

THE PRECEPTOR



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SCJ Upcoming Events

March

18th– LOH Dinner
20th– SCJ Membership Class
21st– Devotional Day @ Six Flags Magic Mountain
27th– Matt McKinney’s Reception

April

3-7th– Grand Assembly
24th– Chairman and Chapter Dad Training

25th– SCJ Basketball

May

23rd– SCJ Soccer

June

12th– SCJ Sports Day
24-27th– Grand Bethel

July

31st– SCJ Sweethearts Ball

DID YOU KNOW?

Every member has the responsibility to get two members into the Order of DeMolay. One member to fill your spot when you age out, and one to make the Order grow. How many of you can say that you have fulfilled your responsibility as a DeMolay? Do not think that this responsibility applies only to the members. It also applies to parents, advisors, and sweethearts as well. We should all have membership in the forefront of our minds. We should constantly be thinking about membership and spreading the word of DeMolay to each of our communities. Every time you are confronted with the opportunity to speak on DeMolay you should welcome the opportunity with open arms. Everyone please remember it is our duty to continue the legacy of our great organization, and to keep the train rolling!

Matt McKinney
SCJ Master Councilor '03-'04

SCJ Deputy Master Councilor

My brothers, our Order has gone through many changes since Dad Land first developed his idea for DeMolay. It is up to us to make sure that the ideals of DeMolay carry through so that one day, when our sons and grandsons are old enough to join, they will have the same opportunity for the great experience we have had, thus far. Each and everyone one of you have the opportunity to take DeMolay by the horns and turn it into the powerhouse that our parents and advisors remember it to be. We have the momentum and support from the adults to take DeMolay to the next level. All it takes is the effort on our part. I'm going to leave you all with this quote. "Each of you, as a DeMolay, holds within your heart, a flame. A beacon to guide you through the darkness. If you can make this light, shine upon another, If you can reach into the inner most depths of his soul, and set his flame a fire. Then therein lies the purpose of the Order of DeMolay, and there in lies your purpose for living."- Ceremony of Light

Taylor R. Blakely
SCJ Deputy Master Councilor

SCJ Sweetheart & Princess

Hello Boys,
We hope you are all enjoying this year so far. We know that we are having a blast representing you guys. We encourage all of you to visit other chapters and travel. There are so many upcoming activities don't forget to promote your chapter activities so that other chapters can come visit! :) We look forward to seeing all of you during Installation season and your events. Take care and drive safely.

Amber Kossow & Becky Galina
SCJ Sweetheart and Princess

Imperial Coast District Calendar of Events

March

6th– Dinner Auction
7th– District Basketball
9th– District Visitation to
Santa Ana Chapter
13– Agate Chapter Installa-
tion

April

24th– Yorba Linda Installa-
tion
24th– Orange Chapter
Installation

May

1st– Huntington Beach In-
stallation
1st– Golf Tournament Regis-
tration Deadline
5th– Agate Chapter Visita-
tion
8th– Walt Disney Installation
17th– District Meeting
and Huntington Beach
Visitation
22nd– Masonic DeMolay
Golf Tournament

Inland Empire District Calendar of Events

March

6th– Centennial Chapter
Installation
27th– Sweethearts Ball

April

18th– Mini Sports Day/
District Meeting
26th– Visit to Rialto

May

15th– Basketball Tourna-
ment
28-30th– Camp I.E.

Conquer Success

ICD

Success is a key endeavor for everyone. But in order to be successful one must set goals to achieve. Goals are the key to success. A person who does not have goals has nothing to accomplish. If there is nothing to accomplish, the person cannot have a prosperous performance. I urge all of you to set goals for yourself, not only in DeMolay, but in the rest of your life as well. Do not set too many goals; you would just spread yourself too thin. Set a few goals at a time, and work towards their achievement. Once achieved, do not get overly zealous. From there, set more goals for yourself and repeat the process. All successful people set goals for themselves, and it is the percentage of these goals achieved that determines how successful that person is. Conquer your goals, and you will conquer success.

Fraternally,
Brian James
Imperial Coast District President '03-'04

POLITICAL REGURGITATION

IED

Politics are currently a major concern in our modern society. As citizens of this country we are given the right to select the officials that govern our nation. We, as DeMolay, are also given the opportunity to select the individuals that govern our jurisdictions, our districts, and most importantly our chapters. My home chapter recently held their semi-annual election of officers. During this meeting full of eloquent speeches and questions ranging from extremely serious to seemingly ridiculous, I paid close attention to the pledges made, to be fulfilled by the candidates. As they suggested repairing phone trees and planning more fundraisers, I asked myself several questions. Have I fulfilled the promises that I made when I took office? Will I achieve all the goals I have set for myself as a leader? Did I make promises that I am sure I can be true to, or did I get sucked into the cycle of political regurgitation wherein everyone before me has promised the same thing, only to fall short of follow through after their installation. Even Washington politicians like Bill Clinton and President Bush make promises that they do not fulfill. Yet I wonder, is it human nature to make empty promises - to tell people what they want to hear for our own benefit? Or should we, as DeMolay, hold ourselves to a higher standard? Do we as DeMolay leaders only make promises that we know we can keep? Do we take the time to think carefully about what is needed to achieve the goal before we guarantee to do it? I would hope that we, the leaders of this great Order, set an example for the rest of the world, by thinking about the promises we make and earnestly striving to fulfill the goals we have set for ourselves through our promises.

Ben Dinsmore
Inland Empire District President '03-'04

FROM THE OASIS DISTRICT PRESIDENT

OASIS

Hello SCJ! March is a big month for DeMolay this year! There are lots of installations coming up, Devotional Day at Magic Mountain and Membership Class. I hope everyone plans to attend as many events as possible. We are looking to initiate 50 new members at Membership Class.

Oasis District is becoming stronger as the year passes by. Liberal Arts Chapter is looking to initiate more members into their growing chapter. Participation is also up in the District. At our Past Masters Association Dinner Serving in February, we had 15 people show up from chapters all over Oasis. After the serving, everyone drove across town to ICD's Sweethearts Ball to make sure Oasis was well represented. I'd like to thank everyone who helped at the serving, we did a great job and heard nothing but good things from the Masons. March is also a big travel month for Oasis. We will be going to most every chapter for a visitation or an installation. So expect to see your district officers! Don't forget that March is DeMolay month. Be sure to spread the word of DeMolay wherever you travel.

Fraternally,
Richard Wollin
Oasis District President '03-'04

What are your Duties?

"It is the duty of every man of goodwill to strive steadfastly in his own little world to make (the) teaching of pure humanity a living force, so far as he can. If he makes an honest attempt in this direction without being crushed and trampled under foot by his contemporaries, he may consider himself and the community to which he belongs lucky."

When Albert Einstein wrote these words, I am sure he did not have DeMolay in mind. But DeMolay has traditions and a history, both of which are filled with the essence of this sentiment. We have our own little world; a world that is built on improving our own humanity by making each other better. In the end, rather than keep that humanity to ourselves, DeMolays bring the lessons they have learned to the rest of the world, gladly and proudly. It is the reason we are here.

At every turn, it seems that our contemporaries are encouraging us to change. But to date, for the most part, Southern California DeMolay has not deterred from its methods or its purpose. It has survived a dizzying array of social change and there are even those who have tried to trample it under foot. It has been pushed and bent but never broken. DeMolay has stood strong because we have stayed true to the principles on which it is built.

And now it is time to enlighten those around us who know little or nothing of DeMolay and its benefit to our members and communities. We must notify all with whom we come in contact of our presence. If we are successful in our efforts to both educate and serve, the communities we touch will be among the lucky ones. Therefore, from this day forward, it should be our collective goal that, rather than let the world change DeMolay, we should do all that we can so that DeMolay changes the world.

Dad Barr, Jurisdiction Dad

Oasis District Calendar of Events

March

No Meeting (Dark Month)
tba - Conejo Valley Visitation
15th - Theodore Roosevelt Visitation

April

6th - Van Nuys Serving
10th - Meeting/Broomball
11th - Easter Breakfast

May

1st - Oasis Sweethearts Ball
8th - Meeting/Sports Day
11th - South Bay Visitation

June

7th - Bakersfield Visitation
12th - Meeting (At SCJ Sports Day)

July

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

August

13th, 14th, 15th - Mini-Clave with Meeting/Elections
21st - Sweethearts Event (TBA)

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

Send suggestions, articles, and digital pictures to Taylor Blakely at:

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When submitting an article, be sure it is submitted by the 7th of each month. For event announcements, keep in mind that *The Preceptor* will not be distributed until the first of the following month.

Southern California Jurisdiction acknowledges the authority and yields allegiance to the International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay, of which Frank S. Land is the founder.

LOOKING AHEAD

Well, with such an active month as March, including the Membership class and Devotional Day, following months look a little tame. There are, however, some notable exceptions.

April begins with Grand Assembly for Rainbow, running Friday the 2nd through Monday the 5th. April 24th is busy with Chapter Installations at Orange and Yorba Linda, and a Sweethearts Ball for Oasis District. The 25th of April is SCJ Basketball.

May begins with the LAPD Golf Tournament on the 1st, followed by Huntington Beach's Installation that night. Walt Disney's installation is the 8th, and Excelsior's is the 15th. May 23rd will be SCJ soccer.

June has several important dates: Letters of Intent for SCJ Master Councilor and Deputy Master Councilor are due on the 1st; SCJ Sports Day will be the 12th; ISC Session will occur in Denver, CO the 16th through the 19th; and Grand Bethel for Job's Daughters is the 24th through the 26th. June 30th is the DEADLINE for Conclave applications and deposits at the lowest fee!

Please check the SCJ Calendar on our website (scjdemolay.org) for times and locations. Further information may be obtained by calling the chapter or district putting on the activity. I look forward to seeing many of you at the various functions. Thanks for participating.

Dad Jeanson
Personal Rep.