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Enjoy the Summer with Your Brothers!

With school being out and the days growing longer, we should all be thinking about coming together and sharing DeMolay with each other. The state line is planning a “Brotherhood Tour”. The brotherhood tour will allow us to all be together and experience the little things we all remembered when we first joined DeMolay. It would be great for everyone to join us as we make stops to different chapters across the state. A big thanks to DADs Sanders and Cockerham for the updated website allowing us to be in better contact with each other. By simply clicking the subscribe button on the home page, you will be able to get all of the updates from Missouri DeMolay, including updates from DAD Cockerham. If you have

not yet checked out the website, please do so and play around with it so you can give us your feedback on it! Not only will you know what the state officers are doing on a daily basis, this will help us stay aware with what everyone else is up to. We will be posting updates soon concerning when and where we will be throughout the summer. I hope you will join us for a great time full of brotherhood!



Fraternally,
Brandon Rarey
State Master Councilor 2013-2014



2014 State Conclave

It is with extreme gratitude to everyone who attended Conclave this year that I can say it was a Success. I cannot begin to express my appreciation of all the help that went into making this a most extraordinary experience. I know for most of those in attendance, this year was very different in a lot of respects. Friday night, we started with a formal opening of Conclave, followed by our Initiatory Degree for the 33 new candidates! After all the formalities, we moved onto Tug of War and a nice night of relaxation and brotherly socialization. The night was wrapped up with our State Knighthood Investiture where we invited 20 new Knights into the Fraternity.



Another big change that was instituted was Team Ritual Competitions were Saturday morning! I heard nothing but good things from all the teams that competed and we stayed on time all day long. Much appreciation goes out to all the judges that helped out with competitions – we could not do it if it were not for their help. The day went by with lunch and bowling and dinner and we made our way over to the YMCA for Volleyball and Basketball. This was a new facility where we ran our sports. Everything ran smoothly and quickly and everyone was tired out by the end! The good news was that they all got to go to sleep and not stay up for Ritual!

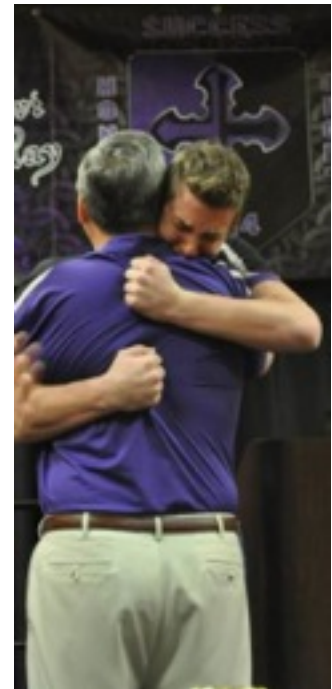
Sunday arrived, staying basically the same all around. I think I saw more boys than ever at Track which made competitions even more fun and exciting! Our Dodge Ball tournament ran smoothly and there were very little upsets between Chapters. Ritual started up shortly after sports and again, we appreciate all the help from the judges and State Officers who provided them with refreshments. Competitions were very close this year, but the winners of each part truly deserves the recognition for their impeccable Ritual work; I urge everyone throughout the state to continue to learn and perform our Ritual. The night rolled around and we moved into our Hall of Fame and Masonic Recognition Banquet with our Sweetheart Pageant throughout the evening. All the Sweetheart Competitors did a wonderful job throughout the weekend and I know that everyone appreciated the words of inspiration from our Masonic Dignitaries. Sunday came to a close when we crowned our new State Sweethearts and celebrated with the dance in their honor.

Monday, May 26th 2014 was the close to my Conclave and I could not have asked for a better weekend. Thank you all who attended and we will continue to grow as long as you share the experience of DeMolay with your friends. You do not have the right to Succeed – you have the opportunity. Share this with your loved ones, and you will find Success through the Glory which is the Honor of being able to share DeMolay with the world.

Fraternally,

Quentin Cockerham

Deputy State Master Councilor 2013-2014



Have You Become A Better Son and Man Through DeMolay?

My fellow brethren, Moms, and Dads,

As some know, I started college this year away from home which was a big change for me. Don't get me wrong, going to college and being at home was the life! But part of me wanted to go away for college and start a new "life" on my own to see if I could last. So far, I have.



But what I have been thinking about up here at the University of Missouri-Columbia, is how DeMolay has taught me to be a better man. DeMolay has changed me for the better. It transformed me into a man that I have always wanted to become. I honor my Mother, and family with upmost respect, but in the past it wasn't like that. I thank DeMolay for changing me and molding me into the ideal man that I was raised to be by my mother and father.

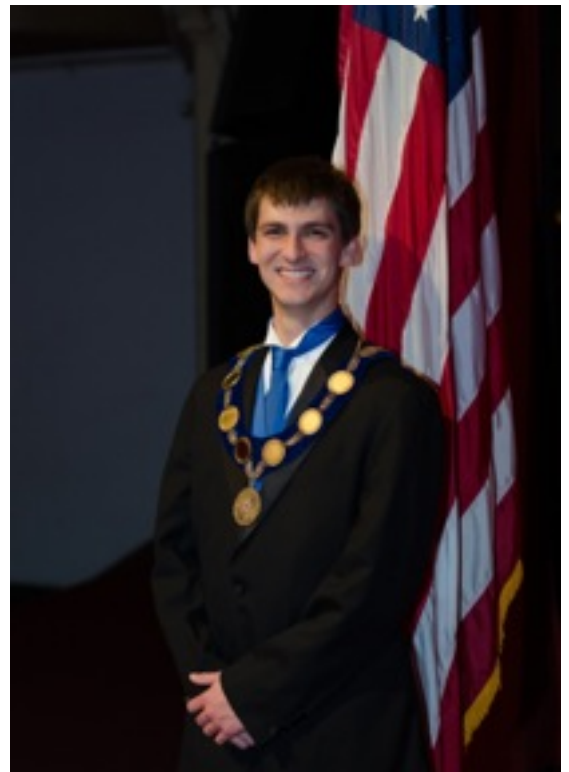
Up here at Mizzou, I learned new things about being on my own. I learned things that will be useful for my future as I continue down my life's path that God has decided for me. This past month I turned 21. As a lot of you know, it is the time of majority. I can't express how much DeMolay has changed me for the better.

As my parents came up to visit me for my 21st birthday, all that my mom could say is, "You have become one incredible young man and son." And I said, "Don't thank me...thank DeMolay." DeMolay has changed me for the better and has made me into a young man, and I share my story with everyone who asks me, "What is DeMolay?" I share with them that the things we do are incredible. Demolay is a wonderful organization to be a part of and share with your brothers. So now I want to ask you, my brothers...

Have you become a better son and man through DeMolay?

Fraternally,

Jacob Scholl
State Senior Councilor 2013-2014



Expanding the Brotherhood

Missouri has been #1 in membership for several years now. But that is something we cannot take lightly. There are other Jurisdictions that are not far behind and are increasing in numbers as well. Of course we are all happy DeMolay as a whole is growing, but if we want to keep hold at #1, now is the time to bring in more members.

There are many state events that include initiations. These events include the State Installation, State Conclave, and possibly your District Conclaves. But you don't have to wait until these kinds of events happen to initiate prospects. Have an initiation at your home chapter! The young man being initiated will probably appreciate it more in the future that he joined at his home chapter than at a big event because all the focus from his brothers are on him and it will have more meaning to it. If your chapter is unable to have all the parts covered, never hesitate to contact a local chapter or the state officers for help on parts. If you need the help you will get it.

Have them attend events with you to have them get to know the members of the chapter, find out what you all do, and also more about DeMolay before they join. You can have game nights at the lodge, go paint-balling, have them go to a dance or installation; you can also bring them to a state event. But make sure you have stuff they like so they have fun so they are more eager to join. There are many things you can do and you can find more things to do in your DeMolay Resource Guide you got when you joined.

The time to take action is now my brothers. It's time to bring the new members into our great Order and continue to be the best Jurisdiction in the world. School is over and there is no more homework due the next day. Everyone is up later and out enjoying themselves. Let's spread the word of DeMolay and expand our family.

Attitude Check?!

What does it mean?!

Where's it at?!

Fraternally,

Christian Westermayer
State Junior Councilor 2013-2014



The Development of a Young Man in DeMolay

As all of our ritual states, The Order of DeMolay and its teachings is the best foundation on which to base ones character and future life. The lessons we learn are what will guide our development into the highest type of manhood. But what exactly does this mean? When I look back upon the time in my life when I wasn't a member of DeMolay, I was hyper, irresponsible, and had no leadership or public speaking skills whatsoever. As the years have gone by this organization has shown me what my capabilities are. I have grown more responsible and mature, I have obtained a great work ethic, and I now am a reliable leader with no real fear of speaking in public. This didn't come over night however; I did say years didn't I? Thankfully those years have gone by quickly seeing that I joined almost six years ago and before that I was in Squires for three years. But



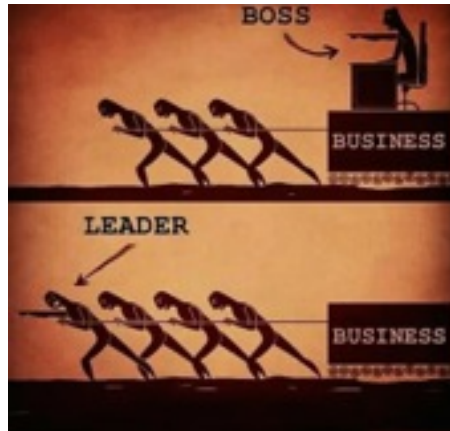
in that time I have served as the Master Councilor of my Chapter twice, I have served as a jurisdictional officer for four years in a row and I have planned successful events and activities and have talked in front of many people. I thank DeMolay for every single one of these traits. So when someone asks about the development of a young man into a man through DeMolay I can always tell them about my particular situation and how DeMolay has actually saved me from being a lazy, immature, and irresponsible man.

Fraternally,

Michael Braun
State Scribe 2013-2014



Leadership Out of DeMolay



The picture above has everything to do with DeMolay through the eyes of someone who knows what we stand for. In our order we are to be leaders among friends, brothers, and even strangers who we meet on a day to day basis, but if we do not display this leadership we will be merely seen as young men who are respectful and have manners. When not in the surroundings of our fellow brothers we need to display this teaching throughout our community and show people we are not just kids with manners. We need to get out with the community and be leaders in activities that we do not do every day. Leadership is very important in the Order of DeMolay. We are led by great adults who have chosen to become leaders of such a great organization. However, for them to get there in that position, they have displayed previous leadership throughout the years of being around the organization but have also received great compliments from people throughout the community on how well of leaders they are. Therefore, use this trait and it will help you get far but if you don't try then who knows if you will succeed. Be a Leader, not a follower.



Fraternally,

John Parker
State Chaplain 2013-2014



Patriotism; The Backbone of America

Patriotism, last of the preceptors but certainly not the least important; as a future airman soon to be shipped out for the Air Force I have thought endlessly about what is said in that short paragraph, stating that men my age are defending our country so that we can live free every day. I felt a personal need to be one of these guys that can proudly say that they have defended this country with his life

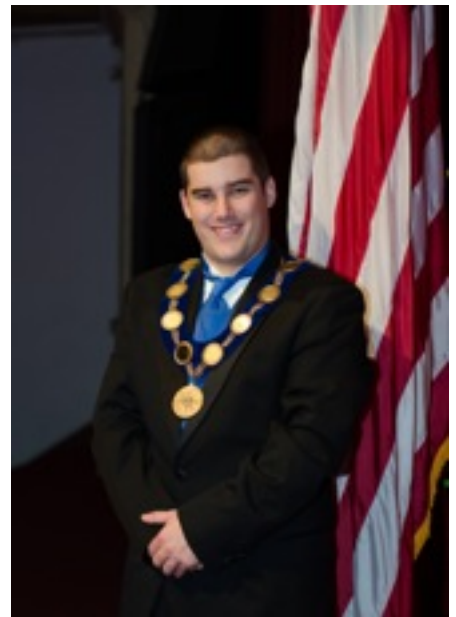


and if needed, sacrifice myself for the freedom of others. Many people seem to overlook the seventh preceptor as to others such as filial love, cleanness, etc. but to me it seems to be one of the most important values for a strong foundation of an overall good character of manhood. As time goes on and civilization becomes less animalistic and territorial, civilization as a whole seems to drift away from the brutality of war, trying to create peace and equality among everyone. And as much as I believe in worldwide equality I also believe to protect my country at any cost. However, the military is not for everyone, as it shouldn't be, but I feel as if people have lost touch with how much we sacrifice

so the American people can enjoy the blessings they now enjoy. This has become a huge part of my life thinking about the ones before me who have sacrificed their life so that I as well as others can do the simplest things such as typing this article at the upmost freedom, and I take that as the highest honor of being an American serving this amazing country. Patriotism, the backbone of what built this country to its great power it is now, and I am very proud to serve in this nation's armed forces.

Fraternally and Patriotically,

Devin Sharpe
State Marshal 2013-2014



Conclave, Summer, and Knighthood

Conclave 2014 was absolutely amazing and my Knighthood Officers and I congratulate our State Deputy Master Councilor, Quentin Cockerham, on a smooth and well planned conclave. At conclave this year, the State Knighthood team along with the assistance of the James H. Cockerham Priory of St. Louis hosted an Investiture and together, we invested twenty new knights. Two of the new knights will be in Audie Murphy Priory, six will join James H. Cockerham Priory, and twelve will join Walt Disney Priory.

I am pleased to announce that the newly invested knights that will join Walt Disney Priory are in the process of reviving that priory, successfully bringing Knighthood to the west side of Missouri. By reviving priories around the state and investing more and more dedicated knights, Knighthood can and will flourish in Missouri.



Missouri Knighthood will be attending the Shriners Hospital Day with the St. Louis Cardinals on Sunday June 22nd instead of the planned June 16th event mentioned in earlier issues of The Seven Times. The first pitch is at 1:15pm and the Cardinals are playing against the Philadelphia Phillies. The tickets are \$29 and the Cardinals will be donating a portion of the ticket sales to the St. Louis hospital and to order tickets, call the Moolah Temple office at **314-878-6301**. Look for a flyer in a couple of weeks explaining this event.

I hope everyone has a safe and fun summer with their chapters and families.

Sincerely & fraternally,

Adam Frigerio

State Illustrious Knight Commander 2013-2014



District 1 News

The last few months have been busy for District 1. In March, many DeMolays, Advisors and parents helped support the Moolah Shrine Circus. There was great participation in parades handing out coupons to promote the circus. Many gave their time at the circus helping with the animal rides and inflatables. All were a part of a successful Moolah Shrine Circus.

District 1 is quite proud of Andrew Van Horn and Richard Ables of St. Charles Chapter as they represented Missouri DeMolay and participated in the Frank Marshall Championship Tournament in Texas at the end of March. Andrew placed first in the Championship Division in Chaplain, Marshall, Orator and Magnificent Seven. Way to go Andrew!!!

On April 16th, Moolah Shrine hosted an evening dedicated to DeMolay. The Shriners invited all of DeMolay to dinner. Following dinner, the Shriners got to see Nathaniel Thomason perform the Ceremony of Light and Quentin Cockerham and Senior DeMolay Kevin Heins give a moving Flower Talk. It was a great evening of brotherhood.

In April, Crestwood and Perfection Chapters held installations. Bradley Pitman and Matthew Napoli, respectively, are the new Master Councilors. Congratulations to all the new officers!!



District 1 is working hard and looking forward to an exciting State Conclave!!!

Fraternally,

Bradley Pitman, Adam Potts and Bryan Tracy

District 1 Master Councilors 2013-2014



District 3 News

As State Conclave approaches us, the chapters have been working hard to prepare for it. Waynesville chapter recently has had a studying meeting where the boys did a strict preparation walk through for conclave. The advisors prepared a fantastic barbecue for our “halftime”. I say halftime because we incorporated a 2 hand touch football game to add excitement to the meeting. Along with this, a week prior, we had a weekend where some of the guys went out to businesses around town to do ad sales for conclave. Over at Joplin chapter they are so excited for their first year going to conclave. They are a brand new chapter so the grand bonding of competition at conclave will be something very important to them. Their current Master Councilor Ukiah Camp says that they are getting used to the ritual memorization and can’t wait to see what’s entailed at Conclave. Just because they are new doesn’t mean they don’t know what they’re doing. Just recently they had a very successful fundraiser at the Scottish Rite reunion where they raised \$700. Overall, we have been focusing on the preparation on Conclave.

Fraternally,

Benjamin Holt & Brent Hudson
District 3 Deputy Master Councilors
2013-2014

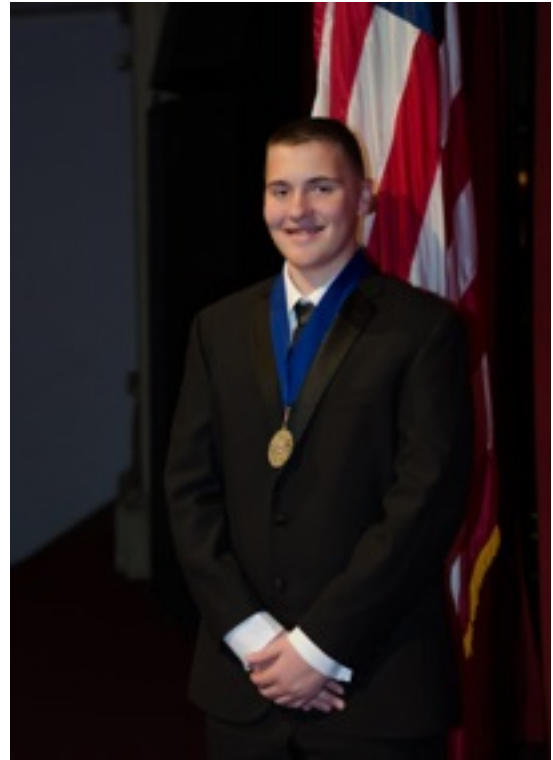


District 4 News

District 4 is prepared and ready to compete in the 2014 State Conclave. Chapters all around Missouri are preparing in many different ways. Frank S Land Chapter in Kansas City is holding competitions with Independence Chapter and is working very hard with them by hosting two, two-hour long ritual practices a week. They seem to be in very good shape for conclave. Other Chapters in the area are doing great as well and seem to be ready for the many competitions. This month, rising sun chapter will be hosting a lock in for prospects. Also, sometime this summer, there will be District 4 and 5's District Conclave. It may be later in the year but I promise you it will be amazing and worth the wait. Details and other information will be coming soon.

Fraternally,

Raheem Fielder-Bay & Lawson Smead
District 4 Deputy Master Councilors 2013-2014



District 5 News

As I reflect upon the last half-year, I cannot help but see the brotherhood and companionship within the chapters of District 5. It has been overwhelmingly fun to participate in the efforts with my brothers as they do their very best in keeping their chapters alive, well, and growing at a steady rate. It is without hesitation that I thank the chapters, their officers, their Advisory Councils, and all of the members of DeMolay inside of District 5 for making the past few months a wonderful and extremely memorable experience. I look forward for another six months of great times with my brothers of District 5 and Missouri DeMolay as a whole.

Fraternally,

Tim Alvis

District 5 Deputy Master Councilor 2013-2014



Check Out the New Website!

