



THE PRECEPTOR

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IMPORTANT DATES

February 4-6
SCJ Sweetheart's Leadership Camp

February 18-21
SCJ Leadership Camp

March 19
SCJ Membership Class

March 20
SCJ Devotional Day

SCJ MASTER COUNCILOR



My Friends and Brothers of SCJ,

As we enter February, we have much to look forward to; and of course membership should not be over looked. As I stated in the SCJ Express for January, our goal for 2011 is 200 new initiates. I know this seems like a large number; however if each one of our chapters initiates 5 young men from now to December then we will not only meet this goal, but we will surpass it.

Now for those of you who do not know, we are currently continuing our Conclave Ad Sales program. Just as last year, the prices will be; \$30 for a business card ad, \$75 for quarter page ad, \$150 for half page ad, and \$250 for a full page ad. However, this year the return rate will be greater; instead of selling 4 full pages to go to Conclave for free, you only need to sell 2! Remember that anyone can sell a space in our program including Advisors and Sweethearts, not just DeMolays.

I encourage all of you to get active in your leagues, and to stay active in this Jurisdiction. Remember to show your support and spirit for your league, as we will be looking for the league that shows the most spirit all year long for our Spirit Award winners this year. I am looking forward to seeing you, your members, and prospects around this Jurisdiction. If you guys have any questions, concerns, or would simply like to talk, please do not hesitate to come up and see me at any time. I hope everyone is as excited as I am for 2011 and I hope everyone will remember that Brotherhood Never Dies!

Sincerely,
 Tyler Davies
 SCJ MC 10-11

*****I know Conclave is a long way from now; however, remember that this is our organization and we have the power to change it. So if anyone is thinking about turning in resolutions this year to be voted on at Conclave, do not wait till the last minute to turn them into myself or the DeMolay Center by June 1st.*****

SCJ DEPUTY MASTER COUNCILOR



What's up SCJ!?

It was good to see such a good turnout at our SCJ Bowling tournament. Those of you who came, I hope you had a blast! I am happy to say that a new chapter has bloomed in Diamond League. I attend a membership class put on by the league in which 15 members total were initiated; 1 from Liberal Arts, 1 from Kimball and 13 for the newly reopened Theodore Roosevelt Chapter. It is good to see membership growing in Southern California. This month we will be having our Leadership Camp. Those of you who have signed up, I hope you are ready for one of the most inspiring events all year. There is a full staff of experienced DeMolays that will pass on leadership traits that you will not only find useful in the chapter but out in you daily lives as well. I hope everyone that attends camp departs with one thing in mind; You will be a better leader once you go home. Devotional Day is also coming up. Another good opportunity to gain prospects. I have seen increased participation in the Brotherhood Program all around the Jurisdiction, so keep going around SCJ with that book to all of our activities! We also have just created a Youtube Page for you to display to your friends all the things we do in SCJ.

Search user: SCJDemolay.

We have been having an outstanding year so far, so lets keep showing everyone why SCJ DeMolay is the best!

Walter Pijoux
 SCJ Deputy Master Councilor

League Discussion

Diamond League

WHAT'S UP SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA JURISDICTION?!

I hope everyone had a great start to their new year. So far it has been a great time in Diamond League. Coming up in Diamond League, San Pedro Chapter will be having a few events. Starting on February 11th there will be a membership social with a dance and karaoke. The theme will be "The Nightmare before Valentine's Day" admission is free. On March 11th will be a "March Madness: Theme Dance. Admission is \$7 and \$5 if you bring an item of the college you are cheering for. We look forward to seeing the support of our new brothers who have joined this great organization. Also coming up on March 5th is Diamond League's Sweethearts' Ball. Hope to see everyone going to events and remember "friends may come and go but Diamonds Are Forever!"

Joe Tabrisky
Diamond League President

Highland League

Hello SCJ,

These past few months have really been successful for Highland League. We are proud to say that we have new members in George Washington Chapter. It is always good to see new chapters opening. We also had the joint Highland League and Sonora League ritual competition. It was held at Redlands Lodge and there was a great turnout from both leagues. We also had our league car wash. It was a great turnout and it was a lot of fun. Highland League has a lot of events coming in the future such as the mystery dinner and our Iron Chef cook off.

Joseph Musgrove
Highland league President

Want to see more?

Check out our Youtube profile for videos of our adventures, Facebook profile for more videos and pictures of our endeavors and our website for calendared events and resources to make your chapter better than before...



Youtube:
Search: SCJDeMolay

Facebook:
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Jurisdiction Website:
SCJDeMolay.org

SCJ Bowling



Paradise League

Foremost, congratulations to our League Chaplain, Kevin Gonzalez, for scoring highest game in SCJ Bowling!!! Apart from SCJ; It is exciting to start off our league sports this year with our Paradise League Dodgeball competition. There are many more sports to follow such as basketball, volleyball, perhaps soccer and much more. It is definitely in

the back of my mind that we should aim to keep the League Vs League Softball Trophy as well! Remember that our league does have five chapters and that we need to try to get as many to attend our events as possible. Excelsior's Medieval Dinner will be here soon which is under the Master Councilor Johnny Finnefrock who will answer any questions about that. The awaited Downey Dinner Show is under the command of Master Councilor Kevin Gonzalez and will be another anticipated event. Long Beach has been consistent with fundraisers and will report on their upcoming activities with Whittier and Covina at the next League Meeting. I want to thank everyone who have helped out with the Spaghetti Dinner and Auction. This is our biggest fundraiser for the League and deeply helps our budget for the whole year. Do not forget to thank Mom Mann, your league officers, and the advisory board and any chapter members who volunteered. Lets see how the Video Game Tournament goes and Basketball and the dearly missed Soccer.

Brittany Spears once sang: "[Feels] like Paradise, and I need a vacation tonight".

So lets take SCJ through a relaxed and fun filled term with our League, and make these chapters feel like they are in a Utopia.

Chris Baker
Paradise League President

Royal Coast League

Greetings to all.

I hope you had an enjoyable Christmas season and New Year's! There is quite a bit coming up in Royal Coast League. First and foremost will be our

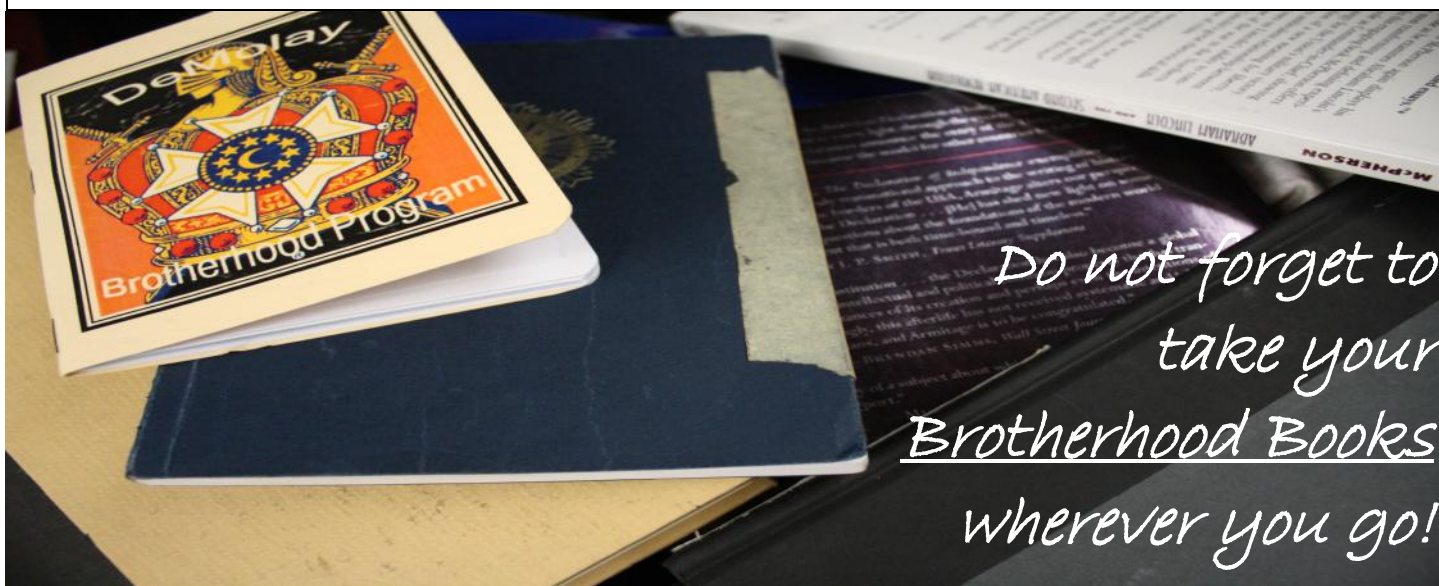
Super Bowl Party on February 6th at the Parker Residence in San Diego. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided as well as soda, however snacks such as chips and candy are your own responsibility to bring. Contact either myself or Dad Parker for the address or to RSVP as soon as possible if you plan on attending.

Our next league meeting will be moved from our normal location and time (2nd Monday of each month at the Al Bahr Shrine) to Kimball Chapter's meeting in National City on February 7th. Kimball Chapter's meeting will begin at 7pm, so if you wish to attend the league meeting, come on by to support our brothers. Our last league meeting featured trivia contests as well as variations of "Minute to Win It" games. Every meeting is something different, but it is always fun and we would love to have you attend with us!

The following weekend on Saturday, February 12th is Royal Coast League's Sweetheart's Ball to honor our league princess Leah Crisler as well as the chapter sweethearts and princesses we have. It will be beginning at 7pm at Heartland Lodge in El Cajon. The cost will be \$7 per person or \$10 per couple, couples must be male and female. Valley Hills chapter in El Cajon will be having their installation on February 26th at Heartland Lodge, and Agate Chapter will be having their installation on March 12th at Consuelo Lodge in Escondido. Contact the chapter dads of each chapter for more information on those. I look forward to see each and every one of you in the coming months, and I hope that you enjoy yourselves! If you would like to contact me, you can send me a message on my Facebook page or call or text me at (858) 775-8527.

Fraternally,

Christian Parker
Royal Coast League President



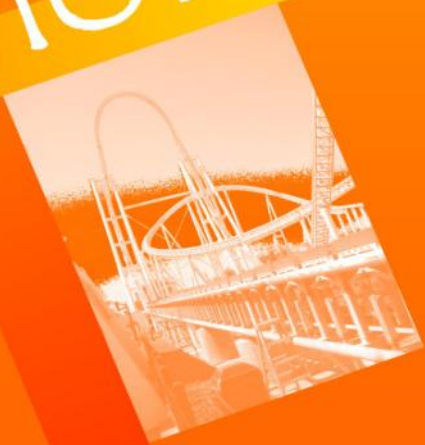


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DEVOTIONAL DAY



FOR TICKETS AND DETAILS VISIT: SCJDEMOLAY.ORG

DATE/TIME: MARCH 20, 2011 [9AM]

PRICE: \$25

Sonora League

Hello SCJ,

What better of a way to start off the year then to have an Installation of Officers? Congratulations Moreno Valley Chapter on having a successful Installation!

On another note, we are approaching one of the busiest months in DeMolay, and I hope everyone is looking forward to it as much as I am. On March 3rd, Redlands Chapter will be hosting a majority service. If you have any Senior DeMolay's that have not yet received their majority, please feel free to bring them out. Here is the calendar of events coming up for Sonora League:

- March 6th - Fellowship Chapter St. Patrick's Day Breakfast 8AM - 12PM \$7/Person
- March 11th - Fellowship Chapter - Night at Hockey
- March 12th - Sonora League St. Pat's Dance @ Fellowship Lodge in Yucaipa - \$5/ person
- March 13th - Redlands Chapter Breakfast @ Redlands Lodge - \$7/ person

Hope to see you around,

Alex Gomez
Sonora League President

February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Groundhogs Day	3	4 SCJ Sweetheart's Camp Liberal Art's Prospect Party & Lock In	5 SCJ Sweetheart's Camp Liberal Art's Prospect Party & Lock In
6 SCJ Sweetheart's Camp RCL Super Bowl Party Downey's Super Bowl Breakfast	7 RCL Meeting	8	9	10	11 San Pedro Chapter's "Nightmare Before V-Day" Dance	12 RCL Sweethearts Ball Paradise/Titan League Auction Lincoln's Birthday Sonora's Valentines Breakfast
13	14 Titan League Meeting Valentine's Day	15 L.C. Kelley's 1st Degree	16	17	18 SCJ Leadership Camp	19 SCJ Leadership Camp
20 SCJ Leadership Camp	21 SCJ Leadership Camp Washington's Birthday	22	23	24	25	26 Valley Hills Chapter's Installation Past Masters' Dinner
27	28					

March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 SCJ Video Game Tournament
6	7	8	9	10	11 San Pedro Chapter's "March Madness" dance	12
13 Daylight Savings Time Begins.	14 RCL Meeting	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18 LOH Dinner	19 SCJ Membership Class
20 SCJ Devotional Day	21	22	23	24	25	26 L.C. Kelley Chapter's Installation
27	28	29	30	31		

Titan League

Hello my brothers of SCJ,

Titan league has had some great events recently with our breakfast on January 15th. Coming up in our league on February 12th is our combined annual auction with Paradise League. It will be held at the DeMolay center with the dinner beginning at 6pm and the auction following at 7pm. Then, on March 4th is Titan League's Carnival Night at the DeMolay Center. It is five dollars a person and it begins at 7:30pm.

I am looking forward to seeing all of the members who attend the coming SCJ events.

Fraternally,

Michael Percival
Titan League President

SCJ Congress Secretary



Hello Southern California,

It is the beginning of a new year! And that means resolutions. Some of my favorites that I hear from people are: lose weight, save as much money as possible, perform better in school. My resolution is to take advantage of what DeMolay has to offer. And up until now, it has been a wonderful and prosperous time for myself and the rest of the Jurisdiction. I am hoping that everyone has recovered from the holiday season and from SCJ Bowling. I heard that many people withstood the night with sore arms, the ringing noise from the loud music played and sleep depravity. My congrats to Liberal Arts for high series and to Kevin Gonzales from Downey Chapter for high game. It was a very close game that made it an exciting night. I hope everyone regained their sleep from that weekend and are prepared for what is to come. The next two months will be intense for the whole Jurisdiction as many events will take up all of our schedules of the officers (see calendars on pg 6 and 7 for proof). I encourage everyone to be active around the Jurisdiction with these events coming up and to continue to show your support to your brothers. The more events you attend, the better. If there are any events that your Chapter or Leagues are having, let the Jurisdiction know so that we can advertise it as best we can. Let us start off the new year on the right path and take advantage of what DeMolay has to offer us. Have a great beginning of the year and I will see you all around the Jurisdiction.

Carpe Diem

Michael "Mi-Lo" Lopez
Southern California Jurisdiction Congress Secretary

SCJ Sweetheart



Hello SCJ!

I hope you had an amazing Holiday Season and are now getting settled back into the routine of work and/or school. It was great seeing everyone at the installations and other events around the Jurisdiction. Congratulations to Highland League on the reinstatement of George Washington Chapter. I know you all have been working very hard on getting that together. I was thrilled and honored to be at the first Initiation meeting. Keep growing! Well, it is February, and we all know what that means . . . Leadership Camp! The deadline to register has already passed, but I hope those of you who are attending Leadership Camp—either for DeMolay or Sweethearts—will learn a lot of helpful information that you can take back and use to improve your chapters. I hope to see you at the upcoming events, like the Video Game Tournament and Devotional Day! Have a great time traveling the Jurisdiction!

Sweetheart Hugs and Buzz Lightyear Kisses,

Elizabeth Gallina
SCJ Sweetheart 2010-2011



SCJ Princess



Hello SCJ,

I hope that everyone had a great holiday season. It is now February and there are many great DeMolay activities coming up! I would love to see as many people as possible come to the many events because with out people, the events are just not as much fun. The League sweethearts, as well as myself and Liz, are still selling Sees candy, so when you see one of us, do not forget to buy some amazing chocolate. We are selling chocolate bars for two dollars and lollipops and nut and chew bars for only a dollar! There are many sweetheart balls coming up in the Jurisdiction. The sweetheart balls are a great time to show the girls of your area that you appreciate all that they do. So make sure to attend as many of them as you can. As for the girls, I hope to see as many of you as possible at leadership camp, it is going to be a blast. I cannot wait to see everyone at the many upcoming events.

With all my princess love,

Heidi Finnefrock



From The Jurisdiction Sweetheart Advisor...



Happy New Year SCJ...

It is hard to believe that a New Year has started already, and we are to a good start for DeMolay. Something about Positive Growth, again. WOW... Well, there is so much going on right now with DeMolay, and the young ladies have definitely been busy. There was SCJ Bowling, and that was such a blast. It was so nice to see everyone who came out to play, and hopefully everyone had a great time.

There has also been League and Jurisdiction Ritual Competition. Congratulation, to all of the members and ladies that took the time to compete as well to all the winners, both from the leagues and jurisdiction. It is really enjoying, sitting and listening to the different ritual techniques that each person has developed for reciting their memory work.

Also, both Leadership Camps are this month. Since both camps are at different locations and on different weekends this year I hope everyone has fun. SLC is at the Masonic Homes in Covina while the guys are in Idyllwild. I know that the kids have been very busy planning a great weekend for you.

Valentines is coming up, remember that the ladies are selling See's Chocolate and chocolate is always a good thing to give.... Hope to see everyone at upcoming events, as well as at your Sweetheart Balls....

I would also like to take a moment to Congratulate all of the Youth and Adults who started and or finished their LCC's at Conclave. It was wonderful to see how many took the time out of their busy weekend and took advantage of the test room at Conclave. If you have any questions regarding your LCC's, R.D., PMC-MSA, or Royal Rose, Please contact me either by e-mailing me at momharlan@att.net or lcc@land.scidemolay.org .

DeMolay Love and Sweetheart Hugs,

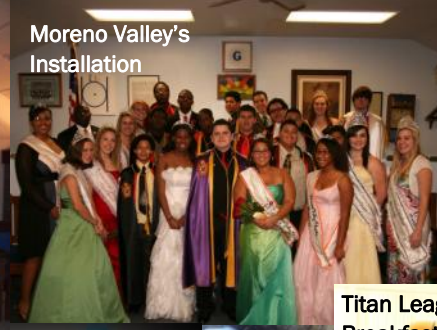
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What's going on in the Jurisdiction?

George Washington Chapter Initiation



Moreno Valley's Installation



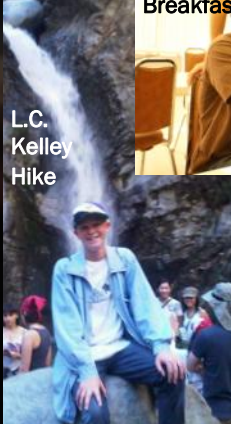
Titan League Breakfast



Titan League Breakfast



L.C. Kelley Hike



Moreno Valley's Installation



Titan League Breakfast



Diamond League Membership Class

by Dad Justin Daza-Ritchie

On Saturday, January 22, 2011, Theodore Roosevelt Chapter initiated its first 13 members into the Order of DeMolay. Kimball and Liberal Arts Chapters also had 1 member each initiated at this class. It was an auspicious start for this new Chapter, borne of over 13 months of preparation, and a great boost to the morale of Diamond League.

As a result of the effort to staff the degrees, made by our League President, the attendance consisted of members from Liberal Arts, Paradise League, Royal Coast League, two Jurisdiction officers and a delegation from Moreno Valley Chapter. As witnesses to the initiation were the families of the candidates, including members of the Grand Lodge of Iran (in Exile). Culver City Foshay Masonic Lodge, the sponsor, showed its interest in the new Chapter with a strong showing of members present.



This membership class stirred the hearts of many in attendance. The highlight was the DeMolay Degree, with Richard Baker Strader, PMC and active member of the prior incarnation of Theodore Roosevelt Chapter, performing Jacques DeMolay, the 4th section, and offering words of encouragement to the new members. The power and conviction which were injected into the performance of the degree was such that several of the parents were moved, one father telling me that he fought to hold back tears. The Ceremony of Light was performed after closing the Chapter, which was rendered by Michael Lopez, our SCJ Congress secretary.

Many who know this advisor well know that I am prone to crankiness and sarcasm, and comparing things to "the old days". The truth is that I have not seen a degree this powerful in over 10 years. It gave me chills. All the brethren who were in attendance were models of DeMolay decorum. I truly believe that the good old days have come and gone, but that SCJ's best days lie ahead...if the membership strives to do DeMolay like they did this last Saturday.

Conclave Program Ad Sales are back!

Want to go to Conclave for FREE?

Ad Sales are back this year for our Conclave Program 2011.

*But every space you sell, **half** of the proceeds go towards your Conclave cost.*

Prices:

\$30—business card ad
\$75—quarter page ad
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please visit
scjdemolay.org*

*or contact Dad Willis Carson at:
demolayads@yahoo.com*

Proceeds:

\$30 = \$15 towards Conclave
\$75 = \$32.50 towards Conclave
\$150 = \$75 towards Conclave
\$250 = \$125 towards Conclave

SCJ Membership Class 2011

Three Councilors Two Degrees
One Day



Where: Pasadena Scottish Rite

When: March 19, 2011 [11 AM]

For more details, visit scjdemolay.org

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FROM THE E.O...



As we begin 2011, I am very excited by our accomplishment of growing our Jurisdiction, in New Chapters, Advisors and Members in 2010. According to ISC records our Jurisdiction had a better year than in 2009; Congratulations to all the SCJ members. **You did it!** you accomplished what had not been done in over 25 years, **SCJ reached Positive Membership Growth (by 33)** for the second year in a row. The first year they said we were lucky, what can they say now? Our Jurisdiction and League Officers do not want it to stop there; they are going all out and pushing to make it a **Three Peat!**

Illustrious Potentate Dad Sam Pitassi of Al Malaikah Shrine, informed me of his fundraiser for his year, to fund an annual scholarship for our DeMolays. We want to thank Dad Pitassi for his continued support of our youth.

The quality of our SCJ activities continues to improve and participation by our members and advisors are steadily rising. This year, thanks to the generosity of our Grand Lodge and the Masonic Homes, our Sweetheart Leadership Camp will be held in the beautiful campus of our Covina Masonic Homes. A week later our young men will have their Leadership Camp up in Idyllwild. Dad Schuster had to step down as Leadership Camp Director due to medical reasons; we wish him a speedy recovery. A special thanks to Dad Lyle for agreeing to conduct the training of the Cabin Councilors and take over the responsibilities as SCJ Leadership Camp Director on such a short notice.

On Saturday, Feb. 26th our jurisdiction officers will be attending the Past Master's Dinner. Also remember that March is DeMolay month; when we'll be participating at the LOH Preceptory Dinner on March 18th, then our SCJ Membership Class on March 19th and following the next day with our Devotional Day at Knott's Berry Farms. I look forward to seeing many of you at these functions.

Our Adult Training Director, Dad Dana Vrsalovich, is in the process of adding 2 sessions to our New Advisors Education Program, which will be on "How to Run a Chapter" including live scenarios. We believe that these sessions will help our new advisors and serve as a refresher for others. I am very proud to say that our LOH Preceptory has agreed to be a sponsor of our new adult education program. Other updates around SCJ; on March the 1st, the following changes will take place: Dad Gapper will be moving to the position of SCJ Director of Sports, assisting Dad Valenzuela, who is our SCJ Activities Coordinator and Dad Musgrove will be the new Highland League Administrator. I want to thank these advisors for accepting their new roles.

Last but definitely not least, I want to introduce you to our **New Membership Sponsorship Program**. It is designed to give those who always wanted to help our young men, but due to their busy professional schedules, Family and Community commitments have never been able to serve as Advisors. Look for the following statement **"Show your Pride in our Fraternity, become a DeMolay Sponsor in 2011"** on the front page of our website, www.scjdemolay.org click on it and it will take you to a page explaining the program and allow you to donate thru Pay-Pal.

Fraternally,

Just Dad Key

SCJ Ritual Comp.



Great job on the efforts and hard work to everyone that participated.

Need Money for College?

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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:

CS@SCJDeMolay.org

When submitting an article, be sure it is submitted by the 10th of each month. For event announcements, keep in mind that *The Preceptor* will not be distributed until the first of every other 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.

Youth Fund of Southern California Scholarship Program

The Youth Fund of Southern California offers a scholarship to all active and senior DeMolays for the purpose of assisting in the continuation of their educational endeavors. The scholarship program is available for attendance at trade schools and/or Community Colleges at an amount of \$750/year or 4 year University/Colleges at an amount of \$2,000/year. Scholarships are also available for graduate schools if the student was a previous scholarship recipient for undergraduate studies.

The basic requirements are as follows:

- An applicant must be an active member in good standing in a chapter in SCJ or a Senior DeMolay of a chapter in SCJ.
- Applicants must present evidence of acceptance at a four-year university or college, a community college or trade school.
- Applicants must show financial need.
- Scholarship holders must maintain a satisfactory scholarship record, which is defined as a "C" cumulative average grade point average of 2.5 (on a grade point scale of 4.0) or better.
- Class load is a twelve-unit minimum, primarily in academic solids (i.e. Math, Science, English, classes toward Major)
- Applicants and scholarship holders must demonstrate exemplary citizenship and must remain active in DeMolay as a member or DeMolay supporter/advisor.
- Scholarships shall be limited to tuition, registration fees and other such charges made by the educational institution.
- The Youth Fund reserves the right to terminate a scholarship award to any student who fails or refuses to conform to the requirements listed above.

Applications are due each year by April 1st.

There are other rules and regulation that will be outlined to an applicant that is selected to be a scholarship recipient.

If you have any questions, comments, and/or concerns please feel free to contact:

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