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## SCJ MASTER COUNCILOR



My brothers, as we endeavor to do what is necessary to keep our Order thriving, we must remember the roots from which we all came. The goal for every member is to be able to bring into our great organization 2 members. One to replace themselves when the long journey ends for them, and one to make our Order grow. Membership is one of the main goals I have for the upcoming year. It's going to take hard work and dedication to make this vision I have succeed. With the help of my Brethren, I'm sure that this Jurisdiction has all the tools necessary to make SCJ the Powerhouse Jurisdiction it once was. To be the King of all of DeMolay International! With that, keep up the good work, and I'm sure that I will be seeing you very soon. Keep up the good work, and lets make sure DeMolay continues being the best organization around for young men. God Bless!

Taylor Blakely

## SCJ DEPUTY MASTER COUNCILOR

### STRENGTH IN NUMBERS



Membership is a key issue in all clubs and organizations. Without members, there is nothing. The more members, the stronger an organization will become. Activities and events are more enjoyable when there is a greater level of participation. DeMolay has a lot to offer in its activities that benefit young men, so let us not be selfish with this gift we have been given. Southern California is currently the third largest jurisdiction in DeMolay International, and only trailing Ohio in new members for the calendar year. What's stopping us from being #1? Positive membership is a huge goal set by every jurisdiction officer, and we have a chance to accomplish this task! As of September 1st, this jurisdiction needed 86 members to overcome this landmark. Let us reach positive membership so this organization can survive for years to come, and prove to DeMolay International that this truly is the best jurisdiction in the world!

Brian James

## SCJ Sweetheart



Conclave was amazing! It seemed as though everyone had a blast! I know I did! I would like to thank the members for electing me to this position. It means the world to me. I wont let you down. I'm so excited about this upcoming term! Installation season is headed our way, and I look forward to traveling to as many as possible. There are now four districts in this Jurisdiction and four sets of newly installed district officers and representatives. You are all getting ready to embark on one of the best years of your life! I hope all of you strive to make the most of your experiences in DeMolay. Even though I'm not a member of this wonderful Order, just being involved has given me the opportunity to make memories that will last a lifetime.

Love,  
Leah Roberts

# District Discussion

## ICD

Advisors, Sweethearts, and Brothers of SCJ, A new year is upon us. The time is now to take DeMolay in Southern California to new heights. Everyone is excited and enthusiastic. We need to keep this enthusiasm throughout the year and put on quality events and help your chapters grow. ICD has lost the San Diego County Chapters. I am confident, though, that Brother Casey Wright, along with the rest of his officers, can take Southwest Pacific District and make it just as strong as the other districts. As for ICD, we have gained Whittier and Downey chapters. Whittier is already a strong chapter and Downey is in the Process of reopening what was once a strong chapter and it will be up on its feet in no time. I feel that they will fit right in to ICD and we welcome them with open arms. If you have any questions about any ICD events or need help in any way feel free to e-mail me at JDHB05144@aol.com. In conclusion; I am looking forward to a great year from ICD and I am confident that the other district officers and I will do our best to keep ICD strong by having fun events and continuing the support the district gives to each of our Chapters.

Fraternally,  
Sean Percival  
Imperial Coast District President

Hello all of you studs in SCJ DeMolay. Courtney and I are excited to start our year as ICD girls. We would like to send a special thank you to the young men from Imperial Coast District for electing us to these positions. We look forward to a year full of fun, excitement, and lasting memories. It is our goal to meet as many of you as we can during our travels this year. If you have any Chapter activities that you would like us to attend let us know and we will do our best to support you guys. We hope to see you all soon, and don't forget to say hello and give us hugs!!

Sweetheart Hogs & Piggie Kisses,  
Natalie James  
Imperial Coast District Sweetheart



## IED

We have barely started the year and we are already having lots of fun. We took the spirit award for the second time this year and we have shown the whole jurisdiction our unity as a district. At Conclave it was not K.L.S. or Redlands chapters, it was the Inland Empire District. That is what I like to see from you guys. This year I want to see more attendance at other chapter events. I will be almost everywhere this year and I want to see you there, also. There are many things going on this year so get out and enjoy DeMolay to the fullest. If you are at home and bored there is bound to be something DeMolay going on. So give me a call at (951)809-1099 and I will tell you what is going on in our district and others. And remember get out there and have fun!

From Your DeMolay Brother,  
Tony Fernandez  
Inland Empire District President.

Hey boys! What is up? This year is going to be so great! I can't wait to see you all and get the chance to get to know each of you. Congratulations to all of the new officers for Inland Empire District. I enjoy being around all of you and I will always be here for you. If you come up to me this year I might have love tape. If I don't I will always have a big hug!

Hugs and Kisses  
Disa Rae Allen  
Inland Empire District Sweetheart



# OASIS

This year is going to be a great year for Oasis. We have a lot planned in the district. The officers are all working real hard to make this year a success. We are starting the year off with a good start. Conejo Valley starts the installation season for Oasis. Congratulations to Conejo Valley and all of your officers. We are planning a lot for the year. We have some athletic events coming up as well as a district ritual competition this winter. Conclave was fantastic and congratulations to Brother Blakely and Brother James. Finally, I would like to thank Brother Wollin and his officers on an excellent year and hope that this year has the same amount of success.

Brandon Jordan  
Oasis District President

Hey Guys~ how's it going? I'm good- still tired from conclave though. I hope all of you had as much fun as I did. Last years' core did a great job putting it all together. I want to start off by saying congratulations to the newly elected officers of the jurisdiction and districts. I can already tell it's going to be a great year. I can't wait to get out there and start representing the district. Let me know about all of your up coming events and I will try my best to be there and bring as many people as possible. We want to make sure that this year is a successful one and planning good events and traveling is a great way to make that happen. I know that you guys can expect a lot from Oasis this year; we have the best core ever. I hope to see all of you at events too, you can be sure that I'll be there- so don't be afraid to come up and say hey! Before I end this I would also like to say thanks to the young men of Oasis District for giving me the opportunity to represent them this year. I'm really excited and I hope I live up to your expectations. Ohh and one more thing... Oasis Rocks! I Love You Boys!

Sweetheart Love and Butterfly Kisses  
Rachael Regnier  
Oasis District Sweetheart




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## New Beginnings

**SPD** Now that Conclave is over, and the late night parties and celebrations are finished, everyone begins to take over where others have left off. Southern California DeMolay is obviously growing, and with that growth new members will become Master Councilors, District Presidents and maybe even SCJ Master Councilors with the help and support of their home chapters. Many people remember San Diego as being a major powerhouse for SCJ DeMolay. Although we have had a very successful year, and have branched off into our own District, there is still much more that needs to be done. While under ICD, San Diego has been able to open Coronado Chapter in its large membership boost. In addition to Coronado, we plan to open other chapters to help build SPD into the type of District that will rival all others, and one that SCJ will be proud of. We are currently working to plan quality events that prospects can attend, and we are aiming high with everything we do. We invite anyone who would like to experience the building of a great District and you will be seeing us a lot this year! Good luck to all the new officers in your new terms.

Casey Wright  
Southwest Pacific District President

Hey SCJ! We are excited about representing the new district. We are looking forward to a great year full of traveling and getting to know the different chapters. We are also very excited to visit the different districts and hope to see everyone soon as the year goes on. Congratulations to the new Southwest Pacific District officers! We are looking forward to a great year! At any event feel free to come up to us and say hi or just give us a hug! If you have any event you would like us to attend then give us a call. We will make every attempt to show up to your activities if we hear from you.

Aimee Pettengill  
Southwest Pacific District Sweetheart  
&  
Kayceelyn Alvarado  
Southwest Pacific District Princess



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- **3-6** — SCJ Conclave in Anaheim at the Coast Hotel.
- **11-12** — Jurisdiction and District Officer Training
- **16** — Imperial Coast District Meeting, DeMolay Center 7:30PM.
- **18** — Conejo Valley Chapter Installation
- **19**—Oasis Meeting 1PM at Glendale Masonic Lodge
- **26** — Legion of Honor Investiture, Pasadena Scottish Rite, 150 N. Madison, 11AM Brunch, 1PM Invest.

# September 2004

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3 SCJ Conclave	4 SCJ Conclave
5 SCJ Conclave	6 SCJ Conclave	7	8	9	10	11 Officer Training
12 Officer Training	13	14	15	16 ICD Meeting	17	18 Conejo Valley Installation
19 Oasis Meeting	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 LOH Investiture	27	28	29	30		



## Executive Corner

### Executive Officer

In a previous Preceptor, Brother Matt McKinney spoke about our responsibility of bringing in two new members to DeMolay, one to replace us when we age out, and one to make the Order grow. Please realize that this is a minimum! You can bring as many new members into your chapter as you want!

QUIZ: What is the highest number of new members ever brought into DeMolay by a single member? Bonus points for providing his name.

New applicants are asked for the names of 3 friends on the petition. These names should become character references during the investigation process. They should be contacted and asked some serious questions about the applicant, which serves a dual purpose. First, we learn about the applicant. But secondly, and maybe more importantly, we are giving those three guys a huge impression that DeMolay is a quality organization and that we care about who joins. Those three guys are going to start asking questions of the applicant and become instant prospects themselves.

We historically ask Masons and other adults for the names of young men who might be interested in joining. I would like to ask you for the names of some adults that you feel would make good Advisors. We need qualified men and women to help the chapters exist. Some chapters have focused their recruitment efforts on father/son teams from other organizations like Boy Scouts, Indian Guides, NJB basketball, etc. In those instances the father usually gets involved with the Advisory Council and, in many cases, has gone on to become a Mason. Please speak with your Chapter Dad or Chairman if you know of a qualified adult who might like to work with us.

Keep up the good work! Membership is up, participation is up, and the whole Jurisdiction is looking better each day because of your efforts. Thank you for making us look good, and I look forward to seeing you at the next event.

# October 2004

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Old West Install.	2 Fall Conference PSD 3:00PM
3	4	5	6	7	8 Region VIII	9 Region VIII
10 Grand Lodge	11 Grand Lodge	12 Grand Lodge	13 Grand Lodge	14 SPD Meet- ing 7PM	15	16 Yorba Linda Install.
17 IED DAD Training IED Meeting	18	19	20 Grand Chapter	21 ICD Meeting 7:30PM Grand Chapter	22 Shrine Halloween Dance 8PM Grand Chapter	23 Orange/ LC Kelley Install., G.C.
24 Oasis Meeting	25	26	27	28	29	30 Excelsior Install.
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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 1—Old West Installation, 7:30PM
- 2 — Fall Conference, PSD Meeting 3PM, Whittier Installation 7:30PM, Foothill Installation 7:30PM.
- 8-9 — Region VII and VIII Conference in Salt Lake City.
- 10-13 — Grand Lodge
- 14 -- Southwest Pacific District Meeting, 7PM.
- 16 — Yorba Linda Installation 7PM @ DeMolay Center.
- 17— IED DAD Training Session and IED Meeting and Movies.
- 20-23 — Grand Chapter
- 21 — Imperial Coast District Meeting, DeMolay Center, 7:30PM.
- 22 — Shrine Halloween Dance, 8PM, Shrine Auditorium
- 23 — Orange Installation 7:30PM, LC Kelley Installation 7:30PM.
- 24— Oasis Meeting 1PM, Glendale Masonic Lodge
- 30 — Excelsior Installation, 7:30PM, Norwalk.

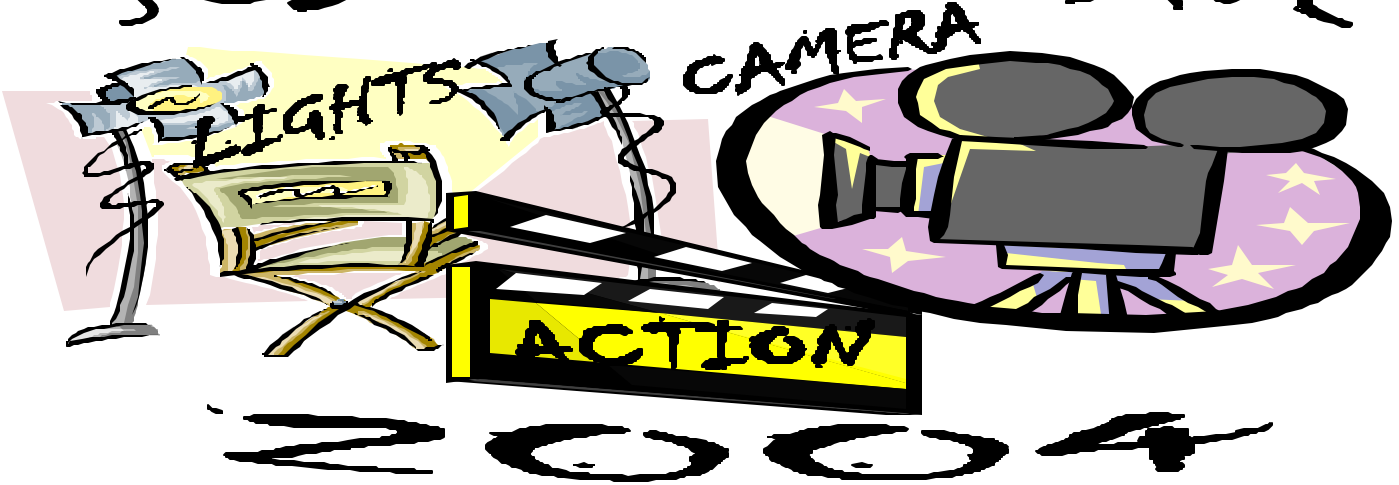
## Jurisdiction Dad



Now that Conclave is over and we have started on another great year for SCJ, it is time to look ahead to the future. Not just tomorrow, but months and years ahead. Taylor, Brian, and Leah have already begun the process of making this year the best that they possibly can. New ideas and new programs will be tried and new lessons will be learned as they do their best to improve the DeMolay experience for everyone. But if we are to succeed in the long run, we must realize that some of the work we do today is for our own benefit and some of it is for those who will follow us when we are gone. Without a

doubt, there will be traditions and future successes that we may not even be present for, but we will have had a hand in creating. Thousands have come before us and we now stand on the shoulders of those young men and advisors of the past, who gave of themselves so that DeMolay in Southern California would prosper today. So now the mantle of responsibility falls to us. Remember, each of us owes a debt of gratitude to a man most of us never met. We must do all that we can so that young men we may never meet will be able to say thank you for all we did on behalf of the future of DeMolay and the world.

# SCT CONCLAVE



Cut! That's a wrap! Conclave 2004 is over! Southern California Jurisdiction's annual convention went off without a hitch. Who said you can't mix business with pleasure? Conclaves use of new and innovative ideas along with the traditional events provided the opportunity to take care of business, but have a little fun along the way.



Friday night everybody showed up pumped and ready to get things started. Theme dress was in effect and everyone from Darth Maul and Princess Leah from the Inland Empire to Rambo and Indiana Jones from Imperial Coast, not forgetting the Invisible Man and everyone else from Oasis who seemed to have risen from the dead to fit their horror motif.

The Jurisdiction opened, nominations were given, and acceptances were made. The candidates for Southern California were revealed as follows:



- Sweetheart: Leah Roberts
- Deputy Master Councilor: Brian James
- Master Councilor: Ben Dinsmore, Richard Wollin, Kevin Tilley, and Taylor Blakely

After the opening business was taken care of, on came the theme dance followed by the all night activities, most notably "All Night Hollywood Squares and Karaoke" with Dad Caster. The dance was hoppin' and the karaoke was rockin' like always.



Saturday was kicked off by the brunch honoring our well-deserving Master Councilors throughout the jurisdiction. Candidates delivered well-practiced speeches and then prepared themselves for caucuses. The moment all candidates fear: having to face the jurisdiction's delegates who ask a variety of questions in attempts to reveal the best candidate for the job. Then the FUN begins!



The rest of Saturday was spent full of excitement as DeMolays and all in attendance had the opportunity to climb the rock wall, dunk their favorite brother, sweetheart, or advisor, relax at the Luau, joust



with their fellow chapter members, sumo wrestle, putt around on the miniature golf course, and dance the night away! Rumor has it that milk was the drink of choice for the night!

Finally, came Sunday. The day of elections and installation. Congratulations to all of new district officers! At last, the moment that most DeMolay dread came: Grand Banquet. All honored guests were introduced, awards were handed out, and finally the new Southern California Jurisdiction Officers were installed:



Master Councilor: Taylor Blakely  
 Deputy Master Councilor: Brian James  
 Sweetheart: Leah Roberts

Conclave ended with a bang and a record breaking Grand Banquet that lasted a mere 2 1/2 hours. The final night was climaxed with the Grand Ball and All Night Activities.

Monday morning all attendees checked out exhausted from a weekend full of new memories and friendships that will last a lifetime.

## *Winner Take All:* Conclave Award Recipients

**CONGRATULATIONS to all award recipients!**

- Chapter of the Year .....Walt Disney
- Sweetheart of the Year.....Jessica Stibich
- DeMolay of the Year.....Brian James
- Advisor of the Year.....Steve Forell
- Ritualist of the Year (Brower Award).....Kyle Pinzon
- York Rite Award.....Elliott Maude
- DeMolay Service Award.....Matt Pinzon



Jessica Stibich (shown) was awarded "Sweetheart of the Year" at Conclave.



And Chapter of the Year goes to...WALT DISNEY!

**Athletics:**

- Over the Line (17 & over)
  - 1st Place.....Huntington Beach
  - 2nd Place.....Walt Disney
- Over the Line (16 & under)
  - 1st Place.....Old West
  - 2nd Place.....South Bay
- Soccer
  - 1st Place.....Walt Disney
  - 2nd Place.....Theodore Roosevelt

**Legion of Honor Scholarship Recipients:**

- Christopher Horn.....Inland Empire
- Brian James.....Imperial Coast
- Richard Wollin.....Oasis

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Your new Southern California Jurisdiction Officers!  
(From left to right) Taylor Blakely - Master Councilor,  
Leah Roberts - Sweetheart, Brian James - Deputy Master  
Councilor.