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November 2008 EO Update

DeMolay University



Just as our DeMolay finished their summer vacation and returned to school so did we ask them to attend DeMolay University. A nice September Saturday greeted members from Duluth, Lincoln, Robbinsdale, and Hiawatha Chapters eager to increase their DeMolay knowledge and improve on their leadership skills. Any Krall along with Tyler Beauchamp organized the activity with additional modules conducted by Karen Pehle. The DeMolay camp provided the setting which also allowed physical activity and opportunities for brotherhood between the learning sessions.

DeMolay University will be presented once again in the Spring and because of the success of this activity, a group is forming to explore bringing back MDLC (Midwest DeMolay Leadership Camp). Possible date July 6-9 with a location in southern Minnesota.

Flag Football and Halloween Dance



As sure as fall is in the air and the leaves turn color, the DeMolay from Minnesota gather at the camp to play an afternoon full of flag football. Robbinsdale, Lincoln, Hiawatha and Robbinsdale Chapters were represented on the playing fields, with a break for dinner of sloppy Joes, chips and desert. Other than one minor injury the games were a success. Flag football led the day before Lincoln Chapters annual Halloween Dance and Carnival. As darkness set upon the Camp, the Advisors cabin took on an eerier presence as noises were heard from throughout.

Guest in costumes arrived to fill the lodge for dancing and Halloween carnival games with bobbing for apples the biggest attraction. Steve Hopkins from Hiawatha Chapter, won with best costume. Members of Job's Daughters, after finishing their JDU, arrived to add to the Halloween Dance ending their full day of activities. There was some confusion during the evening as there was possibly four EO's at the Camp.



Honors Day

With Frank S. Land Obligatory Day falling on November 8th, Minnesota DeMolay once again conducted Honors Day to present and invest those members who were nominated and received ISC approval for DeMolay Honors and Awards. Jerry Oliver, HLOH and SGIG of Minnesota Scottish Rite, was "collared" Minnesota's latest Active Member of the International Supreme Council. Active members now include Jim Truax, Tony Krall, PGM; Mark Hailer EO and now Jerry Oliver. The Chevalier Investiture was conducted for Ben Krall, PSMC, PMC-MSA. Bens' Brother, Andy Krall, PSMC was Commander in the East with Cousin Joe Krall as Marshall. Hiawatha Chapter's elected officers conducted the Cross of Honor ceremony for Shawn Torrance, Shawn's' Dad John also a COH recipient was marshal for the ceremony. Gopher Preceptory completed the afternoon with the Legion of Honor Investiture with two men, Herb Berzelius Jr and Hugh Swift Jr, invested

Chapter Activities



St Paul Crusader Chapter recently worked at Feed my Starving Children. Members and Advisors help by packaging and labeling boxes of food items to be shipped to those deserving people. *Duluth Chapter* was invited by the Scottish Rite to attend a recognition dinner where the Duluth Members presented an Arch of Steel and were able to explain DeMolay to the Scottish Rite Members. *Robbinsdale and Hiawatha Chapters* have been helping Masonic organizations at pancake breakfasts and spaghetti dinners in set up and cleanup .

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Membership

90 for 90

At one time this year MN DeMolay lead DeMolay International as #1 in positive growth. We now rank #3 and as a percentage of our total membership we are # 5. A good year yes, but next year, some changes. Remember that starting January 1, Chapters are to include the \$ 25 Lifetime membership fee per each member with all Form 10's. Our membership goal for next year is 90 new members as we celebrate DeMolay's 90th Anniversary. It would only take each active member of each chapter to bring in ONE friend to DeMolay and we will achieve our goal. Our Grand Masters Class, Honoring MW Grand Master Thomas C. Jackson will be held March 14, 2009 please be preparing your members to bring in their friends to our organization. Remember all State Activities and Chapter Activities should be prospect events.

Congratulations



Congratulations to Past State Sweetheart Shannon Warchol for recently competing and becoming Miss Minnesota Job's Daughter. Past State Sweetheart Kellie Jackson also competed for the distinction. Congratulations to current State Sweetheart Amanda Hockert for receiving a \$ 500 Scholarship from Plymouth Lodge # 160, with that amount being matched by Minnesota Masonic Charities.

Scholarship Opportunities

There are several opportunities for our DeMolay to apply for and receive scholarship monies, there is usually an application , Essay and DEADLINE associated with the scholarships. There are forms on the website, but here is a list of upcoming scholarships:

Kach Essay. Grades 11 and above and 10 and below. 2 winners from each region for \$300 and 2 national winners for \$ 1200. Topic: Patriotism and What it Means to Me". DEADLINE: February 1st. 1000 -1500 words, typed double spaced.

Minnesota Masonic Charities Signature Scholarships \$ 5000 which may renewed for 4 years. Graduating seniors with minimum GPA 3.0. Application form DEADLINE: February 13th.

Minnesota Grand Lodge Scholarship. Open to graduating seniors, 1 winner \$ 1500. Topic: " What if there were no Order of DeMolay." DEADLINE: March 1. 1000 words minimum.

Frank S Land Scholarship. Needs based, application form \$1000, DEADLINE: April 1st

General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons. Needs based, \$ 1000, DEADLINE: April 1st

Annual Advisors Meetings

Several Chapters have completed their annual meeting with the EO and are completing the 2009 Advisors registration, Please get this important meeting on your advisory council calendar. Advisor registration for 2009 is due December 31,2008.

Mark Your Calendars



November 26 - Hiawatha Chapter Bowling at Nokomis Lanes. 5 non perishable food items for free bowling

December 7th - State Staff Meeting 9:00 am at Tussler Summit. Lincoln Chapter Blizzard Ball 11-5 at Tussler Summit

December 13th - Robbinsdale Chapter Installation of Officers and Sweetheart Coronation 7:00pm

January 3- Winter Carnival at the Camp. Broom Hockey , Sledding, Outdoor and indoor activities, 11:00am, Hot food and Drink.

February 6-8 Winterfest Giants Ridge Biwabik Friday arrival Saturday Skiing depart Sunday am \$60 for Lodging ski rentals and lift tickets extra. REGISTRATION REQUIRED. DEADLINE JANUARY 15TH

March 14th - Grand Masters Class

April 17th –19th - DeMolay Jam

May 16 - Sweetheart Formal

May 17 - Masonic Youth Day

June 13th - Paintball

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