



**Minnesota DeMolay**

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## **JUNE EO UPDATE SPECIAL INTERNATIONAL SESSION EDITION**

### **DeMolay Congress**

Friday evening June 8<sup>th</sup> in Rochester, MN DeMolay convened to elect officers for the next term. Rochester Chapter provided a Steak Fry in conjunction with Rochester Lodge. Following dinner, Grand Lodge Senior Warden Tom McCarthy conducted a question and answer session about judicial and law concerns. Well thought out questions were fielded by the Judge and as a special treat, as the Judge was on call for the weekend, he received a call concerning an individual, and we saw the procedure the Judge went through in determining an outcome. Elections were then conducted with Ben Krall (Hiawatha) elected State Master Councilor, Zach Peterson (Hiawatha) elected State Senior Councilor; Albert Butler (Robbinsdale) elected State Junior Councilor; Cody Beck (Hiawatha) elected State Scribe Treasurer. The newly elected State Officers will be meeting soon to plan the activities and events for the next year.

### **87<sup>th</sup> International Supreme Council Session and 40<sup>th</sup> DeMolay Congress.**

The Missouri DeMolay Billboard and Gateway Arch greeted those members from MN DeMolay as we attended the annual session of the International Supreme Council and DeMolay Congress. Jim Truax, Active Member, Tony Krall, PGM, Active Member, Mark Hailer, Executive Officer, Active Member, Jerry Oliver, Deputy Member, Joe Krall, SMC, Ben Krall, SSC and Bev Krall, Advisor attended. The Thursday evening opening started with a former Vietnam Vet who was the recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor for his heroism in the Vietnam War. He spoke of his experiences and was motivating to those in attendance. (He was the individual in the movie Forest Gump that was edited over by Tom Hanks, receiving the Medal from then President Johnson.) Following his inspiring speech, there was a musical presentation by a young women who had received treatment at the Shrine Hospital accompanied by her father on the guitar, the evening concluded with a comedian, the evening left all in an inspired mood to complete the work of the session. Thursday morning, the Congressional Delegates performed work details at the local Shrine Hospital. The Grand Master was highly moved as these young men in DeMolay showed that we are indeed an order for service. DeMolay Jurisdictions conducted an EXPO of displays highlighting activities and events that have been successful in their respective jurisdictions. One interesting item was a computer display of the moving floor work of the Ritual.

Honors and Awards announced are as follow

- Joe Krall, Chevalier
  
- John Torrance, HLOH
- William Sowden, LOH
- Frank Namestek, HLOH
- Ronald Miles, HLOH
- Richard McGinnis HLOH
- Jack Lindgren HLOH

Mark Hailer was appointed and installed Associate Grand Sentinel and will serve on the Advisor Training and Investment Committees, Jim Truax to serve on the Adult Recruitment Sub Committee, and Tony Krall, Convention Planning, Insurance and Risk Management, Youth Protection, Strategic Planning, Advisory, and Resource Team.

Results of Call items for legislation. Most were house keeping, but the item of having the Jr. Past Grand Master serve on the Board of Directors was defeated as well as the removing of the requirement of the Chapter Chairman to be a Master Mason and the establishment of the Civic Legion of Honor.Award.

MN DeMolay was awarded the Frank S. Land Membership Growth Award and the one of the Outstanding Communications Awards.

Grand Master Patton Hart (KY) has adopted as his theme “Chart the course towards new Horizons”. With that in mind, he has a few new initiatives and programs for the year, one of which will be a speech contest. Minnesota will be the site of one of the Strategic Leadership Conferences September 29-30. Ronald A Seale, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Scottish Rite Southern Jurisdiction became the latest Hall of Fame inductee. In his remarks he stated that he was both humbled and embarrassed in receiving the honor, he said that the success of his DeMolay and Masonic career was based on” just showing up”, “that was the key, showing up”. With the anticipation to the success of the upcoming year and leaving with a renewed sense or purpose and motivation, Missouri DeMolay initiated three new members into DeMolay, performing two very impressive degrees. Next year the annual session will be held June 18-21 in Anaheim, Ca.

## **MN DeMolay Conclave**

As announce in last months EO Update plans are being finalized for this year’s conclave to be held August 2-5 in St. Peter at the Aldophus Gustavus Campus. Cost is still being finalized but will be around \$ 135-145 range, plan your chapter fundraisers now to help defray the cost for your members. Scholarship opportunities are available for new prospects that join DeMolay at conclave.

## Memorabilia

I have had a request from the Masonic Museum at the Masonic Home in Bloomington; they would like to place a display about DeMolay. What is needed are DeMolay historical paraphernalia, check around your Chapter rooms' storage areas and see if there are any item(s) that might contribute to a historical display. Please make sure I receive them so I can pass them on to the Museum people. As I now enter 40 years since my initiation into DeMolay I know I will be check my old collection to see what I can contribute.

## Dates to Remember

**June 23** - Northstar Picnic, Bennett Park, Main Pavillion, Noon

**July 14** – Hiawatha Chapter, 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Last Bash at Camp and Installation **11am**

**August 2-5** Conclave, Gustavus Adolphus Campus, St Peter, MN

**August 27** – KidsID at MN State Fair 1-5 pm

**September 28-30** – Strategic Leadership Conference

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*Mark Hailer*