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February 2007 Executive Officer Update

A busy month on my calendar as we're off into the New Year. From Hiawatha's Installation and Sweetheart Dance, SMC **Joe Krall** joining Masonry, Job's Daughters Installations, SnoBall, and several Masonic Lodge Visits and DeMolay Chapter meetings we are off to a very productive year in Minnesota DeMolay. I have visited Hiawatha, Lincoln, Robbinsdale Chapters this month, all meetings were well attended with members, and all Chapters conducting formal meetings, I would like to especially point out MC **Albert Butler** of Robbinsdale for his recent Patriots Day presentation. It was well researched with a presentation about our country and the flag.

Winterfest

A great but cold weekend but unfortunately not without injuries. Registration went smooth, with all settling in for the first night. Egg bake, cheesy potatoes, muffins and juice started the bright and sunny morning. By 1030am **Chris Becker** of Robbinsdale was seeking medical attention as he had difficulty negotiating a jump on his snowboard. He was transported to the hospital, was diagnosed with two fractured vertebrae, and is now on the mend. All day potluck "grazing" ensued. A great selection of foods being provided by the chapters. By 130 pm a prospect from Anoka **Brandon Kessler** was also in need of help as he broke his leg while skiing. He now supports a full leg cast for the next 12 weeks. The rest of the day went well with lights out at 1:00 am following the movie, card and board games. Morning breakfast a short devotional, cleanup and checkout all were on their way. Winterfest is scheduled for February 8-10, 2008 next year.

\$\$ Kach Essay and Grand Lodge Scholarship \$\$

Grand Master Keith Klein would like to stress that one advantage to DeMolay membership is the opportunity for scholarship money. With ever-increasing college costs, any way we can help our DeMolay become better educated by scholarship money is to our advantage. If encouraged, monies can be obtained for little effort. Congratulations to **Cody Beck** and **Ben Krall** for submitting essays in the Kach Competition, their essays have been forwarded for judging. The potential is \$1500 for the competition. The Minnesota Grand Lodge Essay completed February 15th. Congratulations to **Ben Krall** for submitting an essay on what he said was a difficult topic. \$ 1500 will be presented to Ben for his college expenses. I do know of other scholarship opportunities provided by various Masonic organizations throughout the state; please make sure your members become aware of them. Any questions concerning scholarship please don't hesitate to contact me !

Mission: BLACK-OPS

Scheduled in Mankato on March 16-18. \$ 55. Registration begins 7:00pm at the Mankato Masonic Lodge, 309 S 2nd St, an Initiatory Degree then checking in at the Days Inn, Mankato, 1285 Range St. Broomball on Saturday with a day filled with more BlackOp activities to be announced. As the flyer states some activities are top secret so plan to attend and participate, with an X Box 360 to be awarded at the completion of the competition. Devotional on Sunday and then on our way.

Sweethearts Prom and Masonic Youth Day

Sweethearts Prom May 19 and Masonic Youth Day May 20. Cost is \$15 for the prom and \$ 22 for Masonic Youth Day or a special price of \$ 30 if a DeMolay member attends both. Beverages and Deserts will be served at the Prom with a combination of live bands for music and DJ. Masonic Youth Day will once again include a lunch midday

Honors and Awards

April 1st all nomination must be submitted by me to DeMolay International. Please, if you are considering nominating any one for an honor or award, have the completed form and fee to me by **March 23rd**, so they can be reviewed, and if approved, submitted. Honors Day will be scheduled in November.

Chapter Development.

Star in the East Lodge has been issued their Letters Temporary and are now in the process of prospecting for potential members for a chapter in Owatonna. Paper work is still being completed for Buffalo, and Minnesota DeMolay has been invited to participate in Mankato Lodge's 150th Anniversary on March 31st. A booth has been set aside for a display, and a breakout session is scheduled for Grand Lodge to be conducted in Mankato April 13-14.

Membership

Minnesota DeMolay started the year of amongst all the Jurisdictions in the world tied for 1st place, as of last Friday we are now tied for third. 33 members reach majority this year with 9 new initiates so far. Both Degrees will be presented at Black-Ops so if you have prospects seeking initiating, please let them know. I have plenty of membership material if needed please contact me

Dates to Remember

March 16-18 - . Black Ops (Registration required, send to PO Box 54, Rosemount, MN 55068, \$ 55) in Mankato. Broomball, degree, XBoX

March 18 - Legion of Honor Observance, Timber Lodge in Southtown. Spouses or significant other invited, Dinner from the menu. 5:30pm

March 23rd - Honors Forms due to EO, Chev, COH, LOH and HLOH

May 19 - Sweethearts Prom at the Keller Golf Course in Maplewood \$ 15

May 20 - Masonic Youth Day at Valley Fair \$ 22 includes picnic

June 8 - MN DeMolay Congress (Obligation Cards required to vote)

June 9 - Paintball in Rochester

June 13-16 - ISC Session in St. Louis

June 26-30 - MDLC

To be included in this Update but under separate email is a program sponsored by DeMolay Congress Officers supporting the Shines of America. Please read the material and include in your Chapter programs

As always thank you for all you do in making a difference in the life of the young men in DeMolay

Fraternally,

Mark Hailer