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New Times

Brandon Cockerham



Welcome to the very first issue of the all-new Missouri DeMolay Seven Times! This is an exciting new Electronic Newsletter that has been developed to keep our entire Jurisdiction up-to-date. An issue of this newsletter will be published once every two months and will contain articles from each State Officer about events and programs going on in Missouri DeMolay. Each issue will be emailed to a large mass and also available on our website via the *Seven Times*

link. In addition to the bi-monthly Newsletters, this link will also fill up with other various articles published throughout the year. Thanks to our Public Relations Director, Adam Iwanow for kicking this off with an extraordinary article covering the State Installation. A unique feature of the *Seven Times* webpage is that if your Chapter wants to share an exciting event, anyone is welcome to submit an article for review. Our Communications Ambassador, Quentin Cockerham will be working diligently in producing an outstanding issue of the Seven Times Newsletter for the month of January, March, May, July, September and November. I look forward to reading what all of the State Officers have to share with us in the months to come.

In addition to events and pictures, each Newsletter will contain an updated Term Plan. We have a wide variety of events planned for the year and we want to make sure that they are well attended. The Term Plan is also available on the *Calendar & Events* page on the website. It contains a complete listing of all currently planned events and will be periodically updated. The events on the list will also appear on the Calendar once all plans have been finalized.

I have mentioned just a few ways that I plan to communicate important information throughout this term. Please feel free to browse around the website for a whole lot more! Most importantly, enjoy all of the articles from your Missouri DeMolay State Officers. We will be working hard to serve this great Jurisdiction and are proud to share with everyone the goodness of our Order.

Thank you and God Bless!

Brandon Cockerham
State Master Councilor



Excelsior Holiday Party

Dustin Sanders

On December 20th, Excelsior Chapter held their annual holiday dinner. The night started with a meal for the family and friends of the chapter. The event then moved up to lodge room, where the members of the Chapter were introduced along with their family and friends. Then Master Councilor, Kellon Chiles presented three educators of the year. The educators expressed their appreciation for the recognition and then the night progressed to the other ceremonies. Brother Gabe Shoemaker performed a Ceremony of Light for the crowd of around seventy people. Then Brother Mitch Graham performed a Flower Talk for the new members and their mothers. After the two ceremonies were performed, the Chevalier Investiture team took their stations and the investiture began. Chapter Dad Rodney Pensel presented Brothers Aaron Oldham and Jacob Scholl with their Chevalier Cordon for their exemplary efforts. After the investiture, Brother Chiles concluded the night by thanking everyone for attending and wishing them a Happy Holiday Season.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Dustin Sanders
Deputy State Master Councilor



Carondelet Installation of Officers

Christian Dinisoae



December 3rd at 7 p.m. began the glorious Ceremony of Installation at Carondelet Chapter, put on by a select group of State Officers. A beautiful Bible ceremony was done by Bethel 19 and Bethel 49. Brother David Ardrey was installed as Master Councilor, with Brother Andrew Bush in the West as Senior Councilor and Brother Maxwell Buck as Junior Councilor in the South. As the Councilors are not only important, they are the faces of the Chapter and therefore are elected by the brethren of the Chapter rather than appointed. In addition to the three top Officers, the following members were installed: Rylan Kelly, Glen Smith, Peyton Lansing, Spencer Howell, Jesse Webb, Robbie Paluch, Chase Lansing, Luke Stout, Scott Hudson, Nick Whitney, Gavin Robey, Sean Robey and Jesse Hudson. In addition to this great quantity, several fellow brothers who could not make it to the Installation will also assume positions within the Chapter. After the Installation, there were some light refreshments served and a dance, which lasted until 11pm.

Chapter Installations are a small break from the strict ritual, giving parents and friends the opportunity to see young men develop and take on different challenges every term. Public ceremonies are an exciting and important part of DeMolay, giving the communities a chance to see the confidence and ability of these young men. This celebration was a fantastic display of fellowship and brotherhood. The Installation and celebration afterwards was quite an exemplary one. In the words of the State Master Councilor Brandon Cockerham, "this is the greatest example of what every Chapter Installation should be."



Congratulations to the Officers of Carondelet Chapter and good luck on your term!

Christian Dinisoae
District 1 Deputy Master Councilor

KidTalk Celebration

Michael Braun

Missouri DeMolay was afforded the wonderful opportunity to help out at The Walker - Scottish Rite Clinic Kid Talk Celebration Dinner and Auction on November 12, 2011.

It was a great opportunity to volunteer and witness the success of this outstanding event. Even with yet another great turn out of State Officers, we were busy enough so that no one was left. It is always a blessing to be called upon by such a worthy cause and give willingly as we have been taught to do. In fact, the greatest inspiration of all has come from the man who co-founded the Walker – Scottish Rite Clinic, Dad Earl Earnest Walker.

Our State Master Councilor, Brandon Cockerham helped manage the presentation for the evening from behind the curtains. The auction and celebration took place during a fantastic catered meal in the auditorium at the beautiful home of the Clinic, the Scottish Rite, Valley of St. Louis.

Overall it was a great time and a most humbling experience in giving back to the Walker Scottish-Rite Clinic. I feel that everyone who helped left knowing that they had given something that caused such a fantastic turn out of the night.

I look forward to future opportunities for us as DeMolays to give back to the Scottish Rite and Walker – Scottish Rite Clinic for all they do for us throughout the year. It is but a small token of thanks, however, unmistakably greatly appreciated.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Michael Braun
District 2 Deputy Master Councilor



The Walker Scottish Rite Clinic
for Childhood Language Disorders

Waynesville Christmas Lock-In

Brandon Rarey

On the 16th of December, Waynesville Chapter held a Christmas style lock-in, which entailed a full schedule, with a gift exchange, video games, food, fun, girls and even an Initiation!

Waynesville Chapter started off the night with a full Initiation with a couple of visiting brethren. Brother Billy Rollins (District 4 Deputy Master Councilor) and Dad Ryan Cockerham (Director of Communications) were visiting and able to help out with an amazing DeMolay Degree. The night was just getting underway with our new brothers when Waynesville had a white elephant gift exchange, with the lovely young ladies from Pulaski County Assembly. Maybe the best of all that evening was a Nerf gun (which was put to good use all night, let there be no mistake). The boys finished off with a night full of video games including a Madden Football Tournament.



All in all, it was a great night to spend with all of my brothers and a small getaway to start off the Christmas break.

Getting gifts and playing video games is great, but the best part of the night was sharing the lessons of DeMolay with our newest brothers and friends. I believe the best gift the State Officers could receive would be making Missouri DeMolay #1 for membership in the world again. In addition to what you are getting this Christmas, why not give a gift to your best friends. Give the gift of DeMolay. It's free and is one of the greatest gifts, which lasts a lifetime!

Sincerely and fraternally,

Brandon Rarey
District 3 Deputy Master Councilor



Bill Says...

Billy Rollins

December is crunch time, the time of year that can make or break a chapter, the time where all the year's hard work comes into fruition. This is the most crucial time for a DeMolay Chapter. At the end of each year, it would seem that there is always that last minute push to get in as many members as possible so that each Jurisdiction can strive towards the membership award for positive growth. I was very pleased and proud when I traveled back home to Waynesville Chapter on December 16th, where they were doing just that. Waynesville Chapter put on an outstanding Initiatory and DeMolay Degree in which I had the honor of participating in along with Dad Ryan Cockerham, who was visiting the chapter that day. Following the Initiation, the chapter held an awesome and exciting lock in. Announcements were made and awards were given to the boys. It was through their hard work, determination and love for the Order of DeMolay that this fantastic year was made possible. The events that night were just a taste of the amazing fellowship and brotherhood that these young men share.



As we enter the New Year, there are many things to look forward to as a Jurisdiction and even more still to look forward to in each of the 5 Districts of Missouri. This past year has given the Jurisdiction of Missouri some of the closest, dedicated, motivated and hard working young men. There is an endless amount of excitement and ideas being shared between your newly appointed State officers and even in the early goings, a great deal of inspiration has been presented. I am currently working with Missouri's District 5 Deputy Master Councilor - CJ Witte on a District Conclave combining Districts 4 and 5. We hope to reveal more information soon and plan on being able to as it is all finalized in the next coming weeks.

Thank you so much Missouri DeMolay for everything that you do and may God bless!

Billy Rollins
District 4 Deputy Master Councilor

Independence Induction/Initiation

CJ Witte

On November 13th, Independence Chapter bestowed the Initiatory and DeMolay Degree upon five young men whom are now brethren of the Order. They Inducted 6 new squires into the Manor as well, before the DeMolays took their stations for the Initiation. As the night began, no one knew what to expect. There were more people in attendance than DeMolays on the floor. As the lights were dimmed, excitement and anticipation filled the room and the mood was set. As the squires marched around the lodge room, they were presented with the Sword of Truth, Gavel of Justice and School Books of Knowledge. Finally, they knelt at the Altar where many have knelt before them and were dubbed Squires of the Independence Manor.



Not long after the Squire Induction, it was time for the DeMolay Degree team to take the floor. Five unsuspecting young men entered upon their own accord and were taught the lessons and virtues of DeMolay. They witnessed first hand, the light in a dark imperfect world. They beheld the trials and knelt at the Altar as they received their Obligations. They made seven passes around the chapter room, each time learning a new value of DeMolay - known to those in the Order as the seven glorious preceptors: Filial Love, Reverence for Sacred Things, Courtesy, Comradeship, Fidelity, Cleanness and Patriotism. These virtues have stood the test of time and have remained throughout history. Now five new brethren can carry the torch and teach others the lessons and trials of Jacques DeMolay and thousands of brave comrades and followers of the Templar Knights who were ostracized into history.



"So let your light Shine before men so that they may see your good works and glorify you father who is in heaven." Matthew 5:16

CJ Witte
District 5 Deputy Master Councilor

Masonic Appreciation Night

Quentin Cockerham

One of the most important deeds that a DeMolay can do is appreciate the Masonic organizations that support our great Order. I give my highest regards to St. Charles Chapter for setting aside a night to appreciate the Masons, DADs and Moms that support their chapter.

On December 5th, I was given the privilege to be a part of a night for these most appreciated people. The night started off with a dinner that was provided by Thomas Van Horn of St. Charles Chapter. After dinner, the Masons, DADs and Moms gathered in the lodge room and awaited a performance like none other. With the assistance of other various DeMolays, the chapter performed the DeMolay Degree. I was most fortunate to be a part of it and help out my fellow brothers of St. Charles chapter.



Once the Degree was over and we had all walked out, we came back and introduced ourselves in addition to which historical character we had played in the Degree. After changing back into our suits and returning to the chapter room, we enjoyed a unique performance of the Ceremony of Light given by brothers Thomas Van Horn and Milo Brucker of St. Charles Chapter. The night concluded with a great reception of brotherhood and friendship in the dining room. This night is one of many that will be remembered for giving back to those who support our great Order. Appreciating our Masonic organizations is just one thing that we're honored to do as DeMolays.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Quentin Cockerham
Communication Ambassador

Bethel 49 Installation

Adam Frigerio

On December 10, 2011, Bethel 49 installed their new line of officers for the ensuing term. There were a lot of people present to support the girls of the Bethel and the newly installed Honored Queen, Molly Gibbs. The visitors included; Nathaniel Brand & Griffin Hall from Progression Chapter, members from Crestwood Chapter, members from other local Bethels, and Missouri DeMolay State Officers Christian Dinisoae (District 1 Deputy Master Councilor) & Adam Frigerio (Membership Ambassador). The installation was a great success and shortly following was a reception.

The music choice for the reception was absolutely perfect and the dance floor seemed to be full the entire night. Dad Underwood was the DJ for the night and he kept the party rocking and rolling. It was a wonderful event as a whole and it seemed that everyone present enjoyed the installation and dance. It is important for DeMolays to get out and attend other Masonic functions whether it is a Bethel installation or a Lodge Installation. It is a blessed experience to be involved in such a great organization where you are given the opportunity to meet others and share the goodness of it all with one another.



Sincerely and fraternally,

Adam Frigerio
Membership Ambassador



DeMolays Serving Soldiers

Milo Brucker

On December 12th, I joined along side several DeMolays from Kirkwood and Memorial Chapter who traveled to serve food for the brave men and women of Jefferson Barracks. We served the soldiers who are being deployed to serve the United States and fight for our freedoms, which we all enjoy. We also were given the benefit to serve the families of the soldiers as well.

Patriotism is one of the most important precepts of the seven cardinal virtues that we as DeMolays strive to practice each day. These brave soldiers are living examples of individuals who stand for the defense of our Flag, our schoolbooks and our country. After working the serving line during lunch, there was a special visit by none other than Santa, who graciously stopped by with his bag of presents for the children.



Bethel 5 was also in attendance and it was a pleasure to work with and have them there. We were asked to help hand out the presents with Santa and St. Louis Assembly helped parents pick out Christmas gifts for the children. It was an honor to meet, talk and eat with these amazing individuals and their families. All of the DeMolays in attendance were very blessed to have been part of such a humbling and gratifying experience.

Milo Brucker
Ritual Ambassador



A New Generation

Tyler Warren

Squires are the beginning and future of DeMolay and leaders of Missouri DeMolay such as Dad Bill Rollins, Brandon Rarey and Tyler Warren are well aware of the impact that a Squire Manor can have on a DeMolay chapter. Waynesville Chapter is one step closer to achieving its own fully functional Squire Manor. Over the past 6 months, Dad Bill Rollins, the newly appointed Squire Director for the State of Missouri along with Waynesville Master Masons and DeMolays have been going out into their communities and recruiting young men for the great honor of joining The Order of the Squires of the Round Table. Unfortunately there are DeMolays who cannot fathom the absolute and fundamental importance of having a successful Squire Manor within their lodge. They can give DeMolay chapters a reserve of membership, if you can keep them interested through their squire years, they will follow up through the ranks and join DeMolay when they reach the age of twelve. Waynesville's new Squire Manor should be getting the ball rolling within the next month. All of the boys from Waynesville DeMolay are thrilled about development of the new manor. We've all been wanting one for a long time now and we all encourage other chapters to mimic the efforts of chapters with active Squire Manors within their lodges.



Sincerely and fraternally,

Tyler Warren
Squires Ambassador

MISSOURI SQUIRES

Squires Ambassador

Tyler Warren

Director of Squires

Bill Rollins



Masquerade Ball

Nathaniel Thomason

I had the privilege of attending the St. Louis area Moonlight Masquerade Ball hosted by Wentzville Assembly #114, St. Louis Assembly #3, and St. Charles Assembly #13. The evening began with an elegant and memorable dinner for each guest in attendance. I would like to personally thank all of the State Officers who attended the event, as they were most helpful in setting up and tearing down for the Ball. The girls and mothers really appreciated the gesture and it was a true example of how DeMolays conduct themselves outside the chapter walls. Also, even more thanks to our State Master Councilor, Brandon Cockerham for doing the music for the evening and Communications Ambassador Quentin Cockerham for making and helping set up the decorations. Following the dinner there was a short, yet mood setting clip from the movie *Phantom of the Opera*. The dance went off flawlessly and it was plain to see that everyone in attendance had a great time. I would also like to thank the St. Louis Scottish Rite for letting the girls use their facility and host such a fantastic event.



Sincerely and fraternally,

Nathaniel Thomason
Chaplain



State Master Councilor's Term Plan

January

- 14 District 4 & 5 Meeting, *Scottish Rite - Valley of Kansas City*
- 21 District 2 Meeting, *Excelsior Lodge - Jackson*
- 28 District 3 Meeting, *TBA*
- TBA State Wide Bowling Tournament

February

- 18 District 1 Conclave, *Scottish Rite - Valley of St. Louis*
- 19 District 1 Conclave, *Moolah Shrine - St. Louis*

March

- 10 State Officers Reception, *Ararat Shrine - Kansas City*
- 23-24 Scottish Rite Leadership Conference, *St. Louis*

April

- 7 Scottish Rite - Knighthood Youth Ball, *Scottish Rite - Valley of St. Louis*

May

- 25-28 State Conclave, *Jefferson City*
- 29 LTC Registration Online Begins

June

- TBA DeMolay 500, *Branson*
- 20-23 DeMolay International Session, *Louisville, Kentucky*
- 21-24 Grand Bethel, *Jefferson City*
- 22-25 Grand Assembly, *Springfield*

July

- TBA Six Flags Degree
- 22-26 Leadership Training Conference, *Potosi*
- 28 Masonic Youth Day, *Columbia*

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August

TBA Masonic Youth Softball Tournament, *Columbia*

TBA 10th Annual Outdoor Degree, *Mineral Area Chapter*

TBA DeMolay Alumni Golf Tournament, *St. Louis*

September

TBA DeMolympics, *Kansas City*

23-25 Grand Lodge Session, *Columbia*

October

TBA Meramec Caverns Degree

November

TBA Missouri DeMolay Installation of State Officers

DeMolay Membership Drive

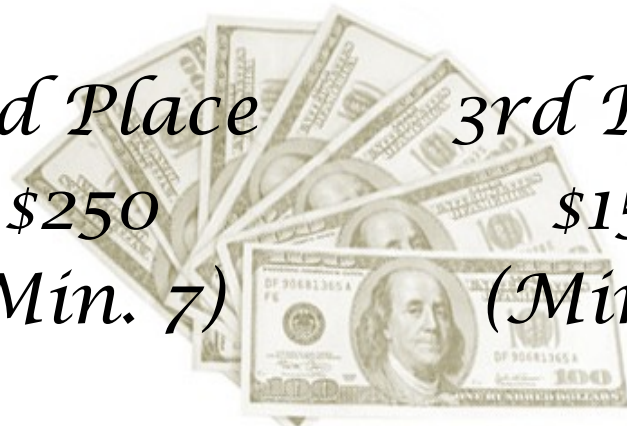
January 1st - Conclave

Individual Prizes



1st Place
iPod Touch 32 GB
(Min. 10)

2nd Place
\$250
(Min. 7)



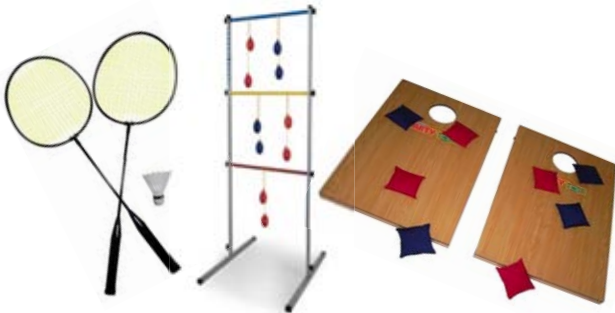
3rd Place
\$150
(Min. 5)

Chapter Prizes

1st Place (Min. 20)

** Video Game Night Package*

- PS3 - 160 GB, 3 DualShock 3 Wireless Controllers, Choice of Two PS3 Games



2nd Place (Min. 15)

** Park Day Package*

- Wooden Ladder-ball, Badminton Set, Bean Bag Toss

3rd Place (Min. 10)

** Game Night*

- Tabletop Air Hockey, Foosball Games, DeMolay International Playing Cards



Squires Membership Drive

January 1st - Conclave

Manor Prizes

1st Place (Min. 10)

* *Board Game Night Package*

- *Apples to Apples Jr., Uno, Trouble, Sorry*



2nd Place (Min. 6)

* *Indoor Basketball Sets*

- *Wall Jamz™ Full Basketball Court Set, Door Jamz™ Over the Door Basketball Game*

