see on it.

I hope this helps all of you in the long run, and if you ever have any questions about what to say or how to speak to people, do not hesitate to contact me at communication@modemolay.org. I will help you to the best of my ability.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Quentin Cockerham
Communication Ambassador

Summer of Fun and Membership

Adam Frigerio

Summer time is full of fun, excitement, and relaxation. Missouri DeMolay has been busy with installations, initiations, prospect parties, and much more. Since State Conclave, many chapters have brought new members into DeMolay because the summer months are the most fun filled. Missouri DeMolay has hosted the DeMolay 500, Six Flags Degree, LTC, and the Masonic Youth Softball Tournament so far this summer on top of the other activities the chapters plan.

The Six Flags Degree which took place on July 14 at Six Flags-St. Louis was a state wide membership event where four new members joined Missouri DeMolay. The Day was filled with ritual and fun and anyone who joined at Six Flags received a full initiation along with a free day at Six Flags. Three of the four new members joined Progression Chapter and one joined Kirkwood Chapter. Missouri DeMolay supports and hopes that every chapter will continue to grow in size while recruiting quality members over a quantity of members.



So far this year, Missouri DeMolay has recruited ninety-seven new members into our great order. Since conclave alone Missouri DeMolay has recruited twelve of those ninety-seven members. There is still plenty of time for your chapter to win the Fall Video Game Package that includes a 4 GB Xbox 360, two controllers, and two games. If one person recruits thirteen new members before the State Installation, they will walk home that night with a brand new 16 GB iPad 2. Missouri DeMolay continues to

hold the #1 position with the most new members internationally with Southern California trailing us with ninety-one new members. Let's continue to be #1 internationally, but everyone will have to help so Missouri DeMolay stays where it belongs.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Adam Frigerio
Membership Ambassador

The Art of Ritual

Milo Brucker

If you have ever competed in ritual at conclave, you'll know a few things: the lines are long, performance is key, your wording needs to be spot on, and nothing feels quite as good as walking away with a trophy. We do a lot of events at Conclave including ritual, but what if you were to realize that there are huge events around the country dedicated to nothing but ritual! At these Ritual tournaments, the best of the best from around the country come together and will do nothing but ritual competitions all weekend long.

There are three big tournaments around the country; the Mid-Atlantic tournament in New York State, the Great Lakes tournament in Chicago, Illinois, and the Frank Marshall Tournament in Texas - the biggest of the three. It has been a few years now since Missouri has been able to send a team to any of the tournaments, and it's about time we get back involved. In this very case, District 1 and 2 are organizing teams to potentially send to the Frank Marshall tournament this spring. If you are from District 1 or 2, and are interested, please contact Dad Van Horn or Dad Kaeser for more information.

I would also like to encourage the other districts to do the same, and organize their own teams. As the number one jurisdiction in the country, we should be involving ourselves more outside our state, and what better way to start then to go and prove that membership isn't the only thing we are good at?

Sincerely and fraternally,

Milo Brucker
Ritual Ambassador



Transition from Squires to DeMolay

Tyler Warren

You always hear that having a successful squires program can give your chapter a great reserve for membership, and this is definitely true. But something most of us don't think about is what it's like for them to make that step into DeMolay. This thought did not even cross my mind until LTC, which was shown to me through past squires talking about their transition in a breakout session. For those of us who weren't squires, we might think it's easy because of their prior squire experiences. But there is more to this big step. From the day a squire is initiated at the round table, they take small steps into becoming a DeMolay. If you look at their ritual, a lot of it has the same concepts as ours, but there is still a lot they need to know.

After shaking the master counselors hand at the end of their initiation, a squire (as well as a new member) does not instantly fit in like we all assume they do. While sitting in on the past squires discussing their transition, all of them said they were scared when they first joined. Mainly because they've looked up to these older boys since they've been squires but now that they're hanging out with them they didn't know where to go from there. And most of them said they were just left to figure things out on their own.

This is where we come in my brothers; there's a lot we can do to make these brothers feel welcome. As I said before they are used to ritual, so help them with it! The more they are familiar with our order the more they will be familiar around us. Answer any questions they have about our history or how things run. But most importantly we cannot treat them like the little brothers they have been for so long. The past squires I talked to said they were still treated like squires for a while after they were initiated and if we can avoid doing that, these new brothers will feel much more welcome in your chapter. This would lead to pitching in ideas at meetings and improved effort while at events.

Nobody likes feeling like the new guy, so follow these tips and you can help these young men get a jump start in their DeMolay career. Remember that every ceremony they performed, every bake sale they tagged along to work, and every meeting they attended was a warm up for the fantastic DeMolay experience that we can give them. Our job is to simply help that exciting switch from Squires of the Round Table to being chivalric DeMolays a little easier.

Sincerely and fraternally,

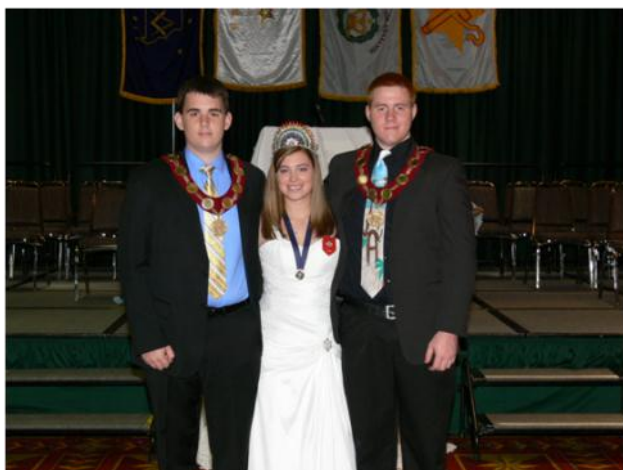
Tyler Warren
Squires Ambassador



Missouri Rainbow Grand Assembly

Nathaniel Thomason

I had the honor of attending Missouri Rainbow's Grand Assembly, which was held in Springfield, Missouri on June 22-25, 2012. On Saturday, at the Grand Opening, I brought remarks to our Rainbow Sisters, on behalf of Brandon Cockerham and Dad Cockerham. On Sunday, was the closing and announcements for the 2012-2013 Grand Officers. This was a very exciting time for everyone. Later that evening was the Installation of all the new officers. Chelsea Thomason, from Wentzville Assembly #114, was installed as the 2012-2013 Grand Worthy Advisor. Also, McKenzie Lodholz, State Sweetheart, was elected into the Grand Line as Grand Faith. After a busy week at ISC, I was happy to see that Brandon Cockerham, Dustin Sanders, and Christian Dinisoae, were able to attend. It is great to support our sisters just as they support us.



Sincerely and fraternally,

Nathaniel Thomason
State Chaplain



State Master Councilor's Term Plan

September

22 DeMolympics, *St. Louis*

23-25 Grand Lodge Session, *Columbia*

29 Moolah King & Queen Dance, *Moolah Shrine*

October

20 Mineral Area Outdoor Degree

November

10 Missouri DeMolay Installation of State Officers

DeMolay Membership Drive

Conclave - State Installation

Individual Prizes

1st Place
IPad 2 16 GB
OR \$400
(Min. 13)

2nd Place
iPod Nano 16 GB
OR \$150
(Min. 10)



3rd Place
\$75
(Min. 7)

Chapter Prizes

1st Place (Min. 23)

** Fall Video Game Package*

- Xbox 360 4GB (Black), 2 Xbox 360 Wireless Controllers, Choice of Two Xbox 360 Games



2nd Place (Min. 18)

** Movie Night Package*

- Dynex 24" HDTV - DVD Combo, Choice of DVD Movies up to \$75.00



3rd Place (Min. 13)

** Dodge-ball Set*

- 6 Champion Sports Neon Dodge-balls, Set of Marker Cones



LTC iPad Giveaway!

Missouri DeMolay
2012 LTC iPad Giveaway!



Want a free iPad? If Missouri DeMolay initiates at least 1,000 members in 2012, all Leadership Training Conference attendees will receive a new iPad! The top three attendees with at least 15 first line signers between July 24th – December 31st will receive an additional iPad.

The two contests below are completely separate and do not depend on the result of the other. If the 1,000 member goal is met, the winners of the second contest will receive two iPads, otherwise they will only receive one. All iPads will be presented after December 31st once the contest has ended.

Contest #1

Every member of the Missouri DeMolay 2012 Leadership Training Conference qualifies to receive this prize. For each attendee to receive a free iPad, there must be no less than 1,000 new DeMolay members reported in Missouri for the year of 2012 absolutely no later than December 31, 2012. As long as there are at least 1,000 members reported within that time frame, each and every attendee of the Missouri DeMolay Leadership Training Conference in 2012 will receive a brand new iPad for free, regardless of who first line signs any of those members.

Contest #2

Every member of the Missouri DeMolay 2012 Leadership Training Conference is eligible to receive this prize regardless of the amount of total new members in Missouri for the year of 2012. The top three attendees with at least 15 first line signers between July 24 – December 31st will receive a brand new iPad, absolutely free. If there is a tie, each person who ranks in the top three amounts of first line signers will receive an iPad.