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SCJ MASTER COUNCILOR



Yes, it's that time of year once again. That time where we must set our clocks to adjust for a little thing called Daylight Saving Time. It's bad enough that we can't remember to set the clock an hour ahead or an hour behind, but look at all the clocks that must be set. We have the grandfather clock in the hall, the alarm clock in the bedroom, the one on the kitchen wall as well as a load of wristwatches, the microwave, the coffeemaker, the VCR, and don't forget the one in the car.

So why do we go through this ritual twice a year and what does it all mean.

The idea was first conceived by brother Benjamin Franklin as a way to save on oil used in the old oil lamps. There was no "standard" time in those days. People set their pocket watches to 12:00 at high noon, known as sun time, and that was as close as it got. With the advent of the railroads, time zones had to be standardized in order to keep the country moving and on time. United States time zones were established on November 18, 1883. (The same year Pasadena Lodge #272 was under dispensation.) The time standardization did not catch on right away. Many states and territories resisted. But eventually, money and convenience won out. And in 1918, the Standard Time Act was passed by Congress.

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SCJ DEPUTY MASTER COUNCILOR



It's not always easy being in the spotlight. Everyone looks to you for decisions, motivation, and answers. They watch for every success and every mistake. As Master Councilor of your chapter, you are constantly in this spotlight and it is highly important to learn how to handle pressure situations that may occur. Every event, the members of your chapter will be looking to you for guidance. Whether you have a bowling night or a ritual practice, it will be up to you to show them what to do and where to go. If at any time you are uncertain of the answer, the members may begin to question your skills as a leader. So, I offer everyone this advice: always be prepared and be on your toes for what may lie ahead. Try to think of the most extreme circumstances ahead of time, so you can have the ability to handle these situations if they arise.

Brian James

SCJ SWEETHEART



Hey everyone! I hope all of you are still having a blast traveling around the jurisdiction!! I know that I always have a great time wherever I go! All the enthusiasm I saw during DeMolay month was fantastic, and that enthusiasm definitely rolled over into April. The installations have definitely been well attended. It's always great to have a big turn out to an event. It's even better to have a large turn out, and everyone show just how excited they are about the event. Oasis basketball is such a great example of that. Every player was giving it their all, and every person in the stands were giving their all to cheer the participants on!! I hope I continue to see that much zeal at every event!!

Leah Roberts

District Discussion

ICD

ICD has been continuing the success that we are known for. We have had a few of the installations already and there are a few more still to come. We have also had some new members join the order which is always a great thing. I look forward to seeing all of the new and old members at all of the district and Jurisdiction activities. We will also be starting our District visitations soon. So, if your chapter has a specific meeting that they would like the district to attend please let me know and I can try and schedule the visitation for that meeting. There are a few sporting events coming up and I really want to encourage the ICD chapters to attend and also compete. By showing up to SCJ events with all our members we can show everyone in SCJ that ICD is and always will be #1!!!

Sean Percival

Imperial Coast District President 2004-2005

Hello all of you wonderful supporters and members of DeMolay. I hope all of you are enjoying the spring season. Whether you are traveling among the different chapters in your area or within the jurisdiction, or maybe just taking a sick day to enjoy the crazy Southern California weather, just remember to have loads of fun. Next month marks the beginning of a new campaign season. But whether or not you choose to run for a district or jurisdiction position it will still be fun to get out there and experience the true meaning of DeMolay- brotherhood. While we sweethearts do not partake in everything the boys do we still come around because we enjoy your company. I know I can speak for the other Sweethearts and Princesses in saying this has been a fantastic year full of lots of memories and fun. However, we still have a few more months left and I intend to make the most of them! I look forward to seeing all of you at our upcoming events in ICD, and SCJ...as well as at my fundraiser on July 23rd which will be after ICD's Honors Night at the DeMolay Center. We will be hosting a Lock-in at the DeMolay Center, and we are working on a game of Broomball at Disney ICE. I will have more details at a later date, but I hope to see all of you there!!

Sweetheart Hogs & Piglet Kisses,

Natalie James

ICD Sweetheart 2004-2005



IED

This month we had our Sweethearts Ball where we were able to honor the wonderful ladies from the Inland Empire, and it was a great one. I would like to thank Mom and Dad Carr for all the help they provided to make this a great Sweethearts Ball. We have also seen support for our membership program. R.D.P. (Represent DeMolay Pride) is something new the I.E. is doing and I am glad to see some chapters participating. I still would like to see more support for the program, but it is good to see that the Inland Empire is taking steps forward and not standing still. Also I.E. camp is coming up and if other districts want to register they may do so after April 17. Remember Inland Empire get out there and show your spirit and keep striving to make our District better.

Tony Fernandez

Inland Empire District President 2004-2005

Hi SCJ,

So how have you all been? Me, I have my ups and downs, but mostly ups. So my sweetheart's ball is over and I had fun, and if you went I hope you had fun, too. The one thing that I'm looking forward to is conclave at the beginning of September. It means fun and games but it's bittersweet because my term will be over and I don't want it to be. It is ok because I will see you all around some time. I will miss my term as District Sweetheart. I've had fun so far. I hope to see you all around at jurisdiction events and everything else.

Hug's and tape kisses.

Disa Rea Allen

IED Sweetheart 2004-2005



OASIS

Things are going great in Oasis District. This summer hopes to bring some big events and chapter visitations. With the year more than half over, chapters are traveling to other chapters and events are well attended. Basketball was a huge success. Thanks to Bakersfield for driving all the way down to play and congratulations to Theodore Roosevelt Chapter for their victory. Sweethearts Ball is coming and it will be awesome. District visitations are now on the Calendar and have proved to be a great way for members to travel, perhaps earn a merit bar, push an event, or just meet new people. Installations are coming up; and what is a better way to show a friend or girlfriend what DeMolay is about and have a good time. I hope that everyone continues to have a good year and wish success to the all the new Master Councilors.

Brandon Jordan

Oasis District President 2004-2005

Hey Boys!!! I have been having so much fun traveling and seeing all of you. Our visitations are going really well. It's great to see a chapter room full of wonderful, great looking DeMolay Boys!! I hope to see all the other visitations and installations as full as they have been! All of the Sweetheart's Balls were great! I had a lot of fun going to all of them. Ohh... and be sure to buy your Oasis T-Shirt to show your Oasis Pride!! You boys are great... see you around!!

Sweetheart Love and Duckie Kisses

Rachael Regnier

Oasis District Sweetheart 2004-2005



SPD

As the term moves on the District moves along, too. Next month we will start the new newsletter that will be bi-monthly so that everyone can know what the District is doing. Things have been a little bumpy, but that is to be expected in a District so young. We hope that everyone is having fun at the events so far, and I would really like to get some input on the past events we have had along with input on what kind of stuff you guys want to do.

In addition, we are trying some new ideas. For example, District Meetings have now been relocated to chapter meetings. We hope this will encourage more people to travel around and meet the other DeMolays in the District and that it will result in a stronger bond between the chapters. We are also very excited about the progress of Temecula Chapter, which is scheduled to open by late April or early May. We hope that this new chapter will be supported by everyone in SCJ and that everyone will show them what DeMolay is all about! Also make sure to invite SPD to some of your events and we will do everything we can to be there!

Casey Wright

SPD President 2004-2005

Hey everyone!

This year sure is going by fast! So far I have been having a great time getting to know all the boys, and I look forward to meeting many more. It has been a fun experience up to this point. Our district is still really new, so we get the opportunity to try out new ideas and see what works and what does not. Well, I hope to see everyone at all of the events coming up. Don't be afraid to say hi!

Kayceelynn Alvarado

SPD Sweetheart 2004-2005



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 1 - SCJ Planning Session
- 7 - Oasis District Sweethearts Ball -Huntington Beach Installation, 7:30PM
- 12 - Southwest Pacific District Meeting -SCJ Soccer Deadline
- 14 - SCJ Soccer, 8am @ California Elementary, Orange CA -Walt Disney Installation 7:30PM
- 15 - Inland Empire District Meeting, 3PM, SBD Scottish Rite
- 19 - Imperial Coast District Meeting, 7:30PM @ DeMolay Center
- 21 - Theodore Roosevelt Installation -Excelsior Chapter Installation, 7:30pm, Norwalk Lodge
- 22 - Oasis District Meeting and Sports Day
- 27-30 - Camp IED

May 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 SCJ Planning Session	2	3	4	5	6	7 Huntington Beach Install/Oasis Sweethearts Ball
8 Mother's Day	9	10	11	12 SPD Meeting / SCJ Soccer Deadline	13	14 SCJ Soccer / Disney Installation
15 IED Meeting	16	17	18	19 ICD Meeting	20	21 TR Installation Excelsior Installation
22 Oasis Meeting / Sports Day	23	24	25	26	27 Camp IED	28 Camp IED
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Executive Corner

Executive Officer



Conclave for FREE!?? Yes. As part of this year's recognition program, if you can bring in 3 new members before Conclave, you may attend for free. And that's not all! If your new member totals for this year reach 5 prior to Conclave, there will be a special outing for you at Conclave. Bring in 7 before December 31st and be recognized as a true leader in DeMolay with the Leadership Package, which includes a leather DeMolay pad folio, a DeMolay Polo shirt, a personalized pen, and a monogrammed speech presentation case. If you can achieve 10 or more new members by the end of the year, I will fly us back to Kansas City for a tour of ISC and dinner with the Grand Master.

This recognition program is something I'm running on a local (Jurisdictional) level. ISC has membership programs of its own,

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June 2005

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- **1** - Letters of Intent due in SCJ Office
- **4** - ICD Over-the-Line tournament and meeting
- **9** - Southwest Pacific District Meeting
- **11** - SCJ Sports Day @ Pearson Park in Anaheim -IED Meeting
- **15-18** - ISC Sessions in Orlando, FL
- **23-26** - Grand Bethel
- **30** - 1st Conclave Deadline

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			1 Letters of Intent due in SCJ Office	2	3	4 ICD OTL tournament & meeting
5	6	7	8	9 SPD Meeting	10	11 SCJ Sports Day IED Meeting
12	13	14	15 ISC	16 ISC	17 ISC	18 ISC
19 Father's Day	20	21	22	23 Grand Bethel	24 Grand Bethel	25 Grand Bethel
26 Grand Bethel	27	28	29	30 1st Conclave Deadline		

Jurisdiction Dad



When you think about it, the world can make us all feel a little insignificant. For instance, you and I are one in over five billion people on the planet. 5,000,000,000 people! Think about this. If one snowflake were taken away from a beautiful snowy scene, would it be any less beautiful? As Americans, each of us is one in about 300 million. If you had a \$300,000,000 fortune, would you really miss one dollar? As Californians, we are each one in about 25 million. If you had 25 million diamonds, would you be able to tell if one were missing? Even as members of the California Masonic family each of us is about one in 100,000. But if we were all in the Rose Bowl at the same time, would it be obvious that one of us was outside getting a drink of water?

By now you might be feeling a little insignificant, unnoticed, and even powerless. But think about the accomplishments and contributions that these groups have made as a single-minded body. Think of the impact America has had on the history of the world. Consider what Californians have contributed to the welfare of our own nation.

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From the Priory

Brethren and Fellow Knights,

I hope everyone enjoyed their spring breaks! Currently the Priory is trying to set up encampments in the four districts. Our encampment in IED is going strong and I'd like to acknowledge their support in getting the Priory back on its feet in that area. However, we are still looking for volunteers to help lead the other encampments. I encourage those who are already knights to express their interest in their local district encampments. Once they are set up, the Priory will be better able to support the jurisdiction and all its chapters. The Priory will hold an investiture at any time if a DeMolay wants to become a knight. Our last investiture in February brought in two new members and I'd like to plan another one soon to bring in more. Please feel free to contact me to get more information on how to join!

Richard Wollin

Illustrious Knight Commander

St. Bernard Priory

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Two weeks later, congress declared the country to be on "Daylight" time to conserve energy for the remainder of World War I. A year later it was repealed and it wasn't until World War II that President Roosevelt declared a year round plan known as "War Time". After the war, and until 1966, there was no federal law regarding Daylight Saving time. States were free to choose whether they wanted to use it or not.

In 1966, President Lyndon Johnson signed into law the Uniformed Time Act, which created a National Daylight Saving Time and states had the option not to participate if they passed a state law. The act proclaimed the last Sunday of April to the last Sunday of October to be Daylight Saving Time. The act was amended in 1986 to change the last Sunday in April to be the first Sunday.

Statistics show that Daylight Saving Time saves energy, saves lives and prevents traffic accidents, and helps prevent crime. People are generally happier and healthier during this time period. (I know I am.)

So here it is...SPRING FORWARD...FALL BACK! Set your clocks ahead one hour in the springtime and set them back one hour in the fall. So there you have it.

Taylor R. Blakely

Picture Plaza



Valencia, CA - Natalie James and Sean Percival trying to ramp up the spirit at Devotional Day

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Upland, CA - Officers of Foothill Chapter Order of DeMolay posed for the camera after their installation on April 2nd.

Valencia, CA - As a DeMolay, it is important to remember what we stand for, and what sets us apart as members in this great organization. Devotional Day provides that opportunity to reflect upon our reverence to our God, our country, and to DeMolay. Just as anticipated, on March 14th, DeMolay from all across Southern California gathered around for an hour-long service devoted to just that.

All in attendance heard remarks from our district presidents on how DeMolay and its virtues have effected

Devotional Day

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their lives. Other speeches were heard from the jurisdiction sweetheart as well as from the representatives from Job's Daughters and Rainbow for Girls. The jurisdiction also announced the charity for the year was to be the Midnight Mission, who help get the homeless and less fortunate back on their feet by providing them a place to stay and food to eat. The



ceremonies were capped off by remarks from the Reverend Dad Ray Davies.

After the ceremonies everyone in attendance was let into the park to enjoy a fun day of roller coasters, excitement, and brotherhood.

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And think about all of the good that the Masonic family has done in the name of charity and community service.

Though there is a danger in tying up all of your self-worth in any single endeavor, when we get together and perform selfless acts of service and charity, each of us as a part can gain meaning and purpose from the body as a whole. Though each of us may feel insignificant as single members of a much larger body, you should realize that your membership in the Masonic family and DeMolay in particular makes you *more* significant, not less, because of what you are a part of.

Dad James Barr

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and I encourage Chapters to visit their website and participate if they so desire. The bottom line is... membership is important. There are many stories of large chapters that would dominate in sports, ritual competition, and have the best attended activities. But never gave a thought to membership because they were doing so well. Then, over the space of a year or two, all the members would age out and the chapter would fold. Membership, both recruitment and retention, is an on-going process. Your chapter should be having one or two new members every month. This way, you won't face that all-the-same-age problem, and your chapter will live forever!

Have you brought in a new member recently? Please give me the opportunity to recognize YOU.

Fraternally,

Dad Jeanson

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SCJ Membership Class
In honor of
Dad Richard "Hap" Arnold



Pasadena, CA - Twenty-eight young men received their Initiatory Degree and forty were obligated in the DeMolay Degree as we honored Dad Arnold (bottom center).