

THE PRECEPTOR



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SCJ Upcoming Events

July

31st- SCJ Sweethearts Ball

August

7th- SCJ Membership Class

21st- SCJ Over the line

Tournament & BBQ

September

3rd- 6th- SCJ Conclave
"Lights, Camera, Action!"

Candidates for SCJ Office

Master Councilor

Taylor R. Blakely
Richard Wollin
Ben Dinsmore
Kevin Tilley

Deputy Master Councilor

Brian James

Sweetheart

Leah Roberts
Christy Kossow

SCJ MASTER COUNCILOR

I tend to follow this belief in my everyday life. There are many occasions when things may not seem to be going so good, or you're short on luck. Look for the positive in everything you do. I have come to find through my own personal experiences that things do in fact happen for a reason. If, instead of taking a bad situation and moping about, keep your head up and eyes open for other opportunities and make the best of them. My first time running for junior councilor I did not win. Instead of being upset I looked for the positive things. I waited six months with a smile then stepped up and got my chance. That very moment gave me the choice to be very upset and give up, or make a conscious decision to work harder to meet my goal. Had I not kept a positive frame of mind I would have either given up or missed my chance. The main reason I am where I am today is because I lost that junior councilor election. The fact that I was set back that six months was perfect timing. So I urge everyone to keep that positive frame of mind and remember that things do happen for a reason, and keep the train rolling!!!

Matt McKinney

SCJ Deputy Master Councilor

My brothers, It has been an exciting year so far and there are only more great things to come! In this article I wanted to express my concern for the future of OUR Order. DeMolay is built on principals that Dad Frank S. Land believed were the character traits that all young men should possess. I have seen many things in my DeMolay life that Dad Land would be ashamed to know about. When we bound ourselves to the vows of DeMolay were we lying? If so, then we deserve the contempt of all good men. Think before you act. For myself, it seems that we have lost sight of the goal of DeMolay. DeMolay is the great organization in the world and is shaping the future of our country. But if we lose sight of the goals for DeMolay, then I believe the world will not survive. We are living in a hateful world and character building organizations, such as DeMolay are the only things that will save it.

Taylor R. Blakely

SCJ Sweetheart

Hi Guys,

It seems to me that ever since Devotional Day every weekend has been a DeMolay fun filled weekend. I have been traveling all over this Jurisdiction attending installations and chapter events. I am so proud of you guys. The events that I am attending I see chapters supporting each other at each and every event. I just want to encourage you guys to keep the good work up and to keep traveling.

Also, since the summer is coming up and summer vacation is on it's way, this is a great time to get your friends to join DeMolay! I have no doubt that your chapters will be having some awesome events during the summer, so invite your friends to come and join DeMolay! I look forward to seeing all you guys soon and I hope you are living your DeMolay Career to the fullest.

Amber Kossow

Imperial Coast District Calendar of Events

July

10 - ICD Broomball

24 - ICD Honor's
Night

August 14 - ICD
Election's and Beach
Party

21 - Chula Vista In-
stallation

28 - Agate Installa-
tion

SPORTSMANSHIP

ICD

The cardinal virtues of the Order of DeMolay embody the characteristics necessary to be a good citizen, and a good sport. We all know the person who yells obscenities at the officials, plays dirty, and is just outright rude on the playing field. The competitive aspect of sports makes things more exciting, but there is a fine line between strong competition and unsportsman-like conduct. As DeMolays we all need to recognize that we are all brothers, and even though we may possess a strong desire to win, it is important to embody the traits that make an athlete someone we can enjoy playing against or with. So when you get out on the court, field, or sporting ground, just remember to be a good sport and enjoy yourself. **PLAY BALL!**

Brian James
Imperial Coast
District President

A Resourceful & Prepared Leader

OASIS

As a DeMolay leader you are asked to do many things that you have never attempted before. You plan social events, set up degrees, speak in front of the public and raise money for your chapter. Most Master Councilors are not prepared for their term. However, this can be avoided by knowing what resources you have access to. There are many ways you can find information to make your term as Master Councilor that much more successful. First off, every year SCJ holds a councilor camp to teach young DeMolays how to become better leaders. Notebooks are put together that hold all the information you need to plan successful events, lead your chapter and become a better leader. By attending councilor camp and by re-reading your camp notebook, you can become more prepared for your term. Secondly, your DeMolay resource guide is another great place to find useful information. You should have received this when you first became a De-

Molay. It has many examples of events, how to communicate your events and lots of general information that you might need. It also has templates for forms, letters, invitations and much more. Lastly, there is a resource that most new leaders don't know about, Past DeMolay Leaders. Even though you are new to the position, it does not mean that you have to start from scratch. Borrow from ideas that other leaders have used and improve on them. Be sure to pass on what you have learned to the next leader and **STAY ACTIVE.**

Fraternally,
Richard Wollin



DEMOLAY RIFLE AWARDS

Old West Chapter just received a box full of plaques for their display of marksmanship in the 2003 DeMolay International Postal Rifle Match. All 8 Old West Shooters received at least one award (see results below). The course of fire for both the Individual and Team match includes 10 shots prone, 10 shots kneeling and 10 shots offhand (standing) at 50 feet, with .22 smallbore rifles. The DeMolay Rifle team has been shooting for almost 3 years, and their practice paid off. This is the second straight year that Old West Chapter has taken the 1st Place team award in the International competition.

Other DeMolay Chapters & Advisors who are interested in learning safe shooting skills and possibly starting their own rifle team should contact Dad Scott Shepard, who can provide NRA safety certification classes in Basic Rifle, Shotgun, and Pistol safety. Dad Shepard's e-mail address is: shepard6@pacbell.net / phone: (661) 257-2186

1st Place National Team Winner: Old West DeMolay "Black" Team (Clinton Turney, Brian Shepard, David Shepard, Ari Houten)

1st Place Team, Region 8 West Coast (2nd Place overall): Old West DeMolay "White Team" (Andrew Albin, Jon Simpson, Nic Thorp, Adam Kirk)

National Winners Overall:

1st Place Individual:	Clinton Turney, Old West (248/300)
2nd Place Individual:	David Shepard, Old West (241/300)
3rd Place Individual:	Brian Shepard, Old West (235/300)
4th Place Individual:	Jon Simpson, Old West (204/300)
5th Place Individual:	Andrew Albin, Old West



Oasis District Calendar of Events

July

10th - Meeting/Car Wash
17th - Honors Night

August

13th, 14th, 15th - Mini-Clave with Meeting/Elections

MORE THOUGHTS FROM MATTHEW

Hello SCJ,

I recently returned from our trip to Denver for the 38th international congress session. I came back with some fresh new ideas and a whole new outlook on DeMolay. However I think the greatest lesson I learned while at congress sessions is how truly great Southern California DeMolay is. While other states and jurisdictions have tried to change the rules and beliefs of DeMolay as a way to increase their lack in membership, we have stayed true to the message I believe dad land tried to deliver to us all. Thank you to everyone of SCJ for doing such an excellent job making me look so good and giving me so much to be proud of. I ask everyone of Southern California DeMolay to keep up the good work our membership drive is right at our doorstep lets make one more gigantic push for members and show everyone at the international level how SCJ gets things done. GET YOUR FORMS IN FOR CONCLAVE and I will see you there, and as always keep the train rolling.

SCJ Basketball



SCJ Basketball was a great success. Thank you to all the teams who traveled a long way out to Yorba Linda to take part in such a spectacular event. The Jurisdiction is truly proud of the enthusiasm and participation showed by all the chapters who competed. Congratulations to Chula Vista Chapter earning the title of SCJ DeMolay Basketball Champions!

FROM THE JURISDICTION DAD

In these times of worldwide uncertainty, it is easy for us to get caught up in the big headlines and big pictures and forget about the pieces, the people that make up those bigger scenes. In our ceremonies, we talk of the heroism and sacrifice the young men in our nation's past have made in defending our freedom. Since no names are mentioned in those ceremonies we may tend to lose sight of the real sacrifices those young men have made.

In this issue of *The Preceptor*, there is a picture of a young Marine holding a rifle pointed out of the window of a building. On the surface, nothing too unusual except that the building is in Iraq and the young man is one of our own, Brother Jeremy Bennett. He is one of many from our Order who have chosen to place themselves in the line of fire so that each of us may live more secure and carefree lives. Patriotism is a cardinal teaching of DeMolay and I am sure that each of you as a DeMolay has felt patriotic from time to time- Veterans Day, The 4th of July or maybe after 9-11. Let us always remember that there are young men, DeMolays, who display their love of this country *every day*, by offering their lives in its defense and all that it stands for.

Dad Barr

Endless Loop

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Every one of us gets up in the morning. Some of us get in a car and drive to work, whereas others are dropped off at school. Husbands tell their wives they love them as they walk out the door, and mothers give their children a kiss as they hand them a sack lunch. We allow our lives to become nothing more than a routine that never changes. Society cannot break free from this need for everything to be exactly the same as it was before. From the onset of suburbia, even the houses we live in have become a mirror image of the one next to it. DeMolay chapters also suffer from this desire to do everything the same as before. We open our meetings and quickly hurry through business so that we can rush out to the dining hall in order to be the first in line to pick the best Oreo cookie from the box of fifty other identical black cookies with white filling. At times, this routine may keep us on track and right on time with the rest of our busy schedules, however sometimes it cripples us. We become little more than machines, doing only what we have been programmed to do. When that happens that “I love you” and that kiss goodbye lose their meaning and soon they disappear. We all need to occasionally slow down to take the time to do something different, to make sure something other than eating cookies gets done in a meeting. We need to make it a routine to change our daily routine. We need to break that endless loop of our daily lives and bring meaning back to our them.

Ben Dinsmore

Inland Empire District
Calendar of Events



This is DeMolay Jeremy Bennett. This picture was taken in Ramadi, west of Baghdad.

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To assist and support the DeMolay chapters and the Jurisdiction of Southern California in providing the best "DeMolay experience" to their members.

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Pictures from Oasis Districts Sweethearts Ball

