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March 2008 EO UPDATE

Winter Carnival and Winterfest

In celebration of our winter season, MN DeMolay conducted two activities to bring together members in the warmth of Brotherhood. J.E Meyers Park provided the backdrop for this year's Winter Carnival. The main lodge providing the warmth of food and beverage with a roaring fire while the bright sunshine afforded the warmth for those sledding and playing boot hockey on the lake. Indoor video games of Rock Band provided some extra entertainment.

Giants Ridge in Biwabik once again was the site for Winterfest. A little colder this year with wind chills well below zero was met upon the slopes, but those who braved the elements had a great time. Once again all day food for "grazing" and plenty of video games, board games and movies kept indoor dwellers with plenty to do. Leaving on Sunday morning was a challenge for those drivers as 4 of the cars would not start. The best part of the weekend was that no incident form needed completing as the event was accident free. When checking out, we have to be proud of the fact that, those in charge of the Sports Dorm facility made comments to me that "this is a very good group".

Grand Masters Class

This Saturday March 1, MN DeMolay will honor MW Raymond Christensen in Duluth by conducting a Grand Masters Class. Duluth Scottish Rite will be the venue and 2:00pm will be the starting time. Chapter Advisors if you have members participating in the degrees please have them in Duluth at 12:00pm for a practice. The Degrees will consist of the Initiatory, Ceremony of Lights then the DeMolay Degree. Duluth Chapter should be initiating up to 10 new members, with other Chapters having new members to be initiated too. After the Degrees Dinner will be served, and then Bowling, Video Games, Movies and other activities. For those spending the night please bring the appropriate paraphernalia for sleeping in a lodge building.

JAM

April 4-6 in St Cloud. DeMolay Jam. The Best Western Americana Inn will be the headquarters for check in and two nights stay. Broomball will be Friday night at 8:45-11 pm. On the day Saturday, Gym activities lunch and Saturday night at the Skating Place. We need to know initial numbers by the middle of March please see how many members will take advantage of this fun weekend of sport and brotherhood. Cost is \$ 60. Registration is required

Scholarships

"What it means to me to be a member of DeMolay" is this year's topic for the \$1500 scholarship provided by the Grand Lodge of Minnesota. If you have a graduating Senior in High School in your Chapter encourage him to participate in this competition. The 1000 word essay is due to the EO by mail or email **March 15**. The winner will be announced at Grand Lodge in April. There are other opportunities provided by numerous sources for scholarship money to the DeMolay in Minnesota contact the EO for information concerning these opportunities

Honors and Awards

April 1, is the deadline with DeMolay International for all honors and awards. Please have all forms submitted to the Executive Officer by **March 20** for proper processing . Please review the criteria on the nomination form to see that your nominees meet the requirements and the proper fees are submitted, check with the EO for any Questions. Gopher Preceptory will be meeting at the Timber Lodge in Bloomington for the LOH Observance on March 16th at 5:00pm

Hoodies

Hoodies are once again available for purchase. Your selection of colors, name on one sleeve and chapter name on the other. Chapter Dad Shawn Torrance of Hiawatha is taking orders. Please see [www. mndemolay.org](http://www.mndemolay.org) web site for selection, order form and deadline. (**March 14**, to the PO Box for delivery at JAM)



Dates to Remember

March 1 ... Grand Masters Class. 2:00pm Duluth Scottish Rite. Coat and Tie for the degree, casual for overnight activities.

March 16 ... Gopher Preceptory LOH Observance at the Timberlodge in Bloomington 5:00pm Coat and Tie. Dinner off the regular menu.

April 4-6 ... DeMolay Jam. St. Cloud. Best Western Americana Inn. Broomball, Gym Activities, Swimming Roller Skating. Breakfast is included and Lunch on Saturday. \$ 60

April 12 ... Hiawatha Chapter Spaghetti Dinner. 4:00pm Minnehaha Lodge \$ 4

May 3 ... DeMolay Degree for York Rite at Tussler Summit Lodge, approximate time 10:00am lunch following. Coat and Tie

May 17 ... Sweetheart Formal on the Magnolia Blossom in St. Paul. Coat and Tie. \$20 for the Prom. Discounts apply if you attend both the formal and youth Day. Registration due April 29th.

May 18 ... Masonic Youth Day at Valley Fair

June 14 ... Paintball and DeMolay Congress. Congress to be held at Anoka Lodge

July 12 ... Hiawatha Chapter Barbeque Bash at the Camp

July 31– August 3 ... DeMolay Conclave. In St. Peter Cost approx \$160 four days. Sports, Ritual and Speech Competitions, Sweetheart Activities, Dances and other activities.

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