

**Southern California Jurisdiction,  
Order of DeMblay**

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## Oasis District Sweethearts' Ball

Oasis District held its Annual Sweetheart's Ball, "Spring time at the Oasis" on May 31, 2003. The Ball was a blooming success. DeMolays and Sweethearts from all over the Jurisdiction attended, which made the night even more special. The night was to honor Miss Amber Kossow, Miss Patricia Wells and all of the Roses of the Oasis Garden. We would like to thank everyone who was in attendance.



## Candidates for SCJ Office

### Master Councilor

Nicholas Baldinelli  
Matt McKinney  
Robert Prentiss

### Deputy Master Councilor

Taylor Blakely

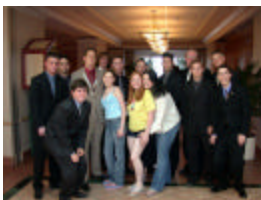
### Sweetheart

Rebecca Gallina  
Amber Kossow

(candidates are listed in alphabetical order according to last name)

These six candidates have made a well thought-out decision to run for Jurisdiction Office.

Here's your opportunity to find the best candidate for their respective office. So invite them to your Chapters, ask them question, get to know them, and in the end you'll make a new friend!



## Grand Bethel

SCJ is very proud to announce that our very own Jurisdiction Princess, Past Imperial Coast District Sweetheart, and Past Huntington Beach Sweetheart has been selected

Grand Bethel Marshall,  
2003 - 2004

SCJ DeMolay recognizes her dedication and devotion to her Order.

We wish her well on her many travels this year.  
May this opportunity be filled with memories of a life time!

Congratulations!

Miss Natasha Wilson

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## ISC in Buffalo, New York

The 36th International Congressional Session convened on June eighteenth through the twenty-second. Your Jurisdiction Officers started our trip at Los Angeles International Airport. After one connection in Detroit, Michigan we landed in Buffalo, New York ready to represent our Jurisdiction to the Congress. We had flown all night and we were tired, but we never let that phase us. We went on an excursion on Wednesday to see Niagara Falls. Our tour was called the "Maid of the Mist", which was a lot of fun. We had about 250 supporters of DeMolay on a 2 story Party Boat with complementary ponchos which we all wore. The boat took all of us on a tour of the American Falls and the Canadian "Horseshoe" Falls. We got within about fifty feet of the Canadian Falls and the mist was more like a downpour of rain that you couldn't run from. Once the boat turned back we were all soaking wet from all the water that was showered on us. I guess the ponchos didn't do their job! If you ever have a chance, I would definitely suggest that you take the "Maid of the Mist Tour" it was a lot of fun and the experience of a lifetime.



Now that we had all that fun on Wednesday, it was time to get down to business. On Thursday, we heard from the Candidates for International Master Councilor and International Congress Secretary. There were two guys running for IMC and one for ICS. In listening to these candidates, you could just imagine that these guys will someday be running for the Senate or President because their political ambitions filled the room with promise and excitement. It takes a dedicated DeMolay to consider running for International Office and I commend them for taking on this challenge.

On Friday the day was spent going over different ideas on how to improve DeMolay in which different DeMolays had various opinions that at times differed with others. After a long day of discussing ideas, we went out for dinner with the Advisors from SCJ, Dad Lowry and Dad Gabriel. We also invited the Executive Officer and the State Master Councilor from Alaska to join us. We went to a restaurant called the "Century". The reason I am telling you this is because many years ago it was a Masonic Lodge. The downstairs portion of the Lodge was renovated to be the restaurant and the upstairs was converted into a Dance Club which seems somewhat unbelievable, a Dance Club in a Masonic Lodge? The Grand Lodge of New York will be in Buffalo later this summer to open the corner stone on the building's 100th Anniversary.



On Saturday, we elected and installed our new International Master Councilor, Brother Peter Brusoe from New York and our International Congress Secretary, Wendell Haney from Illinois. SCJ sends our congratulation to Brother Peter and Brother Wendell, we wish them well on their journey this next year and know that they will competently perform their duties in directing DeMolay. Later that night, we inducted three men into the DeMolay Hall of Fame: Richard King former President of Rotary International and Community advocate, Dean Spanos, President and CEO of the San Diego Chargers, Karl Reed, Businessman and Community Leader. All three of these Brothers have taken the Precepts of DeMolay into their daily lives and have achieved much success in their adult careers. Congratulations on being inducted into the DeMolay Hall of Fame.

**We would also like to congratulate all of our SCJ Advisors who were given the honor of greater responsibility within ISC. Dad Gregory Gabriel, Southern California Jurisdiction Dad and Dad Merritt Read, Imperial Coast Governor became Deputy Members of the International Supreme Council and Dad Lance Braun became the new Region 8 Representative!**

# Sweethearts Page

Hey guys!

I hope that you have and will continue to enjoy your summer. Did everyone have a good time at the SCJ Sweethearts' Ball? Ya better have! And now I would like to encourage you to go to Conclave cuz there'll no doubt be plenty of good times. It will also ensure that there's something to remember about this summer, if you missed the other events. It will be good to see all of you around throughout the season. Catch ya later!

Jess. Deirking  
ICD Sweetheart '02-'03

Things are heating up in IED and I don't mean just the weather. For those who were not able to attend, Camp IE was a smash hit! It was a weekend filled with fun, hikes and informational meetings. We are looking forward to getting down and out at our next District Meeting on July 13th at Corona Del Mar, where we will also be announcing the candidates for President, Vice President, and Sweetheart. Hopefully everyone is finding that the heat is making for some fun activities within your district as well. There is only about a month till conclave so I hope that everyone is gearing up for a long weekend full of fun, friends, dances, food and not alot of sleep as the case may be.

Sweetheart Hugs and Sunshine Kisses

Rebekah Gallina  
Inland Empire District Sweetheart  
Candidate for Southern California Jurisdiction Sweetheart 03-04



Hello SCJ DeMolay,

I would like to thank everyone for attending the Oasis District Sweetheart's Ball. It really meant a lot to me to have you all there. I hope you all had as great a time as I did. Thank you to those who helped plan this wonderful event; all your hard work is very much appreciated.

Are you looking forward to Conclave?? I sure am!! It's going to be a BLAST!! Fun times with your friends, fun games, and theme dances. If you haven't heard already I am running for SCJ Sweetheart. The theme I have chosen for my campaign for this year is "The Best Never Rest." It is my promise to you that I will not only travel extensively throughout SCJ but will take the time getting to know all of the DeMolays in SCJ. I am looking forward to meeting all of you.

I hope all of you have an awesome summer and I will see you guys at your meetings and events. Have fun!!

Amber Marie Kossow  
Oasis DeMolay District Sweetheart 02-03  
Candidate for SCJ Sweetheart 03-04

# Presidents and JO's

What's up SCJ?

The year is coming to an end and you all know what that means, Conclave! Yes, it's about that time when we will take over the Double Tree hotel in sunny Ontario, California for a weekend full of fun and excitement. This year is going to be awesome. The theme for this year is: SCJ 2003 Conclave of Champions. Districts have already picked which sports they will represent for spirit points and I want to see you all out there in your athletic gear, showing your district pride.

We made a change to the Jurisdiction Calendar that I want to point out to everyone. August 16th SCJ will be hosting a beach day and BBQ at Huntington Beach. The exact location is still being finalized at this moment and we will be sending out a flyer to your chapter shortly that will give all the necessary information so be on the lookout for that. The day will be completely covered by SCJ so all you need to bring is yourself and some sunscreen.

I want to take this time to thank everyone who worked so hard on Sweetheart's Ball. It would not have been nearly the success that it was without all of your hard work and dedication. A very special thank you goes out to Mom Taylor and Dad Deiters who went above and beyond the scope of their duties to see that this event came off as a success.

Lastly, I want to thank all of you out there in SCJ land who have made this year truly special for me. I have had the time of my life representing you as your Jurisdiction Master Councilor. The last year has been a remarkable experience for me and again, I want to thank each of you for allowing me to have such an experience.

If I can ever be of any assistance to any of you please do not hesitate to contact me at [mc@scjdemolay.org](mailto:mc@scjdemolay.org).

In Brotherhood,  
David M. Staruch  
Jurisdiction Master Councilor

Hello SCJ,

As August is slowly approaching and the year is winding down, we should take some time to commend everyone who has helped the Jurisdiction this year. Also, with August rapidly approaching that means Conclave is on its way. I don't think I'm the only one who is excited with the fact that in another month we will all once again turn into sleepless zombies and have one of the best weekends of our lives. For those of who don't know, Conclave is in Ontario at the Double Tree Inn. I've seen pictures of the hotel and I'm overwhelmed with excitement. So get your forms in quick before the prices go up again. I would also like to thank everyone who attended and helped at the Imperial Coast Sweethearts Ball.

Fraternally,  
Matt Mckinney  
Imperial Coast District President 02-03

SCJ,

I would like to say hello to everyone and I'm hoping all is well and your enjoying the summer. I sure would like to thank everyone who attended our District beach trip on July 13th, we sure had a good time. Just to let everyone know that our District's election will be held on August 3rd. I would like to wish the candidates best of luck! Conclave will be held in Ontario at the Double Tree Hotel which happens to be in our home territory. Inland Empire's spirit will be high as we all strut around in our bathing suits at the theme dance because we're representing Water Polo. I can't wait for Conclave and the theme dance.

Fraternally,  
Jon Hollstein  
Inland Empire District President '02-'03

SCJ,

It is coming towards the end of the year, with Conclave rolling around next month. It has given me great pride to see all the spirit and enthusiasm I have noticed as I have traveled amongst the Jurisdiction. I encourage everyone to keep it up as the 2002-2003 year in slowing coming to an end. Oasis District is going on strong. We had a fantastic Sweethearts Ball, where we honored our Sweetheart, Amber Kosow and our District Princess, Patricia Wells. Again, I'd like to say thank you very much to everyone, and remember, "A leader takes a group of people where they want to go. A great leader doesn't necessarily take a group of people where they want to go, he takes them where they ought to be."

Fraternally,  
Taylor R. Blakely  
Oasis District President 2002-2003

What's up SCJ,

How's everyone doing? I hope that everyone is having a great summer vacation! This last month I've been busy traveling to ISC Conference in Buffalo, New York which was a terrific opportunity for me to see how International works. And also helping out my home Chapter, L.C. Kelley, and currently serving as Master Councilor for the second time. The Chapter is growing in membership each month and it's been a rewarding experience to see these new members of DeMolay, become excited about our Order. DeMolay is an organization that has been good to me and I hope these new members will learn and grow to love our organization as much as we all do. I'm looking forward to Conclave and thinking about how many Red Bulls I'll have to drink to stay alert. Needless to say that this weekend will be filled with excitement, sports, dances, a few sessions and friends.

Election season is on the horizon for your Districts and the Jurisdiction. Please make it a point to attend your respective Districts' on Election Day. Without your voice, we can't make DeMolay better.

If you need any assistance concerning DeMolay, please feel free to contact me at [ndemolay@pacbell.net](mailto:ndemolay@pacbell.net)

Fraternally,  
Nicholas Baldinelli, YOUR SCJDMC '02-'03

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*"No DeMolay shall fail as a  
Leader or as a Man"*

## Calendar of Events

### July

- 11) SCJ Sweethearts Ball @ the World  
Famous Queen Mary Long Beach, CA
- 13-19) DLC in Sonora, CA
- 19) Oasis District Honors Night
- 20) Legion of Honor Investiture,  
Pasadena Scottish Rite
- 26) Imperial Coast District Honors Night
- 27) Dad Trainers - Training Class

### Aug

- 3) Oasis District Elections 2pm, Glendale MC  
Inland Empire Election 3pm, SB Scottish Rite
- 10) Imperial Coast Election 1pm, Huntington Beach MC
- 16) SCJ Beach Party Blast
- 16) Chula Vista Chapter Installation
- 17) PSG

**SCJ 2003  
"CONCLAVE OF  
CHAMPIONS"**

**Aug. 29th - Sept. 1st  
2003**



**Aug 29—Sept 1 CONCLAVE !!!**